



West Seventh Church of Christ

Striving to be
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August 10, 2025

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Outreach Center Dedication Sunday, August 17

After morning worship, we will enjoy our Coffee Fellowship in the OC! Children in the Nursery class through 4th grade will go immediately to class. In lieu of classes, tweens, teenagers and all adults will enjoy a brief program and tour the building. Afterwards, parents will be dismissed to pick up their children. This will give the teachers time to tour the new space.

Staff

Barry England	Marriage/Family
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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, the men's restroom adjacent to the Nursery, and the Sewing Room across from the TV Studio.

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 & Spanish Class

11:30 Worship in Spanish

Evening - See the insert for Home Devotionals

Tuesday, August 12

Ladies' Bible Class will resume Tuesday at 10 a.m. Childcare will be provided. We will study Daniel & Esther and discuss what it looks like to stay faithful in adversity, trust God's control even in chaos, be courageous in uncertain times and recognize how God works in both miraculous and quiet ways.

Wednesday, August 13

Bible Classes will meet at 6:30 p.m. Adults will meet in the Auditorium for A Month of Prayer.

Saturday, August 16

The Tech Ministry will have their next class/workshop from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Sunday, August 17

Outreach Center Dedication immediately following worship. See details on the front page.

Tuesday, September 16

Primetimers will have a Potluck Lunch and games at noon in the Teen Center.

Opportunity to Serve

Teachers and assistants are needed Wednesday nights in September for the 2 & 3 and 4 & 5 year old classes. Contact Suzi Parrett (615-693-9427) to volunteer!

Food Pantry

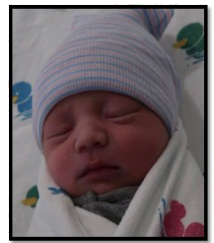
Peanut butter (16 oz. jars), sweet peas and canned fruit, especially peaches (15 oz. cans) are needed.

Service Station

To help cook pre-game meals for the Cox football team, please see Jane Wells, Shirley Oakley or Mike Forsthoof. Clorox wipes, tissues, college ruled paper, composition notebooks, and eraser caps are still needed. Bins are at the Information Center and the back of the Auditorium. To give money for either project, please make your check payable to West 7th Church and put 'Service Station' in the memo section.

Congratulations

To Jim and Judy Knight on the birth of their great grandson, Niko James Ranes. Niko was born August 2 to Josh & Renae Ranes from Columbia.



Sign up for a group on Sunday, August 24, during Coffee Fellowship in the Family Center. Groups will begin meeting on Sunday, September 7.

GOOD NEWS!

As announced, our shepherds are calling on the church family to designate August as a month of prayer and for some period of fasting during the month as we consider appointing additional men to serve as elders.

To help, review 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. There are forms and envelopes at the Information Center and stage for you to share the names of men you wish to be considered. Submitting one form for each name allows you to relate why you believe he is qualified to be considered and if you have informed him that you are submitting his name. Signing your name is helpful but not required. Return forms to an elder or these same trays by September 1.

A Divided Heart...A Divided Nation God Searches for a Heart Fully His

These two subtitles of 1 Kings convey the next inductive Bible study beginning in September and going through December. A study of 2 Kings will follow from January to May. The next year ('26-'27) we will study the book of Romans. Also, note that there will only be a Wednesday class this year. To reserve your spot, write your name and e-mail on the registration form at the Information Center and pick up your workbooks. Complete lesson one and bring the \$20 workbook fee to the first class on September 10.

To learn how a Precept inductive Bible study works, come to the Introduction Class on Wednesday (9/3) at 6:30 p.m. This session will help you decide if you would like to participate. If you choose to join the study, you may pick up a workbook then. Contact Randy Owens with any questions. (randy@w7church.org or 388-6514)

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Pray without ceasing

Reported sick this week:

Rick and Donna Rickman's great niece, Lakelyn Davis, has completed chemotherapy treatments for leukemia.

