

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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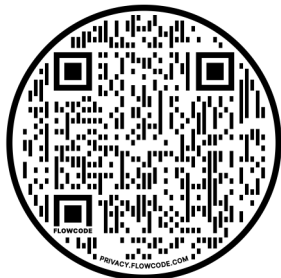
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Welcome Guests! Please
scan the QR code or fill
out our Connection
Card—**Red Folder** . Let us
know how we can help.



UPCOMING Events

Today!— Teacher Appreciation Sunday

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

Aug 5— Charley Bazzel speaking

Aug 16— Singing at 3 pm, Oak Ridge Senior Living

-then going to The Paragon

Aug 30— 5th Sunday Meeting & Potluck

- Fellowship Hall after Services

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



CELEBRATING YOU
ON YOUR
Special Day

Aug 16— 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.

Aug 10— Byron Pruitt
Terry & Dianne Goodale

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 9, 2026

Kingdom of Heaven Compared to What?!

(Matthew 22:1-14)

Two weeks ago, we found Jesus in the temple grounds confronting the religious leaders. This is the same Jesus that told his disciples to love their enemies. This is the same Jesus that instructs us that we are to forgive others so that our Father in heaven will forgive us.

If ever there was any doubt that these instructions excluded telling people what they needed to hear, they are fading quickly in these encounters. If ever we think that forgiveness requires us to keep our mouths shut or not point out those who are not living up to their claims, this passage will put that to rest.

It is true that Jesus is speaking primarily to the religious leaders here, and they know it. But it is much more than that. Matthew included this in his gospel for a reason. He wanted those gathered in the name of Christ to hear this and understand it. It is hard not to see this as somewhat prophetic, which would have brought clarity, comfort, and challenge to the early church. This is also one of those passages that should give those who enjoy or are seeking to be leaders in God's kingdom pause.

It is hard to know how many sayings are included here. Most of our Bibles will have Matthew 22:1-14 titled something like "the marriage feast." However, there is enough of a shift between verses 10 and 11, that it may be two stories Matthew has jammed together for effect. It is also possible that verse 14 is added by Matthew to drive home his point.

Here is what we see happening here. The chief priests and Pharisees are already locked in a battle of wits with Jesus. He has already told two parables that have embarrassed them in front of the people – yet he presses on. This is evidence that Jesus is in control of what's happening. He has been healing and teaching and preaching the breaking in of God's kingdom. He has convinced at least a few Pharisees and leaders that he is indeed the Messiah. Hence, the arguing that they did amongst themselves. Now he is pressing everyone to decide, knowing what will happen.

The chief priests and Pharisees have been invited to the feast. What bothered them was all those "others" who had been invited as well. If the wedding host knew who he was inviting he wouldn't have done it. If he had set proper standards, as they expected from the Messiah, they would have been first to the table and decided who else could come in. Instead, they are cast as the murderers in this parable. They are cast as the one who was in attendance without the proper wedding clothes on – perhaps the clothing of faith rather than the clothing of authority.

In the end, the chosen ones are those who believed who Jesus is. This is still true today.

Welcome To Worship



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

Be Unto Your Name

Great Is Thy Faithful

Prayer—Roger Dillingham

Faithful Love

Come Share the Lord

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving LS: David Stubblefield

Jeff Phillips Ezra Bridgman

Keith Tapp Chason Shoulders

Take Time to be Holy

Contribution

No Children's Church

Each Step I Take

Scripture: Matthew 22: 1-6 **Pete S**

Prayer—Steve Stoltz

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

To Christ Be True

Benediction: Psalm 36: 7-9

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Tim Teel

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Bryson Shoulders

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Larry Stone/Jared Jones

Scripture: Mark Wilkerson

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: Em/Kenzie/Bert

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— 45

Worship— 107

Contribution— \$4,028.00

Wednesday— 57



THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Announcements:

Goodie Bags in the Lobby for the
Youth to Celebrate moving up
grades

Card basket:

Jason Rushing & Everett Beatty

- ◇ On lobby table
- ◇ blank cards next to it

Bulletin Board:

Potter's Fall Fest (9/19)

WKYC Open House (9/15)

Expecting Parents:

Aaron & Mallory Ashby

(Girl, Oct)

?? Bible Quiz ??

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel



Answer: C (See Genesis 30:19-21.)



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

Kaci Rainwater Henry, she is pregnant and was diagnosed with brain cancer, they may take the baby next week to start treatments

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

Brittney Carol's family, her mom, **Tracy Ipock**, passed away on August 3rd

Kenneth Chapman, he is back in the hospital

Donna Stephenson, recovering from gallbladder surgery at home

PRAYER
list

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, Johnny Allen, Todd Templeton, Ronnie Hill, Byron Pruitt, Callum Pruitt

Praying For Our Military Members:

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

Sunday 6 pm, The Vision of the Time Of The End II, Daniel 11: 2-35, Roger