

February 2026



# THE MESSENGER

## ASSEMBLIES: Sunday Mornings

Worship 9:00  
Coffee Fellowship 10:10  
Bible Classes 10:30

## Sunday Evenings

See inside for details

## Wednesday Evenings

Bible Classes 6:30

## Spanish Speaking Assemblies:

Sunday Morning  
Bible Classes 10:30  
Worship 11:30



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Billy Brooks	Hunter Johnson	Eric Nash	Chad Williams
Eric Bryant	Rob Johnson	Kent Pardon	Phillip Young, Jr.
Chris Carroll	Ted Johnson	Troy Rubert	
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Everyone is invited to a  
Welcome Shower for

*Nathan  
&  
Annabeth Graham*

February 8 | Family Center  
During Coffee Fellowship

Nathan and Annabeth are planning to  
purchase a house this year. Let's shower  
them with gift cards, household items and  
items to fill their pantry.

# Soup and Game Night

**February 22 | 5:00 | Teen Center**

Children will eat with their parents and be picked up from the Teen Center at 5:20 to play games in the Family Center. They will return to the Teen Center at 6:00.



*In Memory of*  
*Madeline Kennedy Longo "Maddie"*  
*November 18, 2013 - January 1, 2026*



Maddie Longo lived a beautiful life full of curiosity and creativity. She was intentional about showing kindness, slow to judge and quick to forgive. Maddie loved her family, friends, classmates, community, and every living creature so well. We know love more because of Maddie.

Maddie's final days were full of joy and all of the things she loved; a trip to Five Below, making slime, eating Ramen and Hot Cheetos, making lots of "Kandi" bracelets with pony beads, exploring trails and playing in creeks. We create more because of Maddie.

Maddie had the best sense of humor, and one of her favorite things was being able to make everyone around her laugh with her silliness and her jokes. She was always able to put a smile on your face and joy in your heart. We laugh more because of Maddie.

Maddie was the most curious and inquisitive child, and her interests were numerous, diverse and multifaceted. She was "Unapologetically Maddie," as she knew that she was created by God to be unique and showed this in all that she did. She was always researching her latest interests and shared so many unique facts with those in her life. We know more because of Maddie.

Maddie's life revolved around nature and animals. She loved all creatures big and small; from catching crawfish at the creek at CA, to playing with the neighborhood dogs, to being her dad's fishing buddy and "net ninja." One of Maddie's favorite places was anywhere she could get her feet wet, searching for critters, fish, shells and rocks. Maddie was able to see beauty in everything God created and shared these thoughts with those around her. We are more compassionate because of Maddie.

Maddie unexpectedly went to Heaven, but we take peace in knowing that Maddie accepted God and Christ Jesus as her Savior and is now being held in His arms. Maddie will be forever honored and remembered by her family; her mother Candace Longo, father Galen Longo, brother Max Longo, Aunt Coco Chloe Wagner, Nana Kathleen Wagner, GMA Andrea Carter, Pop Pop Robert Longo, Grandma Judy Longo, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins; her "Best Friend Group;" her 6th grade "family;" her teachers and classmates at Columbia Academy; her tween small group and church family at West 7th; and her community.

Maddie's life can best be honored by loving others well and pouring creativity and curiosity into the world. A Pink Bow has become a symbol to honor Maddie's beautiful spirit; please continue to place them and share them wherever you can to keep her memory alive.

# Meet Our New Shepherds

## *David Hendrixson*



David and Amy Hendrixson grew up in Huntsville, Alabama and have been married for 42 years. They have two children. Their son, Taylor and his wife, Sara, live in Seattle, Washington. Their daughter, Beth, is married to Carter Thomas. They live in

College Grove and have three sons - D. Wilson, Oliver and Remy. David and Amy bought a farm in Santa Fe in 2016 and moved in 2020 to be closer to Beth and her growing family. David is EVP of Corporate Strategy for Daikin America. Amy is a retired art teacher who now enjoys wedding/event planning and flower gardening. They began working with the Young Marrieds' Ministry, with David teaching, in September 2021 when it was decided a new class was needed. He has been serving as a deacon for this ministry. David and Amy have been part of the Teen Grade Groups serving the 9th now 10th grade students since last year. And Baby Day is one of their most favorite Sundays at West 7th!

