

September 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
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Randy Owens	Preaching
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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

Living with Loss Workshop

September 18-20

West 7th Church of Christ
405 West 7th Street
Columbia, TN



Dean Miller, Facilitator

- Founder & Director of Widowhood Workshop Ministry
- Pulpit Minister for over 40 years
- Widowed since December 2013

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18 @ W7 Outreach Center

2:00-3:30 pm or 7:00-8:30 pm

Life, Love, Loss & Hope

Saturday, September 19 @ W7 Outreach Center

8:30-9:00 am

Registration & Refreshments

9:00 am-12 Noon

It's OK to Grieve

What Grief Does to Us

Widowhood: What's It Like?

Sunday, September 20 @ W7 Church Auditorium

9:00 am Worship

Praise the Lord! No Matter What

10:30 am Bible Class

What We Ought to Do When

We Are Overwhelmed



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FUTURE MINISTRIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR USE OF THE OUTREACH CENTER

The opportunities provided to West 7th through the gift of the Outreach Center (OC) are beyond what we can imagine. As we ask, “What now?”, it is helpful to understand the work that has already been done to answer that question.

Early in the planning process, the congregation was invited to suggest ways the OC could be used. Nearly 90 suggestions were submitted. A diverse Usage Committee reviewed these ideas, combined similar suggestions, and identified 62 unique opportunities. These were organized into seven categories:

Beneficence
Community Outreach
Community Service
West 7th Use
Spiritual Education
Fellowship
Storage.

Several ministries were identified as natural uses for the OC. Sewing and the Food Pantry will move to the OC, providing much-needed space while freeing existing church space for additional classrooms. Other beneficence opportunities include MAGI boxes and possibly a Meals in Motion ministry, using the upgraded kitchen to prepare meals for distribution.

Potential community outreach ministries include meeting space for GriefShare, DivorceCare, support groups, neighborhood Bible studies, parenting classes, recovery programs, health screenings, and blood drives. Community service opportunities could include counseling, civic and advocacy groups such as CASA, job and financial education classes, assistance for those experiencing homelessness, and special community events such as Mule Day and the Christmas parade. Game and movie nights could also provide opportunities to connect with our neighbors.

The OC will also provide much-needed classroom, fellowship, and family space for West 7th. Regarding storage and clothing/furniture distribution, the committee felt these services are already being provided effectively by other organizations in our area and do not need to be duplicated. Instead, we can partner with and support these existing ministries.

Two things are important to remember: the Lord will continue to show us new ways to use His gift, and every ministry requires volunteers willing to lead and serve.

Please prayerfully consider how you can step forward and help make the Outreach Center a place where West 7th serves, reaches, teaches, and blesses our community.

Lads to Leaders: Building Tomorrow's Leaders

What if we could give our young people more than Bible knowledge—what if we could help them become confident leaders who are willing and prepared to serve?

That is the heart of the Lads to Leaders ministry. Through a variety of activities and opportunities, our youth are encouraged to grow in their faith while developing practical leadership skills they can use throughout their lives and in service to the Lord.

Our current ministry offers opportunities in speech, song leading, Bible reading, Bible bowl, debate, and puppet theater. Each opportunity allows our young people to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, strengthen their communication skills, and learn how to lead and encourage others in their faith.

This year, we are also looking to expanding our ministry opportunities by adding PowerPoint presentations, podcasts and youth led Bible study. These new media opportunities will give our youth additional ways to develop communication and technology skills while learning how to use modern tools to share God's Word.

Lads to Leaders isn't simply about preparing for a convention. It is about preparing our young people for a lifetime of faithful service and leadership. We want to help them discover their abilities, strengthen their confidence, and understand that they have an important role to play in the church—both now and in the future.

Want to Get Involved?

Registration will be held during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 13.

We encourage parents and youth to stop by, learn more about the program, and find an opportunity that is a good fit for each adult or child. There is a place for everyone in Lads to Leaders!

Let's work together to equip the next generation to lead, serve, teach, and share their faith with confidence.

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Get to Know John Arrucci

Hometown: Columbia, TN

Tell us about your family.

I lost my wonderful wife of 31 years, Rose in February 2026

Where did you go to school?

Eastman School of Music, University of Bahia, Brazil

Where all have you lived?

Bronx, White Plains, Ossining, NY; Varanasi, India; Salvador, Bahia, Brazil; Kent Lakes, NY, Columbia, TN. Most all of my moves as an adult have been prompted by curiosity.

Where do you work and what do you do?

I am a freelance percussionist, composer and educator. I have performed around the world, taught at Princeton University for 23 years and composed for film, soloists and large and small ensembles.

What are some of your hobbies/interests?

Swimming, languages, Bible study

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Any place with crystal clear water for swimming, especially under water.



When did you become a Christian?

2006

How would you describe your spiritual journey?

I was brought up Catholic, came to an end of myself and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Before coming to West Seventh, in what ways did you serve at your congregation?

