

SUNDAY AM	September 14, 2025	September 21, 2025
ANNOUNCE	Ed O'Dell	Ed O'Dell
SONGLEADER	Mike Carpenter	Larry Shears
READING	Jarritt Flinn	JR Flinn
PRAYER	Tyler Vaughan	Roy Clark
COMMUNION	Mike Carpenter	Ed O'Dell
ASSIST COMMUNION	Josiah Clark	Josiah Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	John Stephens	John Stephens
USHER	John Carter	Adam Carpenter
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Tyler Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
READING	Adam Carpenter	John Carpenter
PRAYER	Mark Vaughan	Ed O'Dell
COMMUNION	Roy Clark	Mark Vaughan
Wednesday	September 17, 2025	September 24, 2025
Invitation	Mike Carpenter	Ed O'Dell
Song Leader	Mark 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

Sunday September 7, 2025

Bible Study	18
Morning Worship	27
Evening Worship	13
Offering	\$1499.00
Wednesday	20
Attendance Goal	60
2025 Baptisms	0
2025 Restorations	1

Meeting Times:

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

*On behalf of the
Danny Carpenter family!*

*Thank You all very much for
all the love and dinner pro-
vided for the family.*

*We appreciate you very
much!*



***THE
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Welcome to Our Worship —We are delighted you're here!

Sunday Morning Message: The Purpose of the church

Sunday Evening Message: When Faith Wavers (Psalm 77)—Part 2

You Are My People: The People of God

From the earliest chapters of the Bible, we find God initiating relationship and covenant. In Genesis, God calls Abraham to leave his country and promises, “I will make of you a great nation.” This nation, Israel, is continually reminded of its special status: “I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). The covenant was not only about promises and blessings, but also about belonging—a profound assurance that no matter the circumstances, God’s people are held in the palm of His hand.

The prophets echo this theme again and again. Hosea, speaking to a wayward Israel, delivers a message of restoration: “I will say to those called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my people’; and they will say, ‘You are my God’” (Hosea 2:23). Here is the beauty of God’s heart—He continually seeks, restores, and claims us as His own.

In the New Testament, the message widens. Through Christ, the invitation to become God’s people extends to all nations. Peter writes, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Our belonging is no longer limited by geography or heritage, but is defined by faith and grace.

To be the people of God is a gift, but also a responsibility. We are called to reflect God’s character in the world—to be salt and light, to live lives marked by compassion, justice, and mercy. When we gather for worship, we do more than sing songs and listen to sermons. We remind one another that we are not alone—that God has made us as part of his family. We celebrate the diversity within the body, knowing that each person’s story enriches the tapestry of God’s people.

Today, many feel isolated, disconnected, and alone. The world tells us that identity is something we must earn or fabricate, but God offers something deeper—a belonging that is rooted in His love. In Christ, we are never strangers or outsiders. Ephesians proclaims, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19).

As the people of God, we are invited to create communities where all can find welcome, acceptance, and purpose. Our churches should be places where anyone—no matter their background or brokenness—can hear God’s words: “You are my people.” This is radical hospitality. This is the love that changes lives.

For His Glory—*Elvis Galbreath*



Friday, September 19: Friday Night Sing @ McKinleyville church of Christ 7:00pm

Sunday September 21: Meeting for Young Adults after morning worship—up front

Sunday, September 21: Free Buffet after morning worship—everyone is invited

Friday & Saturday September 26 & 27: Sunrise Youth Rally with Lonnie Jones (All are Welcome. Please see sign up sheets)

