

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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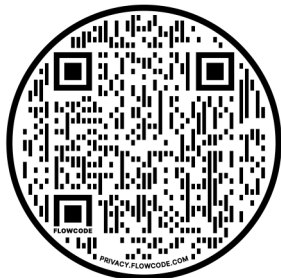
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Welcome Guests! Please
scan the QR code or fill
out our Connection
Card-**Red Folder** . Let us
know how we can help.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight!- PM Church Potluck

- 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

Oct 6th— Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Ladies' Classroom

- Focus on Missions

Oct 19th— Special Contribution for *Marvin Rivera*

- Please start planning ahead

Oct 19th — Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm

- **No Singing class**

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



Tonight— 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.



Today!! - Danielle Almon

Oct 2— Sally Malik

Oct 4— Rodney 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 28, 2025

The Incredible Opportunity of Living with Limits (II Peter 2:10b-22)

The very first human beings we read about in the Bible had a very gentle, but stern limitation placed on them. They were not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. I don't know what that tree was, but they did. So long as they respected the limitation placed on them, they had access to the tree of life. They were told that when they ate of that tree they would be sentenced to death.

When the children of Israel were being led through the wilderness, they were instructed to only take as much manna and quail as they needed for the day (and for two days before sabbath). When they violated the limit, the food they collected became full of worms or rotted.

When the people of Israel took the land of Canaan, they were told clearly by Joshua to keep the law that they had been given. That law taught them how to treat each other, to have no other gods before God, and what to do if someone broke one of those laws. They did not keep the limits placed on them by the law and in only a few decades descended into the chaos that we read about at the end of Judges.

It was by living within the limitations of the law that Israel could fully realize the grace that God was pouring on them. Keeping that law was how they were to return the grace to God. The second Psalm stands as a warning to those rulers who "burst the bonds" of the Lord and his anointed. Christians understand that the anointed king is Jesus. We understand that we are to keep his commandments. He fulfilled the law and the prophets and taught us what is required if we are to be part of his kingdom. Those who break those limits cannot be part of the kingdom.

This is not harsh. In one sense, it is not even judgment. It is more of a choice that we make. Accept the grace of God and the limitations placed on us through that grace or reject the grace of God and live without those limits. The Bible makes it clear that those who choose that latter will fall prey to being enslaved to their own passions and desires – which leads to death. Those limitations – as the one in the garden – are given to us to preserve our life and help us to live as fully as we were created to do. This understanding of life and the image of the body of Christ has something to say to us about the value of every person – regardless of how those who live outside these limits see them.

Peter spends some time on his letter/testament warning believers against those who would attempt to bring the chaos of no limits into the assembly of saints. It is odd that we accept such limitations or requirements in nearly any other parts of our life. Just listen to those who have been part of an organization who enforced rules and limits and have been successful. When we all understand what is expected of us, we tend to do better. When we all understand what we are doing, more gets done. We have an incredible opportunity to be part of a kingdom without limits – but first we must live within the limits of that kingdom.

Welcome



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Proverbs 8: 12, 27-31

Majesty

All To Jesus I Surrender

Prayer— Jon Stubblefield

Be Still, My Soul

Highly Exalted

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving: LS: Jared Jones

Jeff Phillips Pete Shoulders

Ezra Bridgman Chason Shoulders

Lord, Take Control

Contribution

Do You Know My Jesus?

Scripture: II Peter 2: 12-16 Terry H

Prayer— Steve Stoltz

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Trust and Obey

Benediction: Romans 6: 12-13

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Mark Wilkerson

Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: David Stubblefield

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Mark Wilkerson/Quincy Stephenson

Scripture: Darin Swaidner

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: Webb/Kaylie/Em

Sound booth: Zach Pressley

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving LS: Terry Hampton

Johnny Allen Tim Teel

Jeremy Duggin Joshua Scott

Alternates for October:

Brock Shoulders Barry Webb

Communion Prep: Shoulders

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 69

Worship— 92

Contribution— \$2,114.00

Wednesday— 47



Announcements:

Bonfire & Hayride at the Pressley's: Oct 18th, 4-8 pm

- Sign up Sheet in Lobby, All Youth & Extended Families

Fall Fest: Oct 29th, 5-7 pm—Sign up sheet in the lobby

- Flyers in the lobby— Please give to friends & family

Super Seniors Branson Trip: Nov 7th-9th

Praying the Bulletin: Sign up sheet in the Lobby

Directory Updates: on the table, in the lobby

Bulletin Board: Pictures from Paolo in Rome

- ♦ Ladies Day, Cedar Springs COC, Oct 18th, 9:00 am
- ♦ Ladies' Inspiration Day, North Lexington COC, Oct 18th
- ♦ Benefit Dinner & Auction, New Pathways for Children, Oct 23rd

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PRAYER list

Mary Lou Boal's family, she passed away on

Wednesday

Ishmael Almon, injured his foot & ankle

Chason Shoulders, recovering from surgery on his
elbow at home

Daniel Davis, recovering from back surgery at home

Shannon Lockhart, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

DJ Belcher, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

Expecting Parents:

Jared & Kelsey Jones

(Girl, Oct 20th)

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, Lauren Turley, Judy Horn

Sunday 6pm, Trials of Poverty & Wealth, James 1: 9-11, Jared