Playing with church worship team, teaching Bible study online for over 7 years.

What's one of your favorite scriptures?

Psalm 22 and especially the concluding verse, "They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!"

What's been one of the scariest/most challenging moments of your life?

Losing my wonderful wife, Rose, in February 2026.

Who has influenced you significantly?

My wife Rose's wisdom and grace continues to bless and instruct me.

Name something you've done that is unique.

I was an honored guest of the Maharaja of Varanasi, India on his palace grounds watching a performance of the Ram Lila atop an elephant.

Get to Know Stanley & Deborah Scott

Stanley Scott

Hometown: Culleoka, TN

Where all have you lived?

I have lived in Culleoka all my life on a six generation farm.

Where do you work and what do you do?

Retired from Duck River Electric where I was a lineman for 40 years

What are some of your hobbies/interests?

Travel, woodworking, raising beef cattle

When did you become a Christian?

When I was 11 years old

Before coming to West Seventh, in what ways did you serve at your congregation?

Assisted with communion

What's one of your favorite scriptures?

Psalm 23

What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

Having a good christian home

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Yellowstone

What's been one of the scariest/most challenging moments of your life?

Finding out I had Parkinson's

Who has influenced you significantly?

My Ag teacher, Mr. Hugh Peery

Name something you've done that is unique.

Raised champion livestock



Deborah Scott

Hometown: White House, TN

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Stanley and grandson, Jaxon
Jaxon is 11 years old and loves baseball, reading and the beach

Where do you work and what do you do?

Retired from TOA

What are some of your hobbies/interests?

Traveling, working in the yard, decorating

When did you become a Christian?

When I was 9 years old

How would you describe your spiritual journey?

I was raised in a christian home and have always attended church.

What's one of your favorite scriptures?

Matthew 22:37-40

What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

Going to my grandparents' house

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Wyoming

What's been one of the scariest/most challenging moments of your life?

Losing my daughter unexpectedly

Who has influenced you significantly?

My parents. I'm so proud of how I was raised.

Name something you've done that is unique.

Raising my grandson, Jaxon

Begins September 15

GRIEF  SHARE[®]

This group will meet in the OC - Columbia Room on Tuesday nights at 5:30 for a duration of 13 weeks. Call the church office (931-388-6514) to register. Please reach out to any family and friends who might benefit from this support group.

How Does a Fireside Room Become a Discipling Room?

About this time last year, we opened the Outreach Center, and it has already been put to good use to serve our community and our church family. Soon afterwards, however, we discovered that condensation on the HVAC duct work in the Fireside Room had created a localized mold issue. Out of an abundance of caution, we had the room and all the adjacent rooms/offices professionally treated, and we replaced the ceiling tiles, the carpeting, and even the upholstered furniture per recommendation from the experts. During that work, the counseling ministry relocated to the small rooms inside the Columbia Room in the Outreach Center. Happily, that worked so well for the counseling ministry that it would like to remain in that space going forward. This means that the Columbia Room will be reserved for this use during office hours that the counseling service is operating. At all other times the Columbia Room is available as usual and will also now serve as the choice location for hosting showers and teas. This means that the Fireside Room and the rooms adjacent to it can be “repurposed” for other uses as well.

Because there have been continued requests for places to study, meet and disciple others, we have an opportunity to designate and equip these spaces as “Discipling Rooms” to align with our mission and their new usage. The Fireside Room will become Discipling Room 102. It will continue to seat approximately 80 for Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays, but it will also be available for other events as we expand our mission to disciple others. The adjacent, smaller rooms will be called Discipling Room 103, 104, and 106. Some of the furnishings displaced by the counseling ministry have been relocated to these rooms and they will easily accommodate Bible studies, prayer groups, small meetings, and more. In fact, the new session of GriefShare beginning in September has decided to meet in two of these Discipling Rooms.

If it has been a while since you were in that area on our lower level, take a peek, and look around. Not everything is completed in this repurposing project, but that does not hinder them from being put to good use. You may reserve any one of these spaces by calling the church office. God has blessed us with an incredible facility. May everything we do bring Him glory as we strive to be completely committed followers of Jesus – discipling, equipping, serving and loving!

