

October 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
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Spanish Speaking Assemblies:

Sunday Morning	
Bible Classes	10:30
Worship	11:30

Staff

Barry England	Marriage/Family
Nathan Graham	Students
Randy Owens	Preaching
Suzi Parrett	Children
Julie Savage	Ministry Assistant
David Ward	Facilities

Online Giving QR Code



Spanish Speaking

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Church of Christ

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ELDERS

Bill Alsup	505-2282	Chris Shrader	334-9977
Steve Cofer	615-519-1228	John Simmons	626-5524
John Corn	540-230-8713	John M. Smith	388-5841
Marty DeJarnette	797-2387	James Thomas	698-8014
David Hendrixson	256-303-3115	Jeff White	615-828-3509
John Law	698-2236		

DEACONS

Seth Anderson	Mike Forsthoff	Bobby Kennedy	Troy Rubert
Brett Basham	Josh Howell	Jim Knight	Elyar Sanchez
Jon Bennett	Jamie Hubbell	John Kodatt	Rickey Savage
Billy Brooks	Jacob Hunnicutt	Jacob Love	Tyler Sells
Eric Bryant	Calvin Jackson	Darrel Marlin	Bill Stevens
Chris Carroll	Hunter Johnson	Michael Marlin	Jordan Tatom
Rob Cofer	Rob Johnson	Tommy McEwen	David Ward
Richie Estep	Ted Johnson	Eric Nash	Joe Westmoreland
Steve Estep	Ben Jones	Kent Pardon	Chad Williams

In Memory of Marynelle Criswell

Marynelle Alsup Criswell passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 5, 2026, surrounded by her family. Born on October 21, 1938, she was the daughter of Wilson Raye and Rubye Holloway Alsup and grew up in Lebanon, Tennessee. She was married to her high school sweetheart, James (Jim) Howard Criswell, for 64 years. She is survived by her children: John Michael Criswell and Karen Criswell Serafin (Chris), her four grandchildren: Dillon Criswell Heard (Rachel), Charles Jesse Heard (Anna), Gracie Mac Heard and Josie Lynn Heard, her two step grandchildren: Luke Serafin and Kristina Serafin, and one precious great granddaughter.

Marynelle attended David Lipscomb College after graduating high school, worked as a secretary for the college and eventually became a stay-at-home mother, teaching Sunday School and Bible studies over the years. She spent her last employment years as an assistant in the Reading Department at Columbia State Community College. She played a pivotal role in establishing "Prayer on the Square" for Maury County.

Marynelle, known as "Mac" to family and friends, was a devoted wife and mother, compassionate and generous to everyone, and full of joy. She had a deep love for cooking, all things French, camping, hiking, books of every genre,

writing, and cats. She was an accomplished singer, pianist, and a published author of poems, magazine and newspaper articles, and two books. When you met Mac, it was no secret that her greatest zeal centered around her relationship with Jesus. An avid student of the Word,

she knew hundreds of scriptures, had a deep understanding of Old Testament prophecy, and had a joyous expectation for the second coming of Christ and Heaven. Mac was and will always be remembered as a prayer warrior who spread her hope in Christ to people of every tongue and tribe of the world.

Mac achieved the pinnacle of her dreams as a writer in 2023 with the self-published children's story Marco Grosso about a chef who finds his happy place with song and delicious food. Her second book, published in 2025, is the story of her life-long journey to her spiritual happy place. Entitled, The Shepherd Takes a Bride, the book guides

its readers beside the promised still waters of Psalm 23. Within the pages you will know her heart for the Savior and His heart for His bride, the Church.

Mac built a spiritual foundation for her family and countless others and will leave a legacy of love for Jesus for generations to come. Her presence will be greatly missed but we rejoice that she is now whole and healed.



Singing & Fellowship

October 11 at 5:30 p.m.

3450 Murphy Lane

Bring cookies to share and
a lawn chair. Drinks provided.

In Memory of Sue Jones

Linda Sue Barber Jones, 93, of Lewisburg, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 26, 2026. She was born on January 21, 1933, in Pleasantville, Tennessee, to the late Omar Z. Barber and the late Nannie Sue Weatherspoon Barber. Sue was united in marriage to Ewell Jasper Jones on April 19, 1952, and he preceded her in death on April 24, 2002. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1951.

Sue was a longtime employee of Maury Regional Hospital, where she first worked in the business office from 1952 until 1956. She returned to Maury Regional Hospital in 1969 after rearing her children and served as the staffing coordinator of nursing services until her retirement in 1997.

She was a faithful member of West Seventh Church of Christ. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, flower gardening, and, most of all, spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her children: Delores Wherry (Ron) of Rockwall, TX, Karen Martin (and the late Doug Martin)

of Lewisburg, and Ewell Mark Jones (Patricia Dianne) of Lewisburg, grandchildren: Brian Wherry (Cheryl L.), Shannon Wherry, Stephen Wherry (Katelyn Pankratz, fiancée), Beth Martin Hanson, Mary Leslie Martin Scoggins (Levi), Crossie Christina Jones, and Hannah Sue Jones (Josh Gordon, fiancé); ten great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Ewell Jasper Jones, Linda was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Doug Martin, and her siblings, Estelle Hampton, J.T. Barber, Billy Barber, Annie Lee Whitwell, Mary Austin Rushton, Esther Johnston, Lucille Reeves, and Clara French.

