

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

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The Stench of Death

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Focus 2026

You look at the title of this article and wonder if you should continue reading. Let me assure you, keep reading. When you have read half of these words, you may wonder what they have to do with anything. Keep reading. You will be surprised at how often your reading of His words and meditating on them can be so rewarding. So, keep reading.

When God brought the plagues on Egypt, the Egyptians knew He was angry with them. When the water was turned to blood, they were thirsty. When locusts destroyed their crops, they were hungry. When the cattle were afflicted with pestilence (the King James calls it the murrain), imagine the stench of death there had to be as they dealt with decaying flesh. The same was true when hailstones killed whatever animals or men were in the fields. Finally, imagine the stench when there was the death of the firstborn in every house of the Egyptians.

The sister of Lazarus knew the stench of death when Jesus commanded that the stone be removed from her brother's tomb. "Behold he stinketh" (KJV, John 11:39). Death is tragic, but the stench of death is even more hideous. We do all we can to avoid it.

Jesus' disciples were so critical of the woman who anointed the body of Jesus with precious perfume that cost 300 days' wages. This was just two days before His arrest. They saw it as waste; Jesus saw it as preparing His body for His death. When Jesus died, Nicodemus, who came to Him by night, brought nearly 100 pounds of spices to be placed around His body. We try to hide the stench of death, but it is still there.

Perhaps we should begin to look at death in a way that the world never could. The world would never describe the smell of the burning carcasses of animals in a positive manner, but God sees it differently. He describes it more than 30 times as a sweet aroma. Now think of how this is true of the death of a saint. The world thinks of death as a stench, but faith sees it so differently.

This is not to minimize the fact that death has a smell that is so repugnant. However, we do not see death as the world does. The psalmist says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psa. 116:15). Death brings sorrow to those who remain. However, while we view death as the end, God sees it as a new beginning. From the prison in Rome, Paul spoke of death as being gain and expressed his longing that he might depart and be with the Lord. Death is wretched in many ways. Death has its stench, but faith all of changes that. There is no real stench in the life of His saints. Think about it.

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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**Glorifying Him Together
Glorifying God Series
Romans 15**

The word Glorifying means: “To _____
one’s opinion about another so as to enhance the
latter’s _____”

Trouble in the Roman Congregation:

The Makeup of the Society and Congregation

The Uneasy _____

**Paul gives two charges to the Congregation to
deal with this trouble...**

_____ **your Neighbor**

- “Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, ‘The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.’” Romans 15:2-3
- **Compare this to Pleasing the _____ & _____**

_____ **one Another**

- “Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.” Romans 15:7
- Accept: “Receive another Christian into your home of circle of _____”

**Glorificándolo Juntos
Serie Glorificando a Dios
Romanos 15**

La palabra glorificar significa: “Influir en la
_____ que uno tiene sobre otro para mejorar la
_____ de este último”

Problemas en la congregación romana:

La composición de la sociedad y la congregación

Las _____ intranquilas

**Pablo da dos instrucciones a la congregación para
enfrentar este problema...**

_____ **al prójimo**

- “Cada uno de nosotros debe agradar a su prójimo para su bien, para su edificación. Porque ni siquiera Cristo se agradó a sí mismo; sino que, como está escrito: “Los insultos de los que te insultaban cayeron sobre mí”. Romanos 15:2-3
- **Compárese esto con agradar al _____ y a uno _____**

_____ **unos a otros**

- “Por tanto, aceptaos unos a otros, así como Cristo nos aceptó a nosotros para la gloria de Dios”. Romanos 15:7
- Aceptar: “Recibe a otro cristiano en tu hogar o en tu círculo de _____”

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LECTURES@
WESTHILL

October 11-14, 2026

BJ Clarke • Jeff Jenkins • Wayne Jones • Joe & Erin Wells

Help us kick off our
Lectureship
Family Fun
PICKLEBALL

 **Saturday, October 10** |  **5:00-8:30 PM**

 *Bring your own dinner*

 **Sign up on Lightpost**

 **\$5/person to rent Taylor Courts**



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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

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training
Philippines Missions & Med. Evang.

Prayer Needs:

Nancy Sloan – Has been moved to Heritage Oaks for rehabilitation, Room 106.

Sandy Perryman – Waiting on pre-op clearance so her cancer surgery can be scheduled.

Don Ewing – Continuing cancer treatment.

Jesse Torres – Receiving hospice care for cancer.

Carol Horvath – Passed away. She was the sister of Sandra Brunson.

Garland Horn – Passed away from a heart attack. He was James Horn's cousin and Larry Green's nephew.

Brinley Baumgartner's Grandmother – Passed away. Please pray for the family as they grieve.

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, Myrna Haufe, Aubrey Parrish, Faith Beamon, Baby Hank, Jeremiah Parrish, Becky Simpson, Kenneth Southard, Sharon Mahoney, Larry Green, Steve Phillips, Sharon Mahoney, & Joyce Miles

Records for September 20, 2026

AM Worship..... 217

Contribution\$8,142

September Birthdays

September 7 - Scott Barham

September 8 - Whitney Watson

September 9 - Ashley Jones & Andria Warnes

September 14 - Acie Mahoney

September 17 - Britani Newman

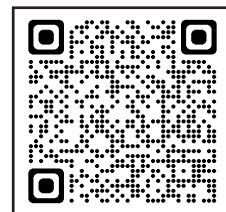
September 18 - Grady Jones

September 19 - James Horn

September 21 - Sandy Zaayer

Visitor Form

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



Announcements:

Diaper Basket – Chloe Patricia Roughton

A diaper basket is available in the back of the auditorium for gifts for Austin & Ashley Roughton. Huggies diapers are preferred. Please have gifts in by Sept. 30.

Eastside Gospel Meeting — Sept. 27-30

Men's Breakfast — Fri Oct. 9 @ 7am

Westhill Lectureship — Save the dates Oct. 11-14

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

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

Westhill, Thank you so very much for your prayers & cards during my recent cataract surgeries. I'm recovering on schedule. Please continue to pray for me. -**Paula Spillyards**.

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

Sun. Safety: Jose Sosa & Alex Dunham

Wed. Safety: Tyler & David Baumgartner

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

Justin Williams

AM Opening Prayer

Ronnie Giles

Scripture Reading

Larry Rowden

Communion Leader

James Olsen

Communion Servers

Rick Newton

Matt Newman

Cameron Haden

Frizzell Henry

Dylan Nors

Colton Nicholson

Greg Olsen

Carson Barham

Ronnie Giles

Rusty Owens

AM Closing Prayer

Rusty Owens

PM Song Leader

Zach Drain

PM Opening Prayer

Paul Stewart

PM Devo

Colton Nicholson

PM Closing Prayer

Rusty Smith

Wed. Song Leader

Matt Newman

Wed. Devo

Jay Mahoney

Sept. Worship Coord.

J. Haden / D. Shastid

Sept. Elder of Month

Scott Barham