



West Seventh Church of Christ

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September 14, 2025

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September 28



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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 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 - See the insert for Home Devotionals

Tuesday, September 16

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

The Primetimers will have a potluck lunch and games at noon in the Teen Center.

Wednesday, September 17

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

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

Genesis - This class is taught by Lee Lantzer in the Chapel.

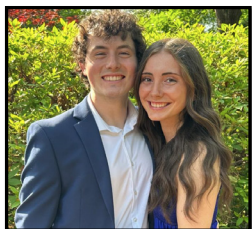
Men's Class: God Has A Name - This is a study of the background of God's name and what it should mean to us. This class meets in Room 214 and is taught by Zach Pharr.

Ladies' Class: Mama Bear Apologetics - Today's culture bombards our children with lies - lies that often don't sound like lies. How do we teach our children to discern what is true and what is false? This book is designed to teach you (so you can teach your children) how to think through these issues head-on, yet with gentleness and respect. You will be empowered to identify and challenge the lies we encounter daily. This class meets in the TV. Studio and is taught by Leah Shrader and Katie Davidson.

Precepts Study of 1 Kings - The class meets in the OC - Maury Room. See Randy Owens with any questions.

Sunday, September 21

Everyone is invited to stop by during Coffee Fellowship to celebrate with Dylan Bennett and Cailynn Clayton as they prepare to marry. Dylan is the son of Jon and Lisa Bennett. They are registered at Target, Crate & Barrel and Gather Kitchen Mercantile.



Good News

Jack Fleenor was baptized September 6. He is the son of Jacob and Kaitlyn Fleenor.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of sweet peas, canned fruit, especially peaches (15 oz. cans), tuna (5-6oz cans) and Nuddy Buddy bars.

Service Station

To help cook pre-game meals for the Cox football team, please see Jane Wells, Shirley Oakley or Mike Forsthoff. 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. Supplies are due by September 15.

GriefShare

A new session of GriefShare will begin September 21. The group will meet each Sunday night from 5-7 in the OC - Columbia Room for a duration of 13 weeks.

Beginning September 14 there will be a follow-up grief support group that will meet on the second and fourth Sunday nights from 5-7 in the OC - Maury Room. These meetings will be ongoing. This group is ideal for people who have completed GriefShare but that is not required. Call the church office (931-388-6514) to register for either group.

DivorceCare

A new session of DivorceCare will begin September 24. The group will meet each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 in the OC - Columbia Room for a duration of 13 weeks. Call the church office (931-388-6514) for more information or to register.

Young Professionals

Andrew Tomlin will lead a study with the Christian 20s beginning Sunday, September 21, through Sunday, November 9, entitled "Singing with Understanding." Each study will include a selection of various psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to reflect upon, and then sing to the Lord! They will meet weekly at the Graymere Lodge at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions or would like additional details, please contact Jim Robinson.

W7 100 Year Celebration

Anyone who has information or items that would be beneficial for the upcoming 100 year celebration, please contact Bill Alsup (931-505-2282).

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found for anything that you are missing. This area is located in the Deacons' Room behind the baptistry.

Events

Check the bulletin board at the Information Center for a list of upcoming events in the area.

Pray without ceasing

Sympathy

To Beverly Simmons and family on the death of her mother, Joan Shankle, who passed away September 9. The visitation is today at 1:00 p.m. until the funeral at 3:00 p.m. at the Ridgeway Funeral Home in Paris, TN (201 Dunlap St.). The burial will follow at the Walker Cemetery (Cottage Grove, TN).

Reported sick this week:

Lottie Umstead is in MPMC, room 661 recovering from surgery for a broken femur.

Continue to Pray...

Recovering | Extended Illness | Homebound

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

Friends and Family

Anna Ault's father -	Bobby Bishop
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
Rob Johnson's friend -	Tammy Bradley
Shelby Johnson's mother -	Barbara Massey
Delonia Lawrence's father -	Roy Hackley
Lexington, VA Church preacher -	Page Barnes
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
Skylar Ratliff's mother -	Joyce Kennedy
Amy Sanchez's grandfather -	Harold Long
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
Kelly Williams' brother-in-law -	Bill Ford

Preparing to Marry

Seth Countess & Molly Cofer
Jaden Hamm & Amelia Carnahan
Dylan Bennett & Cailynn Clayton
Todd Beasley & Megan Easterday

Expectant Parents

Pearson & Hannah McClendon



Suzi Parrett
615-693-9427



Jacob Love 931-797-1399
Jacob Hunnicutt 615-517-4761
Eric Nash 615-351-8384
Ben Jones 931-698-1206

Today - Small Group at The Hunnicutts
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Guys bring chips and drinks, girls bring desserts.

