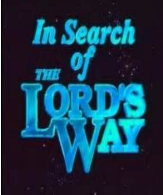


~~~~ Those Privileged To Serve ~~~~

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| <b>Sunday 1st Service</b>                                                                                                      | <b>August 3, 9:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                          | <b>August 10, 9:00 A.M.</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>Welcome ~ Announcements</b><br>Opening Prayer<br>Song Leader<br>Preside Communion<br>Serving<br>Preaching<br>Closing Prayer | Michael Hollis<br>Greg Harp<br>Russ Baker<br>Randy Harp<br>Levi Madden/Dylan Madden<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Nathan Bell | Michael Hollis<br>Nathan Bell<br>Russ Baker<br>Randy Harp<br>Levi Madden/Dylan Madden<br>Alfred Barnes<br>Patrick Brown |
| <b>Prepare Communion</b>                                                                                                       | Donna Williams                                                                                                      | Donna Williams                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday 2nd Service</b>                                                                                                      | <b>August 3, 11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                         | <b>August 10, 11:30 A.M.</b>                                                                                            |
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| <b>Bible Study Evening 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                           | <b>August 6, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                          | <b>August 13, 7:00 P.M.</b>                                                                                             |



**In Search Of The Lord's Way**  
Sundays - Channel 57 - 7:30 AM

08/03/2025—"Prepare for Worship"  
08/10/2025—"The Nature of Worship"  
08/17/2025—"Problems in Worship"  
08/24/2025—"Worship in Song"  
08/31/2025—"Worship in Prayer"

**Weekly Assembly Schedule**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Worship  
10:30 AM - 11:15 AM - Bible Classes  
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM - Worship  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 PM

~~~~ Enter to Worship — Leave to Serve ~~~~

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

| | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Realize I am lost | Rom. 3:23 |
| Hear the Gospel | Acts 15:7 |
| Believe the Gospel | Mk. 16:15-16 |
| Repent of sins | Acts 17:30 |
| Confess Christ | Rom. 10:9-10 |
| Baptized to remit sins | Acts 2:38 |
| Remain faithful | 2 Pet. 1:5-11 |

Record of Attendance

| | Total |
|-------------------|------------|
| 07/27/2025 | |
| Sun. 1st Worship | 33 |
| Sun. Bible Study | 29 |
| Sun. 2nd Worship | 33 |
| Wednesday Evening | |
| Contribution | \$2,664.00 |

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"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalm 119:130

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SUNDAY
1st Worship 9:00 am
Bible Class 10:30 am
2nd Worship 11:30 am
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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I WILL

- ◆ Like Paul, forget those things which are behind, and press onward (**Philippians 3:13**).
- ◆ Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence comes my help (**Psalm 121:1**).
- ◆ Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God (**James 2:23**).
- ◆ Like Enoch, walk daily in fellowship with my heavenly Father (**Genesis 5:22**).
- ◆ Like Jehoshaphat, prepare my heart to seek God (**2 Chronicles 19:2-3**).
- ◆ Like Moses, choose rather to suffer, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (**Hebrews 11:24-25**) (**Daniel 6:10**).
- ◆ Like Job, be patient under all circumstances (**Job 13:15-16; James 5:11**).
- ◆ Like Caleb and Joshua, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers (**Numbers 13:30; 14:6-9**).
- ◆ Like Gideon, advance even though my friends be few (**Judges 7:7**).
- ◆ Like Aaron and Hur, uphold the hands of the leaders of the church with prayer and support (**Exodus 17:12**).
- ◆ Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ (**John 1:40-42**).

“ CHRIST ALIVE IN '25 ”

PRAYER REQUEST

Henrietta Murphy Jones— had a bronchoscopy done and is unable to talk right now. They took tissue to ensure not cancerous. The doctors suspect cancer on my lungs now. Henrietta needs our continual prayers.

Roslyn Curseen— will have surgery on August 11th at Emery. We pray for Roslyn for strength and peace as she prepares for upcoming surgery.

Michael Curseen— will see his doctor on August 7th to go over treatments for the cancer he has in his lung. They doctors will address the prostate and pelvic cancer after the treatment is put in place for his lung. We need to fervently pray for Michael that all will be resolved with the treatments.

Cliff Rumley— has been dealing with a severe sinus infection, but feeling much better now. He's in hopes to be there Sunday. Continued prayers as he recovers.

Judy LeClair— the sister of the Pollards is some better from having Covid, but is not over it yet. Prayers are asked for her a complete recovery.

Phillip Pollard— the brother of the Pollards had a TIA stroke. He has several specialists to see for tests to determine what caused what they feel was a TIA. The family asks to keep him in your prayers.

Zion Maxwell— is still in NICU, and has progressed. He now weighs 3 lbs., 10 ozs.. He is improving and glad he's a little fighter. Continue to keep Zion in your prayer.

