



## Uniformity or Diversity

By Dan Jenkins

## Focus 2026

The world has changed so drastically from what it was just a short time ago. Morality has been redefined. Marriage has been redefined. Righteousness has been redefined. Realistically, we are not as concerned about godliness as we once were.

We have become a society characterized by being a “non-judgmental” pluralistic one, where each person uses his own judgment and his own definition about right and wrong. Our tolerant attitude seems to delight that such diversity is the norm.

Jesus established the church to bring unity of mankind together in His body, the church. The first century world had many gods and each of them allowed whatever actions their gods approved. Wrath, anger and injustice was part of paganism. Christ built the church to enable men to change and to be part of God’s eternal plan to bring all men together in the one body.

Both paganism and Judaism were splintered by thinking its world view was the right one. “Every man did that which was right in his own eyes” (Prov. 17:6). Christianity was designed to bring uniformity, not diversity. Paul gives the Ephesians the basis of the unity and the bond of peace that Christ could bring about by giving seven “ones” of unity (Eph. 4:4-6).

“There is one body...” (v. 4). That one body is the church (Eph. 1:22-23), and every person becomes part of it by giving up every wrong concept they once embraced. It was not divided into denominations, all wore the same religious name (1 Cor. 1:10-13), and all spoke the same truth.

“There is...one Spirit” (v. 4). In the absence of the written Bible, the Holy Spirit of God gave the same message to every church in the same words. They followed the words of the Spirit. Unity comes about when we use the words given by the Spirit to discover and define truth.

“There is...one hope” (v. 4). The common goal of getting each other to heaven regardless of the cost brought about a common unity, not diversity.

“There is...one Lord” (v. 5). Here is the key to religious unity. Jesus was the one Lord of every member, and they united together listening, not to their own hearts, but to the one Lord.

“There is...one faith” (v. 5). True faith comes only from the one Book, and unity is found when we build our faith on what He says. He alone defines the one faith.

“There is...one baptism” (v. 5). Every person was immersed in water for the same reason. It was the final step into the relationship with the one Lord.

“There is...one God” (v. 6). Unity is His plan, but it will come about only when we truly make Jehovah our God!

**Sunday:** Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

**Tuesday:** Benevolence 9:00-10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

**Wednesday:** Class 6:30pm

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**All In on Baptism**  
**(No, Not THAT Baptism)**  
Mark 10:37-39

**Two Brothers Wanted** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus instead promised:

- Drinking from a \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mark 14:37
- A \_\_\_\_\_
  - Luke 12:51

**They said: We are** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not sure they understood yet)

**They proved to be All In**

James

- Acts 12:2 – First Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

John

- Revelation 1:9 – Last Apostle \_\_\_\_\_, but  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Everyone's "Baptism of Suffering" is**  
\_\_\_\_\_:

**Apostaron por completo al bautismo**  
**(No, no a ESE bautismo)**  
Marcos 10:37-39

**Dos hermanos anhelaban** \_\_\_\_\_

Jesús, en cambio, prometió:

- Beber de una \_\_\_\_\_
  - Marcos 14:37
- Un \_\_\_\_\_
  - Lucas 12:51

**Dijeron: Somos** \_\_\_\_\_  
(No estoy seguro de que lo hayan entendido todavía)

**Demostraron estar completamente entregados**  
Santiago

- Hechos 12:2 – El primer apóstol fue  
\_\_\_\_\_ por Jesús

Juan

- Apocalipsis 1:9 – El último apóstol  
\_\_\_\_\_, pero fue \_\_\_\_\_

**El "bautismo de sufrimiento" de cada persona**  
**es** \_\_\_\_\_:

**All In**  
**on Baptism**  
(no, not THAT baptism)





# Save the Dates!

February 22-24  
with Steve Higginbotham

**Friends and Family Day - February 22**  
The Glory of the Church (AM) - The Glory of God (PM)

**Fellowship & Meal - February 23**  
The Mission of the Church (PM)

**Young at Heart Class - February 24**  
The Destiny of the Church (AM)

## Church Leadership & Westhill Works

### Deacons

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### Staff

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### Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling  
Benevolence Program

Food for Fitness

Forever His

### Local Missions

Bear Valley - Wayne Jones  
Cherokee Children's Home  
Disaster Relief  
The Jenkins Institute  
Knoxville School of Preaching  
Memphis School of Preaching  
WVBS [school.wvbs.org](http://school.wvbs.org)

### U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

### Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training  
India Preacher Training

# Prayer Needs:

**Martha Dowdle** — Began chemo for spots on her liver.

**David Mahoney** — Recovering at home after hospitalization for a bone infection and walking pneumonia.

**Ron Haker** (Sandra McCullough's brother-in-law) — Hospitalized at Baylor Surgical in Dallas following back surgery complications and facing additional surgery.

**Tiffany Smith** (Tanya Rowden's daughter) — Recovering from heart surgery with complications from infection.

## Our Sympathy:

**Wade & Kristy Braly** — In the passing of John Braly.

**Judy Smith** — In the passing of her brother, Charles Mosely.

**The Newman/Hendrix Family** — In the loss of Becky Newman's father, Kenneth Farmer.

**Continue to remember:** Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Beverly Heathcote, David Mahoney, Millard & Martha Dowdle, Carol Barham, Judi Olsen, Tangie Anderson, & Jim Milam

## This Week's Birthdays

January 18 - Ty Gibson

January 19 - Sandy Perryman

January 20 - Carolyn Bennett & Paul Ross

January 21 - Brody Owens & Brandon Watson

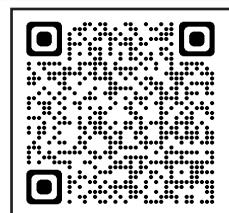
January 24 - Joel Haden & Mattyx Newman

## Records for January 11, 2025

AM Worship.....	195
Contribution .....	\$14,427

## Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for worship! We would love to follow-up with you...



# Announcements:

### Baby Shower for Claire Gowen

- Sun, Jan 25 @ 3pm in the Parlor.

<https://my.babylist.com/claire-gowan>

### WOW Ladies' Retreat — Jan 30–31, 2026

Theme: "You Can Do Hard Things" w/ speaker Lindsay Olsen.

### Sweetheart Banquet - Feb. 9

Youth Group will serve the Young at Heart group.

### T-3 (Teach the Truth) - Feb 13-14

High School age will go to Lewisville church of Christ.

### Friends & Family Day - Save the Date: Sun. Feb. 22

### Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling)

meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

**Staffed nursery** available for babies up to 2 yr old.  
**Nursery Attendant** this week: **Jourdan Begnaud**

### AM Song Leader

Jay Mahoney

Joshua Haden

Michael Jones

David Shastid

### AM Opening Prayer

Joshua Haden

### Scripture Reading

Jeremiah Parrish

### Communion Leader

Frizzell Henry

### Communion Servers

Colton Nicholson

Jose Sosa

Owen Warnes

Colton Gowan

Cash Hendrix

James Horn

Paul Wells

### AM Closing Prayer

Dan Gibson

### PM Song Leader

Jay Mahoney

### PM Opening Prayer

Owen Warnes

### PM Devo

Anthony Warnes

### PM Closing Prayer

Dan Gibson

### Wed. Song Leader

Brandon Watson

### Wed. Invitation

Zach Drain

### Jan. Worship Coord.

Michael Jones & Casey Hendrix

### Jan. Elder of Month

Scott Barham