



West Seventh Church of Christ

Striving to be
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followers of Jesus
Discipling
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Serving
Loving

October 18, 2026

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Staff

Barry England	Marriage/Family
Nathan Graham	Student
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Suzi Parrett	Children

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Iris Jones	Ministry Assistant
Julie Savage	Ministry Assistant
David Ward	Facilities

Spanish Speaking

Elyar Sanchez	615-853-4627
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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.

Diaper Changes 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.

Prayer Room Parents wishing to rock a sleeping baby during worship may use this room to the right of the stage.

Quiet Bags These bags have helpful items for children and are available at the rear of the Auditorium.

Today's Schedule

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

Evening - Small Group Bible Studies meet at various times. See Jon Bennett to join a group. Anyone is welcome to join the group meeting in the Chapel at 4:00 p.m.

Today

Starting Sunday, October 18, join the Young Families in the OC - Tennessee Room during Bible class for an important discussion on protecting our children online and on social media. We'll explore current trends, online risks and practical ways parents can help keep their children safe in an ever-changing digital world. **Don't miss this opportunity to become better informed and equipped to protect your family!**

Tuesday, October 20

Ladies' Bible Class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and study the book of Nehemiah. Childcare will be provided.

Wednesday, October 21

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

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

Sunday, October 25

Trunk or Treat - 5:00 p.m. Due to popular demand, everything will be held inside this year! See the Information Center to volunteer to host a "trunk" or to bring items for the cake walk. If you have questions, please contact Tucker or Baylie Vincent.

Service Station

- To help with birthday cupcakes, please see Kim Forsthoff.
- To help financially, you may give a check to the office or Mike Forsthoff. Put "Service Station" in the memo section. See the Service Station bulletin board for details.

Upcoming PrimeTimers' Events

October 26 -Potluck and "Prime Time Percussion"

December 7 - Christmas Play in Lawrenceburg

Secret Sisters

Don't forget to check for gifts in the Deacons' Room behind the baptistry.

Attendance Pads

There is an attendance pad on each pew. Please register (guests at the top and members at the bottom) and pass down the row. During the shepherd's blessing, pass the sheets to the inside aisles for the young men to collect. If you notice a guest listed, be sure to introduce yourself and offer to help them find their way to our Coffee Fellowship and to a Bible class.

Welcome

Jack & Rebekah Bouchard
Hannah Ruth & Margot
100 Elliott Ct.
Columbia, TN 38401



Office Staff Update

We are pleased to announce that Iris Jones has joined our church staff as a ministry assistant. Julie Savage joined our staff last month and they will make a great team. A very special thank you goes to Rachel Basham for handling all the financial matters during the interim. Julie will now be responsible for those duties.



Iris Jones
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Julie Savage
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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Items Needed:
Beans (15 oz - not green beans)
Green Peas
Peaches
Soup

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	447
Auditorium	409
Spanish Speaking	19
The Bridge	19
Wednesday	-
Contribution (10/4)	\$21,014
Contribution (10/11)	\$18,931

Online Giving QR Code



BUILDING TO SERVE
UPREACH FOR OUTREACH

BUILDING TO SERVE GOAL: \$2,500,000

RECEIVED AS OF October 16, 2026: \$1,775,546.40

Please return the response cards as soon as possible.

Pray without ceasing

Reported sick this week:

Suzi Parrett is recovering an infection from a tick bite. She is expected to return home soon.

Dee Westmoreland is having serious heart issues.

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

Amy Sanchez's grandmother, Edith Long, is in Shelbyville Hospital with pneumonia.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

Wayne Alderson	Jane Hawkins	Suzi Parrett
Chris Allen	David & Nancy Heffington	Bob & Kerma Parrett
Harold Allen	Perry Henegar	Sammy Salters
Faye Bell	Olivia Howell	Amanda Shires
Nancy Bennett	Lenora Hunter	Lottie Umstead
Xiomara Berland	Ken & Faye Jackson	Melinda Watts
Jim & Betty Carrigan	Janice Jernigan	Molly Watts
Ramona Cherry	* Glenda Kennedy	Carnice White
Ruby Dunn	Winnie Love	Jacob Williams
George & Shirley Freeland	Shirley Oakley	

Friends and Family

Carol Carnahan's father -	John Williams
Vickie Cofer's father -	Ralph Roach
AJ DeJarnette's mother -	Deborah Grimes
Tina England's father -	Gene Carter
Jimmy & Carol Fann's son -	Paul Fann
Lyndell Fox's sister -	Connie Howell
Sue Fox's friend -	Gina Robinson
Paul & Cyndy Gibson's friend -	Joseph Miller
Calvin Jackson's sister-in-law -	Carla Davis
C.T. Johnson's friend -	David Upchurch
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Joy Jones' mother -	Peggy Knox
Kevin LoRe's friend -	Tammi Ettinger
David Mann's sister -	Mary Jo Bertie
Carrie McCullough's niece -	Hattie Fields
Sheila McDonald's mother -	Frances Byrd
Andrea Stevens' brother -	Derek Orban
Shirley Stone's daughter -	Tracy Bolton
Shirley Stone's friend -	Max Hill
Jim & Carrol Tribbles' friend -	Phyllis Neely
Tamara Trulove's mother	Sharon Yost
Tod & Tamara Trulove's friend	Jackson Putnam
David Ward's brother -	Albert Ward
Ramona Ward's friend -	Mary Sue Dalton
Kelly Williams' brother-in-law -	Bill Ford
Burton Williams' mother -	Virginia Williams

Preparing to Marry

Jackson DeJarnette & Morgan Wrigley

Expectant Parents

Josh & Hannah Cottrill
Landon & Josie Prentice
Eli & Olivia Todd



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PRESCHOOL PLAY DAY

Monday, October 19 9:30-11 a.m.

