

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Song: #718 We Shall Assemble

Song: #67 For the Beauty of the Earth

Song: #350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

The Lord's Supper

Song: #709 How Sweet How Heavenly

Offering

Song: #719 Love One Another

Scripture Reading
Acts 15:24-29

Song # 712 Jesus is Coming Soon

Sermon
We Gave No Such Command

Song: #922 Jesus Paid it All

Family Time

Song: #711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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	114	Sunday Morning Bible Study	79
Sunday Afternoon Service	0	Wed. Morning Bible Study	0
Wed. Evening Bible Study	49	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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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!

“We Gave No Such Command ”

In Matthew 16, we see the culmination of power in the words of our lord Jesus Christ when He states to the Apostles, “**And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven**” (v 18-19, NKJV). He was providing his disciples with accommodation from on High; He was alluding to authority in all spiritual things. One, He directed Heaven and Earth to comprehend that the Church would be His saving entity upon earth (Ephesians 5:23-25). Two, Jesus needed His followers to understand that NO earthly force could ever hope to supersede that which He had instituted. Lastly, Christ needed His disciples to “loose” and “bind” all that was required for you and me to walk circumspect with Gd in this life.

Notice, the Bible instructs that mankind will always find it difficult to walk as Jesus walked and commanded. Paul reminds us that this walk must be made “carefully” (Ephesians 5:15). He repeatedly states that one “walking” outside of God’s will is acting with foolish motives. Thus, he reminds us, “**...do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is**” (Ephesians 5:17b). Here again, inspired writers of the Biblical record, admonish us in negotiating the Will of God unto the saving of our souls when handling the Scriptures as God would have us to do. DO NOT BE UNWISE! A reckless person not only shipwrecks” their faith but often commits additional Biblical castration in leading others in their foolishness by deceit (Romans 1:32). Where will it end?

It should be so that wise men practice wisely. Those who choose to practice love and adherence to God’s will consider that God has given all things which make for life and godliness within the pages of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Those things MUST be studied in such a way that they would never “draw one” away from the faith given to the Apostles to circumvent their authority. In other words, when disputes arise among the Brethren, and they often will, they should come together as the Early Church did, then actively reason among the Scriptures. The goal of the discussion is NOT only to “please the apostles and elders, with the whole church”, but for the God of Heaven to look down upon us with favor, KNOWING that we have placed Him first and foremost in our conclusion by being able to freely state, “**We Gave No Such Command**” in erroneous practices. To accomplish a task, great or small, one must FIRST conclude God is right in ALL matters. Next, he has given FIRST to the Apostles for their safekeeping, as we see here in Acts 15. Next, some deliberation MUST occur, to sequence the will of God on such matters from the Beginning, for whatever “law or practice” we conclude, it CANNOT and MUST NOT violate another portion of the Holy Writ! (Psalm 119:160). It pains me to see how often some will state, even with braggadocio, how they have been revealed the right answer in spiritual matters, only to conclude that these things are a matter of an uncontrite heart. God desires for us to complete His will. And we can do just that by abiding by what we have been given and using common logic and reason together needed inferences when needed. What is never acceptable is for one to “go past what is written” just to gain personal or communal control when God has not given that authority to anyone other than what can be gleaned from the pages. **Does it glorify God? (John 8:29) Do we have God’s authority for this? (Colossians 3:17) Does it encourage my Brother? (1 Corinthians 8:11-12).** You cannot lose when you place EVERY SPIRITUAL DECISION into this construction. These are the commands that we can observe, for the “secret things belong to God”, not us. We are then left to reason what is written, which leads to life and an eternity with the Lord. Remember, if the Apostles “**gave no such command**”, we have no Biblical authority to authorize an action or wording because we enjoy it, like it, or seek to please the people. **In other words, can we go beyond that which is written and enjoy the bounty of an eternity with God?** One would respectfully hope not. Think about these things, and God Bless.

Dr. Archie R. Green, Ed.D.

Save the Date!

Ladies Day Saturday April 18, 2026.

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 today **December 14, 2025.**

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting

There will be no Zoom meeting for our Prayer focus on Monday night. We will resume on December 22nd.

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. All are encouraged to join! Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to attend. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Men’s Bible Study

We need a brother to lead the Men’s Bible Study on Friday Dec 19th at 6pm. Please let one of the Elders know.

Ladies Bible Study

We need a sister to teach the Ladies Bible Study on Saturday Dec 20th at 10am.. Please let one of the Elders know.

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

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