

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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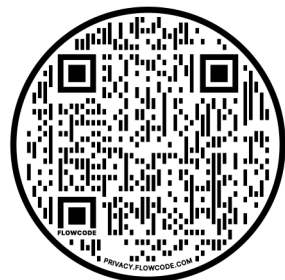
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know how we can help.



SCAN ME



Today!- Ecclesiastes starting in Auditorium, 9:30 am

- Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

Tomorrow!- *Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am*

- **No** Ministry Meeting

Mon & Wed – Walking Group, 12:30 pm

July 8– *Marvin Rivera* Speaking

July 19- Singing at 3 pm—Oak Ridge Senior Living

-then going to The Paragon

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted.)



Tonight!!– Praise in the Park

July 8-9– *VBS, 5:30-7:30 pm*

July 10-11– *Ark Encounter Trip*

July 19-24– WKYC

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or
Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.



July 6– Karen Seesengood

Quincy Stephenson

July 7– *Roger & Gaye Matheny*



Church of Christ

July 5, 2026

Happy and Blessed?

(Psalm 34; I Peter 3:13-16)

Most of us, hopefully, are familiar with these words, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” (Declaration of Independence, par. 2)

Most of us are also familiar with these words (and the ones that follow), “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ...” (Matthew 5:3-4)

Words matter. Their meanings matter. The odds are very high that our culture and word usage has shifted enough since 1776 that when we read the word “happiness” we are in a different category of thought than those who wrote it were. I would also suggest that the word “blessed” carries with it more freight (or different) than was intended in 1611 or 1946 (RSV copyright date).

The United States was riding high after WWII and the optimism of the 1920s returned. Norman Vincent Peale captured the national mood with, “The Power of Positive Thinking.” It’s influence on American Christianity is hard to overestimate. I remember discussions about this as a child in small group meetings and devotionals in the 1970s. In 1986, Robert Schuller, from his Crystal Cathedral, produced, “The Be-Happy Attitudes.”

His book was required reading even at ACU at the time (and I suspect other of our schools as well). He connected positive thinking with well-being. This turns the blessings of God into transactional actions. Our attitudes determine our destinies. Faith becomes a psychological tool, and success is our spiritual validation. Being negative, depressed, or having struggles is spiritual failure.

This is a toxic brew for Christianity. When we add to that the understanding that the god of Declaration of Independence and the God of the Bible are the same concept, we can run into real trouble.

One of the things that pursuing God and truth does for us is to give us the ability to see the good that government does and also to see the dangers. It gives us the ability to transcend government, politics (even if we are involved), and helps us push back against the waves of change that roll over humanity.

I want to talk about the difference in happiness from 1776 until now, and the difference in happiness and blessed. This will help us in our walk with God as we navigate the times in which we live.

Welcome To Worship



Children’s Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 34: 4-8

Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

Prayer— Roger Matheny

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Come Share The Lord

Lord’s Supper

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving LS: Jared Jones

Buster Almon Bert Pressley
Joshua Scott Micah Bridgman

Be Still and Know

Contribution

Dismiss Children’s Church

The Love of God

Scripture: 1 Peter 3: 13-16 Mark W

Prayer— Larry Stone

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

There’s A Stirring

Benediction: Romans 4: 7-8

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Sam Lupo

Children’s Church: Jon/Kenna

Sound Booth: Darin S/ Zach P

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Keith Tapp/Jon Stubblefield

Scripture: Kenneth Ashby

Monitor: Jeremy Duggin

Children’s Church: none

Sound booth: Daniel Davis

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving LS: Jared Jones

Buster Almon Bert Pressley
Joshua Scott Micah Bridgman

Alternates for July:

Dan Rust Roger Dillingham

Communion Prep: Lupos

For the Record, Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 48
Worship— 104
Contribution— \$4,276.00
Wednesday— 62

Announcements:

Bulletin Board: Thank you card from Rita Stone

Expecting Parents: Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)



Lea Brown, still on Oxygen from a hospital stay, hoping to be cleared soon

Johnny Westerholme’s family, Rebecca’s father, he passed away on June 13th

-Services will be July 7th in Orlando

Cameron Seesengood, recovering at home from hospital stay

Lori Adkins, (Bob & Bea Mcelvaine’s daughter) doing chemotherapy



HOW’S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☒
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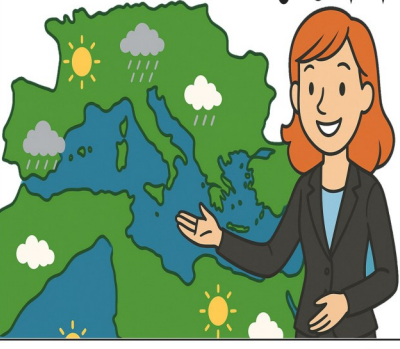
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Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ ★ ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ ✦ ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee ☼ ☐ ○ ■ ☞ ☒ ★ ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ☼ ● ✦ ✦ ☞ ☞



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Kathy & Dexter Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Donna Stephenson, Dennis & Carol Warszona, Barbara Lynch, Everett Beatty, Wyatt Brown, John Phillips, Linda Smith, Alberta Rust, James Allen, Rebecca Nistrath, Sherry Logan, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, John Benham, Johnny Allen, Todd Templeton, Ronnie Hill, Byron Pruitt, Callum Pruitt

Praying For Our Military Members:

Ryan Hill, Tyler Malik, Christopher Goodale, Jason Rushing (deployed), Hans & Suraya Nistrath, Dalton Davis, Andrew Ashby, James Brahm, Christopher Brahm, Nathan Dees, Dalton Daves

Sunday 6 pm, The Vision of the 4 Beasts, Daniel 7, Dan