



West Seventh Church of Christ

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April 16, 2023

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

Attended 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/Nursing Room is available in the foyer. Please reserve this room for those with young children.

Gluten Free Communion is available in the foyer.

Hearing Assistance is available; see an usher for assistance.

Information Center has details about ministries, classes, and more. It is in the hallway as you exit the door to the left of the pulpit.

Quiet Bags for children are available at the rear of the Auditorium.

Senior Sunday is April 23! See inside for additional details!



Dane Bennett
Columbia Academy



Kennedy Chatman
Columbia Academy



Crismon Cofer
Columbia Academy



Bella Estep
Columbia Academy



Hayden Harrison
Columbia Academy



Molly McDonald
Columbia Academy



Gavin Morgan
Columbia Academy



Ben Murphy
Columbia Academy



Derek Young
Columbia Academy

COMING UP

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Bible Classes
11:30 a.m. Worship in Spanish

This Afternoon

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bridal Tea for Catherine Cox and Davis Cofer in the Fireside Room

Tonight

N.T. WORLD CLASS @5
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS - 11 a.m.

Wednesday

SEWING MINISTRY - 9 a.m.

BIBLE CLASSES - 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday

N.T. WORLD CLASS @5
CONNECT



Meet today at various times.

GOOD NEWS!

Ben Murphy was baptized on April 2. He is the son of Joel and Mary Murphy.

Ryan and Mayer Shirley were baptized on April 9. They are the daughters of Cason and Randi Shirley and the granddaughters of Jim and Carol Tribble.

Bridal Tea



Ladies are invited to a bridal tea for Catherine Cox, bride-elect of Davis Cofer, today from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Catherine is the daughter of Chad and Amy Cox. Davis is the son of Steve and Vickie Cofer. They are registered at Amazon, Crate and Barrel, Target, and Ye Peddler.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jacob and Maria Williams on the birth of their daughter, Lucy James Williams. She was born on April 7. Steve and Vickie Cofer are the grandparents. Bob and Judy Cofer are the great grandparents.



Welcome



Kelly and Shelia McDonald
Molly, Brady, Francie,
Bethany, Landry & Ramsey
102 Deerview Drive
Columbia, TN 38401

ADDRESS UPDATE

Timothy and Delonia Lawrence's address is 4030 Deer Run Trace, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

SEWING MINISTRY

The sewing ministry is in need of new or used M, L, and XL t-shirts. Please drop off donations in the sewing room.

Bridal Tea



Ladies are invited to a bridal tea for Laurel Phillips, bride-elect of Kalum Jones on April 30 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Laurel is the daughter of Doug and Jennifer Phillips. They are registered at Target.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Jack Alderson. He passed away April 6 and the funeral was April 10.

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	589
9:00 service	550
Spanish speaking	22
The Bridge	17
Wednesday Contribution	202
	\$25,260

Sunday Mornings

Worship 9:00
Coffee Fellowship 10:10
Bible Classes 10:30

Sunday Evenings

First & Third- SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES
NT World class meets in Chapel @5
Second- HOME DEVOTIONALS
NT World class meets in Chapel @5
Fourth- CONNECT
Meets in Teen Center @6
NT World class meets in Chapel @5

Wednesday Evenings

Bible Classes 6:30

Spanish Speaking

Elyar Sanchez 615-853-4627
Moises Garcia 615-734-7200
Sunday Morning Bible Classes 10:30
Morning Worship 11:30

Staff

Barrett Bingham Office - 388-6514
Barry England Student
Randy Owens Marriage/Family
Suzi Parrett Preaching
Laurel Burton Children
Lauren Kennedy Ministry Assistant
David Ward Ministry Assistant
Facilities

Elders

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Tom Anderson 615-351-6239
Steve Cofer 615-519-1228
John Corn 540-230-8713
Marty DeJarnette 797-2387
Wade Denney 615-290-3585
Mike Kesler 797-3555
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Sonny Lee 698-6533
John Simmons 626-5524
John M. Smith 388-5841
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 Jacob Love 931-797-1399
 Jacob Hunnicutt 615-517-4761
 Eric Nash 615-351-8384
 Ben Jones 931-698-1206

