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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing Caleb Graves
First Prayer Tony Lawrence
Reading Kane Newby
Scripture I Timothy 4:12-13
Lord's Table Tim Gann
Sermon Derrick Stiles
Dismiss Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing Caleb Graves
First Prayer Cory Prince
Reading Tucker Gann
Scripture Mark 6:30-31
Lord's Table Dale Bennett
..... Herb Rowland
Sermon Derrick Stiles
Dismiss Willie Newby

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements Paul Hurst
Lead Singing Rickey Hurst
First Prayer Leonard Clemons
Reading Kurt Maynard
Invitation Don Sullivan
Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	171
Bible Study	139
P.M. Worship	100
Wednesday Bible Study	90
Contribution	\$6001

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact
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January 25, 2026

Ushers: Eddie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor
Un/Lock Building: Rodney Maynard, Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms: Susan Pryor
Pantry Item: No need at this time
Check Pantry: Kara Hurst
Check Kitchen: Denice Rhea
Check Workroom: Cynthia Duncan
Video: Jeff Flatt
Elder Closing Remarks Stanley Graves

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM Danny Duncan
Wednesday PM Stan Hillis

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Services

Sunday	Wednesday
A.M. Worship	Bible Study
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
10:15 AM	Monday (2 nd & 4 th of each month)
6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class
	9:00 AM

Radio Program
Each Sunday at 1:00 PM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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Each Sunday at 11:00 AM on BLTV Channel 6

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Sick List:

Sick At Home:

Teresa Gann
Graham Mayes

Shut-In At Home:

Maggie Hurst

In the Hospital:

Nelma Chilton - River Park ER hospital after a fall at home on January 19th

Surgery:

BrownieKate Bielling - Stan & Sandra Hillis Granddaughter having brain surgery on January 22.

Joyce Vandagriff - Knee surgery, Going to NHC Therapy January 22, Jason's mother

Reminder: all mentioned on sick and/or shut-in list are based on current condition at time of publishing and subject to change during the week.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

Quarterly elders & deacons meeting will be at 5pm on January 25. This meeting will be held in room 10-11 just before services.

General Business Meeting

Quarterly business meeting will be immediately following services on January 25. This meeting will be held in the fellowship hall.

Upcoming Area Events:

Bethlehem church of Christ will host their annual singing on Saturday January 31st at 5:30pm. See bulletin board for more details.

Morrison church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on February 14th.

West Riverside church of Christ is hosting Biblical studies on each Thursday night January 8th - April 2nd.

Monday Morning Bible Class

The next meeting of the Monday Morning Bible class will be on January 26th. We meet every second and fourth Monday of the month at 9am at the Bybee Branch building, room 10-11. The area of study will pick up from 1 Kings 10. Hope to see you there!

Bible Bowl at Ivy Bluff

Bible Bowl will be February 1st at Ivy Bluff church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test over 1 Corinthians 12-14.

Neighborhood Bible Study

Beginning in January Arlington church of Christ will host a Bible Study on each Monday night. These dates are January 5, 12, 19 & 26. Refreshments will be served at 6pm followed by a Bible study over Jacob & Esau from Genesis 26-36.

FHU Lectureships

Quickly approaching is the annual Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureship. February 1-5, 2026 theme "Our God, His Kingdom: Seeing the Christ in Matthew." See the bulletin board for details, or visit fhu.edu/lectureship.

NHC Services in 2026

We are beginning the work of holding a 30 minute service at NHC Healthcare in 2026. We require the assistance of some of the men in the congregation. A sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board for anyone willing to volunteer their time for this good work. Bybee Branch was assigned the 5th Sunday of the month through 2026. Anyone is welcome to attend in support of the residents of NHC. The sign up sheet is for those participating in the worship services. Please see Derrick if you have any questions!



Angels in Heaven are rejoicing!

In the last week we have had two restorations. Eugene Womack came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation to be a better Christian and example to others around him. Michael Pack came forward asking for prayers of strength and to be a light to his family and others. The scriptures call for a soul to make a humble appeal in times of difficulty. These men have exhibited a great example of what a humble appeal should look like. Our hearts are grateful at their desire to be better Christian examples. Please continue to pray for these men as they continue their walk in Christ.

Baptism for the Remission of Sins

Baptism occupies a central place in the teaching of the New Testament church. From the earliest preaching of the gospel, baptism was presented not as an optional symbol, but as an obedient response of faith through which God grants the remission of sins. When we allow the Scriptures to speak for themselves, we see that baptism is consistently connected with salvation, forgiveness, and entrance into Christ.

The first gospel sermon clearly establishes this truth. On the day of Pentecost, after preaching Jesus as the crucified and risen Lord, Peter's hearers were convicted and asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter's inspired response was direct: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). The phrase "for the remission of sins" plainly states the purpose of baptism. It is not merely because sins have already been forgiven, but in order that forgiveness may be received, just as Jesus said His blood was shed "for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Throughout Acts, the same pattern is repeated. When the Ethiopian eunuch heard Philip preach "Jesus" (Acts 8:35), his immediate response was to request baptism. Philip did not delay or minimize it, and the eunuch "went down into the water" and was baptized (Acts 8:38). In Acts 22:16, Ananias told Saul of Tarsus, "And now why are you waiting?

Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Saul had believed and repented, yet his sins were not washed away until he obeyed in baptism.

The apostle Paul further explains the spiritual significance of baptism. In Romans 6:3-4, he writes, "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead... even so we also should walk in newness of life." Baptism is the point at which one is united with Christ's saving death and resurrection. It is here that the old man of sin is put to death and a new life begins.

Similarly, Paul teaches in Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Outside of Christ there is no forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7), and baptism is how one enters into Him. This harmonizes with Colossians 2:12, where baptism is described as a burial and resurrection "through faith in the working of God." Baptism is not a human work that earns salvation; rather, it is an act of trusting obedience to God's power and promise.

The apostle Peter leaves no doubt about baptism's role in salvation. Referring to the flood in Noah's day, he writes, "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). Baptism saves not because water itself has power, but because it is the God-appointed response of a sincere heart appealing to Him for cleansing.

Baptism for the remission of sins is essential because Scripture teaches it is essential. We do not baptize to join a denomination, but to obey Christ and receive what He has promised. Jesus Himself said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). When one hears the gospel, believes in Jesus, repents of sin, confesses Christ, and is baptized, God forgives sins and adds that person to His church (Acts 2:47).

Derrick Stiles