Deborah Young's father, John Spence, is home recovering from hip surgery.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

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

Friends and Family

Anna Ault's father -	Bobby Bishop
Vickie Cofer's father -	Ralph Roach
Vickie Cofer's mother -	Vera Roach
Kathleen Cox's friend -	Trina Sottek
AJ DeJarnette's mother -	Deborah Grimes
Carroll Duvall's friend -	Sandra McCarthy
Lyndell Fox's sister -	Connie Howell
Sue Fox's friend -	Gina Robinson
Jenny Johnson's father -	Tom Childers
Lauren Johnson's aunt -	Tammy Bradley
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Delonia Lawrence's father -	Roy Hackley
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
Skylar Ratliff's mother -	Joyce Kennedy
Beverly Simmons' mother -	Joan Shankle
Andrea Stevens' brother -	Derek Orban
Glen & Shirley Stone's daughter -	Tracy Bolton
Glen & Shirley Stone's granddaughter -	Kaylynn Freeman
Shirley Stone's friend -	Max Hill
The Tribbles' friend -	Phyllis Neely
Suzanne Turner's brother -	David West
Suzanne Turner's sister-in-law -	Cindy West
Deborah Young's father -	John Spence

Preparing to Marry

Jaden Hamm & Amelia Carnahan
Seth Countess & Molly Cofer
Dylan Bennett & Cailynn Clayton

Expectant Parents

Jacob & Maria Williams
Pearson & Hannah McClendon



Suzi Parrett
615-693-9427

Today is Promotion Sunday for children moving into the 4 year old class as well as the 5 year old/pre-kindergarten class. The 5 year old / pre-kindergarten class is now across from the T.V. Studio.

Wednesday Teachers and assistants are needed Wednesday nights in September in the 2 & 3 and 4 & 5 year old classes. Contact Suzi Parrett to volunteer!



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

August 10 - Areawide at Graymere
5:00 p.m.

August 13 - Plus One - bring a friend!
6:00 p.m.

Communication Update: We will be using the REMIND app to communicate events and information.
To download the app: **text @w7yg to 81010.**
A text will be sent to you with instructions and prompts to follow to download the app and join the group.

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	487
Auditorium	449
Spanish Speaking	22
The Bridge	16
Wednesday Classes	155
Contribution	\$20,455

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Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
 1 Peter 1:8-9 NIV

*"These things I have spoken to you,
 that my joy may be in you,
 and that your joy may be full."
 John 15:11 ESV*

Barriers to Joy:

Jesus is the perfect example of joy!

How to Experience Glorious Joy:

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Rob Johnson

Come, We That Love the Lord - 111

Scripture ReadingJacob Eastep

Hebrews 10:24-25

Prayer.....Chris Burton

He Keeps Me Singing - 676

Heaven Came Down - 822

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story - 301

In Christ Alone

Communion.....Bryce Davidson

Offering

A Beautiful Life - 1

Joy To The World - 376

Message.....Randy Owens

To God Be the Glory - 682

Announcements and

Shepherd's BlessingJohn Simmons

Nursery - Nicole LoRe & Kelly Williams

Sunday Adult Classes

College/Young Pro

"Unexplainable Jesus"

What Made Jesus Appealing

Marty DeJarnette

Phillip Young, Jr.

Phillip Young, Sr.

Room 306

Young Marrieds

Exodus

David Hendrixson

Room 307

Young Families

The Chosen

Barry England

Tyler Sells

Fireside Room

Homebuilders

Great Chapters of the Bible

Jon Bennett

David Esslinger

Rush Holladay

T.V. Studio

Adults

Romans

Joel Oswalt

Chapel

Adults

God is Light

Tom Anderson

Auditorium

Adults

1 & 2 Peter

John Corn

Room 214

Spanish Speaking

Elyar Sanchez

Room 212

Wednesday Adult Classes



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Are any of you baseball fans? Do you know who the all-time leader is in stolen bases in the Major Leagues? His name is Rickey Henderson, and over the course of his career, he stole 1,406 bases. That's an incredible record, especially when you learn that the person with the second most steals, Lou Brock, only stole 938 bases.

Can any basketball fans name the all-time leader in steals in the NBA? John Stockton is number one in basketball steals with 3,265. Jason Kidd is way behind him at number two with 2,684 steals, and Michael Jordan is third with 2,514. That's a whole lot of stolen basketballs.

