



West Seventh Church of Christ

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January 18, 2026

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Welcome Guests! We are honored that you joined us and hope that you will be blessed today.

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE ATTENDANCE PADS IN EACH PEW.

The **Information Center** has more details and is in the hallway as you exit the door to the left of the pulpit.

Gluten Free Communion is available in the foyer.

Hearing Assistance is available; see an usher for assistance.

TO ASSIST FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

Attended Nursery The Nursery is provided for children younger than two years of age. It is in the hallway as you exit the door to the left of the pulpit.

Cry Room This space in the Foyer is reserved for parents with young children only.

Nursing Rooms The Cry Room has a private room for nursing and an additional private room is just past the Nursery. Are available in the Cry Room, the men's & women's restrooms in the Family Center and the men's restroom adjacent to the Nursery.

Diaper Changes Parents wishing to rock a sleeping baby during worship may use this room to the right of the pulpit. These bags have helpful items for children and are available at the rear of the Auditorium.

Today

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:10 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 Bible Classes
- 11:30 Worship in Spanish

Small Group Bible Studies meet at various times. See Jon Bennett or Max Morrison to join a group. Anyone is welcome to join the group meeting in the Chapel at 4:00 today.

Tuesday, January 20

Ladies' Bible Class will meet at 10 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

Wednesday, January 21

Sewing Ministry will meet at 9 a.m. in the Outreach Center.

Bible Classes will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 25

Soup and Game Night at 5:00 in the Teen Center.

Friday & Saturday, February 13-14

"United by Hope" seminar - more details are at the Information Center or contact Linda James (931-626-0920).

Tuesday, February 17

Tennessee Children's Home Benefit Dinner will be February 17 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The address is 103 Hubble Circle, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Guest speakers will be Willie Franklin and James Franklin. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 per table of 8. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of Nutty Buddy Bars, small jars of peanut butter, and packaged peanut butter crackers.

Warming Station

There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center for those who would like to volunteer to help this winter. Contact Ricky or Julie Savage with any questions.

Directory Photos

Many of our directory photos need to be updated. To update yours, please send the photo to office@w7church.org or you may update it on the directory app.

Events

Check the bulletin board at the Information Center for a list of upcoming events in the area.



David and Amy Hendrixson grew up in Huntsville, Alabama and have been married for 42 years. They have two children. Their son, Taylor and his wife, Sara, live in Seattle, Washington. Their daughter, Beth, is married to Carter Thomas. They live in College Grove and have three sons - D. Wilson, Oliver and Remy. David and Amy bought a farm in Santa Fe in 2016 and moved

in 2020 to be closer to Beth and her growing family. David is EVP of Corporate Strategy for Daikin America. Amy is a retired art teacher who now enjoys wedding/event planning and flower gardening. They began working with the Young Marrieds' Ministry, with David teaching, in September 2021 when it was decided a new class was needed. He has been serving as a deacon for this ministry. David and Amy have been part of the Teen Grade Groups serving the 9th now 10th grade students since last year. And Baby Day is one of their most favorite Sundays at West 7th!



Chris and Michelle have been married for 35 years. Chris is a lifelong resident of Columbia and Michelle came from Kentucky in 1988 to teach at Columbia Academy. Chris has run the family business, Best Cleaners in Columbia and New Brand Cleaners in Brentwood since 1997. Michelle retired from teaching at CA after 21 years and spends her time now as a full time

grandma. The Shrader family has been members of West Seventh since 2002. Chris has served on international mission trips, and has served the congregation as a youth ministry deacon and benevolence coordinator. He facilitated Grief Share support group for three years and now leads a follow up grief support group. Michelle has served on mission trips abroad, taught ladies' classes, and served in the nursery. They also help with Coffee Fellowships on Sunday mornings. They have four children; Christian (Leah) Shrader, Sutherland (Tommy) Archibald, McKenna (Jordan) Taylor, and Cassidy (Hunter) Hodge. They have five grandchildren; Beau, Maverick, Harper James, and Campbell with another due in May. Chris and Michelle enjoy tending to the cows on their farm, fishing, cheering on the Tennessee football and Kentucky basketball teams, and spending time with their family.



James and Jennifer Thomas have been married for 25 years. They have three children - Andrew, 19, Luke, 18, and Caleb, 16. Jennifer is from Jackson, Tennessee and formerly worked as a nurse but now stays busy helping at Columbia Academy, sewing, and thrifting. James is the president of Columbia Academy and a native of Columbia. James has been a deacon

with the children's ministry for approximately 10 years. Together they have done mission work in Montana, the Bahamas, and Mexico. They enjoy serving as Small Group Bible Study leaders and teaching the four year old class.

Pray without ceasing

Sympathy

Is extended to Donna Estep and family on the death of her aunt, Jean Reeves, who passed away January 8. The visitation will be Monday, January 19, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville, TN.

Is extended to John and Karen Corn on the death of their son-in-law, Randy Bostic, who passed away January 15. He was the husband of their daughter, Amanda, and father to Reid and Kayleigh. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Reported sick this week:

Glen Stone is now under hospice care. No visitors are requested.

