

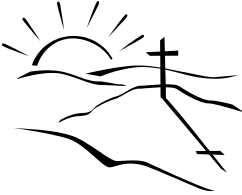
SUNDAY AM	August 30, 2026	September 6, 2026
ANNOUNCE	Ed O'Dell	Mark Vaughan
SONGLEADER	Mark Vaughan	Larry Shears
READING	Jarritt Flinn	Ed O'Dell
PRAYER	Tyler Vaughan	Roy Clark
COMMUNION	Mike Carpenter	Roy Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	Elijah Underwood	John Carter
ASSIST COMMUNION	JR Flinn	Danny Carpenter Jr
USHER	Tyler Vaughan	John Carter
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Josiah Clark	Josiah Clark
READING	Tyler Vaughan	Adam Carpenter
PRAYER	Mike Carpenter	Mark Vaughan
COMMUNION	Roy Clark	Roy Clark
Wednesday	September 2, 2026	September 9, 2026
Invitation	Elvis Galbreath	Mark Vaughan
Song Leader	Mike Carpenter	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

August 23, 2026

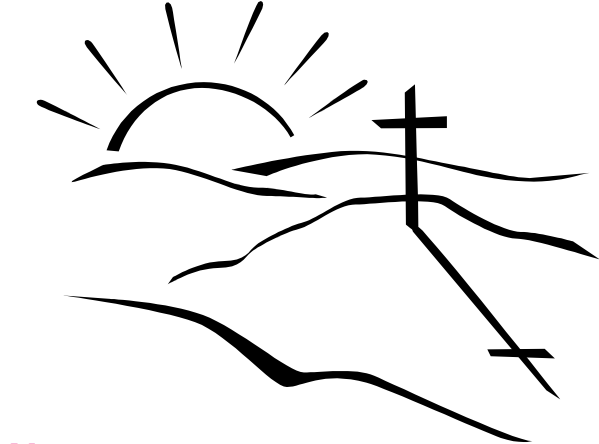
Bible Study	23
Morning Worship	37
Evening Worship	19
Offering	\$1375.00
Mid-Week	18
Attendance Goal	60
2026 Baptisms	3
2026 Restorations	1

Meeting Times:

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

Please join us for Sunday
Morning Bible Study 9:30am

Exploring the Heart of
Prophecy:
Voices of Jeremiah:
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Welcome to Our Worship —We are delighted you're here!
Sunday Morning Message: Inside and Out
Sunday Evening Message: Christians are Special to God

Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

Jesus taught that the work of God’s kingdom often begins in a simple, humble way: with seed being scattered. In the parable of the Sower, He said, “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow” (Mark 4:3, ESV), and then explained plainly, “The sower sows the word” (Mark 4:14, ESV). Every time we open the Bible with someone, speak a word of truth, invite a neighbor to hear the gospel, or encourage a discouraged heart with Scripture, we are taking part in that kingdom work.

The seed is powerful because it is not merely our opinion or advice—it is the living Word of God. The Lord promises through Isaiah, “so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty” (Isaiah 55:11, ESV). We may not always see immediate results when we share the Bible, but God sees every conversation, every verse offered in love, and every truth planted in faith. The harvest belongs to Him.

Sharing Scripture also reminds us to care about the soil of our own hearts. Jesus described some seed falling on hard paths, rocky ground, thorns, and good soil. The good soil represents those who hear the word and accept it and “bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundred-fold” (Mark 4:20, ESV). Before we speak the Word to others, we should ask the Lord to make us humble hearers, faithful doers, and patient witnesses.

This week, let us look for one opportunity to sow kingdom seed. Share a favorite Bible verse with a friend. Offer to read Scripture with someone who is struggling. Invite a family member, coworker, or neighbor to study God’s Word with you. We do not need to force the growth; we are called to faithfully scatter the seed. God is able to make His Word take root, grow, and bear fruit for His glory.