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Bill Bailey Carson Carter Kim Turner	2 Ruby Nell Dunn J.T. Fox Joy Jones Kathryn Marlin Peggy McEwen Josh & Amberly Kaylor Fall Quarter Classes Begin	3 Harbor Mangrum Amy Sanchez	4 Sandra Brooks Luke Jones Kaynann Nash Tara Simmons	5 Lenox Simmons
6 Jared & Elise Harrelson	7	8 Charlie Fleenor Ashley Dickinson Magnolia Kaylor Ben & Jill Jones Chad & Erica Williams	9 Banks Howell Beckett Howell Kyn Sartain Campbell Taylor W7SM Plus One & Grade Groups	10 Erin Johnson Jacob & Lauren Adkisson	11 Mike Forsthoff Paul Harrelson Amberly Kaylor	12 Cooper Malugin Rosey Overstreet
Hospitality	Labor Day					
13 Todd Fox Maria Williams Lads to Leaders Registration Hearts Program Kickoff Home Devotionals	14 Hannah Cole Julie Newton Emily Raines Donna Rickman Trey & Jill Coleman	15	16 Ken Gaines Carnice White Josh & Hannah Cottrill	17	18 Taft Ayers Rosemarry Richey	19 Anthony Petrochko Ben & Amanda Corn
					Living with Loss Workshop	
20 Anthony Petrochko Small Group Bible Studies	21 Danetra Hodge Steve & Vickie Cofer Tucker & Baylie Vincent	22 Ethel Harrelson Wilder Sells Lochlan Simmons	23 Deborah Young W7SM Plus One & Grade Groups	24 Randy Davidson	25	26
27 Adalind Parker Kacy & Bethany Brown Hospitality	28 Lauren Kennedy	29 Anna Ault Amy Kenney Sue Warrington	30 Jim Carrigan Linda Wilson Paul & Ethel Harrelson Brad & Jill Mitchell Richard & Lora Taylor			

	TO LEARN MORE ABOUT	CONTACT	BIBLE CLASSES
CLASSES & MINISTRIES	Adult Bible Classes	John Corn, Steve Estep	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
	Small Group Bible Studies	Jon Bennett	
	Children's Ministry/Faith Farm	Suzi Parrett	Young Professionals "Unexplainable Jesus" Room 306
	Tween Ministry Grades 5-6	Suzi Parrett, Steve & Vickie Cofer	Marty DeJarnette What Made Jesus Appealing
	Student Ministry Grades 7-12	Nathan Graham, Jacob Love, Ben Jones, Eric Nash, Jacob Hunnicutt	Young Marrieds Men & Women of the Old Testament Room 307
	Lads to Leaders/Bible Bowl	Josh & Lindsey Howell, Jordan Tatom	Young Families James OC - Tennessee Room
	Men's Ministry	Eric Nash, Tyler Sells, Ben Corn	
	Women's Ministry	Beverly Simmons, Sharon Greene	
	Spanish Speaking Ministry	Elyar Sanchez, Orlando Valverde	Homebuilders Acts OC - Maury Room
	PrimeTimers (Senior Adults)	Barry England, Faye Kinzer, Barbara Thrasher	Jon Bennett Rush Holladay David Esslinger
MISSIONS & SERVING	Counseling & Family Ministry	Barry England	
	GriefShare/DivorceCare	Barry England	Adult Class God is Light Auditorium
	Widows' Ministry	Faye Kinzer, Sandy Lee	
	Next Step	John Law, John Simmons	
	Tech Ministry	Delonia Lawrence, Danetra Hodge, Vickie Cofer	Adult Class Biblical Teaching on Contemporary Issues Room 214
	Missions	Steve Cofer	
	Healing Hands International	Jim Knight, Dale Huckaby	Adult Class Genesis Chapel
	Local Outreach	Chris Carroll	
	Disaster Relief	Jim Knight	
	FriendSpeak	Linda James	Spanish Speaking Room 212
WORSHIP & FACILITIES	Service Station	Mike Forsthoff	
	Sewing Ministry	Faye Kinzer	
	Food Pantry	Tommy & Peggy McEwen	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
	Beneficence - Members	Joe Westmoreland, Ted Johnson	
	Beneficence - Community	Tom Anderson	Ladies' Class: Colossians Chapel
	Baby Showers	Beverly Simmons	Childcare provided
	Bridal Showers	Beverly Simmons	
	Food for New Moms	Amy Hendrixson	
	Food for Illness/Funerals	Ramona Ward, Tamara Trulove	Sunday 4:00 p.m.
	Fellowship Meals	Tyler Sells, Bobby Kennedy, Josh Howell	Precept Study of Romans Begins 9/27 Discipling Room 102
	Event Set-Up	Richie Estep	
	Baptism Preparation	Tommy & Peggy McEwen	
	Broadcasting	Calvin Jackson, Troy Rubert	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
	Van Drivers	Steve Cofer	
	Mobility Assistance/Valet	Bill Stevens, Jacob Hunnicutt	
	Open/Close Bldg.	Steve McEwen	Adult Class: James Chapel
	Greeters	Darrel Marlin, Eric Nash	Phillip Young, Sr.
	Ushers	Darrell Marlin	
	PA System/PowerPoint	Eric Bryant	Men: The Iron Edge - Brotherhood that Cuts Room 214
	Coffee Fellowship	Chris & Michelle Shrader, Troy & Lori Rubert, Ken Eubank	Taft Ayers
	Finance/Contribution Count	Chad Williams	Ladies: Lessons from Mayberry TV Studio
	Nursing Home Communion	Kent Pardon	Tina England & Michelle Shrader
	Security	Ben Jones, Tyler Sells	
	Facility Maintenance	David Ward	Precept Study of Romans Begins 9/23 Discipling Room 102