

October 11, 2026

West Hill

Church of Christ

All In

Blind Leaders Leading Blind Men

By Dan Jenkins

Focus 2026

James highlighted the importance of the way teachers portray the truths of God. He said, “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment” (Jas. 3:1). We share in the eternal destiny of those whom we teach. We bring them closer to heaven or hell in every word we speak. Jesus said, “If the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch” (Matt. 15:14).

In a sense, the religious leaders of the first century knew about God and what He had said, yet their pride and preconceived ideas made it so difficult for many to find Him as “...the way, the truth and the life.” They sent officers to arrest Jesus, but they did not seize Him. Their reason was that when they heard Him, they returned empty-handed because they said they had never heard anyone speak like Him.

The response to the words of the officers gives great insight into why many failed to find the truth. “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in Him?” (John 7:47-48). In their minds, truth was to be determined by what the religious leaders taught. They wanted the Jewish nation to follow what the rulers believed, taught and practiced. Isn't this same problem part of what is found in the lives of so many today?

How did Jesus respond to this concept? “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in” (Matt. 23:13). Jesus was the Way, He was the Truth, but the Pharisees did all they could to block the door of entrance into His kingdom.

To see the application of these truths, think about how so many in our day blindly follow what is taught by pastors and televangelists. To see this, look at how Jesus introduced the Lord's Supper to mankind. Those early Christians knew that it was the central feature of their weekly assembly. When Paul was in Troas preaching in that city, they did not primarily come together to hear Him speak, but their focus of worship was the breaking of bread (Acts 20:7). Religious leaders have minimized the importance of communion, blocking the doors of worship to their followers.

The door of truth about baptism is also blocked by religious leaders who blindly minimize what the Bible teaches about baptism and salvation. It was never designed as a public demonstration of one's faith, but blind leaders continue to teach this. It was not a ceremony, but a time when sinners called on the Lord to save them (Acts 22:16). Let me encourage every reader of these words to find truth in all matters, by honestly following the One who is the way for all men.

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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LECTURES @
WESTHILL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

10:30 am
All In on Salvation
(BJ Clarke)

5:00 pm
All In on Grief
(Jeff Jenkins)

6:00 pm
**All In Against
Falling Away**
(BJ Clarke)

MONDAY OCTOBER 12

10:30 am
**Lessons from
Wayne Jones**

11:30 am
Lunch Provided

6:00 pm
All In on Leadership
(Wayne Jones)

7:00 pm
All In on Preparation
(BJ Clarke)

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

10:30 am
**Lessons from
Jeff Jenkins**

11:30 am
Lunch Provided

6:00 pm
All In on Relationships
(Wayne Jones)

7:00 pm
All In on Taking a Stand
(Joe Wells)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

10:30 am
**Lessons from
Joe & Erin Wells**

11:30 am
Lunch Provided

6:00 pm
Satan is All In on You
(Jeff Jenkins)

7:00 pm
All In on Faithfulness
(Joe Wells)

ALL IN
**FOR A STRONGER
FAMILY OF FAITH**



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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
 Philipines Missions & Med. Evang.

Prayer Needs:

Dylan & Addie Nors – Meeting with a specialist to determine the best treatment option for their baby in utero.

Faith Beamon – Recently experienced a seizure and was taken for evaluation and is back at home now.

Sandy Perryman – Awaiting neurologist clearance before proceeding with cancer surgery.

Jesse Torres – Recently passed away. Please remember Josie Horn and the Torres family grieving his passing.

Nancy Sloan – Continuing rehabilitation at Heritage Oaks, Room 106.

Don Ewing – Continuing cancer treatment.

Becky Newman – Knee replacement surgery scheduled for October 12.

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, Larry Green, Steve Phillips, Sharon Mahoney, & Joyce Miles

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

Sun. Safety: Luke Baumgartner & Mike Wylie

Wed. Safety: Jason Burnett & Alex Dunham

Records for October 4, 2026

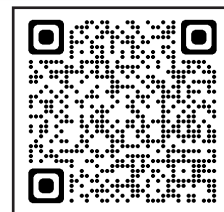
AM Worship..... 198
Contribution \$8,723

This Week's Birthdays

October 12 - Teresa Thomas

Visitor Form

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



Announcements:



October 11-14, 2026

Trunk or Treat — Oct 31 from 5:30-7pm

Forever His Special Needs Day Camp — Nov. 7

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

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

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader
AM Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion Leader
Communion Servers

David Baumgartner
Grayson Baumgartner
Jose Sosa
Turner Jones
Marcus Dancer

Zach Drain
Rusty Owens
Colton Nicholson
Brandon Watson

Isaac Haden
Rusty Smith
Eli Haden
Ethan Drain
Jason Burnett

AM Closing Prayer

Scott Barham

PM Song Leader
PM Closing Prayer

Zach Drain
Casey Hendrix

Wed. Night Lect.

Various

Oct. Worship Coord.
Oct. Elder of Month

Scott Barham / Greg Olsen
Percell Milton