Prayer Requests

- + Connie Lynch came home Tuesday. She is so weak, her family is staying with her 24/7. All of them still have COVID. They are no longer contagious but still aren't back on their feet.
- + Tammy Phillips is feeling better each day. She is still on IV antibiotics for a few more days. If everything continues to go well, she will have her reversal surgery in 5 to 6 weeks around mid-October.
- + Please keep Ruth Lemon's brother Larry in your prayers as he is going through testing.
- + Please keep Tammy's nephew Clinton and her sister Kay in your prayers. Clinton is still in need of a heart, lung, and kidney transplant. He is very ill and in and out of the hospital.
- + Josie Phillips boyfriend's sister's baby is in the hospital. She's been sick for a couple weeks. Please pray for her and the family. Her name is Hazel.
- + Roy Clark will have thyroid surgery on October 14th at The James in Columbus. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- + Please remember Lisa Melrose as she recovers from cancer surgery.
- + Please pray for Joy Smith as she is dealing with problems with her liver and pancreas. The latest medication is helping her.
- + Please pray for Charlotte Eckhart's neighbor Lee Hickman who was admitted to the hospital.
- + Roy's friend Matt Lindsay is having health problems that are not yet diagnosed. Please pray for him.



Please don't forget to sign-up on the food list and jobs list for our yearly youth event. We appreciate very much everything you do for the church!

Birthdays

Gina Vaughan 9/16
Mike Bungard 9/18
Anniversaries
JR & Kathy Flinn 9/15



Please remember our Free-Buffer Sunday September 21st.



Following the example of Jesus: Jesus often used meals as a way to teach, connect with, and minister to people, including tax collectors, sinners, and Pharisees. A notable example is the Last Supper, where he instituted the Eucharist during a Passover meal with his disciples.

FALL MEETINGS EVENTS

- + September 14th—17th New Concord church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Rico Brown nightly 7:00pm.
- + September 21st—24th—Bridgeport church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Rick Tincher nightly 7:00pm.
- + September 21st—24th—Newport church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Dan Jenkins nightly 7:00pm.
- + October 4th —Sixth & Washington Ladies Tea with Jamie Gallagher 10:00am.

Young Adult Ministry Group

The young adults will have a meeting for a few minutes after morning worship Sunday September 21st to discuss a time we can come together for an activity. Please join us in the front of the auditorium after closing prayer.

Young Adult Ministry



The Purpose of the church

Jesus lived and died to make the _____ possible for the whole _____, and he promised that all _____ of hell could not prevail against it.

Acts 24:14
As the _____ of that New Testament _____ is followed today the Lord's _____ continues to _____ and _____.

1. The _____ of the _____

Revelation 4:9-11
The _____ of the church, then, may be _____ summarized this way: "to _____ God in Christ Jesus for the _____ of the _____."

John 4:24
Matthew 6:33
First, through _____

Colossians 1:28
Mark 1:14
Matthew 9:35
Jeremiah 20:9
Acts 20:20
Second, the church fulfills its _____ through _____.

Ephesians 4:12-13
Titus 2:1-8
Luke 18:8
First Timothy 6:20
First Timothy 3:15
Ephesians 4:14-15
Galatians 1:6-7
John 8:32
Fourth, each member finds their _____ in the body.

Romans 12:3-4
Second Peter 3:11-14

When Faith Wavers (Psalm 77) Part II

Psalm 77:13-14
Psalm 77 is broken up into _____ parts

1. Stanza _____
Psalm 77:10-15
Something _____ (again, the details are not _____), and he changes his _____ completely.

Psalm 77:10
God has been ever _____
Yet he is now going to _____ that "things may still be _____, but I have changed my _____."

Question: How many terrible _____ have we been in, only to _____ about it weeks, months, or years later and think, "Was it _____ as bad as I _____ it to be?"

My Perspective:

James 1:2-4
First Peter 1:6-7
First Peter 4:16
When our _____ is wavering—we can run toward _____—look for Him and look for ways to _____.

11. Stanza _____
Psalm 77:16-20
Deuteronomy 6:12
The _____ are depicted as fearful of the Lord as they _____ His command to part (verse 16).
The _____ is depicted as a _____ (verses 17-18)
You _____ everything about tat sea (verse 19) and "You led _____ people like a _____" across that sea (verse 20).

Philippians 4:8
Philippians 4:4-7