

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song: #23 Our God, He is Alive

Song: #77 Glorify Thy Name

Song: #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

The Lord's Supper

Song: #705 A Common Love

Offering

Song: #669 Take My Life, and Let it Be

Scripture Reading
Romans 12:1-5

Song #704 Bind Us Together

Sermon
"Thank You for Your Service"

Song: #909 There's A Fountain Free

Family Time

Song: #794 Unto Thee, O Lord

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	96	Sunday Morning Bible Study	75
Sunday Afternoon Service	16	Wed. Morning Bible Study	16
Wed. Evening Bible Study	49	Contribution Average 2026	

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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And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

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

“Thank You for Your Service”

Some believe the phrase, “Thank You for Your Service”, originated following the deployment of American forces during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield. Others affirm that the usage of the phrase became more prominent following 9/11 as America became more willing to recognize the sacrifices of those sacrificing their time, energy, finances, family alliances, and personal faith to keep freedom alive and well in this region of the world. Still others affirm it may originate as far in the past connected to Armistice Day of 1938. In some fashion, regardless of origin, every man, woman, boy, or girl who has served should be commended for their participation.

Nonetheless, there has been some cynicism about the usage of such phrases. Some note these expressions have become like “sounding brass” due to overuse and disingenuousness in some commentators. These mostly come from those who hold reservations against war and warring constructs around the world (Cincinnati Enquirer, 10 November 2024). Editor Paul Allen states, “(It) is almost a way for civilians to massage away some of the guilt at not participating themselves”. There always seems to be a battle between those who do and those who don’t!

Have you ever noticed there are distinct similarities among those who commit themselves to fighting “spiritual warfare” and the components of those who argue for and against human conflict? One, war has raged around the globe since the beginning of time (Genesis 4:8, NKJV). We should all understand that the God of All Love stands firm against the taking of human life (Exodus 23:7). Second, our Heavenly Father understands the heart of man can be murderous and cause the loss of human life both physically and spiritually (Matthew 5:21-26). It is THIS matter which the Lord hates most significantly! Solomon records, “These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren” (Proverbs 6:16-19). If God sees the previous actions as deplorable, then why would a Christian participate in these activities? They either do not know or they reject the fact that He should and needs to be the Lord of their lives (1 Samuel 26:24). Thus, what is the solution? Maybe we just need to thank one another for the work that is being done. We never compete with the world, the military, or one another; we just aim to show our appreciation for those who take on and proliferate the work of the Lord.

In some ways, it is simple: our membership in the Lord, like our service to any earthly organization, such as the military, needs to be marked by genuine service. It happens according to the Doctrine of Christ, designed to renew our minds towards whom we hold our dedication. Paul states we should be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). A refurbished mind leaves a previous world of doubt, sorrow, and sin, turning towards God in its “new walk” (Acts 3:19). Therefore, their actions NOW distinguish a renewed commitment in service in the right way, due to the right ownership, and producing what Christ demands from all his Brethren: bearing fruit (Matthew 3:8, 7:17-19, Mark 4:20, Luke 6:43, John 15:5). As laborers for Christ, we are no longer to linger and divest ourselves in ways which do not bring suitable fruit for the Kingdom, but rather enjoin ourselves to the work which is our cause and pleasure, this is why we should be able to acknowledge those who spiritually struggle for the benefit of the kingdom, with the lingering phrase, “Thank You For Your Service” and mean every single word. Think about these things, and God Bless.

Dr. Archie R. Green, Ed.D.

Church Family News

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting—Join in our next Weekly Focus on Prayer meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026. The Zoom Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please share with anyone who would like more insight into prayer.

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 3564 6753
Passcode: 770316

Young At Heart Event—All Young At Heart, join us at the Williamsburg Regional Library at 7:00 pm, on January 23rd, for a 1950s –1970s folk music concert performed by the Three Jolly Coachmen. Admission is \$5, and the parking is free. Please contact Miley Walker at 757-647-9569 with any questions or if you need transportation.

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 7 pm and Saturday 9 am to 12 pm. All are encouraged to join! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall, if you would like to attend. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Bible Class Workshop—Cold Harbor Road congregation is hosting a workshop for Bible class teachers on Saturday, February 21st, from 9 am until 3 pm. The workshop will be facilitated by Tech McWhorter and April Wacaster, who have been teaching Bible classes for more than 50 years and training teachers through classes, teaching camps, and PTP for 26 years. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP by February 15th at (804) 746-8224 or at coldharborroad@gmail.com

Sweetheart Dinner—All are cordially invited to the annual Sweetheart Dinner on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Signup sheets are posted in the fellowship room and on the bulletin board across from the office. Please see David or Tina Banks for more information.

Happy Birthday

Jim Landrom 01/04, Chris Mack 01/05, Annie Washington 01/06, Beth Broxton 01/13 Keith Bucknam 01/13, Brittany Waller 01/14, Patty Harris 01/15, Melissa Jones 01/24,

Wedding Anniversaries

Gene & Mary Balthaser 01/08, Anthony & Toya Ricks 01/19

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Kay Himes - health
Lena Stone – on Hospice
Levi Abbott – home
Pat Little - 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
Betty Benson

Family & Friends:

Chris Abbott's mother - recovering at home
Walker Knight's cousin - cancer
Doug Hanna - health
Scott & Debbie Morrison's - daughter
Jimmy Bristow - liver cancer
Rene Kassing's grandson, Justin-cancer
Our Missionaries