Bush Denney— the brother of Jack Denney is battling pancreatic cancer. Bush will go back to Vanderbilt to have a couple biopsies on his liver. They are with hope that they will be able to do something for him after they get back the results. He should know the results before he leaves there. Much prayers are needed for Bush and family.

~~ SEND A CARD, MAKE A CALL ~~
~~ ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER ~~

Activities And Events

Today— 9:00 A.M. 1st Morning Worship Service

Today— 10:30 A.M. 2nd Worship Service

Today— 11:30 A.M. 3rd Worship Service

Wednesday night Bible Class— 7:00 P.M.

August 9th— Ladies' Day at Lithia Springs Church of Christ. The theme is, "A Passion for God." Check-in and Breakfast from 8:30-9:00. Their program will be from 9:00—12:00. Mitzi will get with the ladies to see who would like to attend.

August 17th— Buford church of Christ will host Youth Area Wide. The Speaker is Sam Walsh, Decatur, AL.. At 4:30 P.M. Early Singing, 5:00 Worship and 6:00 Dinner.

Project Outreach— Let us all work to hand out the **Bible Reference Pamphlets** that are available for you on the security desk.

LADIES— On September 20, 2025, Tara will host Ladies' Day. The theme will be "A Woman's Power." Save the date, add it to your calendar, and pitch in to make this a memorable one for Tara! See Mitzi to volunteer to help on one or more of the committees.

Note—A meeting will be set soon to go over details.

The Membership Directory is updated and on the Security counter for each of you.

Continued Prayer List: Nell Lockhart, Bill Jones, Jerald Staling, Steve Pollard, Otha Thornton III, Michael Curseen, Archie Robinson, Havanna Goebel, Marcia Woodbury, Donna Taylor, Brenda Millsap, Steve Smith, Bernice Harris, Jerome Dukes, Jim and Maxine Howell, Vernetta Jones, Don Cheek, Doris Pate, Mozelle Jones, Vera Pollard, Willie Mae Brown, Carla Robison's mother, Alfred and Lenora Barnes, parents of Alfred Barnes, Erika Lee Havanna's daughter, Erika Lee's father Ervin Lee

Elders' Comments

The Lord's day worship is a personal choice made by every Christian. We choose whether we will go, or stay in bed and take the day for ourselves. Really, the choice must be made when we become a child of God that He is going to be first in our life, and that includes making the first day of every week His special day. Then when the Lord's day comes each week we understand, and everybody who knows us understands, where we will be. Did you make that choice when you became a Christian? Do you live by that choice, or do you have to decide each Lord's Day whether you will assemble with the church for worship if you are physically able to go?

The Elders

From the Pen of Richard



REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus often taught on the importance of forgiveness in his personal ministry. Following his model prayer in which He mentions forgiveness as an important petition to the Father, He said, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses". (**Matt. 6:12, 14,15**) Some of our Lord's parables emphasized the importance of forgiveness. (cf. **Matt.18:2135**) Jesus also exemplified the spirit of forgiveness, even toward those who crucified Him. Some of the most memorable words of the Bible are, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (**Luke 3:34**) What an example for all of us! We hear Stephen, the first Christian martyr, utter similar words in **Acts 7:60**. Before God will forgive us, we must be willing to forgive others.

God's forgiveness depends upon our repentance. In Luke's account of the Great Commission, repentance comes before the remission of sins. (**Luke 24:47**) Likewise, on the day of Pentecost, Peter's reply to those who asked what they must do were told to *repent and be baptized for the remission of sins*". (**Acts 2:38**) Since some of them had been guilty of crucifying the Lord fifty days earlier, the implication is that the Lord's prayer from the cross was answered only after they repented. What good would it have done them had God forgiven them without expecting repentance on their part? The same is true in our relationship with Him. Is God unloving when He expects repentance? Is He unmerciful when He makes forgiveness conditional? Certainly not. It is for our good that we repent.

Does God expect us to forgive one another whether repentance is evident or not? Some seem to think He does. But what did Jesus say? "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him". (**Luke 7:3,4**) Jesus gave the above guideline for exercising forgiveness toward one another. We cannot ignore it. It is based on the condition God has specified.

Certainly, we should never withhold, or desire to withhold, forgiveness toward anyone. But if we forgive others when they show no remorse, nor any sign of repentance, we do them a disservice, as well as violate the Lord's injunction. How much better it would be to react to them in a way as to bring them to repentance (a change of mind). Feeding one's enemy can do this (**Rom.12:20**) Blessing those who curse you and doing good to those who hate you can do this. (**Matt.5:44**) It may take some time; we may have to swallow our pride; we may suffer further abuse, but his soul is worth the effort in the long run. Forgiving him, without requiring change on his part, is foreign to the whole of the biblical message.

Richard



Please remember to turn off your cell phone during Bible study and Worship!