

August 9, 2026

# West Hill

## Church of Christ

### All In

### Do You Have the Time?

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Focus 2026

There is a popular argument some try to make against the necessity of baptism for salvation. They present a hypothetical situation in which someone has come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but on the way to get baptized, they die in a car accident. The person will then ask, “Do you really think God will send them to hell even though they meant to get baptized?” This argument relies on appealing to our emotions in order make us doubt what the Bible teaches about baptism.

However, there is dangerous flaw in this argument. Does it matter how I feel about God’s judgment if He has declared that something is so? The Bible says, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16), “...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5), and “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism...” (1 Pet. 3:21). There is no hypothetical that can gloss over what is clearly taught in Scripture about the necessity of baptism for salvation.

Ignoring the Scriptures isn’t the only dangerous thing this argument does. It also undermines the urgency of conversion. The Bible says in Romans 3:23, “...all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” And, as it says in Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...” One day, we are going to meet our Maker, and we do not know when that day will come, whether by death or when Jesus comes in glory. “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matt. 24:36).

At any moment, we could be face to face with the Lord. Time is running out for each of us to obey the gospel. Ananias understood this when he met Saul and asked, “And now, why are you waiting? Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). And Paul implores us, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). The time to obey the gospel is now!

Consider this. What if someone was on the way to believing in Jesus Christ, but was killed in a car crash right before they were convinced, would God send that person to hell? They had been studying with someone, heard all of the arguments necessary for them to believe, and were certainly going to have faith in Jesus, but were killed a moment before. The answer is the same for belief as it is for baptism: they did not do what the Bible says is necessary before it was too late. Each of us has an unknown span of time to obey the gospel. Do you have the time to wait?

**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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**Steadfast Smyrna**  
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**Revelation 2 & 3 Series – Part 2**

**Helpful Alliterations**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smyrna
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pergamum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thyatira
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sardis
- \_\_\_\_\_ Philadelphia
- \_\_\_\_\_ Laodicea

**Commonalities with the letters**

- \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
- Jesus states what He \_\_\_\_\_ about them
- Every Congregation is Highly Encouraged to \_\_\_\_\_
- “He who has an ear, let him \_\_\_\_\_” – Matt 7
- For the Five congregations that needed to, Jesus offers \_\_\_\_\_

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**Description of Jesus:**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
- The One who was \_\_\_\_\_, and has come to \_\_\_\_\_

**I Know:**

- Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- You are \_\_\_\_\_
- The Synagogue of \_\_\_\_\_

**No \_\_\_\_\_ offered/needed, just Help:**

- Do not \_\_\_\_\_!
- You will be \_\_\_\_\_!
- You can have a \_\_\_\_\_!

**Most Amazing Outcome:**

- You will not be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Second \_\_\_\_\_

**What if it read: To the angel of the church in \_\_\_\_\_? How would this change us?**

**Esmirna Inquebrantable**  
**TODO EN ELLO: Vencedores**  
**Serie Apocalipsis 2 y 3 – Parte 2**

**Aliteraciones útiles**

- Éfeso, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_
- Esmirna, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_
- Pérgamo, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_
- Tiatira, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_
- Sardis, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_
- Filadelfia, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_
- Laodicea, la ciudad \_\_\_\_\_

**Similitudes con las cartas**

- \_\_\_\_\_ de Jesús
- Jesús declara lo que sabe de \_\_\_\_\_
- Se anima a cada congregación a \_\_\_\_\_
- El que tenga oídos, que \_\_\_\_\_ – Mateo 7
- Jesús ofrece \_\_\_\_\_ a las cinco congregaciones que lo necesitaban

**Esmirna Inquebrantable**

**Descripción de Jesús:**

- El \_\_\_\_\_ y el \_\_\_\_\_
- El que estuvo \_\_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_\_

**Sé:**

- Tu \_\_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_\_
- Eres \_\_\_\_\_
- La sinagoga de \_\_\_\_\_

**No se ofrece ni se necesita**

- \_\_\_\_\_, **solo** \_\_\_\_\_:
- ¡No \_\_\_\_\_!
  - ¡Serás \_\_\_\_\_!
  - ¡Puedes tener una \_\_\_\_\_!

