

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Song: #63 I Will Call upon the Lord

Song: Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Song: How Deep the Father’s Love
The Lord’s Supper

Song: #683 I Am Mine No More

Offering

Offering Song: #490 It Is Well with My Soul

Song: #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand

Scripture Reading
John 7:10-17

Sermon

“Jesus: The Master Over Controversy”

Song: #147 I Stand Amazed

Prayer Requests

Song: #986 Kum Ba Yah

Closing Prayer

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

“Are you visiting for the first time today?”

Welcome guest! We’re so glad you’ve come to worship with us this morning. Please help us to get to know you better by filling out the green guest card on the back of the seat in front of you and dropping it in the collection basket. Or, for your convenience, you may scan the QR code and complete the guest card digitally. Thank you for taking the time to attend our service today. We hope to see you again soon!



Scan for Guest Card

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For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	122	Sunday Morning Bible Study	99
Sunday Afternoon Service	14	Wed. Morning Bible Study	13
Wed. Evening Bible Study	54	Contribution Average 2025	N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon Service—1:30 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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Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*.

John 7:16-17

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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!

"Jesus: The Master Over Controversy"

Controversy is typically defined as a “dispute or argument in which people express very public, lengthy, heated, and often strongly opposing viewpoints” of a matter (Vocabulary.com, August 19, 2025). As we see from the text, Jesus was the epicenter of controversy and remains such, as seen in many religious circles today. In John 7, we see His brethren encouraging Him to show Himself (v 3-5). Some denied His Goodness and labeled Him a deceiver (v 12-13). Still others contributed to the hullabaloo, denigrating His knowledge of all things wise (v 15). Even more so, some desired to “stir the pot” by inciting the false narrative that He, Himself, had a demon (v 20). Amazing!

It is never amazing that people hold grudges, fight back against what they do not understand, nor honor situations or people who possess greater talent, wisdom, or knowledge than others, unless they choose to. AND MOST OF US CHOOSE NOT TO, thus the controversy. John 7 reveals three classical manners in which we often see religious persons “hatin” on others. One, unbelief (v 5). Two, fear (v 13). Three, false doctrine. Sound familiar? If you were to take a poll, please contact Pew Research, you may receive data from their investigative instigating these same outcomes two thousand years after Christ walked the earth. Unfortunately, He is no longer physically on earth to settle these disputes and grievances among men.

Nevertheless, God has left us with everything we need to endure and overcome controversy in our Christian Walk. The Scriptures direct, “And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient” (2 Timothy 2:24). Our Father in Heaven CLEARLY states we MUST avoid quarrels which derive from unbelief, unsound doctrine, and fear of man! A Christian walks in a Christlike manner and thus does not engage in carnal warfare, which stages controversy among the Brethren. We MUST endeavor to overcome sinful behavior with the “footsteps” of Jesus. First, timing is everything (John 7:6). Jesus knew His Father was with Him and overcame the need to rush in as fools often do. Second, fear is NEVER a facet of discipleship...it undermines the soul (John 7:26). Finally, sound doctrine is not optional; it is a must! (John 7:16-18). Jesus WAS and ALWAYS WILL BE the Master of Controversy. What He is seeking are those who are willing to overturn controversy with Him for the saving and keeping of souls in Heaven. When you contemplate all things, there is no need, in Christ, for lengthy, public, nor heated disputes; we are supposed to be one (John 17:21). Where will you stand in all this? I pray on this side of peace, it's how we defeat unnecessary arguments (2 Timothy 2:22-26).

Think on these things, and God Bless,

- Archie R. Green

COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP 4

Please drop by room 7A/B to sign compassion cards.

Church Family News

Food Pantry Needs—The church food pantry is currently in need of restocking. Your donation of canned meats, fish, hearty stews, and soups will enable us to assist those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please see Jo Ann Little for additional information.

RAP—The Summer 2025 Rap Session was a great success, with an average of 18 students per session, including ten from the local community. Several families stayed repeatedly for Wednesday evening dinner, and strong family connections were forged along the way. Our Fall flyer will be posted on the Williamsburg James City County School’s website starting August 29th. The next Reading Assistance Program will begin on September 10th and end on November 12th. Volunteers are needed! Please see Beth Broxton for more information.

Running From The Devil—Jonathan Fears, speaker and author of the book Running From The Devil, will facilitate our Sunday Adult Bible Study, as well as our 1:30 p.m. service on August 24th.

Cambridge Crossing Outreach—Join us on Saturday, Sept. 6th, as we minister to the residents of the Cambridge Crossing Assisted Living Facility. Please see Chris Gary for more information.

Save the Date and Registry Information—A wedding shower for Randy and Faye Harris is scheduled for September 13th at 1 pm. Randy and Faye are registered on Amazon's Wedding Registry at <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/registry/3D4EXNIS3V53R> More details to follow. For more information, see Cindy Harris, Patty Harris, Caitlin Upton, or Melissa Jones.

Annual Church Picnic—Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 21st at noon and enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun at our Annual Church Picnic at Waller Mill Park. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is posted on the fellowship bulletin board.

Happy Birthday

Cheryl Brown 8/25, Alan Hicks 8/27, Nickie Fetterman 8/28, Bailey Jones 8/29, Regina Boisseau 8/30, Brooklynn Gary 8/30, Michael Rojas-Johnson 9/4, Tom Little 9/5, Mary Balthaser 9/8, Sherrie Fetterman 9/8, India Johnson 9/9, Miley Walker 9/11, Jerry Munn 9/17, Janie Bishop 9/18, Madison Gary 9/19, Betty Benson 9/19, Jim Bishop 9/19, Rita Seely 9/24, Michael Boisseau 9/27, Penny Bucknam 9/28, Cathy Bishop 9/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Stacia Landrom 8/26, Michael & Regina Boisseau 8/30, Jerry & Mary Ann Fields 9/6, Frank & Sabrina Logan 9/30

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Joan Harris - surgery 8/27 & 8/28
Kernan family - grieving
Lena Stone - West Point Rehabilitation Center
Pat Little - home - please call before visiting and refrain from visiting if feeling unwell
Nancy Gilliam - surgery, 8/25
Catalina Laverde - health
Adassa Duncan - hospice (at home)
Margaret Rose - undergoing chemo
Isaiah Hicks - undergoing treatment

Long Term Concerns:

Levi Abbott - health (at home)
Betty Benson - health
The Boisseau Family - health
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Doug Smith - health
Regina Clark - health
Abbott Family - strength & support
Anthony Ricks - health
Ken Moran - health
Jerry & Camelia Munn - health

Shut-ins

Regina Clark

Family & Friends:

Peggy Boarman’s brothers, **Homer & Doug Hanna** - health
Archie Green’s mother, **Inez Green** - health
Rita Seely’s mother, **Louise Weir** - stroke
Eddie Logan - difficult situation
Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - liver cancer
Rene Kassing’s grandson, **Justin** – cancer
Our Missionaries