Spring and Summer 2023 Event Calendar

April 16 - Devo @ Jamie and Penny Hubbell's House
 April 23 - Senior Sunday
 May 7 - Move Up Sunday & Area Wide Worship (Southgate)
 May 14 - Devo @ Jackson and Lauren Cary's House
 May 24 - Interns Arrive/Last Plus One of the school year
 June 4-9 - Maury Christian Camp (Week 1)
 June 13 - Amusement Park Day
 June 17-22 - Mission Adventure: Michigan!
 June 25-28 - Senior Adventure: Asheville!
 July 2-7 - Horizons @ Freed-Hardeman University
 July 10-12 - Vacation Bible School @ W7
 July 10, 17, 24 - Mission Muletown Mondays
 August 2 - Intern Farewell Party

Plus worship, Bible class, intern events, swim meets, and LOTS more! Sign up for events at w7sm.org/events.

Potluck & SENIOR SUNDAY

There will be a potluck lunch in lieu of CONNECT on Sunday, April 23, to honor the Class of 2023 graduating seniors. Meat will be provided. Baskets are set up in the Family Center for each senior. Please feel free to leave a gift or card!





April 25 - Potluck lunch and Trivia in the Teen Center
 May 16 - Lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's in Lynchburg
 June 14 - Potluck lunch and Butter Bean Auction in the Teen Center
 July 14 - Play at Crockett Theater in Lawrenceburg

Pray without ceasing

Reported sick this week:

Eric Karkau is recovering from eye surgery.

Glenda Kesler is recovering from surgery.

Donna Rickman is recovering from eye surgery.

Shelia McDonald's mother, Frances Byrd has been moved to rehab facility in Memphis to recover from her injuries sustained in a automobile accident.

Recovering | extended illnesses | homebound:

Faye Bell	Sue Jones	Glen Stone
Xiomara Berland	Porter King	Carolyn Turnmyre
Diane Campbell	Dolores Love	Sue Warrington
Ramona Cherry	Margaret Parsons	Melinda Watts
Ruby Dunn	Bettie Pogue	Molly Watts
David & Nancy Heffington	Sammy Salters	Jean Worley
Perry Henegar	Jim Sexton	Juanita Westmoreland
Janice Jernigan		

Family & Friends:

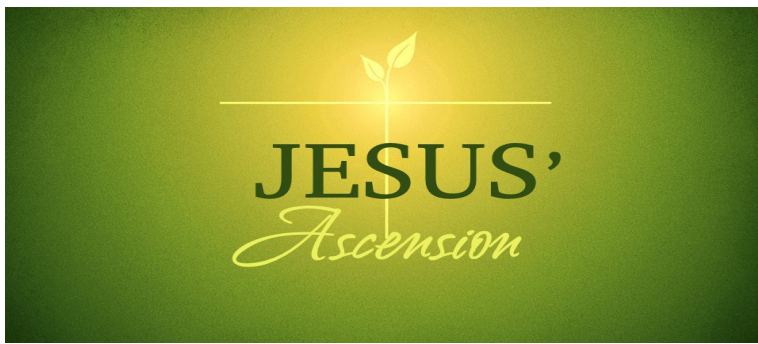
Billy Brooks' brother -	Sammy Brooks
Billy Brooks' son-in-law -	Jim Bradshaw
Marynelle Criswell's brother -	Nelson Alsup
Steve & Donna Estep's son -	Chad Estep
Jamie & Penny Hubbell's friends -	Scott & Gina Turner
Ginger Jackson's sister -	Mary Alice George
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Ben Jones's uncle -	Philip Crews
Mark Marchal's mother-in-law -	Sandy Casey
Bettie Pogue's son-in-law -	Michael Semore
Lori Rubert's great aunt -	Mildred Philpot
Emily Selbe's grandfather -	Marvin Rickett
Andrea Steven's brother -	Derek Orban
Glenn & Shirley Stone's daughter -	Tracy Bolton
Suzanne Turner's niece -	Kristin Gwaltney
Jeff White's parents -	Paul & Carol White
Patrick Yerman's mother -	Mary Lou Yerman

Preparing to Marry:

Laurel Phillips & Kalum Jones
 Davis Cofer & Catherine Cox
 Cassidy Shrader & Hunter Hodge
 Molly Murphy & Blane Harris
 Justin Cook & Nicole Anderson
 Sutherland Shrader & Tommy Archibald
 Parker Trulove & Tori Beard

Expectant Parents:

Hunter & Shelby Johnson	Andrew & Stacey Meadows
Ben & Emily Selbe	



TEXT: Acts 1:3-11

Introduction: Do you ever make an exit strategy?