For moms (dads & grandparents) with young kiddos
Enjoy visiting with other adults while the kids run and play in the Gym with bouncy balls, Legos, hoola hoops, and bounce houses!
Invite your friends! Light snacks & drinks provided.

W7 STUDENT MINISTRY

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

HALLOWEEN BASH: Oct. 18 @ Rob & Stephanie Cofer's house. Small Group and Halloween party, more info coming soon.

GULF YOUTH EXPERIENCE:
A Christian youth conference in Orange Beach, AL. Jan. 15-18, 2027. Find more info in GroupMe and see Nathan with questions. Register by Oct. 25 by scanning the QR code.



WINTER RETREAT: Dec 11-13 @ NaCoMe. \$30 per person. Register by Nov 15 by scanning the QR code.



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TEXT: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4

Introduction: Jesus continues to explain about life in His Kingdom.

Keep a Godly _____

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For they will be comforted.

Through _____

Through _____

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Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Tucker Vincent

We Shall Assemble - 982

Scripture Reading Chris Allen

Revelation 5:9-12

Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims - 247

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand - 244

Mansion, Robe and Crown

Prayer Jackson Beasley

Cornerstone

Highest Place

Communion.....Anthony Petrochko

Offering

Softly and Tenderly - 584

This World is Not My Home - 684

Message.....Randy Owens

How Great is Our God

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....Bill Alsup

Nursery - Katie Freeman & Shelby Johnson

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Classes

Young Adults John Corn
Bible Based Life Decisions Room 306

Young Marrieds Chris Loftis & David Hendrixson
Sermon on the Mount Room 307

Young Families Barry England & Tyler Sells
Protecting Our Children in the Digital Age
OC-Tennessee Room

Homebuilders Jon Bennett, David Esslinger
Acts & Rush Holladay
OC -Maury Room

Adults Joel Oswalt
Genesis Chapel

Adults Tom Anderson
God is Light Auditorium

Adults John Simmons
Biblical Teaching on Contemporary Issues Room 214

Spanish Speaking Room 212
Elyar Sanchez

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Adult Classes

Ladies' Class Tina England
Lessons from Mayberry Michelle Shrader
T.V. Studio

Men's Class Taft Ayers
The Iron Edge - Brotherhood that Cuts Room 214

Adult Class Phillip Young, Sr
James Chapel

Precepts Study of Romans Randy Owens
Discipling Room 102



Open:

How easily do you cry? Have you always been that way?

Sometimes we hear someone refer to a "good cry." What is meant by that?

Yet, crying in the presence of others can be awkward. Why is that true?

Dig: Scripture & Discussion

Before we jump into a study and discussion about mourning, we need to clarify the cause - or what is prompting the mourning. Last week, the lesson was on the first beatitude - "Blessed are those who are poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God" (Matthew 5:3). Answer the following questions as a review?

Have you ever struggled to understand what Jesus meant by poor in spirit? What are some of the ways this beatitude is misunderstood?

In your own words, how do you define poor in spirit?

In the parable of the tax collector and pharisee praying in the temple (Luke 18:9-14), why was one poor in spirit and the other was not? Discuss.

What is the benefit of being poor in spirit?

How do we become poor in spirit?

Once we recognize our spiritual bankruptcy, how should we respond? What is the appropriate reaction? Jesus followed the first beatitude (about the poor in spirit) by saying, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4). How are these two connected?

Everyone likes a story with a happy ending, right? Yet, that is not always true in life. Open your Bible and review Hebrews 11:1-35. Is there a person or story of overcoming that is a favorite to you? Why?

Now read Hebrews 11:36-40. This last section includes stories of immense suffering, persecution and death. Why do we tend to focus on the victory stories and skip over the stories where the people of God were not delivered (in this life) from these dire circumstances?

Why is it good for us to understand and appreciate both?

Isaiah described Jesus as, "A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isiah 53:3). Hebrews 5:7 says, "During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission." When Lazarus died, we know Jesus' weeping was not just about his death. Matthew 23:37 records Jesus' emotions about the people of Jerusalem. What do all these passages tell us about Jesus?

Reflect: Make it Real

To be like Jesus, how can we keep a Godly burden over the sin of the world? Do you ever cry over the sin of another person, our nation, the world?

What about our own sin? How can we keep a Godly sorrow over the sin in our own hearts?

Discuss John Stott's comment. "I fear that we evangelical Christians, by making much of grace, sometimes thereby, make light of sin."

Jesus promised that those who mourn will be comforted. How does God comfort? How have you experienced this to be true?

Close in prayer: