



West Seventh Church of Christ

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May 3, 2026

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Cox Middle School Sports Banquet



Each year we host the Cox Middle School Sports Banquet. It is scheduled for Monday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center. This event is the largest nonmember event that we host and is an opportunity to show God's love to our community.

If you are able to help, volunteers are needed to serve the meal, cook sides and desserts, and clean up. Sign up at the Service Station bulletin board by the Information Center or contact Shirley Oakley, Jane Wells, or Mike Forsthoff.



Staff

Barry England	Marriage/Family
Nathan Graham	Student
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Suzi Parrett	Children

Office 931-388-6514

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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 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.

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

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

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

College Students

Graduates: Please give the office your name, school and degree to be included in an upcoming bulletin (931-388-6514 or office@w7church.org).

Internships/Mission Trips: If you have a summer internship or are going on a summer mission trip, please send your information to the church office as well.

M.A.G.I. Boxes

We are participating in the M.A.G.I. project with Healing Hands International. We are supplying boxes for 8-10-year-old boys and girls. There are printed lists at the Information Center with items needed for boxes. Donations need to be placed in the bin at the Information Center by Sunday, May 31. If you prefer to donate money for items or shipping (\$8.00 per box), please give your donation to the church office, Linda James or Peggy McEwen. Please note 'MAGI Boxes' in the memo section.

People's Table

Volunteers are needed to serve at the People's Table on May 12. Also, we will be the hosting church for the People's Table on July 7 and July 14. 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, please make your donation to West 7th and note People's Table in the memo line or donate online. If you have any questions, please contact Rickey or Julie Savage.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Want to jump in and help with our Jonah VBS? We're looking for volunteers to make this an unforgettable week! Stop by the Information Center to sign up or reach out to Suzi Parrett (615-693-9427) for more information. We'd love to have you on the team!

Congratulations

To Chris & Courtney Loftis on the birth of their son, Cooper Mark Loftis, who was born on April 30. The proud big sisters and brother are Maggie, Sadie and Bowen.



Welcome

Josh & Hannah Cottrill
3033 Glenstone Drive
Columbia, TN 38401



New Address

Harold Allen has moved to an assisted living facility and would love to have cards. His new address is The Goldton at Jones Farm, 2238 Cecil Ashburn Drive SE, Room 217, Huntsville, AL 35802.

Summer Interns arrive May 31

Mara Johnson
Student Ministry

Shawn Smith
Student Ministry



Molly McDonald
Children's Ministry

SAVE THE DATES!

JUNE 7 - BLOCK PARTY & VBS KICKOFF
JUNE 8-10 - VBS



Pray without ceasing

Good News!

Andrew Thomas, son of James and Jennifer Thomas, was baptized April 29.

Reported sick this week:

Diane Campbell is in MRMC, ICU room 567, with pneumonia.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

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

Friends and Family

Carol Carnahan's father -	John Williams
Vickie Cofer's father -	Ralph Roach
AJ DeJarnette's mother -	Deborah Grimes
Lyndell Fox's sister -	Connie Howell
Sue Fox's friend -	Gina Robinson
Calvin Jackson's sister-in-law -	Carla Davis
Rob Johnson's friend -	Tammy Bradley
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Joy Jones' mother -	Peggy Knox
Kevin LoRe's friend -	Tammi Ettinger
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
Cindy Netherland's mother -	Marlene Smesler
Andrea Stevens' brother -	Derek Orban
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
Will Pike & Libby Love

Expectant Parents

Tucker & Baylie Vincent
Max & Brooke Morrison



Suzi Parrett
615-693-9427

Save the Dates!

June 7 Promotion Day for 4th and 6th grades

VBS Prep Class will be on Wednesday nights in Faith Farm during the month of May.

If you're available to teach in Faith Farm this summer, please contact Suzi Parrett at 615-693-9427.

W7 STUDENT MINISTRY

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

Tonight - Areawide at South Gate at 5:00
Vans leaving church at 4:30 p.m.

May 6 - Plus One & Grade Groups
6:00 p.m.
Bring a friend!

May 10 - Moms & Muffins
10:30 a.m. during class

May 13 - Late Night
7:30 p.m.

* Check GroupMe for the Summer Calendar and to sign up for activities and t-shirts.*

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	
Auditorium	448
Spanish Speaking	18
The Bridge	11
Wednesday Classes	133
Contribution	\$19,132

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TEXT: Galatians 4:8-31

Introduction: Paul was perplexed with the Christians in Galatia.

Legalism = _____

Grace = _____

Why would their observing special days be a concern?

Why was Paul concerned that he wasted his efforts on them?

