Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Song: #144 O Worship the King

Song: #77 Glorify Thy Name

Song: #337 Hallelujah! What A Savior

The Lord's Supper

Song: #781 Thank You, Lord

Offering

Song: #778 Be With Me Lord

Song: #390 Guide Me, O Thou Great lehovah

> Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon May God Give to You the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him

Song: #909 There's A Fountain Free

Family Time

Song: #790 Lord Take Control

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!



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For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Afternoon Service Wed. Evening Bible Study

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45 Contribution Average 2025 N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class—I I:00 a.m. Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Service—1:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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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!

"May God Give To You The Spirit of Wisdom And Revelation in The Knowledge Of Him"

Over the past few weeks, we have entertained the question of "How's Your Prayer Life?" We have been commanded to pray to the Father in Heaven for our daily needs (Matthew 6:9). The Scriptures insist that we earnestly pray continually to God for our blessings in this present life (I Thessalonians 5:17). And our Brother Paul instructs us to be complete in our prayers by praying for self and others. He states, "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." (I Thessalonians 2:13, NKJV). God desires our prayers. He encourages us to be consistent in our prayers for our own needs and the needs of others. As we conclude this series, let us consider Paul as he prays, "May God Give to You the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him" (Ephesians 1:15b).

We find this prayer as Paul deals with NT Christians in Ephesus who are being influenced by false teaching. (sound familiar?). Idols and conjuring of witchcraft surrounding the city heavily influenced those who had been and were being taught the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Its influence was extremely detrimental to the spiritual well-being of members who worshiped God in this place. So much so, some were falling prey to "sliding back" or apostasy to the world (Revelation 2:1-7). Some secular historians report that this city more than likely promoted the worship of Mary, based on "Diana" worship, as "the Mother of God" doctrine approved by the Catholic faith around 425 A.D. This Apostle of God denounced these practices as a whole and SPECIFICALLY for the followers of Jesus. Later in his letter, Paul states, "But you have not so learned Christ" (Ephesians 4:20).

If the Church CANNOT worship as it pleases, then how is The Bride of Christ supposed to show its devotion and reverence for the Lord? Paul states that we have already been given the "Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him." (2 Peter 1:3). Paul recounts the instruction given by the Holy Spirit soon after those faithful souls obeyed the Gospel soon after the day of Pentecost, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42). Paul argues this, and this ONLY, is what God designates as the curator of our souls away from a Devil's hell. He instructs us to hold steadfastly in what we learned from the beginning (2 Timothy 3:15). Paul argues the Scriptures and their correct usage free us from sin and death (Galatians 5:1).

Why did God reveal Himself to mankind? Wasn't it because He loves us? The Bible clearly institutes this zenith statement in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life". Without a doubt, the World "approves" this statement, but does not choose to obey it. What is meant by this? A person MAY believe in the instructions for righteousness, but NEVER become obedient (to do) what is needed for their benefit. Remember Israel in the Wilderness and God CLEARLY informed them the land was theirs, BUT they would have to go and take it? They "understood" it was theirs. They realized God never fails in His promises, BUT they allowed their human frailties to rule the day in stating, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." (Numbers 13:31b).

Trust me when I say, we are no different than those of old, and God realizes this. Consequently, He still sits HIGH and looks LOW and holds mercy on us, but NOT forever. Do you trust Him? I pray that God may give to all of us the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him. and we never reject it! Amen. Take this to heart and God Bless,

Dr. Archie R. Green, Ed.D.

Our Congregational meeting is today. Please plan to attend.

Church Family News

Love For The Saints

This year to help those in our congregation who may need assistance whether it be food or clothing, we would like some help identifying their needs. Please provide their name, the person's need of food or clothing. If clothes are the need, provide sizes and identify if male or female. Please return to an Elder no later than **December 14, 2025.**

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting

Join in our next weekly focus on prayer meeting on Monday December 8, 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

WCOC Marriage Seminar

Williamsburg Church of Christ will host a Marriage Seminar "The Best Marriage Ever," facilitated by Aubrey Johnson on January 30-31, 2026. Friday 7PM and Saturday 9AM to 12PM. There will be five 45 minute sessions with 15 minute breaks each hour. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Family Potluck

Please join us today at noon for our monthly Family Potluck today! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a delicious lunch and the opportunity to fellowship together.

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 to leave the building during Bible classes unattended. Contact the safety committee for more information.

Happy Birthday

Marian Clayton 12/4, Jim Kinder 12/8, Darrel Garrett 12/9, Jennifer Abbott 12/10, Jo Ann Little 12/10, Brian Waterhouse 12/14, Stephanie Large 12/15, Toya Ricks 12/19, Margaret Rose 12/19, Terrance Banks 12/12, Jeremiah (JP) Mack 12/21, Veda McMullen 12/22, J.T. Fears 12/28, Ann Greer 12/28

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Jo Ann Little 12/1, Tony & Gail Marshall 12/2, Michael & Jackie Bronsberg 12/7, Chris & Krystal Gary 12/13, Howard & Rachel Moffitt 12/15, Darrel & Debbie Garrett 12/20, Austin & Caitlin Upton 12/22

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Levi Abbott- home
Pat Little - health
Nancy Gilliam - health
Margaret Rose - health
Isaiah Hicks - health
Regina Clark-recovering from hip surgery

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
Jerry & Camelia Munn - health
Lena Stone-health

Shut-ins

Regina Clark

Family & Friends

Walker Knight cousin-cancer Doug Hanna-health Scott & Debbie Morrison's-daughter Bristow-liver cancer Rene Kassing's grandson-Justin-cancer