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Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

Where Did You Get Your Training?

FOCUS 2025

By Steve Higginbotham

We have all seen it happen, have we not? We have all witnessed, or maybe experienced, the pride and joy grandparents have for their grandchildren. If you're a grandparent, I am certain you have "whipped out" the latest pictures of your grandchildren to show your friends. Back in "the day," grandparents used plastic accordion picture holders that unfolded from their wallets. Today, they use their smartphones, which give them access to videos, too. And if you're not a grandparent, you have probably been an "innocent bystander," who learned more than you ever wanted to know about someone else's grandchildren.

So, here's my question. "What seminar or training session do grandparents attend that trains them to talk about their grandchildren so freely and with such pride and excitement?"

That's a silly question, isn't it? You are well aware that grandparents don't have to attend any seminars or training sessions to do what they do. It comes naturally. Grandparents are so overcome with joy and moved with love that they have to share their good news with others -- as it should be!

But now, here's my application. Why do we think we need to go through a training session or seminar before we can tell others about the love we have for Jesus? Why do Christians have to be prodded, begged, encouraged, and even reprimanded to speak of our Savior? Should that not come naturally as well? Can you imagine a grandparent waiting for a seminar before they begin bragging about their grandchild? Unthinkable when talking about grandchildren, but not so unthinkable when talking about our Savior. (I am not suggesting seminars and workshops are of no value. They can teach us helpful techniques. But those seminars should not need to convince us to tell others about Jesus).

Friends, proclaiming the good news of Jesus should not require a seminar or training session. It should be the natural overflow of our love for him. In fact, this good news should "well up" within us to the point that we just cannot contain it (Jeremiah 20:9).

"We believe and therefore speak" (1 Corinthians 4:13).

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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Avoiding the Eternal Darkness

Walking in the Light Series

“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt.’ So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.”

Exodus 10:21-23

The Eternal Darkness is reserved for...

_____ (2 Peter 2:17)

Some who are _____ into the _____ (Matthew 8:12)

Those who don't _____ (Matthew 22:13)

The _____ (Matthew 25:30)

But there is Hope!

We can _____ the Light (2 Peter 1:19)

We can _____ to the Light (John 3:19-21)

We can _____ the Light (Matthew 5:14-16)

We can be _____ the Light _____!
(Revelation 20:23)

Evitando la Oscuridad Eterna

Serie Caminando en la Luz

“Jehová dijo a Moisés: Extiende tu mano hacia el cielo, para que haya tinieblas sobre la tierra de Egipto, tanto que cualquiera las palpe. Y extendió Moisés su mano hacia el cielo, y hubo densas tinieblas sobre toda la tierra de Egipto, por tres días. Ninguno vio a su prójimo, ni nadie se levantó de su lugar en tres días; mas todos los hijos de Israel tenían luz en sus habitaciones.

Éxodo 10:21-23

La Oscuridad Eterna está reservada para...

_____ (2 Pedro 2:17)

Algunos que _____ en la _____ (Mateo 8:12)

Aquellos que no _____ a _____ (Mateo 22:13)

Los _____ (Mateo 25:30)

¡Pero hay esperanza en la luz!

Podemos _____ la Luz (2 Pedro 1:19)

Podemos _____ en la Luz (Juan 3:19-21)

Podemos _____ la Luz (Mateo 5)

¡Podemos estar _____ la Luz _____!
(Apocalipsis 20:23)



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Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
 Benevolence Program

Food for Fitness

Forever His
 Wed. Night Focus Groups
 Spanish ESL Classes

Local Missions

Apologetics Press - Jeremy Pate
 Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
 Cherokee Children's Home
 Disaster Relief
 The Jenkins Institute
 Memphis School of Preaching
 WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
 India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

- Carol Barham** – recovering well at home after heel surgery.
- Carl Max Bennett** – continuing chemotherapy at Medical City.
- Judy Olsen** (sister-in-law of Darrell and James Olsen) – diagnosed with lymphoma and undergoing testing for possible kidney cancer.
- Teresa Thomas’ mother** – recovering from heart & leg issues.
- Martha Dowdle** – improving on medication.
- Millard Dowdle** – progressing with leg blood clot treatment.
- Courtney Murphy** – Repented of sin; seeking prayers.

Our Sympathy:

- Terry Hoehn Family** - passing of his father, Chuck Hoehn.
- Gregory Slovak** (Jaxon Gould’s grandfather) recent passing.
- Gerald Burk family** – lost his wife Susan (Tanya Rowden’s close friends)
- Continue to remember:** Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Alan Stewart, Mike Wylie, Larry Hartsell , Beverly Heathcote, David Mahoney, & Steve Gaines

Announcements:

- Trunk or Treat** - Fri. 10/31 - sign-up on back table
- Forever His Special Needs Day Camp** - Sat. 11/1
- Ladies’ Clothing Exchange** – Sat. 11/8 from 9–11 a.m. Join us in the Outreach Center. Bring items from your family’s closets to share or donate. Unclaimed items will be given to East Side Church’s clothing room.
- Men’s Breakfast** - Fri 11/14 @ 7am in the Outreach Center
- Unity Service** - Coming up 11/16
- Save the Date!** Join us for the WOW Ladies’ Retreat — Jan. 30–31, 2026! Theme: “You Can Do Hard Things” with our own Lindsay Olsen. Registration Opens: Nov. 2
- English Second Language Classes (ESL)** - 3rd & 4th Wed. Nights of each month @6:30pm.
- Spanish Bible Classes** Sun & Wed. Night.
- Young at Heart Class** meets on Tues. @ 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: **Tina Roughton**

This Week’s Birthdays

- October 26 - Michael Jones
October 27 - Martha Dowdle & Trace Yarger
October 28 - Brady Burnett & Dawn Haden
October 30 - Ann Jackson
October 31 - Haley Burnett

Records for October 19, 2025

AM Worship..... 216
Contribution \$9,835

Visitor Form

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



Privileged to Serve

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| AM Song Leader | Zach Drain |
| AM Opening Prayer | Joshua Haden |
| Scripture Reading | Carson Barham |
| Communion Leader | David Shastid |
| Communion Servers | |
| Jason Burnett | James Horn |
| Marcus Dancer | Joshua Miller |
| Colton Gowan | Josh Newman |
| Levi Haden | Jeremiah Parrish |
| Thomas Helms | Paul Wells |
| AM Closing Prayer | Dan Gibson |
| PM Song Leader | Jeremiah Parrish |
| PM Opening Prayer | Owen Warnes |
| PM Devo | Brandon Watson |
| PM Closing Prayer | Colton Gowan |
| Wed. Song Leader | Michael Jones |
| Wed. Invitation | Billy Roughton |
| Oct. Worship Coord. | Casey Hendrix / Rusty Smith |
| Oct. Elder of Month | Paul Stewart |