Legalism causes a _____

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If you give up your freedom in Christ, you _____

What does the story of Isaac and Ishmael have to do with us?

Ishmael represents the _____ (trying to save yourself)

Isaac represents the _____ (Jesus saves you)

Conclusion: Dispel the _____ from your heart.

Accept the _____ that God has given you.

Determine that you will live _____

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Tucker Vincent

This Is The Day - 891

Scripture ReadingDeon Blackiston

Psalm 119:105-112

Praise Him! Praise Him! - 532

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah - 193

Thy Word - 895

Prayer.....Lochlan Simmons

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Nearer, Still Nearer - 436

Communion.....Mark Turner

Offering

Be Thou My Vision - 70

Hymn of Heaven

Message.....Randy Owens

There's Not a Friend - 680

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....Marty DeJarnette

Nursery - Heather Carroll & Julie Savage

Sunday Adult Classes

College/Young Pro
"Unexplainable Jesus"
What Made Jesus Appealing

Marty DeJarnette
Room 306

Young Marrieds
Philippians

David Hendrixson
Room 307

Young Families
Habits of the Household

Barry England
Tyler Sells
OC - Tennessee Room

Homebuilders
Acts

Jon Bennett
David Esslinger
Rush Holladay
T.V. Studio

Adults
James

Joel Oswald
Chapel

Adults
God is Light

Tom Anderson
Auditorium

Adults
1 Corinthians

Bill Alsup
Room 214

Spanish Speaking

Elyar Sanchez
Room 212

Wednesday Adult Classes

Adult Class
Meditations in Genesis

Chapel
Lee Lantzer

Ladies' Class
Bible Bytes for Our Little Bears

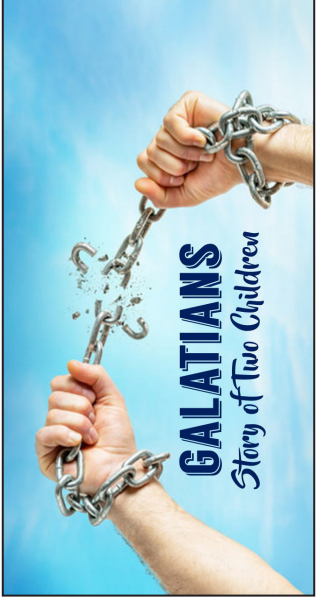
T.V. Studio
Karen Corn
Beverly Simmons

Men's Class
Ezekiel

Room 214
Chris Loftis

Precepts
Study of 2 Kings

OC - Maury Room
Randy Owens



Then Paul gets personal with the church in Galatia by pointing out the negative effects legalism has had on them. He said they had "turned back" and he was "perplexed" at their desire to be slaves again.

Read Galatians 4:12-16.

What is your impression of how Paul was treated by the Galatians in his time of need?

Do you remember a time someone sacrificially cared for you when you were sick or needed help?

Yet, there was a change in them. Review Paul's observations about the Galatians. Because of legalism, there was...

- A loss of _____
- A loss of _____
- A loss of _____
- A loss of _____
- A _____ of the truth.

What would others say about you? How is the Spirit growing, stretching and maturing you in each of these areas? Take a moment to evaluate your progress over the last five years. In the small blank to the right of each, place a + if you are growing. Place a - if you have regressed. Place a **NC** if there has been no change.

Have you experienced other negative effects of legalism?

When are you prone to feel like you are more like Hagar/Ishmael?

When do you connect with Sarah/Isaac and are fully aware that you are a child of God?

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). How can you live out your freedom in Christ and still please Him with your sacrificial obedience?

Close with prayer.

Open

- Consider the statement, "Go to church or the devil will get you!" What is true about that statement? What is false?
- Can you think of another common saying that is accepted, but not necessarily true?

Scripture, Discussion and Application

If helpful, consider a quick review from the sections of Galatians that our calendar did not allow a follow-up Small Group Bible Study.

In chapter 3, Paul told the Galatians they had been bewitched. "O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?" How can someone understand the truth, and then later become bewitched or deceived by a false teaching?

Follow Paul's reasoning in the remainder of the chapter.

- The Spirit is a gift from God - not earned by works.
- Like Abraham, we are saved by believing.
- There is a curse with the law - which no one really wants.
- If salvation depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise.

Read Galatians 4:1-7.

- My identity changes. (I am a son - not a slave.)
- My view of God changes. (I am confident - not fearful.)
- My motivation changes. (I 'get to' - not I have 'got to'.)
- My perspective changes. (I am an heir - not a pauper.)

God accepts you based on the finished work of Jesus Christ.

God adopts you as you express your faith in Jesus through baptism.

God gives you the Holy Spirit to seal the relationship.

Any comments or application to discuss?