

### When We meet:

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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Card-**Red Folder**. Let us  
know how we can help.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today!-** Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

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

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

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

**Sept 14th—** Small group at Nistraths starts

*- Devotional & Meal, 5:30-7:30pm*

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

*- No Singing class*

**Sept 28th—** PM Church Potluck

*(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  
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Sept 11— *Lamont & Sarah  
Wilkes*

Sept 12— Jon Stubblefield

Sept 13— Bruce Unland

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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 7, 2025

## **Denying the Master**

**(II Peter 2:1-10a)**

One of the statements of C.S. Lewis that has stuck with me was written in the context of grief. He writes about the danger during grief. It is not that we stop believing in God, but that we begin to believe horrible things about him. We have this same problem when God moves in salvation, which includes judgement.

It holds for each person in our lives. If I am to accept the salvation that is offered by the one that bought me with his blood, I must judge (destroy) those things that condemned me. We run into trouble when we decide we want salvation *and* hold on to those things that destroy us. When we think about the story of Israel in the Bible, we are fine with them being rescued from Egyptian slavery but balk at so many Egyptians dying. We seem to also be fine with God preserving a culture (in Canaan) that practiced human sacrifice and self-mutilation as part of worship of the gods they served.

Today, some attempt to explain away the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah (sexual sin and being inhospitable) for which they were destroyed. The Psalms have a couple of examples of what II Peter is referring to when it says, “denying the Master who bought them.” Psalm 10 and Psalm 14 are examples. In Peter, it is more likely that the teachers were not outright denying God’s existence as much as certain aspects of his character – namely judgement.

In Peter this has to do with what we call the “final judgement.” Peter wants his readers to understand that judgement is coming and that God will save those who are faithful. He uses the examples of Noah and Lot. This would make sense to both Jews and Greeks because of the use of water and fire as avenues of divine judgement on the world. It is also worth noting that he uses the Greek word “tartarus” in reference to the place of nether-gloom where the angels who sinned are kept until judgement.

There is a prophetic aspect to Peter’s warning in the opening verses of chapter 2. We can recognize the more subtle destructive doctrines because of the fruit that they bear. They will follow their own desires rather than those of the one who bought them. They will cause the way of truth to be discredited. They will not be able to control their greed and lead others down the path of destruction. These are the same patterns that we read in the prophets of the Old Testament.

The call for us today is to accept the whole of who God is. It is for us to act in such a way that we know who our Master and Savior is. It is tempting to deny judgement in the world in which we live today. It is hard to be faithful in which everyone does what is right in their own eyes and there is no king.

# Welcome



## Children's Song

**Cong. Reading:** Psalm 10: 3-7

***I Stand in Awe***

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

**Prayer**—Brock Shoulders

***The Lily of the Valley***

***Come Share the Lord***

Lord's Supper

**Presiding LS:** Jared Jones

**Serving: LS:** Roger Dillingham

Jeff Phillips      Pete Shoulders

Ezra Bridgman      Chason Shoulders

***The Steadfast Love of the Lord***

Contribution

**Dismiss for Children's Church**

***Firm Foundation***

**Scripture:** II Peter 2: 1-3    **Kenneth A**

**Prayer**— Terry Hampton

**Lesson**— Sean Niestrath

***When I Go Home***

**Benediction:** Psalm 121: 1-5

***The Grace***

## TODAY—

**Call to Worship:** Byron Pruitt

**Song Leader:** Josh Lupo

**Monitor:** Johnny Allen

**Children's Church:** Bridgman

**Sound Booth:** Barry Webb

## NEXT WEEK—

**Call to Worship:** Dan Rust

**Song Leader:** Ishmael Almon

**Prayers:** David Stubblefield/Ed Saley

**Scripture:** Roger Matheny

**Monitor:** Kenneth Ashby

**Children's Church:** none

**Sound booth:** Bryson Shoulders

**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— 39

Worship— 101

Contribution—\$4,718.00

Wednesday— 53

## Announcements:

### Magi Boxes are Here!!

- ♦ Set up under coat rack, List on table or use QR Code, **Due Date Sept 21st**

### Super Seniors Branson Trip

- ♦ **Nov 7th-9th**, Flyer in the Lobby Contact Tim Teel **ASAP**

### Bulletin Board

- ♦ Baptism Photo from Italy
- ♦ Backpack photos from Belize
- ♦ Honduras Mission Report (July & Aug),
- ♦ 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
- ♦ 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

### EXPECTING PARENTS:

Jared & Kelsey Jones

(GIRL, OCT)



### Missionaries/Missions

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Watata, Kenya

**Lauren Turley**, (Keith Tapp's friend), diagnosed with 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 Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Jama Doc, Benson Holmes, Alberta Rust

**Sunday 6pm, Intro to The Epistle of James, Roger**