



West Seventh Church of Christ

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August 9, 2026

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Small Group Bible Study groups typically meet on the first and third Sunday of each month. Due to Labor Day weekend, our first SGBS meeting will be on August 30. We will have registration for groups during Coffee Fellowship on August 16.

We are looking for additional leaders for these groups. If you are interested in facilitating or co-facilitating a group or have any questions, contact Jon Bennett at jon.bennett@cabulldogs.org or 931-797-2581.

Staff

Barry England	Marriage/Family
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Randy Owens	Preaching
Suzi Parrett	Children

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David Ward	Facilities

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
Evening - Home Devotionals

Sunday, August 9

Ladies, looking for a way to connect with other W7 women? Register to be a part of Heartfelt Friends. For more information, contact Beverly Simmons (931-626-6763) or Delonia Lawrence (615-496-8864) or come by the registration table during Coffee Fellowship today or next Sunday, August 16. We would love to have you join Heartfelt Friends!

Register for the Precepts study of Romans at the Information Center. There is also more information and workbooks are available. Class will begin Wednesday, September 23, or Sunday, September 27.

Tuesday, August 11

Ladies' Bible Class will resume on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Childcare will be provided. We will continue the study of Colossians.

Wednesday, August 12

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

Bible Classes will meet at 6:30 p.m. All adults will meet in the Auditorium for "A Survey of the New Testament." This week Burton Williams will survey the books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Saturday, August 15

Join the Mount Dora Children's Home for their annual Nashville Benefit Dinner at the Hillsboro Church of Christ (5800 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN) at 5:00 p.m. Hear inspiring stories and learn more about the Single Parent Ministry. Your presence and support can help provide hope and a brighter future for single parents and their children. The dinner is free, but registration is required. You may register by scanning the QR code or emailing your full name and phone number to Ashley.blanchard@mdcademy.org. Contact John Law with questions.



Sunday, August 16

Small Group Bible Study Group Registration - see front page.

A "Welcome to Precepts Class" will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to an inductive Bible study or want to learn more before registering for the study of Romans, make plans to attend. More details are at the Information Center or see Randy Owens if you are not able to attend this class.

Wednesday, September 2

A new session of DivorceCare will begin Wednesday, Sept. 2. This group will meet Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the OC-Columbia Room for 13 weeks. Call the church office (931-388-6514) or email (office@w7church.org) to register. Please reach out to any family and friends who might benefit from this support group.

Tuesday, September 15

A new session of GriefShare begins Tuesday, Sept. 15. This group will meet in the OC-Columbia Room on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. for 13 weeks. Call the church office (931-388-6514) to register. Please reach out to any family and friends who might benefit from this support group.

September 18 - 20

We are hosting a Grief and Loss Workshop with Dean Miller. Mark your calendar and be looking for additional information coming soon.

Thank you and Godspeed

This congregation has been served very well by Laurel Burton (5 years) and Lauren Kennedy (3+ years) as ministry assistants. Lauren has taken another job and she and her family will continue to worship with us. Laurel and her husband, Chris, have moved to be near their married daughters. Their new address is 241 Horse Creek Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37405. We thank them for their years of service and wish the very best in this new chapter for both Laurel and Lauren.

Congratulations

To Troy and Lori Rubert on the birth of their grandson, Trigg DeLayne Marks. Trigg was born on August 4 to Bayley and Mackenzie Marks of Columbia.



Hearts Program-College Student Encouragement

Help encourage our college students while they're away at school! Adopt a college student for the 2026-2027 school year (September-May) by sending cards, texts, and occasional care packages. Student adoption cards will be available in the Family Center during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 13.

College students who would like to participate should complete the QR code registration form by Sunday, August 30.



BUILDING TO SERVE
UPREACH FOR OUTREACH

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

RECEIVED AS OF August 7, 2026: \$1,714,200.43

Please return the response cards as soon as possible.

