

| SERVING ...    | TODAY ...                      | NEXT WEEK       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Welcome        | ----- Elder of the Month ----- |                 |
| Song           | Jacques Pettit                 | Mike Simons     |
| Prayer         | David Fisher                   | Roland Andrews  |
| Song           |                                |                 |
| Scripture      | Ken Hamilton                   | David Coble     |
| Sermon         | Andrew Beasley                 | Rob Albright    |
| Song           |                                |                 |
| Song           |                                |                 |
| Communion      | Jules Guilbeau                 | Wayne Skipworth |
| Song           |                                |                 |
| Contribution   | Jules Guilbeau                 | Wayne Skipworth |
| Song           |                                |                 |
| Closing Prayer | Keith Nance                    | Ken Hamilton    |
| Announcements  | Shane Taylor                   | Shane Taylor    |
| Video Room     | David & Ann Bragg              | Arnold Family   |

### Sunday Evening @ 6

Jules Guilbeau

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 7

Andrew Beasley – The Gospel of John

| ELDERS          | DEACONS      | MINISTER       |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Rob Albright    | Technology   | Nathan Arnold  |
| 704-315-7068    | Education    | Jules Guilbeau |
| Roland Andrews  | Finances     | Rick Keen      |
| 336.674.3426    | Growth       |                |
| Ken Mantle      | Fellowship   | Keith Nance    |
| 336-643-3740    | Youth        |                |
| Wayne Skipworth | Facilities & |                |
| 336.362-2693    | Grounds      |                |

### MISSION WORKS

|                      |               |                   |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Hospitality Ministry | Blessing Bags | Sunshine Baskets  |
| Senior Bible Study   | Heart Sisters | Parents Night Out |

## Northwest CHURCH OF CHRIST



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One of the fascinating stories from the Old Testament comes from the twelfth chapter of the book of Judges. There, Gileadites had captured fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. When one of the fugitives from Ephraim would try and cross the river, the men of Gilead would ask if he an Ephraimite. If he said no, the Gileadites would then ask him to speak the word Shibboleth. For whatever reason the Ephraimites were unable to pronounce the word properly, and he would be captured and killed.

There are many lessons that can be taken from the judges, including the brief history we are given about Jephthah and his conflict with the Ephraimites. The one that I want us to focus on this morning is how our speech identifies us. In the US if you hear someone use the word “yinz” you can expect they are from Western Pennsylvania and more narrowly, Pittsburgh. You can tell if someone is a native of Louisville, Kentucky by the way they pronounce the name of the city.

Keeping with that theme, when a person goes out into the world and claims to be a Christian, the world will take notice of how you carry yourself and how you speak. James reminds us of the dangers of the untamed tongue. He says “How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness” (James 3:5-6). In Bible class we often sing to our children “be careful little mouths what you say.”

Oh that we would be the same, that when we call ourselves Christians the world does not hear us try to say “Shibboleth” and identify ourselves as not being who we claim to be.

- Andrew

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Sunday Bible Study

Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening Study

(No evening service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month)

Wednesday Bible Study

9:30 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal – January 14, 2024**

**Senior Bible Study – January 16, 2024**

**Blessings Bags** – Current needs - soap, shower gel, wipes, pens, razors, snacks.

**SECURITY BACKUP NEEDED** – See Shane, Rick, or Nathan for more information.

**Andrew Beasley** is participating in a mission trip in Costa Rica in January. He needs to raise \$2500. If you would like to contribute make checks to NW for Andrew.

### Birthdays

**12/21 – Ken Hamilton**

### Anniversaries

**12/17 – Roland & Wanda Andrews**

### Last Week's Attendance

Building 77 FB 7

Contribution: \$2628

Please remember to put your contribution in the plate when you arrive so it will be counted in the current week.

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:

**John Moore** was able to go home from the hospital and does not need dialysis at this time. Please continue to pray that his health will improve.

**Wayne and Jane Skipworth's infant great-grandson** is in the hospital in Chapel Hill with RSV.

**Rob Albright** was able to come home on Wednesday and is recovering from his heart attack and stent placement.

All other prayer requests are on the **Extended Prayer List** updated on 12/3.

**CHANGE IN SERVICES – We will NOT have services the evenings of December 24 and December 31.**

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us, however if you are more comfortable, there is a nursery at the end of the hall on the left where the service is livestreamed. Changing tables are available in that room and in the restrooms.

### SERMON NOTES:

**Title: Thank God That I Am Not...**

**Scripture: Luke 18:11**

### SOWING & GROWING

*a 2023 Sermon Series*



### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION



To place ourselves in a right relationship with God, we must:

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Hear</b>            | Romans 10:17                        |
| <b>Believe</b>         | Hebrews 11:6                        |
| <b>Repent</b>          | Acts 17:30                          |
| <b>Confess</b>         | Romans 10:10                        |
| <b>Be Baptized</b>     | Mark 16:16,<br>Acts 2:38            |
| <b>Remain Faithful</b> | Hebrews 10:23-25<br>Revelation 2:10 |

### Elder of the Month

Ken Mantle

Let's keep up with what is happening to each other. If you notice someone missing, please check on them.