## *Chris Shrader*



Chris and Michelle have been married for 35 years. Chris is a lifelong resident of Columbia and Michelle came from Kentucky in 1988 to teach at Columbia Academy. Chris has run the family business, Best Cleaners in Columbia and New Brand Cleaners in Brentwood since 1997. Michelle retired

from teaching at CA after 21 years and spends her time now as a full time grandma. The Shrader family have been members of West Seventh since 2002. Chris has served on international mission trips and has served the congregation as a youth ministry deacon and benevolence coordinator. He facilitated Grief Share support group for three years and now leads a follow up grief support group. Michelle has served on mission trips abroad, taught ladies' classes, and served in the nursery. They also help with Coffee Fellowships on Sunday mornings. They have four children; Christian (Leah) Shrader, Sutherland (Tommy) Archibald, McKenna (Jordan) Taylor, and Cassidy (Hunter) Hodge. They have four grandchildren; Beau, Maverick, Harper James, and Campbell with another due in May. Chris and Michelle enjoy tending to the cows on their farm, fishing, cheering on the Tennessee football and Kentucky basketball teams, and spending time with their family.

## *James Thomas*



James and Jennifer Thomas have been married for 25 years. They have three children - Andrew, 19, Luke, 18, and Caleb, 16. Jennifer is from Jackson, Tennessee and formerly worked as a nurse but now stays busy helping at Columbia Academy, sewing, and thrifting. James is the president of Columbia Academy and a native of Columbia. James has been a deacon with the children's ministry for approximately 10 years. Together they have done mission work in Montana, the Bahamas, and Mexico. They enjoy serving as Small Group Bible Study leaders and teaching the four year old class.





To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

## *In Memory of Glen Stone August 14, 1949 - January 18, 2026*



Glen Stone, age 76, passed away peacefully in his home on January 18, 2026. He was born on August 14, 1949, in Pulaski, Tennessee, to Irene Williams Stone Dalton and the late Paul Thomas Stone.

Glen was a natural storyteller who truly never met a stranger. His outgoing spirit and kind heart made everyone feel welcome, and he had a way of turning everyday moments into memorable stories. Above all else, Glen loved his family deeply—his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the center of his world. He cherished traveling with his beloved wife, Shirley, and together they made countless treasured memories exploring the world. Their adventures included trips to Alaska, Amsterdam, Italy, Germany, France, Switzerland, the mountains, and the beach. Glen especially loved trains, with fond memories of riding the rails in Alaska. His favorite trip of all was a dinner train ride he and Shirley enjoyed together in late 2025—a memory he spoke of often and held close to his heart. Glen was a faithful member of West 7th Church of Christ, where he found fellowship and community. Glen's legacy of love, laughter, and unforgettable stories will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

# FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

SEE GROUPME FOR FURTHER DETAILS:



**FEB 1** AREA WIDE @ HIGHLAND

**FEB 4** PLUS ONE & GRADE GROUPS

**FEB 8** SUPER BOWL PARTY

**FEB 11** BIBLE HERO SPEED DATING

**FEB 15** STUDENT MINISTRY SMALL  
GROUP

**FEB 18** PLUS ONE & GRADE GROUPS

**FEB 22** PARENT MEETING

**FEB 28** ESCAPE ROOM

# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Andy Kenney	<b>2</b> Marley Ayers	<b>3</b> Lily Howell	<b>4</b> Cole Ayers Ben Corn Calvin Gray Molly Jones Jerry Walker	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Jerry Cook Donna Estep Donald Taylor  Bo & Rachel Rivers	<b>7</b> Carolina Johnson Gabriel Karkau
Small Group Bible Studies						
<b>8</b> Jonathan Stevens	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Joyce Hubbell  George & Shirley Freeland	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ben Selbe Marshall Smith	<b>13</b> Steve Parrett Kathleen Siegle	<b>14</b> Brenda Coleman Daniel Jones Adrienne Taylor Tucker Vincent
Home Devotionals						
<b>15</b> Josh Howell Lucy Howell Delores Lee  David & Karen Mann	<b>16</b> Andrew Meadows Linda Watts	<b>17</b> Rachel Basham	<b>18</b> Adell Eastep	<b>19</b> Jax Ayers Carol Fann Sarah Skidmore	<b>20</b> Rob Cofer Judah Gilles Paisley McCullough Kent Pardon	<b>21</b>
Small Group Bible Studies						
<b>22</b> Jill Mitchell John Simmons	<b>23</b> Magnolia Marlin  Doug & Jennifer Phillips	<b>24</b> Leigh Meadows Michelle Shrader	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Shannon McMurtry Kayla Pharr Alex Savage  Thomas & Dana Salters	<b>27</b> Jill Coleman  Seth & Emily Anderson	<b>28</b> Austin Hubbell
Soup & Game Night						

