



Church Family,

What a wonderful day of worship the Lord blessed us with this past Sunday! Once again, we had the joy of witnessing two new believers in Christ follow the Lord in believer's baptism. What true joy fills our hearts as we worship together and praise our God for His great salvation—**by grace, through faith, in Christ Jesus!**

What a blessed summer we have experienced together in the Lord. We have witnessed God at work, celebrated lives changed by the gospel, and rejoiced as new believers have publicly identified with Christ. May we never take these moments for granted, but continually give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and grace.

And perhaps it is especially fitting that, after a summer filled with such reminders of God's saving work, we turn our attention to a New Testament letter overflowing with **joy**.

"Unpacking the True Joy in Philippians"

This Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series through the epistle of Philippians entitled **"Unpacking the True Joy in Philippians."**

What does it mean to possess *true joy*?

We often associate joy with favorable circumstances—when life is going well, prayers are being answered as we hoped, relationships are strong, and the future looks bright. Yet the little New Testament letter of Philippians presents us with a very different picture of joy.

The apostle Paul wrote Philippians from prison. His freedom was restricted, his future was uncertain, and the church he deeply loved was facing pressures from without and tensions from within. And yet, remarkably, Philippians is one of the most joyful letters in all of Scripture. Again and again, Paul speaks of **joy, rejoicing, gratitude, contentment, and confidence**.

Why?

Because Paul's joy was not rooted in comfortable circumstances; **it was rooted in an unchanging Christ**. He could rejoice because the gospel was advancing, Christ was being proclaimed, God remained sovereign, and his eternal future was secure.

That is what makes Philippians so wonderfully relevant for us today. Biblical joy is much deeper than happiness produced by favorable circumstances. It is a settled, Christ-centered confidence that can endure disappointment, uncertainty, hardship, conflict, and even suffering. Paul could declare, **"For me,**

to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21), because Christ had become the great treasure and defining reality of his life.

Over the coming weeks, we will walk together through this remarkable letter and discover that true joy is found not in having everything go our way, but in **knowing Christ, living for Christ, serving like Christ, and resting in the sufficiency of Christ.**

My prayer is that God will use our study of Philippians to deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, renew our joy, and increasingly bring us to say with Paul that everything else pales in comparison to **“the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”** (Philippians 3:8).

I hope you will make plans to join us this Lord’s Day—and invite someone to come with you!

Join Us in Prayer

Sunday Prayer Gathering

Sundays • 8:00–8:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Begin each Lord’s Day by joining us as we seek God’s presence, power, and blessing upon every aspect of our worship and ministry.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Sundays • 10:15–11:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Each Sunday, faithful intercessors gather to pray throughout our worship service. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, a sign-up sheet is available in the Prayer Room.

Prayer Needs

Church family, I ask that you join me in praying specifically for the following needs:

Wednesday Evening Mid-Week Ministries — As our fall semester approaches, please pray for each area of Wednesday evening ministry:

- **Awana** — Pray for our leaders, volunteers, and children as the fall semester begins September 2. Pray that the Lord will use every lesson, conversation, Scripture memory verse, and relationship to point our children to Christ and establish them firmly in His Word.
- **Student Discipleship Training** — Pray for this new class as we focus particularly on strengthening the biblical foundation of our new believers and helping them grow as faithful disciples of Christ.
- **Student Mid-Week Ministry** — Pray for our leaders, volunteers, and students as they continue to learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Choir** — Pray for our choir as they gather each week for prayer, devotional time, fellowship, and rehearsal. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts as they faithfully lead us in worship week after week.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** — Pray for our time together in the sanctuary as we gather for prayer and then dive into God's Word through our study of the epistle of James.

Nominating Committee & Deacon Selection — Both of these important processes will begin in the coming weeks as we enter September, but the time for prayer is **now**. Pray that God will grant our church wisdom, discernment, unity, and sensitivity to the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we consider those whom He would have serve in these important areas of leadership.

North American Mission Vision Trip — Phoenix, Arizona — Kelly and I will be traveling to the Phoenix area in September to meet with Dr. Eric Gibbs and the Live Love Ministries team and spend two days with them on the mission field. We will be prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction concerning how FBC Benton might come alongside this ministry through recurring mission trips beginning in 2027 as we seek to help spread the love and gospel of Christ. Please pray for safe travel, fruitful conversations, spiritual discernment, and clear direction from the Lord.

Wednesday Evening Family Meal — Please pray that God would raise up the person or persons He would have lead in the planning and preparation of our Wednesday Family Fellowship Meal. This ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection within our church family, and we trust the Lord to provide those needed to lead it faithfully.

Children's Ministry — Please continue to pray for Margaret and Jeff as they seek the Lord's will concerning the next steps He has planned for them in ministry. Praise God for the work He has faithfully accomplished through them over these past twenty years and for their willingness to follow wherever He leads.

At the same time, please pray for our church as we continue pressing forward in the important work of discipling our children and ministering to their families. We move forward trusting that **the Lord is faithful**, and that He will provide, equip, and empower His church with everything needed to accomplish the work He has called us to do.