**Resultado asombroso:**

- No \_\_\_\_\_ daño por la Segunda \_\_\_\_\_

**¿Qué pasaría si dijera: Al ángel de la iglesia en \_\_\_\_\_? ¿Cómo nos cambiaría esto?**

# BACK TO SCHOOL DEVO

FOR ALL SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



SUNDAY  
8/9/26



6:30-7:45



HOSTED IN  
OUTREACH CENTER



NACHO BAR  
PROVIDED!



PLEASE BRING  
A DESSERT!

## Deacons

David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057  
Zach Drain - 903.521.6055  
Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645  
Casey Hendrix - 817.307.2127  
Michael Jones - 430.236.2244  
Matt Newman - 972.935.5789  
Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406  
Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032  
David Shastid - 903.257.6464  
Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535  
Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052  
Mike Wylie - 214.837.3848  
Justin Williams - 903.875.8288

## Shepherds

Scott Barham - 903.641.0133  
Percell Milton - 214.803.2644  
Rusty Owens - 903.229.3650  
Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464

## Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)  
Brandon Watson - 903.771.6359 (Family)

## Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

## 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://WVBS.school.wvbs.org)

## U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

## Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training  
India Preacher Training

# Prayer Needs:

Our heartfelt love and sympathy is extended to **Michael Jones** and family at the passing of his grandmother.

Our heartfelt love and sympathy is also extended to **Jeff Nelson** and family at the passing of his father, Gary Nelson, and his great-uncle, John Frank Henderson.

**Connie Benishek** recovering from cataract surgery

**Sharon Mahoney** is scheduled for cataract surgery on Aug. 13.

**Barbara Gould** will have lung testing on Aug. 18.

**Steve Phillips** is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

**Larry Green** is recovering from triple bypass surgery and is in rehabilitation at Encompass in Tyler.

**Continue to remember:** Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Loyd Ander, Tiffany Smith, Cohen Drain, David Mahoney, Sandy Perryman, Myrna Haufe, Aubrey Parrish, Faith Beamon, Baby Hank, Jeremiah Parrish, & Becky Simpson

**Sun. Safety:** Tyler Baumgartner & Alex Dunham

**Wed. Safety:** Ben & David Baumgartner

## Records for August 2, 2026

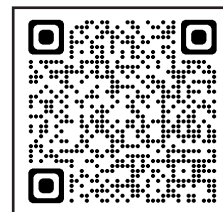
AM Worship..... 210

Contribution .....\$10,229

## This Week's Birthdays

### Visitor Form

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



## Privileged to Serve

### AM Song Leader

### AM Opening Prayer

### Scripture Reading

### Communion Leader

### Communion Servers

Josh Newman

Paul Stewart

Dylan Nors

Eli Haden

Jospeh Haden

Joshua Haden

Carson Barham

Mike Wylie

David Shastid

Micah Haden

Casey Hendrix

Ronnie Giles

Caleb Jackson

Clay Jackson

### AM Closing Prayer

Paul Ross

### PM Song Leader

### PM Opening Prayer

### PM Devo

### PM Closing Prayer

Joshua Haden

Rusty Smith

Paul Ross

Paul Stewart

### Wed. Song Leader

### Wed. Summer Series

Marcus Dancer

Tyler Bush

### Aug. Worship Coord.

### Aug. Elder of Month

M. Jones / J. Mahoney

Paul Stewart

## Announcements:

**Kerrville Disaster Relief** — A special contribution is being collected to assist the Kerrville Church of Christ with disaster relief and rebuilding efforts. Our mission team will be serving in Kerrville August 20–22. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. Thank you for your support.

**Wed. Night Summer Series** — All adults, Jr. High, and High School students will meet in the auditorium. Classes will be provided for 5th grade and under.

**Back-to-School Devo** — Sun. Aug 9, 6:30–7:45pm in the Outreach Center for all families with school-age children. A nacho bar will be provided; families are asked to bring a dessert to share.

**Young at Heart Classes** — Tues. morning @ 10:30am

**Westhill ARC** (Addiction Recovery Counseling) meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

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