	TO LEARN MORE ABOUT	CONTACT	BIBLE CLASSES
CLASSES & MINISTRIES	Adult Bible Classes	John Corn, Steve Estep	<b>Sunday 10:30 a.m.</b>
	Small Group Bible Studies	Jon Bennett, Max Morrison	<b>College Age</b> “Unexplainable Jesus” <b>Room 306</b>
	Children’s Ministry/Faith Farm	Suzi Parrett, James Thomas	<b>Young Professionals</b> What made Jesus appealing? <b>Room 307</b>
	Tween Ministry Grades 5-6	Suzi Parrett, Steve & Vickie Cofer	Marty DeJarnette
	Student Ministry Grades 7-12	Nathan Graham, Jacob Love, Ben Jones, Eric Nash, Jacob Hunnicutt	<b>Young Marrieds</b> The Wisdom of Proverbs <b>Room 307</b>
	Lads to Leaders/Bible Bowl	Josh & Lindsey Howell, Ashley Dickinson, Jordan Tatom	<b>Young Families</b> Habits of the Household <b>OC - Tennessee Room</b>
	Men’s Ministry	Eric Nash, Tyler Sells, Ben Corn	Barry England
	Women’s Ministry	Beverly Simmons, Sharon Greene	Tyler Sells
	Spanish Speaking Ministry	Elyar Sanchez, Orlando Valverde	<b>Homebuilders</b> Great Chapters of the Bible <b>TV Studio</b>
	PrimeTimers (Senior Adults)	Barry England, Faye Kinzer, Barbara Thrasher	Jon Bennett
MISSIONS & SERVING	Counseling & Family Ministry	Barry England	Rush Holladay
	GriefShare/DivorceCare	Barry England	David Esslinger
	Widow’s Ministry	Faye Kinzer, Sandy Lee	<b>Adult Class</b> God is Light <b>Auditorium</b>
	Next Step	John Law, John Simmons	Tom Anderson
	Tech Ministry	Delonia Lawrence, Danetra Hodge, Vickie Cofer	<b>Adult Class</b> Galations Ephesians <b>Room 214</b>
	Missions	Steve Cofer	<b>Adult Class</b> Genesis <b>Chapel</b>
	Healing Hands International	Jim Knight, Dale Huckaby	Joel Oswalt
	Local Outreach	Chris Carroll	<b>Spanish Speaking</b> <b>Room 212</b>
	Disaster Relief	Jim Knight	Elyar Sanchez
	FriendSpeak	Linda James	Armando Sanchez
WORSHIP & FACILITIES	Service Station	Mike Forsthoff	Orlando Valverde
	Sewing Ministry	Faye Kinzer	<b>Wednesday 6:30 p.m.</b>
	Food Pantry	Tommy & Peggy McEwen	<b>Adult Class</b> Meditations in Genesis <b>Chapel</b>
	Beneficence - Members	Joe Westmoreland, Ted Johnson	Lee Lantzer
	Beneficence - Community	Tom Anderson	<b>Ladies’ Class</b> Being Transformed by God <b>T.V. Studio</b>
	Baby Showers	Beverly Simmons	Amy Sanchez
	Bridal Showers	Beverly Simmons	<b>Men’s Class</b> Ezekiel <b>Room 214</b>
	Food for New Moms	Amy Hendrixson	Chris Loftis
	Food for Illness/Funerals	Jade Anderson, Ramona Ward	<b>Precepts</b> A Study of 2 Kings <b>OC - Maury Room</b>
	Fellowship Meals	Tyler Sells, Bobby Kennedy, Josh Howell	Randy Owens
	Event Set-Up	Seth Anderson, Richie Estep	
	Baptism Preparation	Tommy & Peggy McEwen	
	Broadcasting	Calvin Jackson, Troy Rubert	
	Van Drivers	Steve Cofer	
	Mobility Assistance/Valet	Bill Stevens, Jacob Hunnicutt	
	Open/Close Bldg.	Steve McEwen	
	Greeters	Darrel Marlin, Eric Nash	
	Ushers	Darrell Marlin	
	PA System/Powerpoint	Eric Bryant	
	Coffee Fellowship	Chris & Michelle Shrader, Troy & Lori Rubert, Ken Eubank	
	Finance/Contribution Count	Chad Williams	
	Nursing Home Communion	Kent Pardon	
	Security	Ben Jones, Tyler Sells	
	Facility Maintenance	David Ward	