

## Order of Worship

Song:#153 Come, Let Us Worship  
and Bow Down

Call to Worship

Song:#74 Praise the Lord

Song:#364 Come, Share the Lord

The Lord's Supper

Song: #671 Purer in Heart, O God

Offering

Song: #543 Wonderful Words of  
Life

Scripture Reading  
John 21:15-17

Sermon  
"Lovest Thou Me?"

Song: #480 Blessed Assurance

Family Time

Song: #726 Lord, Listen to Your  
Children Praying

Closing Prayer

## Additional Zoom Services Now Available

Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Devotional, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study are now available live (at the building) and on Zoom.

### Directions to access our Church Zoom Meetings

Our Meeting ID for all zoom services is: 921-6844-7917  
Password: 2535662

To call into the meeting by telephone, dial (646) 876-9923. You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 921-6844-7917.

#### Elders

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### For The Record

Sunday Morning (Live)	74	Sunday Morning Bible Study	59
Sunday Evening Worship	23	Wed. Afternoon Bible Study	N/A
Wed. Evening Bible Study	32	Contribution Average 2023	\$4452

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Small Groups—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Afternoon Bible Study—N/A
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00



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# Williamsburg Weekly

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So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter,  
Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?  
He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love  
thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

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John 21:15

## 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!

## “You Know I Love You”

Tom Olson told his story about how he learned to love the Lord. He stated:

One morning as I was going to work, I was thinking of the words, “Simon, son of Jonas, love thou me?” and wished with all my heart that I could answer them as Peter did. I felt sad that I could not. Then this thought came to me. “Well, if I cannot say so much as Peter, perhaps I could turn it around a little and find something easier.” So, I began to think that there was one thing I could not say. I could not say, “Lord, Thou knowest that I do not love Thee.” I found some comfort in that. At last, I grew bold enough to look up and say, “Lord, Thou knowest that I want to love Thee.” Then, I began to think of His great love for me. I thought of His life, of His words and of His cross. Almost before I knew what I was doing, I looked up and said, “Thou knowest that I do love Thee!” At that moment, my heart became lighter and my life had more meaning.

In John 21:15-17, Jesus asked three times the question “Lovest thou Me?” to Peter. Peter must have wondered why Jesus would ask Him this several times. It is possible that Jesus asked three times to parallel the denial of Peter three times. Peter answered the first two times with patience, “Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee.”

The third time, Jesus asked a variation of the question in verse 17 using a milder form of the word love (phileo, meaning brotherly love). Agape is a love that is so strong it gives up everything in order to promote the wellbeing of him who is loved, which is the word for love that our Lord used the first two times. Apparently, Peter was reluctant to claim the degree of love of which Jesus asked, perhaps in view of Peter’s denial of Christ. Jesus desired Peter to fully commit to Him, and He challenges us to do the same.

Do we think we love Jesus? Or, do we know it? We must be much stronger than ever before, loving Jesus more than anything else and anybody else in this world so that we can say with bold confidence, “Yes, Lord. You know I love You!”

- Russ Vickers

## Church Family News

**Craft Day at Betty Benson’s**—Crafters are invited to bring a craft project and supplies, as well as a bag lunch, and meet at noon on Monday at Betty Benson’s house for fellowship and fun. For more information, please get in touch with Pat Little.

**Young at Heart Potluck**—There will be a Young at Heart potluck on Sunday, February 26. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the great food and fellowship.

**March Family Potluck**—Mark your calendars for March 5 at noon and join us for our monthly Family Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share, and enjoy a delicious lunch and the opportunity to fellowship together.

**Western Round-Up**—Join us Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 pm for a Western Round-up. Dress up in your western wear (optional) and have a great evening at the church building of corn hole, puzzles, word search, dominoes, checkers, and a photo shoot booth. In addition, there will be a chili cook-off and a talent show. Please let Juanita know if you have a talent you are willing to share with your brothers and sisters. Please see Tina Banks or Juanita Bailey for more information.

**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 committee for more information.

### Happy Birthday

Betina Hundley 2/1, Ken Moran 2/2, Frank Logan 2/9, Jerry Howell 2/10, Julie McNally 2/13, Levi Abbott 2/14, Matthew Lech 2/15, Ari McNally 2/18, Howard Moffitt 2/18, Chris Gary 2/21, Anthony Ricks 2/22, Teresa Moran 2/25

### Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Cathy Bishop 2/3, Gordon & Betty Owsley 2/16, Jim & Karen Kinder 2/22,

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Levi Abbott** - in CHKD with G.I. issues

**Brittany Waller** - recovering from major surgery

**K.P. Pressey** - recovering from colon cancer surgery

**Brian Waterhouse** - health

**India Johnson** - health

**Catalina Laverde** - difficult times

**Barbara Gant** - heart blockage

### Long Term Concerns:

**Juanita Bailey** - health

**Boisseau family** - health

**Margaret Rose** - health

**Lena Stone** - chronic pain

**Amy Girimont** - health

**Cheryl Brown** - health

**Levi Abbott & Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**

**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Margaret Rose & Krystal Gary’s Aunt**

**Barbara Turner** - hospice

**Cara Patrick’s Father**— health and strength

**Jo Ann Knight’s friend, Katie**

**Rutherford** - possible medical procedure

**Jennifer Christols - Dad & Stepmom**

**Becky & Billy Kempton’s Aunt Cissy**

**Arlene Gills’ brother, Melvin Jackson** - health

The **Ricks’ friend, Cherelle** - difficult times

**Bob Martin’s friend, Elton** - wife is in end stages of Alzheimer’s disease