Finally, please continue praying for the new believers the Lord has graciously brought into our church family. Ask Him to strengthen them daily, establish them firmly in His Word, make them bold in their witness, surround them with faithful Christian brothers and sisters, and enable them to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs the hope of the gospel.

What a privilege it is to serve Christ together. There is much before us, but there is even more reason to rejoice—for **God is faithful, Christ is Lord, the gospel is powerful, and our true joy is found in Him!**

In Christ,

Bro. Todd

Senior Pastor

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Music Ministry

Sunday's song service began with the church singing together, "**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!**" The opening phrase, "blessed assurance" isn't just wishful thinking.....it's absolute certainty. We can have confidence that salvation is secure. Not because of what we've done, but because of what *Jesus* has done.

In a world of uncertain times, this hymn is a reminder that our security is not in circumstances, but in a Savior who holds us. It's a song of joy, rest and hope. Yes, a foretaste of glory divine!

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long!*

Choir will rehearse Wednesday, 6:15pm in the choir room. If God has placed a song in your heart, come give us a try. We'd love to see you!

Hope you have a great week!

Stuart

Minister of Music & Worship

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Student Ministry

By what metric do you determine whether a summer was good or bad? If the metric is based on seeing God move, I would say it was a good summer. As a church, we baptized 14 students and children this summer. That is a very good summer. Don't forget what God has done, even though we are so prone to forget.

Beginning **August 12 at 5:15 PM**, a **New Christian Discipleship Class** will begin for new believers. The purpose of this class is to help students establish a strong biblical foundation and grow in their walk with Christ. All students in 6th–12th grade are invited to attend in the Upper Room.

Upcoming Dates:

August 12 – Fall Wednesday Night Student Ministry Begins | 6:15 PM

August 16 – Vertical Jump Park | Middle School Trip

In Christ,

Hayden Jaco

Director of Student Ministries

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Children's Ministry

What a blessing it has been to see four Sundays of baptisms - praise God! Each baptism has a sweet testimony of how God spoke to their heart and they responded. It will be a season I will always cherish being a witness to.

We will have Wednesday night activities beginning this Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. This week we will meet in the gym for worship music and devotion time and then head over to the pavilion for some outdoor activities and ice cream bars! We could use 5-6 adult volunteers - send me a message if you can help.

We will do an Old Testament "Minute to Win It" night on August 19 in the gym.

Have a great week!

Margaret Siress

Director of Children Ministries

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Business Information

Budget Offering 8/09/2026	\$17,558.20
Given to date	\$441,491.69
Budget needs to date	\$440,491.68
Designated Offering	\$1,705.00
Building Fund This Year	\$2,300.00
Lottie Moon	\$6,867.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,795.00
Raymond James/Endow. Fund	\$75,997.61

ATTENDANCE

08/09/26	216
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Volunteers Needed

- **Monitors** for Wednesday evening bible study starting back on Aug 12th at 6:15pm
- **Welcome Center** during the Sunday School and Worship hours.
This will be a once every three-month rotation. Please contact **Coye McCurry 270-703-0276** or **Mark Harrison 270- 206-8763** for these positions.

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- **Audio & Video positions** – once every 4 – 5 weeks. No experience needed. Short training session.  
Please contact church office for these positions. 270-527-7575

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

## Upcoming News & Events

### VERTICAL JUMP

VERTICAL JUMP – INCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS THROUGH  
THOSE WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> AFTER WORSHIP (11:30 – 3:15PM)  
\$10.00 INCLUDES LUNCH & JUMP PASS



## Church Highlights



**PARENTS: JARED & MEGAN  
ROBINSON**

**BROTHER: JACE**

**IT'S A BOY!**

*a little piece of*  
**HEAVEN**  
*is on the way!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER  
CELEBRATING

*Megan Robinson*

SAT | 22 | AUG

*one o'clock in the afternoon*

910 MAIN STREET  
BENTON, KY

PLEASE RSVP VIA FACEBOOK

*registered at:*  
BABYLIST

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Lucy Taylor Grant

Born: August 8<sup>th</sup>

7 lb. 12 oz.

Parents: Trevor & Maggie Grant  
(IMB Missionaries in SE Asia)

Great Grand Parent: Martha Lewis

# Prayer Request

## Church Family

Karen Brown  
Brent Clark  
Kia Crouse  
Joe & Dianne Dodd  
Doug Galyen  
Jim & Margie Greer  
Kathy Harrison  
Joan Hillen  
Roy & Joetta Jones  
Barbara Kinsey  
Cheryl McCuiston  
Tommy & Brooks Meyer  
\*Danny Owens  
Dennis Pierce  
Ronnie Powell  
Tristen Prange  
Ann Riley  
Edna Riley  
Wendy Rose  
Dale Southerd  
Jason Trammell  
Barb Travis

\* Indicates new prayer request

## Friends & Family

Ed & Jane Alton  
Anthony Cain  
Debbie Dowdy  
Veronica Galloway  
Shelby Hega  
Tony Hercula  
Keith Johnson  
George & Jane Kickhofel  
Aaron Peters  
Alicia Powell  
Sandra Rowley  
Dorothy Ryba  
Dennis Southerd  
Jane Willie  
Eddy Wild

