



West Seventh Church of Christ

Striving to be
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followers of Jesus
Discipling
Equipping
Serving
Loving

September 20, 2026

Elders

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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
Evening Small Group Bible Studies

Sunday, September 20

Everyone is invited to stop by during Coffee Fellowship to celebrate with Jackson DeJarnette and Morgan Wrigley as they prepare to wed. They are registered at Crate & Barrel, Anthropologie, Target and Ye Peddler. Jackson is the son of Marty and AJ DeJarnette.



SGBS meet today at various times. See Jon Bennett to join a group.

Tuesday, September 22

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

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.

Wednesday, September 23

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

The Precepts Study of Romans Wednesday class will begin and the Sunday class will begin 9/27. Complete Lesson One and bring your \$15 workbook fee to the first class. A few workbooks are available just outside Randy's office door.

Thursday, October 1

The Primetimers will tour the Jones Farm in Huntsville. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center. Vans will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

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).

Service Station

- To help with CMS football meals, please see Shirley Oakley.
- To 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.
- To help financially with 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 details.

PrimeTimers' Events

October 26th -Potluck and "Prime Time Percussion"
December 7th -Christmas Play in Lawrenceburg

New Address

Bob and Sandra Johnson are both in room 11 at Poplar Estates.

WEST 7TH

Secret Sisters

Different Sisters. Same Love. One Purpose.

ENCOURAGE | PRAY | UPLIFT | LOVE

TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER IN CHRIST.

Let's continue to be a blessing to one another! Secret Sisters is a sweet way for the women of West 7th to encourage, pray for, and uplift one another through thoughtful notes, small gifts, and intentional kindness — all while remaining a secret.

SIGN UPS OPEN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Please pick up a sign up form at the Information Table and return it to Ms. Faye or Mrs. Delonia.

SIGN UPS DUE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Don't miss the deadline!

SECRET SISTER KICKOFF

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 5:30 PM

West 7th Teen Center

Secret Sister assignments will be delivered at the kickoff!

ASSIGNMENTS

We'll match and share your Secret Sister in early October at the kickoff.

SECRET SISTERS SEASON: OCTOBER – DECEMBER

"Encourage one another and build each other up..."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

Same Sisterhood. Brighter Together.

PRAY ENCOURAGE UPLIFT LOVE

BUILDING TO SERVE
UPREACH FOR OUTREACH

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

RECEIVED AS OF September 18, 2026: \$1,740,505.00

Please return the response cards as soon as possible.

Pray without ceasing

Sympathy

To Diane Lantzer and family on the death of her sister, Debbie Olson, who passed away September 11. The funeral was September 19.

To Ken Bray, Celia Owens and family on the death of Joey Ivey, son-in-law of Ken, brother-in-law of Celia, who passed away last weekend.

Reported sick this week:

Chris Allen continues to be ill. He will have more tests.

David Ward's brother, Albert, is recovering from diabetes issues.

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
Ruby Dunn	Glenda Kennedy	Carnice White
George & Shirley Freeland	Winnie Love	Jacob Williams

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
Jimmy & Carol Fann's son -	Paul Fann
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

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suzi@w7church.org

TODAY: The Tweens will have a SGBS at the building from 4:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Send \$5 for food.



Monday, September 21 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

*Small Group Bible Study: TONIGHT from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Teen Center. Food will be provided. Games and volleyball/basketball. Our next small group will be October 18.

*Plus One & Grade Groups this Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. Bring \$5 for food. The discount is still going on. You can pay up front for the year (August 2026 - May 2027) and receive at 15% discount - \$80! You can pay Venmo, cash, or check.

*Area Wide Devo - November 29 at Spring Hill Church of Christ. The full schedule of Area Wides is pinned in

Church Record

Sunday a.m. Worship	444
Auditorium	413
Spanish Speaking	19
The Bridge	12
Wednesday	202
Contribution	\$27,954

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Sermon Notes

Dean Miller was born and raised in Ohio. After graduating from Freed Hardeman University with a Bible degree in 1976, he spent most of his 45 years as a local pulpit preacher in his home state. Thirty-three of those years were with the Lord's church in Hartsville, OH. However, five of those 45 years were spent with the Maury City Church of Christ in West Tennessee as they helped him create the Widowhood Workshop Ministry (www.widowhoodworkshop.com).

He married his high school girlfriend, Ruth Ann Reed, at age 19, and they were married for 41 years. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in her early 50's and died at age 61 on Christmas morning of 2013. They were blessed with three daughters: Michelle, Melissa, and Deanna who live in Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia, respectively. All three are married and faithful Christians. Dean has five grandchildren. In response to his wife's death, his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren committed to what has become their family's passion project, the Widowhood Workshop Ministry. This grief ministry exists to glorify God by educating people about the powerful impact of loss and encourage those dealing with that impact. He has conducted Living with Loss Workshops in 23 states and helped many churches start local ongoing grief and/or widowhood ministries.

Dean has written three books about marriage and the loss of that blessing that are available on Amazon: *Before the End Comes*, *When the End Comes*, *After the End Comes*.

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....John Law

Paradise Valley - 527

Highest Place

Prayer.....Rob Cofer

Jesus Is All the World to Me - 348

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Communion.....Mike Forsthoff

Offering

We Fall Down

Scripture ReadingLandon Prentice

Psalm 34:1-3

It Is Well With My Soul - 345

Marriage Blessing.....Steve Cofer

Message.....Dean Miller

Just As I Am - 380

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....John Law

Nursery - Kelly Williams & Beverly Simmons

Sunday Adult Classes

Young Adults John Corn
Bible Based Life Decisions OC-Columbia Room

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

(Messages are available at w7church.org, iTunes, YouTube, Facebook or order a free CD at the Information Center.)

STUDY GUIDE

Open

- When you want to get away from people, where do you go and what do you do?
- Matthew's first recorded message begins with these verses we call the Beatitudes. Are these introductory concepts to following Jesus or are they lifelong goals?



Read Matthew 5:1-12 NIV[®]

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them, saying:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Discussion

How would a modern-day psychologist (and society in general) evaluate Jesus' teachings on the Beatitudes?

How do the eight Beatitudes relate to the promises that follow them?

How would you describe the opposite of each quality?

- *poor in spirit*
- *mourn*
- *meek*
- *hunger and thirst for righteousness*
- *merciful*
- *pure in heart*
- *peacemakers*
- *persecuted*

Is Jesus describing who His followers are, or is He prescribing what they must do? Why do you think so?

What kind of mourning do you feel Jesus is talking about in verse 4? What causes you to mourn?

Whom do you admire as a good example of meekness? How do they model humility?

Where are you a peacemaker? In your home? At church? At work? In your neighborhood? In what ways do you try to make peace?

How are these Beatitudes related to being salt and light (vv. 13-16)?

Application

Of the eight Beatitudes, which two do you most desire in your life right now? Which are you most tempted to ignore?

This past week, did you feel more blessed or stressed? What can you do to be more focused on God's blessing in your life?

Based on the Beatitudes, is the light of your life more like a flickering candle? A steady campfire? A blazing furnace? How can you add fuel to the fire?

Close in prayer: