



West Seventh Church of Christ

Striving to be
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followers of Jesus
Discipling
Equipping
Serving
Loving

August 30, 2026

Elders

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Living with Loss Workshop

September 18-20
See inside for more information.



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Staff

Barry England	Marriage/Family
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Suzi Parrett	Children

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Julie Savage	Ministry Assistant
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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

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 this afternoon.

Monday, August 31

Help is needed to pack boxes at Disaster Relief in Nashville. The van will leave the church parking lot at 8:20 a.m. Contact Dale Huckaby or Jim Knight with questions.

All ladies who registered to participate in Heartfelt Sisters are invited to a reveal party at 6:00 p.m. in the OC. We're looking forward to seeing all Heart Moms and Sisters there!

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

New fall classes begin for adults. See the back page for the list of classes, topics and locations.

A new session of DivorceCare will meet Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for 13 weeks. To register, contact the church office (931-388-6514 or office@w7church.org). Please reach out to any family and friends who might benefit from this support group.

Sunday, September 13

Everyone is invited to stop by during Coffee Fellowship to celebrate with Josh and Hannah Cottrill as they prepare to welcome a new baby. They are registered at Amazon and Babylist.

Lads to Leaders registration will be during Coffee Fellowship. See the Messenger for more details.

Tuesday, September 15

A new session of GriefShare will meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. for 13 weeks. To register, contact the church office (931-388-6514 or office@w7church.org). Please reach out to any family and friends who might benefit from this support group.

The Primetimers will tour the Jones Farm in Huntsville. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center.

September 18-20

We are hosting a Grief and Loss Workshop with Dean Miller. See the insert for more information.

Hearts Program-College Student Encouragement

Help encourage our college students while they're away at school! Adopt a college student for the school year (September-May) by sending cards, texts, and occasional care packages. College students who would like to participate should complete the QRcode registration form by Sunday, August 30. Student adoption cards will be available in the Family Center during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 13. For questions, contact Nathan Graham.



Food Pantry Needed Items

Nutty Buddy wafer bars, Canned fruit (peaches are a favorite), small jars of peanut butter, and 15oz cans of beans (no green beans, please).

Church Office Updates

We are pleased to share the good news that Julie Savage has accepted the position of ministry assistant. She will join the office staff on September 14.

The church office will be closed the next two Fridays (9/4 and 9/11). The office will also be closed on Monday (9/7) for Labor Day.

Fireside Room becomes Discipling Room 102

See the September edition of the The Messenger for more details about the renovation/repurposing of the Fireside Room and adjacent offices and how they are now being called Discipling Rooms

Service Station

- If you can help with Cox Middle School football meals, please see Shirley Oakley.
- If you can help with birthday cupcakes, please see Kim Forsthoff.
- Don't forget that we are collecting selected school supplies. Collection tubs are in the rear of the Auditorium and at the Information Center.
- If you would like to help financially for any of these, please give a check to the office or Mike Forsthoff. Put "Service Station" in the memo section. See the Service Station bulletin board for additional information.

BUILDING TO SERVE
UPREACH FOR OUTREACH

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

RECEIVED AS OF August 30, 2026: \$1,730,690.02

Please return the response cards as soon as possible.

Pray without ceasing

Reported sick this week:

Chris Allen became sick during the evening service Sunday. He is feeling much better and recovering at home.

Suzi Parrett is home recovering from surgery.

Jimmy and Carol Fann's son, Paul Fann, is recovering from a serious neck injury.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

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

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
Lyndell Fox's sister -	Connie Howell
Sue Fox's friend -	Gina Robinson
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
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



Suzi Parrett
615-693-9427
suzi@w7church.org



Monday, August 31 9:30-11 a.m.
Thursday, September 10 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

W7SM t-shirts are here. Contact Nathan Graham.
Students are free, Adults are \$5 each.

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	547
Auditorium	519
Spanish Speaking	19
The Bridge	9
Wednesday	213
Contribution	\$18,723

Online Giving QR Code



wifi password: WESTSEVENTH

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Joseph was faithful _____ Genesis 37

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Joseph was faithful _____ Genesis 39

Joseph was faithful _____ Genesis 40

Joseph was faithful _____ Genesis 41

Joseph was faithful _____ Genesis 42-45

Joseph was faithful _____ Genesis 46-50

Two observations from Genesis 50:

Joseph _____

Joseph _____

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Tucker Vincent

On Bended Knee - 961

Scripture ReadingKyle Crump

Hebrews 4:14-16

Standing on the Promises - 598

Redeemed - 544

Prayer.....Chris Loftis

Hymn of Heaven

Jesus Is Lord - 874

Come, Share the Lord - 916

Communion.....Mark Turner

Offering

His Name Is Wonderful - 861

It Is Well with My Soul - 345

Message.....Randy Owens

An Empty Mansion - 26

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....Bill Alsop

Nursery - Aimee Jones & Laurie Davis

Sunday Adult Classes

College John Law
 Christian Disciplines OC-Columbia Room
 How to have good daily spiritual rhythm at college.