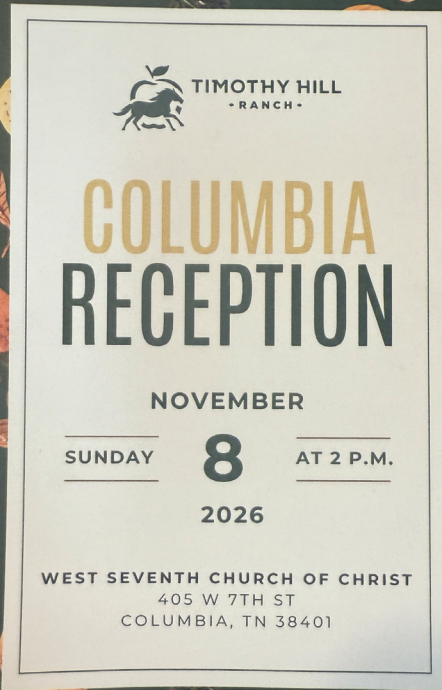
The family extends their heartfelt thanks for all the kind words, prayers, and expressions of love shown during this time. Special appreciation is given to Sue's nurses for their loving care, and to her very dear friend, Kay Spears, for her kindness and friendship.



Save the Date!



November 8



All are invited to
attend a reception
for the
Timothy Hill Ranch
on Sunday,
November 8, 2026,
at 2:00 p.m. in the
Outreach Center

Holiday Schedule

November 15	Holiday Hope Begins
November 15	Teens' Friendsgiving +One
November 25	No Bible classes or devotional
November 26-27	Office Closed
December 6	Holiday Hope gifts due
December 23	No Bible classes or devotional
December 24-25	Office Closed
December 30	No Bible classes or devotional
January 1	Office Closed



Building to Serve — A Final Push

The Elders want to thank you for your continued support of the Building to Serve capital campaign. As you have seen in the weekly bulletin, we are nearing \$1,750,000 received toward our \$2,500,000 campaign goal. Many of you have given generously, while others are still prayerfully considering a commitment that will help us bring this campaign to completion.

The original mortgage on the Outreach Center was \$750,000. The building was an extraordinary opportunity. Centerstone Counseling was ready to divest some of its real estate after discovering during COVID that much of its work could be done effectively through videoconferencing rather than face-to-face appointments. At the same time, West 7th had been wanting and needing additional space but was limited by the historical district restrictions surrounding our property.

Because the Outreach Center was already within the historical district, we were able to acquire a building that met our needs without facing many of the restrictions and costs that would have accompanied new construction. The purchase price was approximately one-fourth of what it would have cost to build a comparable facility from the ground up.

We had essentially given up on our plans for expansion despite the need for additional space. Then this opportunity became available. We truly believe this building was a gift from God and an answer to prayer.

The Need to Finish

The mortgage on the Outreach Center comes due in December 2026. We currently have a very favorable interest rate. If we refinance, however, the rate is expected to be significantly higher based on current rates. That would substantially increase our monthly interest expense—money that could otherwise be used for ministry and serving others.

Our hope and prayer is to pay off the mortgage in December 2026, or certainly by the conclusion of the Building to Serve campaign in March 2027.

As we make this final push toward our goal, we are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider the following:

- Please return the commitment card recently sent to your household. We have not yet heard from more than 100 households. If you do not plan to participate financially, we would still appreciate knowing that. Simply return the card so we can have an accurate picture of where we stand. If you have misplaced your card, additional cards are available through the church office.
- If you are currently giving periodically, please continue your commitment. Every gift is important as we work toward completing the campaign.
- If you are giving from a retirement account, either as a one-time gift or through installment gifts, please consider whether you might be able to increase your original commitment. If your investments have experienced significant growth over the past few years, perhaps you could consider increasing your commitment by 5%, 10%, or even 15%. You might also consider making a gift in memory of someone or in honor of someone you esteem.
- If you have been waiting to see how much will be needed to complete the campaign before making a commitment, now is a good time to let us know your intentions. Even an approximate amount and anticipated timing would help us plan appropriately as we approach the end of the campaign.
- Consider talking with your financial advisor about year-end giving. There may be tax considerations associated with giving before the end of the year or making a gift early in 2027. Your advisor can help you determine what may be most appropriate for your circumstances.

The Outreach Center has already been a tremendous blessing to West 7th and to our community, and we believe its greatest opportunities for ministry are still ahead of us. We are grateful for the generosity, faith, and commitment that have brought us this far.

Please prayerfully consider what part you can play in helping us finish the Building to Serve campaign and retire this debt. Together, we can continue using this building not simply as a facility, but as a tool to serve God and others.



Sunday, OCTOBER 25

TRUNK

or

TREAT!

5:00 Singing
followed by
Trunk or Treat

Bring
a
friend!

