



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 9, 2018

## Walking Wisely

(Ephesians 5:15-20)

Today's text is at the end of a section of Ephesians in which Paul is instructing his readers how to live because of the work of Christ. He is concerned that the behavior of the Christians is going to offend the Holy Spirit of God (see 1:13; 3:4-5; 4:4, 30; 5:18), which will have dire consequences for them (2:1-3; 4:17-18; 5:5-6).

There is plenty to come after this concerning how families are to treat each other – mostly directed at husbands and a final encouragement to be strong, but those encouragements would be useless unless one first decided that they were going to walk according to God's wisdom.

The key word that ties together 4:1 – 5:20 is "to walk." In most of our translations the repetition is obscured by different words used to translate the same idea. The idea of "therefore . . . walk" is used in 4:1, 17, (25), 5:1-2, 7-8, 15. What Paul has been giving us in this section is God's wisdom on how Christians are to conduct themselves in a world that is hostile to their beliefs, worship, and allegiances.

Since we are in a time when "church music" is still being discussed (and will continue to be) it is worth thinking about how his instruction concerning "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" addresses the idea of walking wisely and how it relates to not getting drunk with wine.

Amongst other things, this lets us know that there should be a seamlessness in our attitude and action as we move from "worship" to "life." We should behave wisely not only in how we conduct ourselves in the world, but also in how we choose to conduct ourselves in worship.

Our text today lets us know in the same way that the beginning of Proverbs and Psalms does that our attitude toward God and what he has done for us is the beginning of wisdom. It is expressed here as ". . . for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." (5:20).

He tells us that it is a process of learning what the will of God is and to not continually be seeking that will is how the foolish ones live. We must choose between life and death, between unity and division, between belonging and alienation, between purity and impurity, and between wisdom and folly. Look carefully how you walk.

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Read Matthew 25

Next Week: A lesson from Ephesians 5:21-33.

# WELCOME

*We are glad you've joined us for worship today!*

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

\*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

**\*Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

**\*Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



**TONIGHT: We will NOT meet.**

**Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class**

**Note from Landon: Upcoming events: Youth to the Pruitt’s— Sept 23. RUSH @ FHU– Sept 28-30, \$25. Fall Retreat@ Crossville TN-Oct 19-21 . Celebration @LBL-Nov 2-4, \$40.**



**Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders) Christopher Goodale-USMC  
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry) Hans Niestrath-USNA  
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz) Conner Wiseman, Fort Bragg (Moore)  
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard (Hampton) Ty Naifeh (Afghanistan)**

## Worship Order

### Order of Worship Sunday, September 9, 2018

Congregational Reading: Proverbs 2:6-8  
**Hallelujah Praise Jehovah**  
**He Is Here**  
Prayer– Steve Stoltz  
**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**  
**The Blood of Jesus Speaks For Me**  
Lord’s Supper  
**Roger Matheny Tim Teel**  
**Pete Shoulders Kivil Brown**  
**K. Ashby Buster Almon**  
**Presiding: Tim Teel**  
**Abide With Me**  
Contribution  
No Children’s Church  
**Highly Exalted**  
**Give Thanks**  
Scripture Reading: Eph. 5:15-20 **Johnny**  
Prayer– Dan Rust  
Lesson: Sean Niestrath  
**Lord, For Your Glory**  
Benediction: Psalm 119:1-3

### ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord’s Supper

### September:

**Dan Rust**

**Ronny Stubblefield**

### Prepare communion:

**Sept: Ashby**

**Oct: Almon**

### For the Record:

**Last Sunday**

Bible Class: 71

Worship: 123

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 65

### September 9, 2018

Monitor: Byron Pruitt  
Nursery: Megan Scott  
Children’s Church: none  
Sound Booth: Darin/David

### Sunday, September 16, 2018

Prayer: Landon Moore  
Prayer: Ronny Stubblefield  
Scripture: Brock Shoulders  
Monitor: Wayne Adams  
Nursery: Betty Rust  
Children’s Church: Clark

**Serving the Lord’s Table:**  
**Roger Matheny Tim Teel-**  
**Pete Shoulders Kivil Brown**  
**K. Ashby Buster Almon**

**Presiding: Roger Matheny**

Sound Booth—Landon Duggin

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Topic: John 1:1-18 (Ronny)



**Grab a M.A.G.I. box (or 2) to fill for children in Honduras. Due back September 23rd.**

Diapers and wipes are being collected for the Blanton Family in the foyer. Baby Rodney will be here soon!