Young Marrieds David Hendrixson
 Men & Women of the Old Testament Room 307

Young Families Barry England & Tyler Sells
 James 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 Adult Classes

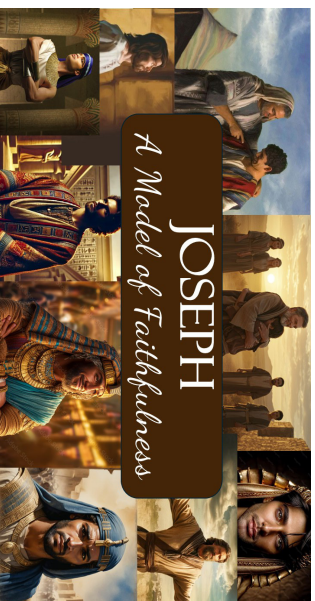
Ladies' Class Tina England
 Lessons from Mayberry Michelle Shrader
 T.V. Studio

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

Begins 9/23



Open

- Was there a favorite child in your family? If so, how did you know?
- Is there someone in your life who could be called a modern day Joseph? Perhaps he overcame a challenging upbringing - or she remained faithful during prolonged difficulties or successes. Does this person know you think of them in that way?

Scripture and Discussion

We have spent the summer months studying the life of Joseph, an incredible model of faithfulness. For our Small Group Bible study, we will review each lesson and discuss the lessons to learn and personal applications needed.

Lesson 1 - Joseph was faithful in an imperfect family. (Genesis 37:1-11)

- Discuss the good and not-so-good things about Joseph's family.
- Was Joseph the model son? Brother?
- How does Joseph's life teach us about dealing with a dysfunctional family?

Lesson 2 - Joseph was faithful in adversity. (Genesis 37:12-36)

- Joseph's father and brothers did him wrong. How?
- How did Joseph respond to difficult circumstances with no promise of relief?

Lesson 3 - Joseph was faithful when tempted. (Genesis 39:6-23)

- Discuss how Joseph's predicament with Potiphar's wife was a lose-lose situation.
- What was his reasoning for refusing the unwanted advances?
- What was his predetermined reaction to her continued actions?

- Lesson 4 - Joseph was faithful when discouraged. (Genesis 40)
- Even in prison, Joseph maintained a sense of responsibility, was sensitive to others. Why was he able to do that?
 - What do you admire about Joseph's integrity and authenticity during these trying years?

Lessons 5 - Joseph was faithful in prosperity. (Genesis 41:41-57)

- Joseph was prisoner one moment and second in command of all of Egypt the next. How was Joseph able to maintain his spiritual grounding while being given responsibility, power, and wealth?
- Discuss the significance of Joseph being married (and faithful) to only one wife.

Lessons 6 - Joseph was faithful in forgiveness. (Genesis 42-45)

- This may be what we remember most about the life of Joseph. Why?
- Take a moment to discuss how Joseph was able to forgive his brothers. Joseph said to his brothers after their father died, "Am I in the place of God?" How does a spirit of unforgiveness usurp God's role?

Lessons 7 - Joseph was faithful until death. (Genesis 46:28-30, 50:15-26)

- Staying faithful for the long haul is no easy task. How was Joseph able to do this?
- What did Joseph know that prompted him to request his bones be taken back to Canaan? Of all the moments, decisions, and years of great faith, why would the author of Hebrews list only this detail? (See Hebrews 11:22.) What does this tell us about Joseph's faith?

Application

Consider how your life parallels each part Joseph's life. Give yourself a score on how well you are being faithful to God in these areas with 1 as poor and 10 as excellent.

Family /upbringing/adversity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Temptation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Discouragement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Prosperity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Forgiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Unto death	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Close with prayer.

Living with Loss Workshop

September 18-20

West 7th Church of Christ
405 West 7th Street
Columbia, TN



Dean Miller, Facilitator

- Founder & Director of Widowhood Workshop Ministry
- Pulpit Minister for over 40 years
- Widowed since December 2013

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18 @ W7 Outreach Center

2:00-3:30 pm or 7:00-8:30 pm

Life, Love, Loss & Hope

Saturday, September 19 @ W7 Outreach Center

8:30-9:00 am

Registration & Refreshments

9:00 am-12 Noon

It's OK to Grieve

What Grief Does to Us

Widowhood: What's It Like?

Sunday, September 20 @ W7 Church Auditorium

9:00 am Worship

Praise the Lord! No Matter What

10:30 am Bible Class

What We Ought to Do When

We Are Overwhelmed



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For questions regarding this event, please contact (931) 388-6514

No fee or pre-registration required.