



West Seventh Church of Christ

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September 21, 2025

Elders

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Meet at various times today.

To join a group, contact Jon Bennett or Max Morrison.

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 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 & celebrate with Dylan Bennett and Cailynn Clayton (see below)

10:30 Bible Classes

11:30 Worship in Spanish

Small Group Bible Studies meet at various times. See Jon Bennett or Max Morrison to join a group. Anyone is welcome to join the group meeting in the Chapel at 5:00 today.

Let's Celebrate!

Everyone is invited to stop by during Coffee Fellowship today 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.



Response

Deon Blackiston responded on Sunday, September 14 requesting prayers.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and cards Glen and I received as we travelled to Michigan for my brother's celebration of life. Glen and Shirley Stone

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

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

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

September 28

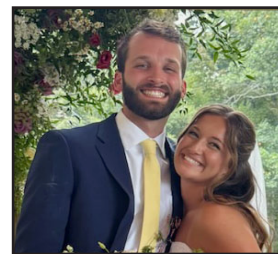
Chili Cook-Off & Pie Baking Contest

Sign up on the bulletin board at the Information Center or scan the QR code.



Congratulations

To Seth Countess and Molly Cofer who were married September 14. Their new address is 6426 Dellridge Place, Apt. 324, Mailbox 103, Chattanooga, TN 37421.



Congratulations

To Glen and Shirley Stone on the birth of their great-grandson, Glen Henry Freeman. Little Glen was born September 15 to Jay and Kaylynn Freeman. Isabella is the proud big sister.



GriefShare

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

There is a follow-up grief support group that meets on the second and fourth Sunday nights from 5-7 in the OC - Maury Room. These meetings are 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 today 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.

Food Pantry

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

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).

Pray without ceasing

Sympathy

To Suzanne Turner and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Cindy West, who passed away September 14. The funeral was Thursday.

Reported sick this week:

Lottie Umstead is at NHC-Maury, room 1307B recovering from surgery for a broken femur.

Suzanne Turner's brother, David West, is critically ill in MPMC, room 268.

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
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
Kelly Williams' brother-in-law -	Bill Ford

Preparing to Marry

Jaden Hamm & Amelia Carnahan
Dylan Bennett & Cailynn Clayton
Todd Beasley & Megan Easterday

Expectant Parents

Pearson & Hannah McClendon



Suzi Parrett
615-693-9427





West 7th Student Ministry

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

September 24- Grade Groups & Plus One
Bring a friend!
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
\$5 for members, guests eat free! Pay using Venmo (@WestSeventh-Church) or scan the QR code.



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	376
Spanish Speaking	24
The Bridge	12
Wednesday Classes	193
Contribution	\$19,374

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TEXT: Philippians 3

Introduction: **THE DIVINE EQUATION:** + =

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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:1-5 NIV[®]

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord!

Watch out for those dogs!

If anyone has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more.

I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him.

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

Our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a Savior from there!

Order of Worship

Song Leader.....John Law

Scripture ReadingHutson Cofer

We Will Glorify - 738

Holy, Holy, Holy - 238

Prayer.....Jacob Fleenor

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Communion.....Robert Murphy

Offering

Highest Place

How Great Thou Art - 226

Marriage Blessing.....John Law

Message.....Randy Owens

There's A Fountain Free - 655

Announcements and

Shepherd's Blessing.....John Corn

Nursery - Carrie Beasley & Heather Carroll

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

Wednesday Adult Classes

Adult Class Chapel
Genesis Lee Lantzer

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

Men's Class Room 214
God Has A Name Zach Pharr
(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



Open

- Have you ever thrown away something that was valuable? Did you retrieve it?
- We often use the word hope to mean a wish, or a preference. How does that differ from how the word is used in Scripture?

Scripture, Discussion and Application

Begin by reviewing Chip Ingram's "Divine Equation."

- What is the message?
- Why do circumstances have so much power and influence on us?
- How have you experienced this formula to be true?

Romans 5:1-5 describes a hope that does not disappoint. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

- Can you think of an example of unimportant moments or events when you were hopeful, but ended up being disappointed?
- Would you be willing to share a time when you were hopeful about something very important to you, but ended up being disappointed?

Read Philippians 3:1-2

- What was the challenge facing the Philippians? Do we face the same challenge today?

Read Philippians 3:3-6

- Paul had significant and powerful attributes and accomplishments to his credit. Perhaps, you do as well. Can you think of something noteworthy about yourself that others may not know?

Read Philippians 3:7-11

- Why did Paul consider these "reasons to put confidence in the flesh" as rubbish? How is that possible?
- Discuss another key word - "compared" in verse 8.

Consider how verse 12 is translated in the ESV: "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own" (Philippians 3:12). What is the comfort to be found in this statement?

Read Philippians 3:13-16

- Paul is not talking about leaving behind sins or failures in the past, though other Scriptures address that. What is to be "forgotten"?
- How do we "live up to what we have already attained"?

Read Philippians 3:20-21

- What is the point of having citizenship in heaven?

CLOSE: As you close, talk about "eagerly" awaiting the return of Jesus. How should that hopeful expectation impact on our daily lives?