

SUNDAY AM	July 27, 2025	August 3, 2025
ANNOUNCE	Ed O'Dell	Roy Clark
SONGLEADER	Mark Vaughan	Mike Carpenter
READING	Roy Clark	Josiah clark
PRAYER	Josiah Clark	Tyler Vaughan
COMMUNION	Roy Clark	Ed O'Dell
ASSIST COMMUNION	JR Flinn	Adam Carpenter
ASSIST COMMUNION	Jarritt Flinn	John Carter
USHER	Adam Carpenter	Mark Vaughan
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Josiah Clark	Tyler Vaughan
READING	Adam Carpenter	Roy Clark
PRAYER	Ed O'Dell	Mike Carpenter
COMMUNION	Mark Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
Wednesday	July 30, 2025	August 6, 2025
Invitation	Roy Clark	Mike Carpenter
Song Leader	Tyler Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan

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**How to be Saved**

Hear: Romans 10:14  
Believe: Hebrews 11:6  
Repent: Acts 17:30  
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37  
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Evening Worship</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$1320.00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Attendance Goal</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2024 Baptisms</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2024 Restorations</b>	<b>0</b>

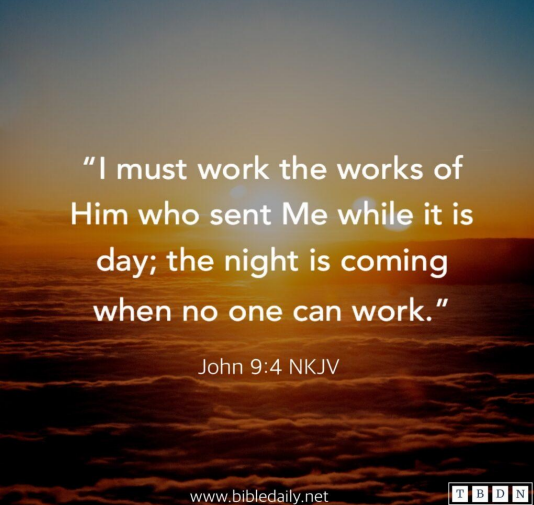
**Meeting Times:**

Sunday Bible Class      9:30AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30AM  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00PM  
Wednesday Bible Class   7:00PM

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

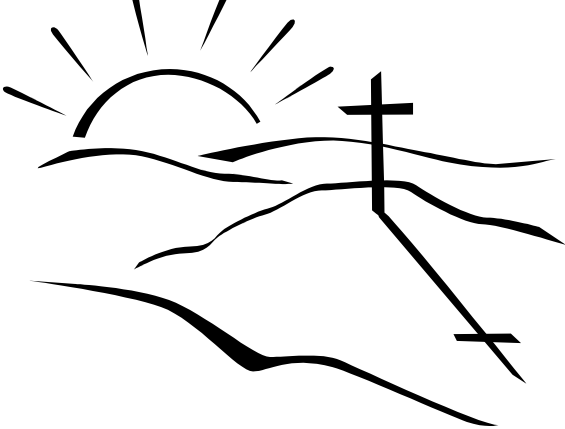
John 9:4 NKJV

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**8/8 Friday Night sing @ Veto**  
**9/5 Friday Night Sing @ Sunrise**  
**9/26-27Sunrise Youth Rally With Lonnie Jones**



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***MESSENGER***

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**Welcome to Our Worship**  
**Sunday Morning Message: Jonathan Jarvis**  
**Sunday Evening: Monthly Song Service**

**Looking Ahead**

I once heard about a driver who had no rearview mirror in the car. One day a passenger asked the driver why they weren't concerned about not having the mirror. The reply was simple " I'm not worried about what's behind me, I'm worried about what's ahead". This is good advice not only for driving, but also for life.

Paul could have easily let himself be reduced to sitting around, constantly worrying about his fate on judgement day after meeting Christ on the road to Damascus. After all, Paul had spent years doing everything in his power to destroy Christ's church and those who were following Him. If anyone had reason to be concerned about their salvation, it seems that Paul would be more nervous than most. Yet Paul didn't let what was behind him distract him from what he was pursuing. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

We cannot always change what we've done in the past. Paul Couldn't change the fact that Stephen or any other Christians he had caused the death of was dead. He couldn't change that many Christians had lost their homes and possessions because of his actions. There was only one thing he could do anything about. While he had spent a lot of time and energy doing everything in his power to destroy the Lord's church, and oh, was Paul willing to do something about that. He worked tirelessly to spread the gospel in as many different areas as he could. He endured hardships that we can't imagine. He was beaten, shipwrecked, stoned, hungry, cold, and constantly in danger, whether in the cities or in the wilderness. Both his own people and the gentiles were a threat to him at different times. Paul stayed focused on what was ahead. The next opportunity to preach the gospel, the next time that he could encourage someone in service to Christ, and finally the judgement day when he would be rewarded for his labor.

We need to do the same. We may not be able to change what is past, but through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we can change where we're going. The Bible tells us "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23, and the "wages of sin is death" Romans 6:23. However, Christ paid the debt for our sin and has given us the hope of eternal life, if we are willing to live for Him. We need to work for Christ and His church as we live here on earth. If Christ was willing to die in our stead, we need to live for Him, doing what He would have us to do, never letting anything dissuade us from our work. We need to, as Paul , look forward to our goal of eternal life in heaven. We need to focus on what we can still do for Christ, while we still have time to do what our Lord and Savior has commanded us to do.

# Prayer Requests

- † They have put Danny Carpenter Sr. on hospice so he will have more extensive care. Please remember Danny and Tennie in your prayers.
- † Vonda Shears is recovering from knee surgery.
- † Paul Facemire’s nephew Larry Nicola’s heart surgery has been postponed again.
- † Rhonda Facemire’s surgery went well, She is still pretty sore, and is recovering at home.
- † Lisa Melrose’s cancer has returned and she is undergoing treatment. She had surgery and is recovering at home.
- † Please remember Brenda Neufer in prayer as she is awaiting test results.
- † Connie Stephens ‘ had cataract surgery on the 31st. It went well.
- † Please remember Joy Smith in prayer as she is having a lot of problems with her health.
- † Please remember Steve Somerville in prayer .He was diagnosed with stage three lung cancer. He received his first treatment last week.
- † Archie Carpenter, Joyce’s friend’s husband is dealing with weakness and balance issues.
- † Allie’s co-worker’s wife , Teresa Jackson was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.
- † Paul and Rhonda’s niece, Kimberly Thompson was admitted to the hospital with pancreatitis . She is home now, but in a lot of pain, and waiting to hear from her doctor.
- † Please remember Jenny Allinder in prayer. She is suffering from sciatica.
- † Roy’s Brother-in-law Mark Sawitsky has lung cancer and will have surgery in August to remove the right lobe and associated lymph nodes .

## Birthdays

8/15 Kristina Flinn  
8/17 Lawney Kupfner



## Anniversaries

8/19 Dwain and Kimberly Shears

## Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Charlotte Eckhart	Carol Johnson
Evelyn Duckworth	Wes McIntyre
Connie Lynch	

## Morning Message: Jonathan Jarvis