## Deaf Ministry

Kevin & Jessica Cartwright  
& Family  
15213 W 121<sup>st</sup> Terrace  
Olathe, KS 66062  
(Patty Sanders' son & family)

## IMB Missionaries, SE Asia

Trevor & Maggie Grant  
3806 Monument Ave  
Richmond, VA 23230  
(Martha Lewis's  
granddaughter & husband)

## North American Mission Board

(Kaitlin Penn's brother &  
family)  
Eric & Brittany Gibbs  
767 N Castledale Ave  
Casa Grande, AZ 85194

## Prayer Request

If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the newsletter, please call the church office at 270-527-7575

## NEW ADDRESS

Ann Riley  
Gaither Suites at West Park  
4960 Village Square Drive #210  
Paducah, Ky 42001

Please continue to remember  
Ann in your prayers.

## SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Amy Northcott  
and family in the passing of her mom,  
Amanda Crittendon

# Volunteer Schedules

## **Nursery Schedule**

- 8/2** – Kathy McCurry & Janice Miller  
Elizabeth Garrett & Deanna Trammell (SS)  
Tammy Willie & Mary Jo Sprouse (Worship)
- 8/9** – Dara Smith & Stacey Malone  
Rita Hawes & Patsy Doom (SS)  
Amy Northcott & Heather Yates (Worship)
- 8/16** – Jessica Jaco & Lori McGregor  
Vicki Wynn & Vicki Tynes (SS)  
Wendy Rose & Kia Crouse (Worship)
- 8/23** – Devan Willoughby & Megan Robinson  
Dara Smith (SS)  
Karen Postma & Karen McKean (Worship)
- 8/30** – Dana Marsteller & Janice Miller  
Elizabeth Garrett & Deanna Trammell (SS)  
Mary Jo Sprouse (Worship)

## **Audio – Video**

- 8/2** – Billy Thorpe & Chase Duncan  
**8/9** – Jeff Siress & Keagan Owens  
**8/16** – Joe Jackson & Miranda Mathis  
**8/23** – Billy & Terri Thorpe  
**8/30** – Grant & Devan Willoughby

## **Offertory Prayer**

- 8/2** – Greg Carter  
**8/9** – Josh Powell  
**8/16** – Josh Owens  
**8/23** – Andy Miller  
**8/30** – Kevin Jackson

## **Wednesday Evening**

- 8/12** – David Puckett  
**8/19** – Ricky Marsteller  
**8/26** – Clayton Crouse

## **Camera Room**

- 8/2** – Bud Langlois  
**8/9** – Allen Gildersleeve  
**8/16** – Kevin Jackson  
**8/23** – Mike Donohoo  
**8/30** – Brenda Langlois

## **Worship Center**

- 8/2** – Danny Owens, Ricky Marsteller  
**8/9** – Eric Penn, Mark Heuer  
**8/16** – Josh Powell, **TBD**  
**8/23** – Davis Puckett, Ron Welch  
**8/30** – Gaba Bryant, Tim Yates

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## August 2026

| Sun                                     | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                          | Wed                                                                   | Thu                                           | Fri                                                                                            | Sat                                              |
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| 2<br>Joe Jackson<br>Jarrett Malone      | 3<br>Breanna Carnine                                                      | 4                                            | 5<br>Holly Moore                                                      | 6<br>Irma McClain<br>Brent Lanier             | 7<br>Brian Alexander<br>Danny Maxberry<br>Eric Penn<br>Tamie Hodges<br>Clifford & Sherrie Penn | 8                                                |
| 9<br>Marisa Smith<br>Jessica Cartwright | 10<br>Tammy Anderson<br>Eleanor Pogue                                     | 11<br>Richard McLeod<br>Todd & Amy Northcott | 12<br>Becky Auten<br>Hayden Jaco<br>Clark Pullen                      | 13<br>Susan Sedlock<br>Mark & Debbie Heuer    | 14<br>Debra Edwards<br>Sarah Robertson                                                         | 15                                               |
| 16                                      | 17<br>Todd & Kelly Henson                                                 | 18<br>David Record                           | 19<br>Steve & Cynthia Cary                                            | 20                                            | 21<br>Judy Southerd<br>Ken Toby                                                                | 22<br>Carolyn Donohoo<br>Danny & Lockie Maxberry |
| 23<br>Brooks Tynes<br>Tessa Powell      | 24<br>Cathy Maddox<br>Steven Bowers                                       | 25<br>Danny Owens                            | 26<br>Savannah Hairgrove<br>Karen McLeod<br>Pam Rye<br>Karsyn Warmath | 27<br>Tommy Sedlock<br>Mike & Carolyn Donohoo | 28<br>Nate Moore<br>Annie Malone                                                               | 29<br>Natalie Thurmond                           |
| 30<br>Erin Mathis                       | 31<br>Tommy Meyer<br>Cheryl McCuiston<br>Dusty Kornbacher<br>Jill Spencer | ANNIVERSARIES IN RED                         |                                                                       |                                               |                                                                                                |                                                  |