

**When We meet:**

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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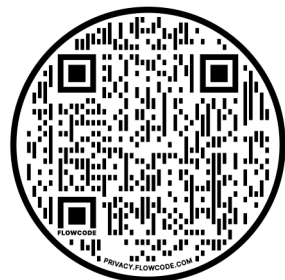
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# UPCOMING Events

**Today! – MAGI Boxes Due**

**Today! – Children's Church, Room 103**

**Tonight! – Singing Class, 4:30 pm**

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

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

**Sept 30– 5th Wednesday Night Singing**

**Oct 5- Ministry meeting, 7 pm, Room 103**

- Focus on Worship

**Oct 17– Hayride/Bonfire at the Pressleys, 5-7pm**

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



**Sept 25-27– WKYC Retreat**

**Oct 11– Devo @ Hamptons**

**Oct 17– Hayride/Bonfire @ Pressleys**

-5-7 pm

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

**Jared**—270-841-8542 for more info.



**Today!!- Shirley Dean**

**Sept 28– Danielle Almon**

**Oct 2– Sally Malik**

## Sermon Notes

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# Church of Christ

Sept 27, 2026

## This is Your Last Warning

(Matthew 25:31-46)

Today's text is a motivation for a lot of good things the church does in the world today. One could pull out just four words and understand what is being asked of us. "The least of these," is a mantra for a lot of what is mislabeled "humanitarian" work of the church. I say mislabeled because Christianity is about both our relationship to God and our relationship to each other as human beings – there is no way to separate them. We do so at our peril.

This is less parable than allegory. It is worth paying attention to because it is what Matthew chose as the last thing Jesus taught. This was two days before he was crucified. All through the gospel Jesus was going about Galilee and other regions near there and healing anyone who came to him. He continued healing people as he moved into Judea and toward Jerusalem. He argued seven times with the authorities to get them to see what their pride would not let them see.

Before he delivers this message, he has taught twice that since we do not know when judgment will come upon us, we must be ready at all times (24:44; 25:12). He has taught twice that those who are not ready or have not been faithful will be sent where, "men will weep and gnash their teeth." (24:51; 25:30). The tension and conflict around Jesus is headed for what the authorities think will be the end. As it turns out, it will only be the beginning. Think about the last teachings of Jesus. He knows that he will die in two days' time, but he is clearly teaching as one who knows that the story will not end when he is killed.

So, what of the sheep and the goats? There is nothing inherently good about sheep or bad about goats. They both have their value and they both were indicators of wealth. They all belong to the same shepherd; therefore, he must care equally for both groups. But just belonging to the shepherd will not save them. There is something more that is brought into the picture. I suspect that this is aimed most directly at the rulers, scribes, and Pharisees who are about to do Jesus in. It still carries a lot of weight for us, but if we consider that Jesus is talking to all of his people we do not see anger here. We see lament. That changes the way we might read those last few verses.

There is nothing new here. From before the Sermon on the Mount up until he entered Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching his disciples that they must pay attention to those who are humble. Not humble by choice, but humble because they have no agency or power. It was these that the religious rulers were criticized for not seeing. Worse than that, they took advantage of them.

All the way to Jerusalem, Jesus brought children close to him and told his followers they must become like those children. He has raised the value of women, eunuchs, and servants. He has taught that we must learn to see "the least of these." We cannot act with compassion toward those whom we refuse to see or cannot see. This was not a compassion problem. It was bigger than that. It was a vision problem. Those who had accepted Jesus' teaching, it seems, didn't realize they were doing service to Jesus. They did it because they had learned from him to do the right thing because it was the right thing.

# Welcome



## Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Isaiah 58: 6-8

*Lord, Reign In Me*

*Servant Song*

Prayer— Keith Tapp

*Lamb of God*

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Matheny

Serving LS: Jon Stubblefield

Larry Stone Bert Pressley

Mark Wilkerson Zach Pressley

*A Common Love*

Contribution

*Dismiss Children's Church*

*Oceans*

Scripture: Matt 25: 31-26 Daniel D

Prayer—Quincy Stephenson

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

*There's A Fountain Free*

Benediction: Micah 6: 8

*The Grace*

## TODAY—

Call to Worship: David Stubblefield

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Craig Gazouski

Children's Church: David/Alyssa

Sound Booth: Kaylie Seesengood

## NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Brock Shoulders/Keith Tapp

Scripture: Kenneth Ashby

Monitor: Jeff Phillips

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Tim Teel

Presiding LS: Quincy Stephenson

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham

Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin

Joshua Scott Bert Pressley

**Alternates for October:**

David Stubblefield Jared Jones

**Communion Prep:** Stubblefields

## For the Record, Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 50

Worship— 102

Contribution— \$2,605.00

Wednesday— 43



## Announcements:

**Super Senior Trip: Oct 16-18**

♦ Chattanooga, TN, Flyer in Lobby

**Fall Fest: Oct 28th, 5:30-7:30 pm**

♦ Sign up sheets in the Lobby

## Bulletin Board:

♦ Ladies Day, Oct 17, North Lexington

## Expecting Parents:

Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)

Kevin & Samantha Russell (March)

Jon & Kenna Stubblefield (April)

## Bonfire & Hayride at Pressley's

Oct 17th— 5-7pm, Everyone Welcome!!

Sign-up Sheet in Lobby



## Magi Boxes:

**Due Today!!**

Collecting under  
coat rack

**GOAL- 100 Boxes**



**Brenda Pruitt**, recovering at home from appendectomy on Sept 21st

**Darin Swaidner**, recovering at home from hospital stay

**James Allen**, will be having surgery on his ear Sept 30th

**Everett Beatty**, recovering from surgery on Sept 22nd

**Loria Rust**, has breast cancer, meeting with surgeon on Sept 29th

**Dan Evans**, doing radiation at this time (his wife worked with Randy)

**Paul McConnell**, Rust's friend, recovering from kidney removal on Sept 22nd

**Alec Crowder and family**, he is recovering from brain surgery and his wife is battling cancer

**Brenda Boganwright**, Shirley's friend, has pancreatic cancer, doing chemo prior to surgery

**Marsha Herndon**, Mark's friend, recovering from surgery on her spleen on Sept 16th



## Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Kathy & Dexter Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Lori Adkins, Dennis Warszona, Barbara Lynch, Wyatt Brown, John Phillips, Linda Smith, Alberta Rust, Ronnie Hill, Callie Adams, Rebecca Nistrath, Sherry Logan, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, John Benham, Donna Stephenson, Johnny Allen, Todd Templeton, Kaci Rainwater Henry

## Praying For Our Military Members:

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

**Sunday 6 pm, The "I Am" Statements, Terry**