Dress in
your best
costume

Games
Food
Fun

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 John Luke Pharr	2 Jamie McKnight Sonny & Sandy Lee	3 Reanna Carlisle
4 Chris Shrader	5 Carson Adkisson Andreana Carroll Jason Skidmore	6 Carrie Beasley Bryar Brown Jared Harrelson Lori Rubert Jonathan Tatom Roger Willson	7 Jackson Beasley	8 Judy Cofer	9 Jacob Fleenor Annabeth Graham Ben Jones Roger & Kelly Willson	10 Galen & Candace Longo
Small Group Bible Studies	Fall Break - CA and Maury County Schools					
11 Lauryn Harrison Fulton McCullough Randy & Rhoda Hartwig	12 Mike & Glenda Kesler	13 Ryan Ault	14 Wyatt Ayers Bethany McDonald Blane & Molly Harris	15 Penny Hubbell Shirley Oakley	16 Jordan & Sarah Tatom	17 Mary Berland James Cary Luke & Aimee Jones
Singing & Fellowship at Steve and Vickie Cofer's						
18 Max Morrison Randy Owens Luke Thomas	19 Francie McDonald	20 Jacob Adkisson David Heffington Jackie Mangrum Bo Rivers Elvira Sanchez	21 Jacob & Crystal Hunnicutt Rob & Jenny Johnson	22 Ryan Mangrum Jim Netherland Ryan & Katie Madgett	23 Brad Mitchell	24 Maria Cotero
Small Group Bible Studies						
25 Lake Lamm Isabella Sanchez Maverick Taylor Troy & Lori Rubert	26 Scott Carter Collins Cary Jamie Gibson Reese Shirley	27 Hayes Crump Michael Marlin Rowan Morrison	28 Chamberlain Cary Lori James Josie Prentice	29 Simpson Brown Kathy Morrow Jane Pharr	30 Karen Mann Cindy Stoltz	31 Stacey Meadows
Trunk or Treat						

	TO LEARN MORE ABOUT	CONTACT	BIBLE CLASSES
CLASSES & MINISTRIES	Adult Bible Classes	John Corn, Steve Estep	Sunday 10:30 a.m. Young Adults Bible Based Room 306 John Corn Life Decisions Young Marrieds Men & Women of the Room 307 David Hendrixson Old Testament Young Families James OC - Tennessee Room Barry England Tyler Sells Homebuilders Acts OC - Maury Room Jon Bennett Rush Holladay David Esslinger Adult Class God is Light Auditorium Tom Anderson Adult Class Biblical Teaching on Room 214 John Simmons Contemporary Issues Adult Class Genesis Chapel Joel Oswalt Spanish Speaking Room 212 Elyar Sanchez Orlando Valverde
	Small Group Bible Studies	Jon Bennett	
	Children's Ministry/Faith Farm	Suzi Parrett	
	Tween Ministry Grades 5-6	Suzi Parrett, Steve & Vickie Cofer	
	Student Ministry Grades 7-12	Nathan Graham, Jacob Love, Ben Jones, Eric Nash, Jacob Hunnicutt	
	Lads to Leaders/Bible Bowl	Josh & Lindsey Howell, Jordan Tatom	
	Men's Ministry	Eric Nash, Tyler Sells, Ben Corn	
	Women's Ministry	Beverly Simmons, Sharon Greene	
	Spanish Speaking Ministry	Elyar Sanchez, Orlando Valverde	
	PrimeTimers (Senior Adults)	Barry England, Faye Kinzer, Barbara Thrasher	
MISSIONS & SERVING	Counseling & Family Ministry	Barry England	
	GriefShare/DivorceCare	Barry England	
	Widows' Ministry	Faye Kinzer, Sandy Lee	
	Next Step	John Law, John Simmons	
	Tech Ministry	Delonia Lawrence, Danetra Hodge, Vickie Cofer	
	Missions	Steve Cofer	
	Healing Hands International	Jim Knight, Dale Huckaby	
	Local Outreach	Chris Carroll	
	Disaster Relief	Jim Knight	
	FriendSpeak	Linda James	
WORSHIP & FACILITIES	Service Station	Mike Forsthoff	Sunday 4:00 p.m. Precept Study of Romans Discipling Room 102 Randy Owens Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Class: Nehemiah Chapel Childcare provided Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Adult Class: James Chapel Phillip Young, Sr. Men: The Iron Edge - Brotherhood that Cuts Room 214 Taft Ayers Ladies: Lessons from Mayberry TV Studio Tina England & Michelle Shrader Precept Study of Romans Discipling Room 102 Randy Owens
	Sewing Ministry	Faye Kinzer	
	Food Pantry	Tommy & Peggy McEwen	
	Beneficence - Members	Joe Westmoreland, Ted Johnson	
	Beneficence - Community	Tom Anderson	
	Baby Showers	Beverly Simmons	
	Bridal Showers	Beverly Simmons	
	Food for New Moms	Amy Hendrixson	
	Food for Illness/Funerals	Ramona Ward, Tamara Trulove	
	Fellowship Meals	Tyler Sells, Bobby Kennedy, Josh Howell	
	Event Set-Up	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	