

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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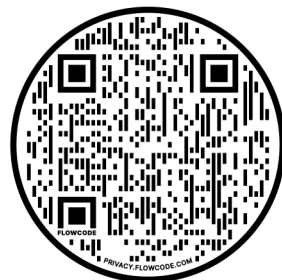
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Card—**Red Folder**. Let us
know how we can help.



SCAN ME



Today!— Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

Today- Singing at 3 pm, Oak Ridge Senior Living
-then going to The Paragon

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

Aug 19— Jimmy Bunch speaking

Aug 30— 5th Sunday Meeting & Potluck
- Fellowship Hall after Services

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



Today!!— Devo @ Teel's

Aug 23— Meet at church

Sept 25-27— WKYC Retreat

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

Jared—270-841-8542 for
more info.



CELEBRATING YOU
ON YOUR
SPECIAL DAY

Aug 20— Natalie Lutz
Betty Rust

Elders: Barry Webb, Byron Pruitt, Dan Rust, Sean Niestrath

Deacons: Brock Shoulders, Buster Almon, Darin Swaidner,
David Stubblefield, Jeremy Duggin, Steve Stoltz, Tim Teel, Zach Pressley

Missionaries/Missions: Watata, Kenya

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Church of Christ

August 16, 2026

Soldiers of Rome

(Luke 7:1-10; 23:44-49; Acts 10; Acts 27)

Ever wonder what happened to Cornelius from Acts 10? Or the centurions in Luke? I wonder what the life of Julius was like after his sea-faring adventure with Paul in Acts 27. We don't know what happened to any of them for certain. The only one we might know about is Cornelius. The *Apostolic Constitutions* (4th century) as well as some medieval martyrologies list Cornelius as the bishop of Caesarea, appointed by the apostle Peter. So, we know at least how the church wants to remember him.

The centurions in Luke are a fascinating study. There is the question in the case of Cornelius concerning how a soldier of Rome could possibly be a Christian, given what Revelation says about Rome. This also seems related to the constant tension between being a soldier (one who is trained for violence) and a Christian (a citizen of the "peaceable kingdom"). There is also the question of loyalty, and in the case of Rome, idolatry. I wonder how Cornelius navigated that tension enough to be remembered as a leader in the church in Caesarea. There is so much to think about here.

But then there is Luke and the stories he tells about centurions. Three of them are in some detail and two of them are the second and third longest stories in Acts if we count Paul's trials in 21-26 as one narrative. That means these stories are longer than Paul's conversion, the Jerusalem Council, Stephen's martyrdom, or any teaching block of Jesus in Luke. This feels significant, doesn't it? In fact, Paul's shipwreck laden journey to Rome is the longest sea story in the entire Bible. That story also frames the journey in a way that would add credibility and familiarity to a world that knew the story of *The Odyssey*.

What is Luke doing here? The first centurion in Capernaum comes to Jesus, in faith, and asks him to heal a beloved servant. Luke begins the story with, "After he ended all his sayings in the hearing of the people..." It ends with Jesus commending the faith of the centurion as "having more faith than his own people." The second centurion we find at the cross. There is but one line here, but it is significant in its difference from Mark and Luke. Here he says, "Surely this man was innocent!"

Then the longer stories in Acts of Cornelius, who was converted, and Julius, who was kind to Paul and saved his life. We will talk about the significance of these stories this morning. But what we have here is Luke presenting centurions as: having faith, recognizing Jesus' innocence, becoming a disciple of Jesus, and finally, cooperating with God in His mission.

Welcome To Worship



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 67: 1-4

Teach Me Lord To Wait

Only A Holy God

Prayer—Larry Stone

Be Thou My Vision

Amazing Love (You Are My King)

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: David Stubblefield

Serving LS: Kenneth Ashby

Jeff Phillips

Ezra Bridgman

Keith Tapp

Chason Shoulders

Be Still And Know

Contribution

Dismiss Children's Church

Home of the Soul

Scripture: Acts 10: 30-33 Mark W

Prayer—Jared Jones

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

I Come Broken To Be Mended— Just As I Am

Benediction: Psalm 72: 1, 17-18

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: Em/Kenzie/Bert

Sound Booth: Zach P/Darin S

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Roger Dillingham/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Ezra Bridgman

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: none

Sound booth: Tim Teel

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving LS: David Stubblefield

Jeff Phillips

Ezra Bridgman

Keith Tapp

Chason Shoulders

Alternates for August:

Terry Hampton

Quincy Stephenson

Communion Prep: Ashbys

For the Record, Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 49

Worship— 95

Contribution— \$5,621.00

Wednesday— 53



Announcements:

Magi Boxes: Due Sept 27th

♦ Collecting under coat rack

Men's Breakfast: Sept 19th, 8:00 am

♦ Sign-up Sheet in Lobby

Super Senior Trip: Oct 16-18

♦ Chattanooga, TN, Flyer in Lobby

Bulletin Boards:

♦ WKYC— Women's Retreat (Nov 6-8)

Directory Update:

♦ On lobby table

Card basket:

Jason Rushing & Everett Beatty

♦ On lobby table, blank cards next to it

Expecting Parents:

Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)

Kevin & Samantha Russell (March)

Everett's mom wanted to let everyone know that they have received many cards. They are both very thankful to everyone for the prayers and kind messages.



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Shirley Dean's sister-in-law passed away in Illinois, the services were on Wednesday

Dan Evans, found out that his cancer is back (his wife worked with Randy)

Callum Pruitt, his next surgery will be on August 18th, in Louisville

Kenneth Chapman, he is still in the hospital

Kaci Rainwater Henry, she just had her baby and she will start treatment for brain cancer soon

Megan Deel-Walker, Jared's cousin, had a flood that destroyed everything, she is due very soon

Callie Adams, Alyssa's friend, she found out that breast cancer returned and spread to other areas as well.

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Kathy & Dexter Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Lori Adkins, 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, Donna Stephenson, Johnny Allen, Todd Templeton, Ronnie Hill, Byron Pruitt

Praying For Our Military Members:

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

Sunday 6 pm, The Vision of the Time Of The End III, Daniel 11: 36-12:13, Quincy