Pray without ceasing

Reported sick this week:

Chris Allen's father, Harold Allen, is in the hospital in Huntsville, AL recovering from surgery to remove blood clots in his brain. His address is The Goldton at Jones Farm, 2238 Cecil Ashburn Dr. SE, Room 217 Huntsville, AL 35802. Cards are welcome.

Nancy Bennett has been moved to NHC-Maury, room 1308.

Ken Jackson is home recovering from pneumonia.

Sue Jones is home recovering from dehydration.

Rick Rickman is home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Burton Williams' mother is recovering from a stroke, She is now in a rehab facility in S.C.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

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

Friends and Family

Diane Bailey's brother -	Ken Chapman
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
Cindy Netherland's mother -	Marlene Smelser
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

Jackson DeJarnette & Morgan Wrigley

Expectant Parents

Josh & Hannah Cottrill
Landon & Josie Prentice



Suzi Parrett
615-693-9427

August 13: Preschool Play Day from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Family Center. For moms and young children, Contact Suzi Parrett (615-693-9427) with questions.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Molly McDonald for serving as our wonderful Children's Ministry intern this summer! Today is her last Sunday with us, and while we are sad to see her go, we are so grateful for the joy, creativity, and servant's heart she has shared with our children and volunteers.

Molly, thank you for the lasting impact you've made on our ministry. We pray that God will richly bless you as you study abroad and throughout the upcoming school year. You will be greatly missed!

W7 STUDENT MINISTRY

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

W7SM t-shirts are here. If you would like one contact Nathan Graham. Students are free, Adults are \$5 each.

Freed-Hardeman Visit: An FHU representative will be in class on Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Graymere Area-Wide: Today at 5:00 p.m. Van departs at 4:40 p.m. and returns around 7:20 p.m.

Late Nights on the Move: Wednesday, August 19, after class. Bring money to eat out. Location TBD.

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	519
Auditorium	492
Spanish Speaking	19
The Bridge	11
Wednesday	169
Contribution	\$22,932

Online Giving

QR Code



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TEXT: Genesis 42-45

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:15

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors... For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:12, 14-15

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:25

Joseph tested his brothers:

Test #1 _____

Test #2 _____

Three components of forgiveness:

Forgiveness _____

Forgiveness _____

Forgiveness _____

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Rob Johnson

Blessed Be Your Name

Scripture ReadingBobby Kennedy

Matthew 28:11

Prayer.....Landry Simmons

Lord Be There

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - 564

There's a Fountain Filled with Blood

And Can It Be

Nailed to the Cross - 444

Communion.....Kent Pardon

Offering

Nailed to the Cross - 444

The Greatest Commands

Message.....Randy Owens

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet- 683

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....John Corn

Nursery - Carrie Beasley & Crystal Hunnicutt

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
James Tyler Sells
OC - Tennessee Room

Homebuilders Jon Bennett
Acts David Esslinger
Rush Holladay
OC - Maury Room

Adults Joel Oswalt
Genesis Chapel

Adults Tom Anderson
God is Light Auditorium

Adults John Simmons
Biblical Teaching on Fireside Room
Contemporary Issues

Spanish Speaking Elyar Sanchez

Wednesday Adult Classes

Adults Various Teachers
Survey of the New Testament Auditorium

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find safety."
Psalm 91:4 (NIRV)

Imagine you're walking outside when a big storm suddenly rolls in. The sky turns dark. Thunder crashes. Lightning flashes across the sky. You look around, wondering where you can go to stay safe. What would you do?

Most of us would run inside to a safe place! We know that being inside a strong house protects us from the storm.

Read Psalm 91.

Psalm 91 tells us that God is our safe place. He doesn't promise that scary things will never happen, but He does promise that we never have to face them alone. God is always with us.

David understood this. Before he became king, he faced many frightening situations. He fought a giant named Goliath, ran from enemies who wanted to hurt him, and spent many nights hiding in caves. Even when life was scary, David trusted God. He knew the Lord was stronger than any giant, soldier, or problem he faced.

