

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song: #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song: #470 Victory in Jesus

Song: #324 Atlas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

The Lord’s Supper

Song: #396 No Not One

Offering

Song: #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture Reading
John 15:11-17

Song #610 I Love My Savior, Too

Sermon

“Friend of My Friend, Is My Friend”

Song: #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Family Time

Song: #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

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	98	Sunday Morning Bible Study	82
Sunday Afternoon Service	22	Wed. Morning Bible Study	14
Wed. Evening Bible Study	53	Contribution Average 2026	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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You are My friends if you
do whatever I command
you.
John 15:14

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!

“Friend of My Friend, Is My Friend”

In the eternity of all things scriptural, love is the ultimate principle of the Christian life. Almost everywhere around the globe on the first day of the week, the located Church might be singing these words, “Jesus is Lord, my Redeemer, How he loves me, how I love Him.” What excellent words to hear! Thank you, oh God! But what are the principles of Love? Is love something which God demands of humanity, and if so, how is it best accomplished so that we MIGHT be pleasing unto the God of Heaven and the freeing of our souls. There are governing principles that guide you and me in the keeping of our souls unto Heaven. This evidence surrounds the eternal nature of being a friend of God. In other words, “A Friend of a Friend Is My Friend”.

For example, the Scriptures prove that Father Abraham was a friend of God (James 2:3, NKJV). How was this achieved? The Bible states, “just as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.” (Galatians 3:6-7). The Holy Spirit defines friendship between two or more people as one based on accountability! Too often, humanity strives to belittle friendship to a basic acquaintance level. This type of structuring does not please the God of Heaven. God determines the boundaries of salvation, and He regulates kinship as well.

When we study the Scriptures adequately, we see the pattern and purpose of those things which constitute lasting, godly friendships. Firstly, the most enduring quality of friendship is built on trust. Jesus challenges Peter after Peter's betrayal in asking, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” (John 21:17b). Secondly, a great friendship is built on support. Jesus shared, probably, His greatest earthly prize with the disciple He loved by stating, “...Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home” (John 19:17b). Thirdly, Jesus acknowledged His disciples as those intimate enough with him and His mission to be considered friends. John 15:15 states, “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” Notice, it is God who names and determines the boundaries of the relationship, not mankind. We can call ourselves “a friend of God”, but would there be sufficient evidence to prove so? Fourthly, true friendship is tempered with respect. A mutual one with peers, a reverent respect when addressing the King of Life. Among the Brethren, we often fail at core friendship because there will always be those who love to have preeminence. This is, unfortunately, a very historical failure for mankind. It has also undone the Church in various matters (Luke 22:24-27). True friendship does not see Brethren who “need to be controlled and conditioned” but rather sheep in need of a Shepherd, benefiting from the Spiritual bread and water from Heaven that only true kinship seeks. And finally, the friend of my friend who is my friend as well, performs reciprocity in godly actions. Have you ever had a friend who only “needed” you when they were lonely? hungry? tired? guilty? broke? You get the picture! True friendship, one in which we SIMULTANEOUSLY benefit, derives from the unique core understanding of the value of a soul. Only those who practice these things will inherit the Kingdom (Galatians 3:29). Being good is good, but being obedient to OUR friend is better. Which one are you? It is never too late to allow God to lead. What do you have to lose other than your soul? Think about these things and God Bless,

Dr. Archie R. Green

Church Family News

Deepest Sympathy— We extend our deepest love and sympathy to Theresa Patrick and Kayden in the loss of Theresa’s mother, and Kayden’s great-grandmother, Joe Ann Givens Dohm. As well as to Peggy Boarman in the loss of her son-in-law, Jimmy Bristow, who was a member of the Gloucester church of Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting—Join in our next Weekly Focus on Prayer meeting on Monday, January 26, 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

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

Rene Kassing 01/28, Frank Logan 2/9, Kristina Owen 2/9, Jerry Howell 2/10, Dawson Jones 2/12, Levi Abbott 2/14, Howard Moffitt 2/18, Chris Gary 2/21, Anthony Ricks 2/22, Simona Mack 2/27

Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Cathy Bishop 2/3, Nicholas & Melissa Jones 2/8, Kevin & Monica Pitre 2/9, Gordon & Betty Owsley 2/16, Jim & Karen Kinder 2/22

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Connie Williamson - grieving
Theresa Patrick - grieving
Peggy Boarman - grieving
Kay Himes - health
Mike & Regina Bossieau - health
Ashton King - pregnancy complications
Pat Little - health
Margaret Rose - health
Isaiah Hicks - health
Regina Clark - health

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

Shut-ins:

Regina Clark
Betty Benson

Family & Friends:

Karen Kinder’s son, Robert’s coworker, **Jayden** - was injured in a mutual vehicle accident
Chris Abbott’s mother - recovering at home
Walker Knight’s cousin - cancer
Doug Hanna - health
Scott & Debbie Morrison’s - daughter
Rene Kassing’s grandson, Justin - cancer
Our Missionaries