Vickie Cofer's father, Ralph Roach, is home recovering from pneumonia.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

Wayne Alderson	Jane Hawkins	Bob & Kerma Parrett
Harold Allen	David & Nancy Heffington	Margaret Parsons
Faye Bell	Olivia Howell	Sammy Salters
Xiomara Berland	Lenora Hunter	Lottie Umstead
Diane Campbell	Ken & Faye Jackson	Melinda Watts
Jim & Betty Carrigan	Janice Jernigan	Molly Watts
Ramona Cherry	Sue Jones	Carnice White
Ruby Dunn	Glenda Kennedy	Jacob Williams
George & Shirley Freeland	Winnie Love	

Friends and Family

Kathleen Cox's friend -
 AJ DeJarnette's mother -
 Lyndell Fox's sister -
 Sue Fox's friend -
 Linda James' daughter -
 Rob Johnson's friend -
 Shelby Johnson's mother -
 Lexington, VA Church preacher -
 Kevin LoRe's friend -
 David Mann's sister -
 Mark Marchal's mother-in-law -
 Carrie McCullough's niece -
 Sheila McDonald's mother -
 Cindy Netherland's mother -
 Andrea Stevens' brother -
 Glen & Shirley Stone's daughter -
 Shirley Stone's friend -
 The Tribbles' friend -
 Kelly Williams' brother-in-law -

Trina Sottek
 Deborah Grimes
 Connie Howell
 Gina Robinson
 Tracy Rogers
 Tammy Bradley
 Barbara Massey
 Page Barnes
 Tammi Ettinger
 Mary Jo Bertie
 Sandy Casey
 Hattie Fields
 Frances Byrd
 Marlene Smesler
 Derek Orban
 Tracy Bolton
 Max Hill
 Phyllis Neely
 Bill Ford

Preparing to Marry

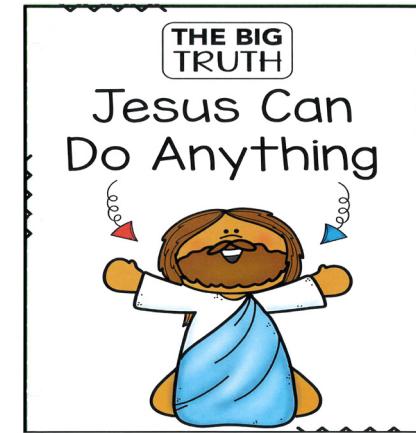
Todd Beasley & Megan Easterday
 Will Pike & Libby Love

Expectant Parents

Carson & Sydni Cary
 Chris & Courtney Loftis
 Tucker & Baylie Vincent
 Max & Brooke Morrison
 Hardin & Ashley Caroline Johnson



Suzi Parrett
 615-693-9427



Nathan Graham	865-415-7356
Annabeth Graham	931-215-8697
Jacob Love	931-797-1399
Jacob Hunnicutt	615-517-4761
Eric Nash	615-351-8384
Ben Jones	931-698-1206

Today - Student Ministry Small Group
 Teen Center | 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Wear clothes appropriate for gym use.

January 21 - Plus One and Grade Groups
 Teen Center | 6:00 p.m.
 Bring a friend!

We are now using GroupMe
 for communication.
 Scan the QR code to join.



Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	550
Auditorium	514
Spanish Speaking	22
The Bridge	14
Wednesday Classes	208
Contribution	\$18,795

Online Giving QR Code



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Appointment of New Elders

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Introduction:

To the elders:

"Be shepherds..."

To the church:

"Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work..."

Acknowledgment of current elders:

Bill Alsup	Mike Kesler
Tom Anderson	John Law
Steve Cofer	John Simmons
John Corn	John Smith
Marty DeJarnette	Jeff White

Appointment of additional elders:

David Hendrixon
Chris Shrader
James Thomas

Scripture (1 Peter 5:1-4) Jeff White

Prayer for new elders John Simmons

Affirmation Congregation

Prayer for the church Tom Anderson

Invitation

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Ben Selbe
Shine, Jesus Shine - 968
Scripture ReadingBill Bailey
John 8:12
Prayer.....Jamie Hubbell
Soon and Very Soon
Someday
Gratitude
Communion.....Bryce Davidson
Offering
Make Me a Servant
Blessed Assurance - 71
Message.....Randy Owens
In Need
Announcements and
Shepherd's Blessing.....Bill Alsup

Nursery - Emily Anderson & Jane Wells

Sunday Adult Classes

College/Young Pro Marty DeJarnette
"Unexplainable Jesus" Room 306
What Made Jesus Appealing

Young Marrieds David Hendrixson
The Wisdom of Proverbs Room 307

Young Families Barry England
The Chosen Tyler Sells
OC - Tennessee Room

Homebuilders Jon Bennett
Great Chapters of the Bible David Esslinger
Rush Holladay
T.V. Studio

Adults Joel Oswalt
Genesis Chapel

Adults Tom Anderson
God is Light Auditorium

Adults Bill Alsup
1 Corinthians Room 214

Spanish Speaking Elyar Sanchez
Room 212

Wednesday Adult Classes

Adult Class Chapel
Meditations in Genesis Lee Lantzer

Ladies' Class T.V. Studio
Mama Bear Apologetics Leah Shrader
Katie Davidson

Men's Class Room 214
Ezekiel Chris Loftis

Precepts OC - Maury Room
Study of 2 Kings Randy Owens



Open

- If you could only pass on one piece of advice to your children, family, or friends, what would it be and why?