Grapevine Elementary Weekend Backpack Program: Any easy fix food like MacN Cheese, pop-top soups, spaghetti-ohs, single serving main meal items, etc. You may put items in the box by the office door. Thank you!



## Sunday Morning Class Schedule

Sean's Class-Psalms/New Testament  
Quincy's Class-1 Peter

## Expecting Parents:

Melissa & Butch Blanton (boy)--October  
Whitney & Bryce Kittinger (girl)—December  
Angela & Brock Shoulders —March

Sept 12—Jon Stubblefield  
Sept 13—Bruce Unland  
Sept 14—Katie Ferguson  
Sept 15—Mark & Karen Wilkerson

### CALENDAR:

Sept 9—Small groups begin  
Sept 23—Youth to Pruitt's  
Sept 28-30—Rush @ Freed  
Sept 30—5th Sunday Potluck  
Oct 15—Lifeline Screening  
Oct 19-21—Youth Fall Retreat

### When we meet:

#### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.

#### Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;  
contact Sean Niestrath

#### Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

#### **Contact Us:**

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#### **Missionaries:**

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Don Gover** passed away Wednesday night due to injuries from a tractor accident. Please remember his wife, Linda Sue, and family and the Freed community.

**Jonathan Walker**, 6, Cumberland Hall Hospital.

**Kevin Cline**, eye disease, facing blindness.

#### Serious Illness/Injury:

**Rita Frazier**, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL

**Scott Nutt**, cancer, Gaye's son

**Michael Skultety**, cancer, Jane

**Mike Bright**, health issues

**Ruffin Chandler**

**Lynn Stevens**, cancer

**Keith Roberts**, cancer, EJ

**Betty & Kim Stanley**

**Makenzie Carson**, L. Russell

**Melinda Brown**, Pete's niece

**Barbara Lynch**, Shelia

**Charles Smallwood**, Micki's father

**Jonathan Allen**, MS

**Tammy Langenright**, Hodgkins

**Aaron Reding**, ALS

**Mack Shearn**

**Wayne Edwards**, stroke

**Ronnie Lear**, COPD

**Steve Stirsman**, tumors

**Barry Newton**, Keith's friend, cancer

**Larry Crowder**, lymphoma, Byron

**Wayne Warszawa**, Parkinson's

**Jakayla Acker**, lymphoma

**Mike Oates**, Natalie's father

**J.B. Wagner's parents** health

**Connie Armstrong**, cancer

**Janetta Brown**

**Mark Martin**, mesothelioma

**Andrea Kane**, cancer

**Denise Hawkins**, lung cancer

**Connor Peebles**, severe back problems

**Kim Feltner**, Tim's sister

**Bryce Alexander**, leukemia

**Marvin Gallagher**

**Phil Keith**

**George Teel**, cancer

**Jon Riley**, lungs

**Danny Belcher**, heart

**Bruce Coleson**, MS

**Ed Wallace**, liver transplant

**Brady Cobb**, intestinal problems

**Judy Harrison**, heart attack

**Mike Burns**, cancer

**Mark Toomes**, health

**Rodney Householder**

**Buddy Jenkins**, Karen S. father

**Jeff Travis**, waiting on kidney

**George Utley**, cancer

**Audrey Davis**, 4yr.old, leukemia

**Tracey Moore**, illness

**Hannah Gates**, heart surgery

**Sherry Mitchell**, cancer

**Dennis Matheny**

**Helen Wyatt**, Barbara S.

**Barbie Kern**, Carol's sister, cancer

**Joan Owens**, Landon's grandmother

**Larry Jerome**, Wendy's father

**Charles Herndon**, hip surgery

**Sally Malik**, lungs

#### Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Lee Townsend, Junie Peterson, Ewing Stubblefield, Anna Etta Brown,

Ruth Shoulders, Joan Atwell, Ann Alderson, Don Niestrath

#### **Elders:**

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#### Pennyrile Christian Counseling

Elizabeth B. Webb, LMFT, LCSW

To make an appointment, call 270-825-8746.

#### Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott

Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner

Tim Teel, Randy Travis