For His Glory—*Elvis Galbreath*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday August 30: Traveling Youth group Ullman Street church of Christ Beverly, OH. 6:00pm
- Tuesday September 1: Elders and Preacher Meeting 4:30pm
- Thursday September 3: Church Dinner Out Western Sizzlin 5:30pm everyone is invited!
- Friday September 4: Sunrise Friday Night Sing @ 7:00pm—please make plans to support this effort!
- Sunday September 6: Evening Song Service 6:00pm
- Monday September 7: Happy Labor Day!
- Friday September 11—Sunday September 14: Ladies TLC trip—see Anne for details



Health Concerns:

- † Connie Stephens’ x-ray shows she has a ripped rotator cuff. She will return to the doctor in about 6 weeks.
- † T. T. pulled a ligament on the back of her knee. Pray it heals quickly!
- † Christeena requested prayer for Cara as she is dealing with cancer in her eye and in her liver, she is going through treatments.
- † Cristeena has requested prayer for Britt as she has breast cancer that has spread to her gallbladder.
- † Eugene Knott’s is dealing with stage 5 kidney disease. He may have dialysis soon.
- † Karen Metz has been having trouble with her thyroid. She is taking medication to help her feel better.
- † Roy Clark will have his hip replaced September 29th. He will also have thumb surgery soon.
- † Sonya Staats, Carol Johnson's granddaughter, is dealing with stage 4 colon cancer.
- † Please keep Brooklyne Meek in your prayers as she continues to recover.
- † Remember Lawney Kupfner as he continues to recover.
- † Larry Seely is in the Arbors with dementia. His daughter Lindsay comes here from Cambridge every weekend to help care for him.
- † Jeff Boswell’s cancer has spread.
- † Harley Hunt will have neck surgery soon.
- † Mike Huffman had a stroke behind his eye which partially blinded him. He may need therapy and is at greater risk for another stroke.
- † We are sorry to announce that Ernie Doll and Francis Sells passed away last week. These were members at Pennsboro church.

Birthdays

Cali Kerns 9/1
Isiah Arbogast 9/3
Anniversaries
None



Other Activities

September 4: Sunrise Sing—make plans to come and join us!
September 12: Lewisburg church of Christ Ladies Day speaker: Karen Thompson 9:00am—2:00pm
September 11-13: Transformed Ladies Conference see flyer for details.
September 19: Young Ladies Day, Oakwood church of Christ, Fairmont, WV
September 19: Fall Men’s Day, Oakwood church of Christ, Fairmont, WV
September 25-26: Sunrise Youth Event Scott Judge will be our speaker. Save the Date! — Flyers are available



The Sign-up sheet for food for the Sunrise Sing on September 4th and the sign-up sheet for food for the Youth Event on September 25th & 26th are both on the board in the foyer. Please volunteer to bring food to help with these. Flyers for both are on the table for you to share with others.

Inside and Out

Pure _____ is about the _____, the hands, and the _____.
John 6:45
For the hands of man to be _____ with God there is a need for _____ and _____.
James 2:20
James 4:17
I. The _____: Matthew 23
Matthew 7:8-29
The _____ used by our Lord in this public sermon was _____, direct, and no doubt, _____ to many.
Matthew 22:46
Matthew 23:3-5
It should have been _____ that in their pride they had become the _____ opposite of what was _____ of kingdom citizens.
II. Washing the _____ of the Cup: What it looks like to be Right Outside But not _____.
Matthew 23:25-26
The (along with the _____ with whom they are so _____ linked) were entrusted with keeping, _____, and teaching that truth,
They would have been especially _____ by the image of a _____ or _____ doing such.
Leviticus 11:32
Mark 7:18-23

Christians are Special to God

There is an _____ phrase found three time in Ephesians 1:3-14, Paul speaks there of that which is “to the _____ of His _____.”
I. The _____ selected us to the _____ of His Glory!
Ephesians 1:3-6
It is _____ to learn that we have been in God’s mind for _____.
Paul tells us why He _____ us—He _____ us “in love” (God loves me). I also want you to see to what He has _____ us.
He _____ us to be _____ and blameless (4)
Ephesians 1:4
Ephesians 4:17-20
Ephesians 2:21
Ephesians 5:26-27
He _____ us to be His _____ (5)
Ephesians 1:5
He _____ us to be the _____ of His grace (6)
Ephesians 1:6
Romans 3:24
Romans 5:15
Galatians 3:26-29
Second Thessalonians 2:13
Second Timothy 1:9