

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Song: #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song: #626 Christ for the World
We Sing

Song: #365 How Beautiful

The Lord's Supper

Song: #790 Lord Take Control

Offering

Song: #58 A Charge to Keep I Have

Song- #648 Stand Up, Stand Up for
Jesus

Scripture Reading
Acts 6:1-7

Sermon
"Grumbling Grecians"

Song: #948 I am Resolved

Family Time

Song: #83 God Is So Good

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	92	Sunday Morning Bible Study	50
Sunday Afternoon Service	21	Wed. Morning Bible Study	16
Wed. Evening Bible Study	68	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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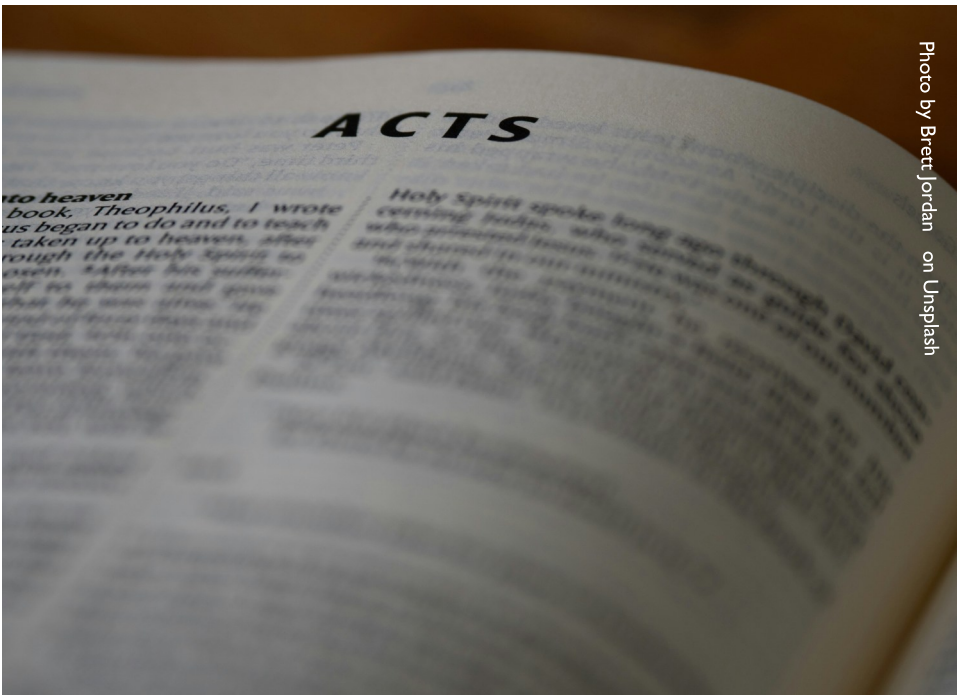


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We Welcome You!

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!

Grumbling Grecians

It seems we live in a world filled with discontent. Literally around every corner of the planet, one may easily find a person who holds a grudge towards someone or something! In many cases, these conflicting viewpoints hold little legitimacy for good. So, what does it mean when one is disgruntled or filled with a desire to grumble in contest against an opposition? It normally bears one of two historical considerations. First, from a Biblical standpoint, **grumbling is the act of discontent or complaining, and it bears a lack of trust in God's goodness and provision.** Secondly, some “grumbling” is better understood as **groaning or an expression of distress, pain, or longing that is directed toward God.** This form of “complaining” is a cry for help and a recognition of difficulty in times of trial, suffering, and distinct understanding of one’s own helplessness.

The first group of complainers lack the faith of our fathers. It only took three days from their deliverance before the agents of contempt cried out against the goodness of God. **“Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah”** (Exodus 15:23, NKJV). The Bible states, they began to make their “bitter” complaint against God by asking, **“What shall we drink?”** (Exodus 15:24b). Granted, people need food and water to survive the physical constraints of this life, BUT it was the doubting IN God which constituted the sin. God had proven His mercy and justice before Israel in the dispatching of Pharoah and his armies; would He NOT provide all other protective measures in bringing about His salvation for them in the wilderness also? (Deuteronomy 28:1-15, Psalm 147:3, Jeremiah 33:6, Hosea 6:1, James 5:11-16). Grumbling typically emanates from a selfish motive and one which dishonors the Creator. The second group, the groaners, complaints come up to The Father as a cry out to Him to have mercy and compassion towards them in their grief and unfortunate circumstances. This form of protesting comes up to God in humility and application of the need to rely solely on God as the answer to all this world’s issues, both spiritual and carnal (Deuteronomy 7:12-13). Godly people make a habit of trusting God who WILL acknowledge the groans of those in tribulation and render mercy and intervention as He has always sworn to the faithful, Amen! This mindset is continually an act of waiting and trusting in the Lord.

