

## Order of Worship

Announcements

Song: #10 A Mighty Fortress

Song: #162 All Hail the Power of  
Jesus' Name

Song: #364 Come, Share the Lord

The Lord's Supper

Song: #353 One Day

Offering

Offering Song: #794 Unto Thee, O  
Lord

Song: #749 The Battle Belongs to  
the Lord

Scripture Reading  
Mark 8:34-38

Sermon

"The Path of Discipleship"

Song: #695 None of Self and All of  
Thee

Prayer Requests

Song: #744 God's Family

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the  
fellowship hall immediately after our  
worship service this morning.

## Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

**Sunday Evening Class:** "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** "Life in the Holy Spirit" Pamphlet by Dr. Michael A. Brown.

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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Bob Martin  
Anthony Ricks

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## For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	117	Sunday Morning Bible Study	85
Sunday Evening Worship	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	15
Wed. Evening Bible Study	48	Contribution Average 2024	N/A

## Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.      Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.      Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.  
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.      Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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# Williamsburg Weekly

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When He had called the people  
to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said  
to them, "Whoever desires to come after  
Me, let him deny himself, and take up his  
cross, and follow Me.

Mark 8:34



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## We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

## “Take Up Your Cross”

The cross in Jesus' time was used by the Romans as a method of execution. If you were nailed to a cross you only came down after you died. It not only was very slow and painful, it was very public and humiliating. It exposed you as being considered the vilest of the offenders against Roman law. You would first be harshly beaten and then your bloody body would be nailed to a cross and lifted up. You would hang there in public view without clothing. Your offense would be written on a board and placed above your head for all to read. Then you died.

Jesus knew that such an awful death was waiting for him. 'If I be lifted up ... signifying what manner of death he would die' (John 12:32-33). He had earlier said: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14). Then again in John 8:28 he spoke of them 'lifting up the Son of Man'. He spoke of this to signify that He was to be crucified. He openly spoke of his coming crucifixion (Matt. 20:19; 26:2). After His so-called trial, the Bible simply reads: "They crucified him" (Mark 15:24). He died.

When He thus spoke of others taking up 'their cross', such did not indicate a temporary burden but death. To be a disciple of Jesus one must die: he must die to the world, to the old life, and to self. Paul said: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Thus he would boast only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, "by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:14).

Each of us must have crucified the old self "with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin" (Rom. 6:6). We must 'put to death' the old man with its sin, be buried in baptism, and be raised in newness of life. "If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live (Rom. 8:13). "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5).

It is true that as disciples we must each bear our own burdens (Gal. 6:5) and that we must then share in helping our brethren bear their burdens (Gal. 6:2; Rom. 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14). Of first importance is dying WITH Jesus and dying TO sin and self. You cannot follow Jesus if you are yet a law unto yourself. Thus Jesus said: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

- Hugh DeLong

## Church Family New

**Ladies' Devotional**—There will be a Ladies' Devotional at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 16th, at the home of Krystal Gary. Please see Tes Martin for more details.

**Young at Heart Event Rescheduled**—Enjoy lunch at YROC Coastal Bar on April 18th at 11:30 am, followed by a tour of Brent & Becky's Tulip Garden. To carpool, please meet at the church parking lot at 10 am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the fellowship room bulletin board. Contact Miley Walker with questions.

**The Virtuous Woman Conference**—Join us on April 20th, from 10 am to 2pm for this exciting day for women. See Angela Boykin for more information.

**Young at Heart Potluck**—There will be a Young at Heart Potluck following Bible classes on Sunday, April 21st.

**Craft Day**—All crafters are invited to bring a craft project, supplies, and a bag lunch and meet on Monday, April 22nd, at noon in the fellowship room at the church building for fellowship and fun!

**Young at Heart Dinner & Concert**—On Thursday, April 25th, have dinner at the Mellow Mushroom at 5 pm and enjoy the Dewey Decibel Concert Series: Big Band Spring Jazz Concert at the Williamsburg Library at 7:30 to 9 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship room. See Miley Walker for more information.

**Work Day**—Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 am to assist with interior and exterior repairs and maintenance of the church building and grounds. Contact Michael Bronsberg at 757-503-0089, or Howard Moffitt at 757-912-4453 with any questions.

**Outreach**—Cambridge Crossing Assisted Living needs volunteers for Bible study, singing, and prayer on May 2nd, at 2 pm, and each following first Saturday of the month. Please see Chris Gary for more details.

**Volunteers Needed**—We are looking for volunteers on May 30-31 to assist Linden Collins with her move into a new apartment. If you can help, please get in touch with Tom Little.

### Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Lucena Johnson 4/2, J.T. & Burnetta Fears 4/8, Jeff & Jackie Holmes 4/11, Mikey & Jackie Rollins 4/30,

### Happy Birthday

Vera Harris 4/10, Shelia Graves 4/13, Sabrina Logan 4/16, Bob Martin 4/19, George Johnson 4/21, Jerry Fields 4/24, Lynne McMullen 4/29, Scott Turner 4/29

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**The Knights** - safe travels  
**Steve Davis** - recovering from surgery  
**Jennifer Christol** - health  
**Jenna Tiefenback** - health  
**Jerry Munn** - health  
**Catalina Laverde** - finances  
**Levi Abbott** - health  
**Anthony Ricks** - undergoing treatment  
**Ken Moran** - health  
**K.P. Pressey** - health

### Long Term Concerns:

**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Margaret Rose** - health  
**Regina Clark** - MS  
**India Johnson** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**  
**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Ann Greer's** daughter's father-in-law,  
**Pete Keen** - health  
**Linden Collins** - death of her mother  
**The Knight's** son, **Chad** - health  
**Linda & Shawn Butterfield** - health  
**Lena Stone & Connie Williamson's** brother, **Wally** - health  
**Joyce & Bobbie Logan** - health  
**The Landrom's** friend, **Sharon Mackert** and neighbor, **Mr. Hall** - health  
**Cara Patrick's** brother, **Celsus Patrick** & father - health