NFL fans might be interested to know that Paul Krause has the record for most interceptions in a career. He intercepted 81 passes from 45 different quarterbacks from 1964 to 1979.

This week we're talking about the eighth commandment in which God says, "You will not steal." Stealing is a sin, but there's a difference between stolen bases and the kind of stealing God spoke about. No one's hurt when you steal a base, a basketball, or a football. Yes, it hurts the other team's chances of winning, but that's all part of the game.

Stealing is when we take something that does not belong to us. This kind of stealing angers God, and it hurts someone else. People are hurt when we take their personal possessions. We've taken something they treasure, something important to them. People are hurt when we take their money. That could be money they need for lunch, clothes, rent, or something else they need. Stealing is wrong, even when we think we are stealing for a good cause.

READ GENESIS 27:1-38

Stealing also damages relationships. It nearly tore a family apart when one brother stole from another in this story from the book of Genesis.

In Biblical times the oldest son in each family received a special blessing from his father. When Esau and Jacob were born, God told their mother that it was Jacob, not Esau, who should get the blessing. But Rachel and Jacob sinned when they conspired to rob Esau of his blessing by tricking Isaac, their father.

Because of this sin, Jacob had to flee for his life. Esau became so angry he wanted to kill Jacob. The two brothers remained separated for decades because of that theft. It was only when Jacob came home and made things right with Esau that they were reunited.

No matter what has been stolen, no matter if it's something big or something so small it might not be missed, God says it is a sin to steal. If we want to love others like God loves us, we need to respect their things.

Close in prayer asking God to help us always follow His commandments.

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NOT
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ADULTS

If using this guide in solitude, begin by thanking God in prayer for the time to privately connect with Him. Ask the Spirit to guide you into truth as you spend time in the Word. It may help to write your answers to the questions, using additional paper if needed.

"You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15). The first sin recorded after the children of Israel entered in the the Land of Promise was theft. Achan stole the riches of Canaan after God had forbidden it. His sin caused him to lose everything - his possessions, his family, even his own life!

Why do people steal? Greed is an insatiable desire to get something for nothing. While the sin of greed is timeless, we live in a time when our parents wanted us to have more than they did. And we follow their example and give our children more than we had. We may not intend to cultivate a greedy spirit in our children, but it happens all the time.

Laziness is also a problem. We cut a corner here or take a shortcut there. Maybe it started in school when running laps with cutting a corner, and ended up going in circles at half court! Some steal for self-preservation. They are destitute and think stealing is the only way to survive. On the opposite end of the spectrum, some steal for sport; it gives them a thrill.

Consider what God 's word says.

- "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).
- "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"(Luke 12:15).
- "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that" (1 Timothy 6:7-8).

Close in prayer thanking God for blessing you with everything you need.

FAMILIES WITH TEENS

"You shall not steal." – Exodus 20:15

Begin by asking a few questions:

- Have you ever stolen anything?
- Have you ever been robbed or had something stolen from you?
- How did you feel after stealing or after being robbed?

It doesn't matter how much or how little you take – stealing is wrong. Even stealing a piece of candy is wrong. Perhaps we all have something within us that is fascinated with the concept of getting something for nothing. It permeates our culture. With this command, God is saying, "If you want to be one of His – you can not be a thief."

While there are many reasons people may choose to steal, there are also several ways to steal. We steal by robbing our neighbor. It can be easy to rationalize taking things. He has much and I have little. They won't miss it and I need it. Part of loving your neighbor is treating them as you want to be treated. That is the Golden Rule, right?!

The obvious way to steal is by taking property, but we can also steal ideas and then take the credit for ourselves. Some might consider ideas as being more valuable than property. Plagiarism is a type of stealing that can be especially tempting. Talk about measures to take to prevent this.

We steal by not paying our debts. We steal by swindling. We steal by defrauding. Take a few minutes and talk about these.

We steal time. We steal by not working the full shift. Have you ever considered that arriving late is stealing time from other people?

The Bible even says that we can rob God. Read Malachi 3:8-10 and discuss how this happens. What can you do to guard against this?

The opposite of stealing is giving. Pray for God to mold you more and more into a giver so that you can be a blessing to others.