

November 16, 2025

West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

Is Christianity Relevant?

By Spencer Clark

It can be frustrating when we try to share the good news about Jesus, especially when it seems that Christianity has no relevance in people's lives. They may believe in God, but committing to a religious practice often feels like a barrier. This can leave us feeling dejected and powerless, as if our efforts are in vain.

The reality is that the Gospel is relevant: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23), and the Gospel is the "power of God for salvation" (1:16). The challenge lies in persuading their hearts about what they truly need. This is not something we can accomplish alone. God's Word pierces the heart and soul. But how do we reach the point where we can proclaim the good news to them?

Unfortunately, many churches, even within our own fellowship, have tried to address the relevance issue through methods other than evangelism: entertainment, emotionalism, consumer-oriented religion, or "seeker-sensitive" approaches that prioritize the desires of seekers over truth and faithfulness. While these may appeal to our fleshly desires, they do not satisfy the longings of the soul.

For someone to see the Gospel as relevant, they need to recognize that it addresses their needs. Consider the different ways people came to Jesus. Some sought a Messianic King, others wanted food, and some sought healing. In their pursuit of physical needs, they discovered something much greater: the Word of God in the flesh. Jesus cared for their physical needs, but not at the expense of the truth. Not everyone realized they were eternally lost, but they did recognize their physical needs, such as hunger, illness, poverty, loneliness, and suffering. This doesn't mean we should prioritize physical needs first (e.g., entertainment), but we must be aware of real needs and address them with compassion.

For someone to see the Gospel as relevant, they need to observe that our lives are transformed rather than conformed (Rom 12:2). Do people see us as those who are made new in Christ, or would they be surprised to learn we follow Jesus? If there is no difference between our lives in the world and in the church, why would people see the value in being a Christian? Many churches attempt to be relevant by conforming to secular culture rather than being transformed. Jesus stood out in first-century Judea because he was different, not because he fit in.

For someone to see the Gospel as relevant, they need to understand that the Gospel is truly for them. Through God's Word, we must help them ask, "Why does this matter for me?" They need to recognize their own state of sinfulness, as well as God's loving response to their plight and His offer of redemption. They must see that the Gospel is still relevant today because, without it, no one would be saved.

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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“Like-Minded - The Setting”

Steve Orbison (North Beaton)

Philippians 1:1-2:2

(Sermon Notes)

“Same Love - Our Challenge”

Alton Albert (Eastside)

Philippians 2:2-4

(Sermon Notes)

“One Purpose - The Greatest Example”

Tim Cooke (Blooming Grove)

Philippians 2:5-8

(Sermon Notes)

**“My Relationship with You Can Affect
My Eternity”**

Anthony Warnes (Westhill)

Philippians 2:9-16

(Sermon Notes)

UNITY SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Welcome to our Unity Sunday with the Blooming
Grove, Eastside, North Beaton, and Westhill
Churches of Christ!

Worship - 10:30 am
Potluck - 12:00 pm
Afternoon Worship - 1:00 pm
No Evening Class



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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:

Joseph Haden - Recovering from a broken collar bone.

Patty Williams – Improving from pneumonia, and has returned home from the hospital.

Ruth Ann Watson – Hospitalized for port placement; will begin dialysis.

Tanya Rowden – Preparing for upcoming knee replacement surgery 12/3.

Martha Dowdle – Continuing infusion treatments.

Judi Olsen (sister-in-law of Darrell & James Olsen) – Diagnosed with lymphoma; further testing for possible cancer.

Our love and prayers to The Bennett Family in the passing of **Carl Max Bennett**.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Alan Stewart, Larry Hartsell, Beverly Heathcote, David Mahoney, Steve Gaines, Courtney Murphy, Millard Dowdle, & Carol Barham

Announcements:

Unity Service - Today we are blessed to be joined by our sister congregations as we come together in fellowship and worship. Following the morning service, everyone is invited to gather in the Outreach Center for a potluck lunch. We will reconvene immediately afterward for our second service.

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.” – Psalm 133:1

Cherokee Christmas Kids gifts are due by 11/30.

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 Open.

Wed Night Prayer Service - 11/26

5th Sunday Format - 11/30

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: **Korri Nicholson**

This Week's Birthdays

November 16 - Ken Green

November 18 - Audra Jennings

November 19 - Barry Heathcote & Martha Olsen

November 21 - Glyn Philips & Kathi Pruitt

November 22 - Micah Haden

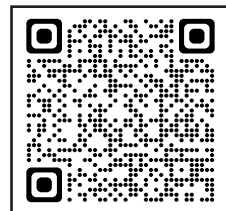
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AM Worship..... 213

Contribution \$9,060

Visitor Form

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



Unity Sunday

AM Worship

Introduction

2 Songs

Prayer

2 Songs

Sermon 1

1 Song

Sermon 2

Invitation Song

Lord's Supper Song

Lord's Supper

Communion Servers

Paul Ballard

Larry Joe Ballard

John Brown

Kenneth Brown

Listan Ellis

Paul Stewart

Brandon Watson

Thomas Smith

Brandon Watson

Steve Orbison

Kenny Ballard

Alton Albert

Kenny Ballard

Kenny Ballard

Shawn Smith

Eli Haden

Joel Haden

Isaac Haden

Eddie Orbison

Willie Robinson

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Kenny Ballard

Greg Olsen

PM Worship

1 Song

Prayer

1 Song

Sermon 3

1 Song

Sermon 4

Invitation Song

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Danny Smith

Sammy Smith

Danny Smith

Tim Cooke

Danny Smith

Anthony Warnes

Jay Mahoney

Jay Mahoney

Darwin Thomas