September 24- Grade Groups & Plus One
 Bring a friend!
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Communication Update:
 We are using the REMIND app to communicate events and information.
 To download the app: **text @w7yg to 81010.**

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	448
Auditorium	406
Spanish Speaking	27
The Bridge	15
Wednesday Classes	253
Contribution	\$20,721

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TEXT: Philippians 2:19-30

Introduction: "Clothe yourselves with compassion... Colossians 3:12 NIV[®]

A life of compassion is _____

A life of compassion is _____

Different _____

Different _____

Different _____

Different _____

A life of compassion is _____

_____ in difficult times

_____ in tempting times

A life of compassion is _____

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....Charlie Stoltz

He Has Made Me Glad - 949

The Joy of the Lord

Prayer.....Tim Raines

Scripture ReadingCooper Estep

Colossians 3:12-14

The Lily of the Valley - 274

Nearer, Still Nearer - 436

Communion.....Seth Howell

Offering

Bind Us Together - 847

Sing to Me of Heaven - 583

Message.....Randy Owens

Break My Heart

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....John Corn

Nursery - Katie Freeman & Nicole LoRe

Sunday Adult Classes

College/Young Pro Marty DeJarnette
"Unexplainable Jesus" Room 306
What Made Jesus Appealing

Young Marrieds David Hendrixson
The Wisdom of Proverbs Room 307

Young Families Barry England
The Chosen Tyler Sells
OC - Tennessee Room

Homebuilders Jon Bennett
Great Chapters of the Bible David Esslinger
Rush Holladay
T.V. Studio

Adults Joel Oswalt
Romans Chapel

Adults Tom Anderson
God is Light Auditorium

Adults Bill Alsup
2 Peter Room 214

Spanish Speaking Elyar Sanchez
Room 212

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Adult Class Chapel
Genesis Lee Lantzer

Ladies' Class T.V. Studio
Mama Bear Apologetics Leah Shrader
Katie Davidson

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(A study of the background of God's name and what it should mean to us)

Precepts OC - Maury Room
Study of 1 Kings Randy Owens

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Would you tell the truth even if it cost something important to you? Sometimes, telling the truth can be a challenge.

Why tell the truth when a little white lie can get you out of trouble? Because the trouble you save is not worth the price of telling a lie.

Lies ruin our reputations. When we get caught telling lies, it makes it hard for people to trust us. Lies hurt our relationships with classmates, teachers, coaches, friends, and even our families.

Today's Bible story shows us just how serious God thinks about lies and honesty. It's the story of a couple that dared to lie to the leaders of the early church. It's a warning to us that God takes lies very seriously.

READ ACTS 5:1-11

The book of Acts tells us the people of the early church were very giving people. They sold many of their possessions and donated the proceeds to the church and to the Lord's work. Many of the believers gave 100% of what they earned from those sales to the church.

Ananias and Sapphira wanted people to think they were more generous than they were. They sold some property to give money to the church, but they lied when they held back some of the money.

God wasn't angry that they kept the money, nor were the church leaders. God punished them because they lied about it.

Lying causes people not to trust each other. It drives us apart. If we want to be loving to all people, we will ask God to teach us to always be honest - even when it hurts.

The Ten Commandments teach us how to love God and how to love others. If we truly care about loving others, we will always be honest. We will speak the truth even when it costs us, even when it gets us into trouble. A reputation for honesty is worth far more than anything you might gain through lies. That's why God takes this command so seriously. That's why He commanded us, do not tell lies.

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You shall
NOT *bear*
false
WITNESS
against your neighbor.

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 bear false witness against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16). The specific application is in reference to legal matters. Yet, no family, no community, no country can be sustained without this. The undergirding principle of this command is that in every arena of our lives God demands honesty. How important is this to God?

"There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers" (Proverbs 6:16-19).

"The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value" (Proverbs 10:20).

"The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

A lie is an intentional deception. It's not surprising God detests lying. Consider how lying damages relationships.

- Perjury
- Slander
- Gossip
- Insinuation
- Flattery
- Silence

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Close in prayer asking God to help you be a truthful person.

FAMILIES WITH TEENS

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor" (Exodus 20:16).

We know lying is wrong, yet we still do it! Why?

- Fear - We lie to avoid getting caught or face consequences.
- Hurt - In anger or bitterness we say things that are not true.
- Insecurity - We lie to impress. We exaggerate to make ourselves look good.
- Greed - We lie about the item we are selling or make a false claim.
- Misguided help or protection - We tell "white" lies to ease awkward circumstances. We say, "He is going to pull through." Yet, the doctor said the condition is terminal and time is short.
- Laziness - We say, "I will get back with you about that" with no intention of following up. Or we say, "My schedule is full" when we know we would make time for something we wanted to do.
- Habit - Once you start lying, it becomes easier and easier. You get to the point that you think nothing of it.

What is a lie? There are many ways to lie, but the core is an intentional deception. Lying is a symptom of a heart disease.

Remember the goal of the Ten Commandments was for the people of God to demonstrate His character. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 6:18 that "It is impossible for God to lie." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Consider how Jesus identified the Holy Spirit, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13).

God is truth, and we are to be people of truth.

Pray for God to make you aware of temptations to lie or be dishonest and to give you strength to abstain. Ask Him for wisdom to speak the truth in love. Ask Him to make your heart and your tongue like His.