

### When We meet:

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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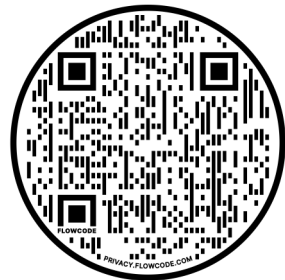
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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card-**Red Folder**. Let us know how we can help.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today!!-** 5th Sunday Congregational Meeting & Potluck, in Fellowship Hall

**-No** Children's Church

**Tomorrow!!-** **No** Walking Group Starts, 8:30 am

**- Inside the building**

**Tomorrow!!-** **No** Women's Prayer Group, 10am

**Sept 7th—** Small Groups Restart

**- Singing class, Adult Classroom, 4:30pm**

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



**Sept 21st—** Devo at Scott's  
-5-7 pm

**Sept 28th—** Meet at Church

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



**Sept 1—** Steve & Barbara Stoltz  
Johnny & Tammy Allen

**Sept 2—** Joshua Scott

**Sept 4—** Larry Stone  
Ciara Church

**Sept 5—** Pete & Glenda Shoulders  
Jeff Phillips

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### **Deacons:**

Brock Shoulders,

Buster Almon,

Darin Swaidner,

David Stubblefield,

Jeremy Duggin,

Steve Stoltz,

Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley



# Church of Christ

August 31, 2025

## **Why Did I Do That?!**

**(Romans 14:1-23)**

Imagine being a Christian in the middle of the capital of the most powerful empire of the known world. There would be people from Africa, Asia, and Europe. They would all come with their own religious scruples and agendas. Add to that some were Jewish and wanted to keep their religious holidays but were believers in Christ as king of a New Kingdom and mediator of a new covenant.

Imagine attending a love feast at one of these gatherings. What could you serve to eat, especially if the meeting landed on a Jewish or Pagan holiday which people were accustomed to keeping? Might there be someone drinking wine, part of which might have been given as a libation offering to Bacchus? There may be someone eating a slice of ham next to someone who was a vegetarian for religious reasons (a possibility for Jews and Gentiles alike).

One can imagine the one drinking despising the “weaker” one who was not and the “weaker” one judging the one who was. It is easy to look at others from a human point of view and forget that their expressions of faith are as genuine as ours. In the tragically, irreparably damaged and fractured world of Christianity in America (perhaps it has always been this way), all we need do is go down the street, or invite others to do so. Again, perhaps it has always been this way. It is clear there were factions in Corinth and there were multiple congregations in Ephesus and Rome.

Paul is less interested in us pointing at each other and more interested that we point ourselves toward God. This is not easy. There are people who I believe have genuine faith, but either what they restrict or what they allow does not make sense to me. Sometimes, as with my own experience, this is a matter of being taught differently. Sometimes, however, it is a matter of learning how to live with differences.

I have heard all my life those who are stronger making fun of those who are weaker. Keeping in mind these terms have nothing to do with strong or weak faith but are used by Paul to get his point across. I have also heard plenty of judgement rained down on those who are stronger. In my experience it is those who Paul identifies as “weaker” that tend to be the bullies – all the while claiming they are the stronger or are looking out for the “weaker” (using a definition Paul does not apply).

He draws on a passage from Isaiah 45:23 to demonstrate that we are to be tolerant of each other because if all people are bowing before God, they will be very different from each other in their practices of piety.

He concludes with the importance of motivation. Whatever we do – eat or not, drink or not, keep holidays or not, tattoos or not, piercings or not, instruments or not – must proceed from faith and not violate our conscience or the conscience of another to the extent of causing them to stumble.

Part of being in fellowship means working our faith together.

# Welcome



## Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Isaiah 45: 22-23

*God is For Us*

*We Shall Assemble*

Prayer— David Stubblefield

*More Holiness Give Me*

*Come to the Table of Mercy*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Jon Stubblefield

Serving: LS: Quincy Stephenson

Bert Pressley    Buster Almon  
Bryson Shoulders    Butch Blanton

*We Are One in the Spirit*

Contribution

*Where Joy and Sorrow Meet*

Scripture: Romans 14: 19-23    Brock S

Prayer— Keith Tapp

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

*I Love You With the Love of the Lord*

Benediction: Colossians 3: 12-15

*The Grace*

## TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Mark Wilkerson

Monitor: Byron Pruitt

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Josh Lupo

## NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Brock Shoulders/Terry Hampton

Scripture: Kenneth Ashby

Monitor: Johnny Allen

Children's Church: Bridgman

Sound booth: Barry Webb

Presiding LS: Jared Jones

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham

Jeff Phillips    Pete Shoulders  
Ezra Bridgman    Chason Shoulders

Alternates for September:

Mark Wilkerson    Zach Pressley

Communion Prep: Pressley

## For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 57

Worship— 101

Contribution—\$3,905.01

Wednesday— 54



## Announcements:

### Magi Boxes are Here!!

Set up under coat rack, List on table or use QR Code, **Due Date Sept 21st**

### Super Seniors Branson Trip

Nov 7th-9th, Flyer in the Lobby, Contact Tim Teel **ASAP**

### Bulletin Board

Baptism Photo from Italy, Potter Children's Home— Fall Fest— Sept 20th

### EXPECTING PARENTS:

Jared & Kelsey Jones  
(GIRL, OCT)



### Missionaries/Missions

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Watata, Kenya

**Lauren Turley**, (Keith Tapp's friend), diagnosed with breast cancer

**Judy Horn**, (James Allen's brother's wife's sister), has lung cancer

**Shannon Lockhart**, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

**Daniel Davis**, recovering from back surgery at home

**Cathy Saley**, recovering from shoulder surgery at home

### Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Del Brock, Sherry Rushing, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Barbara Lynch, Lisa Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Christy Estrada, Curt Frederick, Dennis Warszona, Juana Belgrave, Rebecca Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Jama Doc, Benson Holmes, Alberta Rust

**Sunday 6pm, Intro to The Epistle of James, Roger**