Jesus' _____

The Angels' _____

The Disciples' _____

They _____

They _____

Why is the ascension important to the Christian?

Conclusion: Is it better to have God in the flesh with us
or to have God's Spirit dwell in us?

Order of Worship

Scripture ReadingJonathan Tatom

Psalm 67

Song LeaderMarty DeJarnette

Lord, I Lift your Name on High - 953

Hosanna - 934

Marvelous Things

Praise The Lord - 531

Prayer.....Joel Murphy

O Listen to the Wondrous Story - 482

Living Hope

Communion.....Chris Shrader

Amazing Grace! - 36

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Amazing Grace! - 36

Magnificat

Message.....Randy Owens

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Shepherd Blessing.....Phillip Young, Sr.

NurseryLisa Bennett

Laurie Davis

Adult Classes

College/Young Pro The Radical Disciple
Room 306

Young Marrieds The Chosen
Room 212

Young Families The Chosen
Room 214

Homebuilders 1 Corinthians
TV Studio

Adults Luke/Acts
Chapel

Adults Foundations for Christians
Auditorium

Adults Philippians
Fireside Room

Spanish Speaking Class Room 307

Wednesday Adult Classes

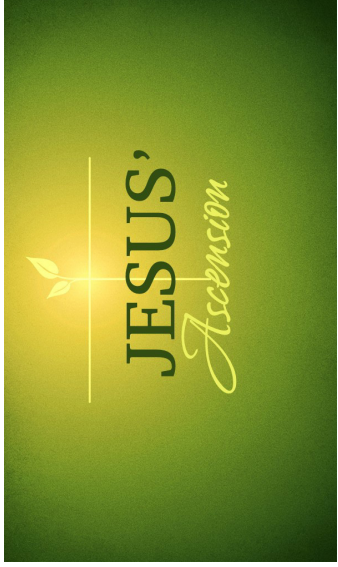
Ladies' Class T.V. Studio

Men's Class Room 214

Discovering God in the Psalms Auditorium

1 Corinthians Chapel

Precepts Study of Hebrews Fireside Room



Open:

- Do you ever plan ahead and have an "exit strategy" when you commit to attend an event? What are some things you say to your friends or spouse about when or how to leave?

Scripture, Discussion & Application

Last week we studied the resurrection. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-19. This is a rather lengthy reading, but these verses share some key truths about the death, burial, and especially the resurrection.

The point was made in the lesson that the resurrection is foundational. Just before bringing Lazarus back to life, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Why is the resurrection so important? How would you explain the effects of the resurrection to your non-believing friends? What other religion claims power over death? What if Jesus had not been resurrected?

Look at Matthew 28 and talk about some of the details regarding the resurrection.

- What supernatural phenomenon occurred in verse 2?
- How are the angels described?
- How did the guards respond?
- Why, do you suppose, Jesus' first appearance was to women?
- Why would the chief priests and elders devise a plan? What was their motive? What did the resurrection of Jesus mean to them?

In his commentary, Acts Bible Companion, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, wrote, "The book of Acts, sometimes called the fifth Gospel, is a continuation of the four Gospels. Matthew concludes with the Resurrection, Mark with the Ascension, Luke with the promise of the Holy Spirit, and John with the promise of the Second Coming - all of these funnel down into the first chapter of Acts." Read Acts 1:3-11 and discuss the following questions.

What would it have been like to be with Jesus during one of the times He "showed himself" to his disciples?

Discuss the explanation given by the angels. Was this explanation necessary? Why? What do you think the disciples understood at that moment? What do you appreciate about Jesus' ascension?

The ascension of Jesus was part of a significant transition in God's plan. Talk about the ten days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost. Try to put yourselves in their shoes - what would that have been like?

Acts 1:14 tells us they were together constantly in prayer. What do you think they were asking God? How would you have prayed?

Jesus told His disciples in John 16:7, "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." Discuss why this is better.

Acts 2 is a pivotal chapter in many ways. Read verses 1-4 and then 36-41. When these people "accepted his message" and were baptized, what did they understand? What was the message they understood?

Close in prayer.

Pray for God to help you to grasp the importance of these foundational truths. While they are theologically significant, they are also life-changing. Pray for faith to be able to firmly answer Jesus' question, "Do you believe this?" with more sincerity and conviction than ever.