

### When We meet:

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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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.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Tonight!-** *Small group at Nistrath's, 5:30-7:30pm*

**Tomorrow!-** Walking Group, 8:30 am

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

**Sept 21st-** Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm

**- No Singing class**

**Sept 28th-** PM Church Potluck

**Oct 19th-** *Special Contribution for Marvin Rivera*

**- Please start planning ahead**

*(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.



**Today!!-** Katie Ferguson

**Sept 15-** Mark & Karen

Wilkinson

**Sept 18-** Elizabeth Webb

**Sept 18-** Butch Blanton

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## **Deacons:**

Brock Shoulders,

Buster Almon,

Darin Swaidner,

David Stubblefield,

Jeremy Duggin,

Steve Stoltz,

Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley



# Church of Christ

Sept 14, 2025

## **What's the Story?** **(Ephesians 1:1-14)**

Every book of the Bible was written for a reason that existed long before we ever arrived in this world. Most of the questions asked and answered are still relevant to us today. That is why it is important for us to try to figure out why a book was written before we spend too much time figuring out what it means.

Most of the New Testament books give us some indication of what the problems were. This is especially true of Paul's letters. There is, however, one exception: Ephesians. There doesn't seem to be any immediate problem being addressed. So, what is going on here.

We can think of Ephesians as being preventative medicine. It is a reminder of the unity that believers have in Christ. It sets for us the story in which we are to live as believers. It reminds us of the wonderful grace that has been extended to us by God through Christ and how the Holy Spirit works in us. It gives us some guidelines as to how we are to live in that grace that God has given to us.

After the opening greeting, verses 3-14 are one long sentence in Greek. The repetition drives home the gifts of grace we have received. In that culture such an extensive description of gifts would have evoked in the hearers an obligation to respond by seeing to it that the benefactor's will be done. This is not transactional talk. It is relational talk.

A transactional understanding of grace means that a gift has been transferred to me based on my belief. Since I believe, I receive grace. Everything is finished and I must do all I can to pay God back for what he has done for me, which I can never do. A relational understanding implies a continuing relationship. Because I have received gifts from God, I return gifts to him. This relationship is based on the benefactor giving gifts and the recipient seeing that the benefactor's will is done does not end. This is more in line with a biblical understanding of grace.

Psalms 116:12-19 says, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of his people . . . You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord."

This helps us with better understanding why it is that those who abide in Christ (relationship) also bear fruit (John 15:1-11). It helps us to understand that the spiritual sacrifice and the transforming of our minds Paul speaks of in Romans is about a relationship with God (Romans 12:1-2). Living in God's grace means living in the story that God has planned for the world. This story is what interprets all the others. This story is what determines our relationship to other narratives and how we respond to them. By grace we have been saved – and so we should live like it.

# WELCOME TO church



## Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6

*Only A Holy God*

*Raise a Hallelujah*

Prayer— David Stubblefield

*Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?*

*Come Let Us Worship & Bow Down*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving: LS: Jared Jones

Jeff Phillips     Pete Shoulders

Ezra Bridgman     Chason Shoulders

*Nothing But The Blood*

Contribution

*Here I Am To Worship*

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-14 Roger M

Prayer—Ed Saley

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

*Amazing Grace— My Chains are Gone*

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

*The Grace*

## TODAY—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Monitor: Kenneth Ashby

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Bryson Shoulders

## NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Bryson Shoulders/Mark Wilkerson

Scripture: Johnny Allen

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: none

Sound booth: Tim Teel

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— 52

Worship— 87

Contribution— \$3,427.00

Wednesday— 54



## Announcements:

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

**Super Seniors Branson Trip:** Nov 7th-9th, Contact Tim Teel ASAP

**Praying the Bulletin:** Sign up sheet in the Lobby

### Bulletin Board:

- ♦ Marriage Seminar— Cedar Springs COC— Sept 20th
- ♦ Potter Children's Home— Fall Fest— Sept 20th
- ♦ 44th Annual Ladies' Day— Glendale Road COC— Sept 20th
- ♦ Walk For Life 2025— Door of Hope— Sept 27th—Brochures in office
- ♦ Ladies' Day— Central COC, Paducah— Sept 27th
- ♦ WKYC Golf Scramble— Oct 4th
- ♦ Celebration—Kentucky Dam— Nov 14th-16th
- ♦ Gather 2025 Women's Retreat— Hosted by Henderson COC at WKYC— Nov 14-16

## Missionaries/Missions

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Watata, Kenya

## EXPECTING PARENTS:

Jared & Kelsey Jones (GIRL, OCT)

**Chason Shoulders**, injured arm playing football

**Lauren Turley**, (Keith Tapp's friend), has 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

**PRAYER**  
list

## 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 Nistrath, Karen Wilkerson, Jama Doc, Benson Holmes, Alberta Rust

Sunday 6pm, A Servant of God & the Lord Jesus Christ, James 1:1, Quincy