

### When We meet:

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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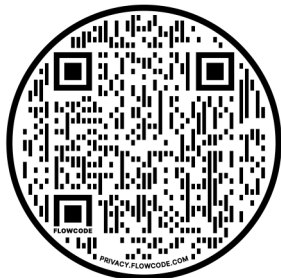
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know how we can help.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

-Small group at Niestrath's, 5:30-7:30pm

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

-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 6th**— Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Ladies' Classroom

- Focus on Missions

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

- Please start planning ahead

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



**Sept 21**— Devo at Scott's , 5-7 pm

**Sept 28**— Meet at Church

**Oct 12**— Devo at Rust's, 5-7 pm

**Oct 18**— Hayride at Pressley's, 4-8 pm

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

**Jared**—270-841-8542 for more info.



**Sept 23**— Terry Hampton

**Sept 24**— Micah Bridgman

**Sept 25**— Mariah Blanton

**Sept 27**— Shirley Dean

### **Elders:**

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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 21, 2025

## **Cross, Community, and New Creation** (II Corinthians 5:14-20)

Most of the time making good enough ethical and moral decisions is not that difficult. I say “good enough” because we all have our quirks and faults that cause us act or react in ways that could be better but generally don’t do great harm. However, there are situations that challenge us. It happens when something we never thought would happen to us – happens. It hits us when we realize that a family member (or we have) has catastrophically failed and there is not much to do but limit damage or recover as best we can.

There are also the day-to-day decisions that we make that add up over the course of time that land us in unlikely places or situations. You know that feeling of being hit with, “how did I end up here?”

Good ethics and morality do not just happen. They must be pursued, thought through, and practiced. Professionals of all stripes today have codes of “best practice.” It is the framework for day-to-day operations to avoid problems. It is also a filter through which problems that do arise are put through to come to a solution that can be agreed upon.

The church, the body of Christ, is no exception. Whether we realize it or not we have a code of ethics. It goes without saying that it should be based on scripture. But, as usual, it is not as simple as that. If we do not intentionally pursue how we arrive at our decisions we will be left with being tossed around by all sorts of things. Maybe we don’t wreck the ship – or maybe we do.

I suppose there are several ways to think about how decisions are made by us as believers and as a congregation. I believe we are fortunate here at Pennyrile to have a good understanding of how communication flows and how to raise a concern or idea. I believe we are fortunate to have mature elders who avoid hard and fast rules and deal with the congregation considering as much relevant information as possible.

This morning, I want to remind us of a framework that I believe will help all of us to intentionally pursue a New Testament Christian ethical way of thinking. If nothing else, this will give you some insight into much of the process that I engage in when faced with an ethical dilemma that must be resolved.

This slice is focused on the letters of Paul in the New Testament, but the same framework is discernable in the rest of the New Testament. Each of the three parts support the whole. These three themes are the cross, the community of believers, and the new creation

# WELCOME TO church



## Children's Song

Cong. Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 11-15

*Oh Happy Day*

*A Beautiful Life*

Prayer— Bryson Shoulders

*A New Creature*

*Come To The Table of Mercy*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Jared Jones

Serving: LS: Roger Dillingham

Jeff Phillips     Pete Shoulders

Ezra Bridgman     Chason Shoulders

Contribution

**Dismiss for Children's Church**

*Heaven Came Down*

*Worthy Is The Lamb*

Scripture: II Cor 5: 14-20 Johnny A

Prayer— Mark Wilkerson

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

*I Come Broken (Just As I Am)*

Benediction: Galatians 5:22-26

*The Grace*

## TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: David/Alyssa

Sound Booth: Tim Teel

## NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Mark Wilkerson

Prayers: Jon Stubblefield/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Terry Hampton

Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Children's Church: none

Sound booth: David Stubblefield

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving LS: Jared Jones

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— 71

Worship— 112

Contribution— \$4,897.00

Wednesday— 53

## Announcements:

**Magi Boxes are Due Today!!**

**Super Seniors Branson Trip:** Nov 7th-9th

- All Spots are Full

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

**Bonfire & Hayride at the Pressley's:**

-Oct 18th, 4-8 pm - Sign up Sheet in Lobby

-All Youth & Extended Families

**October Calendar:** On the table, in the Lobby

**New to Bulletin Board:**

♦ Ladies Day, Cedar Springs COC, Oct 18th, 9:00 am

♦ Benefit Dinner & Auction, New Pathways for Children

-Oct 23rd

♦ Women of Joy retreat, April 10-12, 2026



## PRAYER list

**Chason Shoulders**, recovering from surgery on his elbow

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

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

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

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

**DJ Belcher**, (Hampton's friend), has cancer

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

has lung cancer

**Curt Frederick**, had cyst in mouth removed and home

**John Phillips**, surgery went well to have a mass removed

on his brain

## EXPECTING PARENTS:

Jared & Kelsey Jones

(GIRL, OCT)

## Missionaries/Missions

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Watata, Kenya

## 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, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Jama Doc, Benson Holmes

**Sunday 6pm, Turning Trials into Triumph, James 1: 2-8, Dan**