Scripture, Discussion and Application

This week, our SGBS leaders have the choice to lead their groups through structured prayer time or this study guide, and we trust their discernment to do what's best for each group. Our study guide this week pulls from a three-part sermon series from Darwin Mason Jr. at the Hillsboro Church of Christ on "Good Grief." There are ways that God does, and the Church and people should, respond to grief that are informed by scripture to help us mourn in holiness. We'll dive into each to be reminded that part of grief is remembering that even when in the darkest of times, God is still good, and He's near.

God and Grief

Read the following scripture:

Psalm 138

Background and context: This is one of David's last psalms, so it was written from a place of maturity and heartache, knowing that David had been through some horrible things – the loss of sons, betrayal by friends and family, adultery, murder, and more. But that means this psalm was also informed by what he's learned through his grief.

Key points:

- V. 1 - Giving thanks is a whole-hearted effort and shows extreme spiritual maturity when you give thanks through bad circumstances.
- V. 2 – God loves us and is faithful because of His name and who He is, not because of who we are.
- V. 3 – When we call out to Him, God answers.
- V. 8 – God's plan will come to pass.

Discuss: Are there any lessons you've learned in life you only know because of a hard time you went through? If so, what are they?

Exodus 14:10-18

Background and context: The Egyptians are chasing the Israelites and the people are complaining to Moses that they would rather have stayed as slaves, so they cry out to God.

Key points:

- V. 15 – Like the psalm, the Israelites cried out to the Lord and He answered not by taking away their troubling circumstances but by giving direction and telling them to just keep moving forward.

Discuss: Can you think of a situation where it felt like your only option was to keep moving forward? Did it work?

Isaiah 40:31

Key point: God gives strength to those who wait for Him. The Hebrew word for renew really means to exchange - so God is taking away what was left of you and giving you His own new strength.

Discuss: Has there ever been a time in life when you've felt divine strength help you through a situation?

Mark 4:35-41

Key point: This was a huge storm, and the boat was at risk of going under but that didn't even wake Jesus. When we're dealing with grief, we can feel like we're going under! But the external circumstances aren't what concern God. It's the people and their needs who concern God.

Discuss: Have you ever felt you're in the midst of a significant storm? How did you feel God answered you?

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Key point: Sometimes God answers our situation not with removal but with grace, and that's good enough even if the thorn remains.

Discuss: Are there examples in your life when a bad situation didn't end but God's grace was enough for you? To summarize – when you're going through tough things, call on God because He'll answer.

The Church and Grief

Whether we like it or not, we'll be called to help someone with their grief at some point. How we respond in those moments can either complete their healing or make things much worse. We'll recap a few things from Job.

Read Job 2:9-13.

Background and context: Remember Job was righteous but lost all he had in a matter of minutes.

Key points: V.9 – People grieve in different ways.
It's easy to judge Job's wife but she lost all the same things he did.
V. 11 – These are good friends. They're coming to comfort their friend and in the subsequent verses their actions show their love for Job is genuine even if they fall short in some ways.

Discuss: Has there been a time in your life when someone's presence while you're grieving has been enough?

In the next several chapters, Job talks with his friends, and it doesn't go well. It is good to remember that grieving is emotional, not logical.

Key point – When someone's grieving, presence can be more important than anything you might say!
Don't throw Romans 8:28 at people who are hurting.

Discuss: Do you have any examples in life of when you said something trying to help and it only made a situation worse?

Takeaways:

- Be *patient* when people are grieving – there's no expiration date with grief.
- *Pause* to give time for God to work as only He can.
- *Presence* – be there for the people you love.

People and Grief

Read 2 Samuel 12:15-24.

Background and context: Try not to think of this within the context of whether or not David deserved this but instead through the lens of David's suffering – the loss of his son.

Key points: Worship allows us to be closer to God and give Him whatever we're dealing with.
Daily and true worship relieves us of our struggles because it reminds us God is still in control.
Grief pulls you inward but worship pulls you upward. The presence of the Lord is within us and it's one of the reasons it's still important for us to get together.
Being together, filled with the Holy Spirit, is where what we can do as individuals ties into what the church can do – we can be there to comfort each other, hold joy for each other, keep faith for each other, praise God together, cry together, and hope together.

And at the end of this section of scripture, realize the terrible thing you're grieving isn't the end.
You can keep on going. Read v. 24 again – once we've grieved, we can help others going through it and encourage them!

Discuss: Do we really understand the power and intimacy of true worship?
What's the most significant or most meaningful thing someone's done for you while you're grieving?

Close in prayer for any specific requests and that in times of grief, we will draw near to God and each other.