Which brings us to the duress of our Sisters in Acts 6. Were they “grumblers” or groaners”? Luke records an issue involving benevolence **“because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution”** (Acts 6:1b). This seems to be a menial matter today in such a nation of plenty, but regardless of the time, this lack of physical and SOMO support among Christians was an obvious and unmitigated negligent! **Where is the love!** There was an obvious lack of Biblical respect of an ethnic level (Acts 10:34-35). Additionally, there could have been a bias based on gender areas (Ephesians 6:9). Regardless, in original of neglect, God demanded it be quelled! **The process negated the naysayer and supported the weak at the same time.**

First, they were reminded of Heaven. The reason the Hellenists were there in the first place was because they had been accountable to Christ just as had everyone else (Galatians 3:26-29). Second, ALL of God’s people, especially those in leadership roles, can NEVER lead with biased mindsets where some are elevated and those THEY deem “lesser” are limited in physical and spiritual matters (James 2:1). Finally, isn’t the Church God’s example to the world? The reason why God holds not guilt in the “grumbling” is because He never fails. **He understands how sensitive His reputation is to the entirety of the world.** What about us? It should be tantamount IN and OUT of the assembly! (Titus 2:8, 1 Peter 2:12). Grumbling serves a purpose, but not often is it very godly. Groaning over injustice and longing for Heaven in this present world, should be heard; it is by God, and it should be heard by all those in local leadership as well. Let’s serve the Lord and serve Him wisely as He gives us opportunity. Think about 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

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting

Join in our next weekly focus on prayer meeting on Monday October 27, 2025. The Zoom Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please share with anyone that would like more insight on prayer. Zoom Meeting ID: 851 3564 6753 Passcode: 770316

Men’s Leadership Training

“Brothers Striving to Glorify God” All men are encouraged to attend the upcoming Men’s Leadership Training on **Saturday November 1st 8:30-11:30am.** A Deacon’s meeting will follow from 1:00-3:00pm. Please make plans to attend. 8-9am- Continental Breakfast 9-9:10am– Welcome & Opening Prayer 9:10-10:10am– Worship Service, Staffing, Responsibilities-Jeffery Holmes 10:10-10:20am– Break 10:20-11:20– The importance of Attendance– Jerry Fields 11:20-11:30– Questions/Closing Prayer. 1-3:00pm– Deacons Meeting

Family Potluck

Please mark your calendars for **noon Sunday November 2nd,** and join us for our monthly family potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a delicious lunch and the opportunity to fellowship together.

Lost & Found Items

The Lost & Found Box is overflowing. Please check the lost and found box located in the office for missing belongings.

Friendly Reminder—For safety purposes, the exterior doors to the building are locked during services. If you leave the building after communion, please let someone know so you can gain re-entry. Also, please encourage your child not

Happy Birthday

Judy Fishel 10/1, Jo Ann Knight 10/2, Aniyah Mack 10/3, Peggy Boarman 10/5, Jenna Tiefenback 10/6, Theresa Patrick 10/7, Michael Bronsberg 10/9, Jordan fears 10/10, T.J. Waller 10/16, Walker Knight 10/17, Jadyn Abbott 10/18, Cindy Harris 10/18, Robyn Seely 10/18, Debbie Morrison 10/21, Camelia Munn 10/22, Rachel Moffitt 10/23, Catalina La Verde 10/25, Betty Owsley 10/25, M.C. Bailey 10/26, Kevin Pitre 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott & Debbie Morrison 10/15, Jeremy & Ashton King 10/17, Ivan & Vera Harris 10/24

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Gordon Owsley-health
Levi Abbott– home
Pat Little - health
Nancy Gilliam - treatment
Margaret Rose - undergoing chemo
Isaiah Hicks - undergoing treatment

Long Term Concerns:

Levi Abbott - health
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
Lena Stone-health

Shut-ins

Regina Clark

Family & Friends:

Walker Knight– cousin– cancer
Doug Hanna - health
Archie Green’s mother, Inez Green - health
Rita Seely’s mother, Louise Weir - stroke
Scott & Debbie Morrison’s –daughter
Bristow - liver cancer
Rene Kassing’s grandson, Justin – cancer
Our Missionaries