Do you ever feel afraid? Maybe you're nervous on the first day of school. Maybe you're afraid of the dark, loud thunderstorms, getting lost, or trying something new. Everyone feels afraid sometimes.

When fear creeps into your heart, remember what David knew: God is bigger than your biggest fear. Just like a mother bird spreads her wings over her babies to keep them safe, God watches over His children with love and care. You can always talk to Him when you're scared.

Being brave doesn't mean you're never afraid. Being brave means choosing to trust God even when you are afraid. That's exactly what David did! This week, whenever you feel scared, remember that the same God who helped David is with you every single day.

- What is something that makes you feel afraid?
- How did David show courage when he faced Goliath?
- What does Psalm 91 teach us about God?
- How can you remember to trust God the next time you feel scared?

Close in prayer thanking God for loving us and taking care of us.

The Psalms August Psalm 91



ADULTS

FEAR! What a powerful word! What an incredible force! Some people struggle with irrational fears that cripple them. Others seem to fear nothing and often suffer dire consequences.

The phrase "Do not be afraid" or variations of it are mentioned repeated in Scripture. It has been said that the phrase appears 365 times suggesting that there is a message of reassurance and encouragement for every day. While the exact count may vary slightly depending on the translation, the theme of overcoming fear through faith and trust in God is consistent.

Read Psalm 91.

- What four names of God does the psalmist use (vv. 1-2)? Are there other names of God that you think of to help with overcoming fear?
- What type of disasters are mentioned (vv. 3-8)?
- What image of God do you prefer: (a) Mother hen? (b) Shield? (c) Refuge/Fortress? (d) Immune system? (e) Force field?
- Is God's protection available to everyone (vv. 9-10)?
- Through whom does God make this happen (v. 11)?

Reflect:

- If God promises such perfect protection, why does evil come upon His people?
- What does it mean for God to be your refuge, your fortress?
- What is God's message to you in this psalm?

Fear reveals our trust. You will never know the power of God's promises unless you trust them as truth. Any fear that makes you distrust His promises will distort your perception of reality and impact your behavior. Ultimately, fear will rob you of His peace and His joy.

God said, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 51:12). Do you believe that to be true for you?

Close in prayer.

FAMILIES WITH TEENS

Fear runs rampant in our hearts, minds, and society. It is one of our main motivations for why we do and don't do certain things. It's the reason I don't sky dive or free climb mountain cliffs. Fear can become unhealthy, but I believe its purpose is to help us pursue safety in a healthy manner. My fear of heights makes me run to flat, solid ground close to sea level. On a greater and weightier scale, our fears should push us into the refuge of the Almighty.

Read Psalm 91.

I don't know about you, but I am a big movie guy. I love going to the movies, and this weekend I got to see the new Spider-Man movie. Without giving too much away, Spider-Man uses his body as a shield to protect someone from danger in true superhero fashion. As I read Psalm 91, that's the image I see of God for us. There are many things in this world that can cause us harm. Aside from physical harm, we have the flaming darts of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16) and other spiritual or emotional danger to be concerned with. In all these and more, God is our protector. He is our hiding place (refuge) and security (fortress). Take some time to answer and discuss these questions as a family:

- What is the difference between healthy fear and unhealthy fear? How can fear be helpful or hurtful?
- What does it mean that God is your deliverer? Refuge? Fortress? How should/do those names and functions of God change your thoughts and actions?
- The psalmist encourages us to "abide in the shadow of the Almighty" according to verse 1. What does that mean? How can we do that?
- In verses 14-16 God is speaking to us and assuring us of His protection. What does it mean to "hold fast to Me (God) in love"? Give practical examples.
- Read Isaiah 43:1-3. We often sing a song containing these holy words. List the reasons God gives here for us having no fear. What are some examples of the waters and fires God has/will save you from?