



# West Seventh Church of Christ

Striving to be  
completely committed  
followers of Jesus  
Discipling  
Equipping  
Serving  
Loving

**December 7, 2025**

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**Welcome Guests!** We are honored that you joined us and hope that you will be blessed by your time with us.

### 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 pulpit.

**Quiet Bags** 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.

## Monday, December 8

Ladies' Holiday Party at 6:00 p.m. in the OC - Tennessee Room. No cost. Bring one gift \$25 or under for a fun gift exchange. There will also be an optional ornament exchange. Sign up at the Information Center to attend and to bring a dish for the potluck meal or use the QR code. Contact Amy Sanchez (615-853-4626) with any questions.



## Tuesday, December 9

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

## Wednesday, December 10

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

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

## Thursday, December 11

The Primetimers will have a Holiday Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the OC - Tennessee Room.

## Saturday, December 20

The Carmack Church of Christ welcomes our help with a "Christmas Blessings" giveaway of 300 food boxes. Register online ([carmackchurch.org](http://carmackchurch.org)) to be one of 100 volunteers or to donate funds to cover the \$12,000 needed. Above all, pray for the families who need this help to see Christ in our efforts.

## Wednesday, December 24

No Bible classes or devotional. Enjoy time with family.

## Wednesday, December 31

No Bible classes or devotional. Enjoy time with family.

**HOLIDAY HOPE**

Gifts are due Sunday, December 14,  
or bring them to the church office anytime before.

Donations for gifts and/or food may be given to any elder or minister or place your donation in the mail slot in the office door. (Envelopes are provided for you to note that your donation is for Holiday Hope.) See Bill or Andrea Stevens with questions or to get a card.

## Thank You

Thank you for your kind words and support for our special 70th anniversary event. We are so grateful for our West 7th family's love and encouragement. -James & Rosemarry Richey.

## People's Table

We will be the hosting church for the People's Table on December 9. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal and should arrive at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. To help offset the cost of the meal, make your check to West 7th and note People's Table in the memo line or donate online. Contact Rickey or Julie Savage with any questions.

## Warming Station

There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center for those who would like to volunteer to help this winter.

## Time Capsule

We are creating a time capsule. Please fill out the page titled "What's Your West Seventh Story?" in the back of the 100 year Celebration magazine and take a picture or make a copy and email it to the church office ([office@w7church.org](mailto:office@w7church.org)) or put it in the mail slot in the office door. The deadline is December 31. Please contact Bill Alsop with any questions.

## No Ball Playing

Children are welcome to play in the Gym after Bible Classes, but ball playing will not be allowed.

**Wrapped**

**\$150 PER PERSON**  
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE  
PAY ON CHURCH WEBSITE  
SELECT LADIES RETREAT

**REGISTER BY**  
DECEMBER 23  
LATE REGISTRATION DOES NOT  
ENSURE TSHIRT

**WEST 7TH LADIES RETREAT 2026**  
**JANUARY 23-25**  
THE VISION - HUNTSVILLE AL

SPEAKERS - CELIA OWENS - HALEY SCHMIDT - LAUREN PINKSTON

## Pray without ceasing

### Sympathy

Is extended to Kelsey Fulks and family on the death of her father, Dave Bucknam of Peoria, IL. He passed away November 26, and the funeral was December 6.

### Reported sick this week:

Betty Carrigan is in NHC-Maury, room 2306, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Olivia Howell is scheduled for hand surgery December 11.

Dale Robinson is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

### Continue to Pray...

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

### Friends and Family

Anna Ault's father -	Bobby Bishop
Vickie Cofer's father -	Ralph Roach
Kathleen Cox's friend -	Trina Sottek
Marynelle Criswell's son -	Mike Criswell
AJ DeJarnette's mother -	Deborah Grimes
Lyndell Fox's sister -	Connie Howell
Sue Fox's friend -	Gina Robinson
Linda James' daughter -	Tracy Rogers
Rob Johnson's friend -	Tammy Bradley
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Lexington, VA Church preacher -	Page Barnes
David Mann's sister -	Mary Jo Bertie
Mark Marchal's mother-in-law -	Sandy Casey
Carrie McCullough's niece -	Hattie Fields
Sheila McDonald's mother -	Frances Byrd
Steve McEwen's friend -	Tim Rountree
Cindy Netherland's mother -	Marlene Smesler
Andrea Stevens' brother -	Derek Orban
Glen & Shirley Stone's daughter -	Tracy Bolton
Shirley Stone's friend -	Max Hill
The Tribbles' friend -	Phyllis Neely
Kelly Williams' brother-in-law -	Bill Ford

