

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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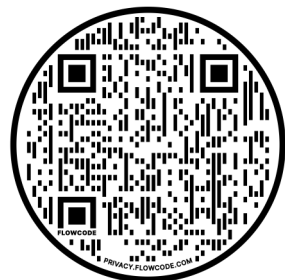
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Welcome Guests! Please
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out our Connection
Card-**Red Folder** . Let us
know how we can help.



Today!— NO Children's Church

Tonight!- PM Church Meal

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

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

Aug 26— Bob Palmer speaking

Aug 30— 5th Sunday Meeting & Potluck

- Fellowship Hall after Services

Sept 20- Singing at 3 pm, Oak Ridge Senior Living

-then going to The Paragon

- **PM Church Meal**

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



Tonight!!— Meet at church

Sept 20— Meet at church

Sept 25-27— WKYC Retreat

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

Jared—270-841-8542 for
more info.



Today!!- Danny Lutz

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

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 23, 2026

In the Vineyard

(Matthew 20:1-16)

I have to admit, I've had bad feelings about people who show up late and get the same reward as me, who organized the work, got things moving, and put in my full hours. I recall one particular workday when a person said they were going to be there at 7:00 and didn't show up until about 11:30. They were all smiles and wanted to know what they could do. A person working next to me handed them some money and said, "Here, the pizza is ready to be picked up" (This was pre-Door dash, etc.). He took the money, retrieved the pizza, ate lunch with us, cleaned up the pizza mess and went home. Grrr . . . Of course, there have been times (more often than not) that I am that guy – so my attitude is a little different.

There are many things about discipleship that have less to do with the one discipling us and more with our fellow disciples. In fact, once we decide to follow Jesus, I think most of our problems stem from how we react to each other. Some of us decide that we are the ones responsible for making sure everyone understands who's really in charge. (Hint: it's not God.) Some decide that everyone needs to be treated the same and are terribly interested in rules. Others, that the journey to faith has to follow a prescribed path (the name and process vary depending upon one's tribe). Still, others are interested in reputation and connection.

What gets lost in this, if we consider the parable, is that we were all standing where those who have no work and therefore no way to live or eat. Even arriving at that place spiritually is progress but it is not salvation. That only comes when one who has work and resources to pay us for that work comes along and offers us an opportunity. Since we are talking about lives and not literal workers here, some of us arrive at the conclusion of our sorry state much later than others.

This all has to do with the parable of the vineyard in the gospel of Matthew. This is a parable about discipleship and tells us something important about God and us. It is a reminder that God is generous and fair. It is a reminder that God is the one who decides the wages, not us. It is God to whom the vineyard belongs. It is God who keeps going out and finding more workers because there is more work to be done.

It is interesting how quickly gratitude can turn into resentment when we decide that God is not being fair – even though he does exactly what he said he would do. The test for those early workers came when they were able to see those that only worked one hour were paid the same as those who had worked all day. I can just imagine the paymaster dreading the attitude shifts from one tranche to the next.

The punch line at the end could be read as, "Is your eye evil because I am good?", has a judgmental ring to it. Perhaps a warning to us to be careful how we consider our fellow-workers in the vineyard. Do we not yet understand that in the kingdom of heaven, sometimes things are turned on their heads?



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Prov. 22:8-9, 28:25, 27

Great Are You Lord

Thou O Lord Art A Shield

Prayer—Roger Dillingham

In The Sweet By and By

Had It Not Been the Lord

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving LS: David Stubblefield

Jeff Phillips Ezra Bridgman

Keith Tapp Chason Shoulders

Give Thanks

Contribution

No Children's Church

He Gave Me A Song

Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-8 Ezra B

Prayer—Steve Stoltz

Lesson—Sean Nistrath

Hymn of Heaven

Benediction: Psalm 106: 1-3

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Tim Teel

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Tim Teel/Jared Jones

Scripture: Pete Shoulders

Monitor: Sam Lupo

Children's Church: Hamptons

Sound booth: Zach P/ Darin S

Presiding LS: David Stubblefield

Serving LS: Kenneth Ashby

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— 47

Worship— 94

Contribution— \$3,321.00

Wednesday— 45



Announcements:

Collecting Snacks for Teacher's Lounge:

◇ **Sebree Elementary School**

◇ 60 staff total

◇ Box in the office

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

◇ Sign-up Sheet in Lobby

Super Senior Trip: Oct 16-18

◇ Chattanooga, TN, Flyer in Lobby

◇ Contact *Tim Teel*

Bulletin Boards:

◇ WKYC— Women's Retreat (Nov 6-8)

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)

Magi Boxes: Due Sept 27th

Collecting under coat rack



GOAL- 100 Boxes



Steve Stoltz, he is having back surgery on Wednesday, August 26th

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

Callum Pruitt, his surgery went well in Louisville

Kenneth Chapman, he is back in the nursing home and not doing well

Kaci Rainwater Henry, she is having a lot of health issues

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

Callie Adams, Alyssa's friend, she found out that breast cancer returned and spread

Fazenbaker & Crowell families, going through a difficult time

Marsha Herndon, Mark's friend, waiting on surgery on her spleen

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Kathy & Dexter Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Lori Adkins, Dennis 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, Summary of Daniel & Intro to John, Jon