### Preparing to Marry

Todd Beasley & Megan Easterday

### Expectant Parents

Carson & Sydni Cary

Tucker & Baylie Vincent

Hardin & Ashley Caroline Johnson



**Suzi Parrett**  
615-693-9427



Jacob Love	931-797-1399
Jacob Hunnicutt	615-517-4761
Eric Nash	615-351-8384
Ben Jones	931-698-1206

**December 10 - Singing with Coach Mote**  
Bring your own meal  
6:15 p.m.

**December 17 - Plus One and Christmas Party**  
6:00 p.m.

**Communication Update:**  
We are using the REMIND app to communicate events and information.  
To download the app: **text @w7yg to 81010.**

### Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	451
Auditorium	409
Spanish Speaking	20
The Bridge	22
Wednesday Classes	215
Contribution	\$17,291

### Online Giving QR Code



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TEXT: Romans 8:14-17

Introduction/Review:      Gift 1 - Freed              vv. 1-8  
    Gift 2 - Empowered      vv. 9-13

What kind of father is God?

As a father, God is \_\_\_\_\_ - not \_\_\_\_\_

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*And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

*Galatians 4:6-7 ESV*

## Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Tucker Vincent

*Joy to the World - 376*

Scripture Reading .....Ethan Parham

1 Chronicles 16:23-29

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah - 200*

*We're Marching to Zion - 111*

*This World is Not My Home - 684*

Prayer.....Eric Bryant

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - 467*

*Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You - 947*

Communion.....Jon Bennett

Offering

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

Message.....Randy Owens

*Trust and Obey - 714*

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....Mike Kesler

Nursery - Mary Murphy & Lora Taylor

## 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  
 Galatians              Room 214  
 Ephesians

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 1 Kings              Randy Owens





## Open

- What did you call your father as a child? As an adult?
- How has your relationship with your earthly father impacted your relationship with your Heavenly Father?

## Scripture, Discussion and Application

Leading up to Christmas, we are studying five gifts in Romans chapter 8. We discussed the first gift - FREED - in our previous Small Group Bible Study. The next gift is EMPOWERED and describes the blessing the Holy Spirit is for God's children.

Read Romans 8:9-13. Spend a few minutes discussing the following questions to review this amazing gift.

- Who is the Spirit?
- Why do I need the Spirit?
- Do I have the Spirit living within me?
- How do I live in the Spirit?

Often we read of the disciples being "filled with the Spirit" after they had already received the gift of the Spirit. One commentary explained that phrase to mean under the control or power of the Spirit. It was because of the Spirit's power, the person was able to do, act, or speak. With that understanding, what do you think of the statement below?

"You have as much of the Spirit as you wish to have."

Read Romans 8:14-17 and consider what our adoption tells us about God, what kind of father God is, and what being ADOPTED means for us.

**As a father, God is \_\_\_\_\_ - not \_\_\_\_\_**

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear" (Romans 8:15). Have you ever thought of God as restrictive and confining? What helped you to move past that and see God for how loving He is?

**As a father, God is \_\_\_\_\_ - not \_\_\_\_\_**

"You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" (Romans 8:15). Jesus is Emmanuel - "God with us!" What does it mean to you that you may address God as "Abba Father?" What is your preferred way to address God when speaking about Him or to Him? Why? When or how do you sense the comforting presence of God best?

**As a father, God is \_\_\_\_\_ - not \_\_\_\_\_**

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:16). "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1). What does it mean to you that God chose to adopt you into His family with all the rights and privileges that come with that blessing?

**As a father, God is \_\_\_\_\_ - not \_\_\_\_\_**

"And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:17). "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God" (Galatians 4:6-7). What do you consider your most treasured benefit of being God's child?

**Close with prayer to Abba Father:** What do you feel compelled to tell Him? What do you need from Him?