

## Order of Worship

Song: #532 All People That on Earth  
Do Dwell

Call to Worship

Song: #121 Come, Let Us All Unite  
to Sing

Song: #350 When My Love to  
Christ Grows Weak

The Lord's Supper

Song: #828 Instruments of Your  
Peace

Offering

Song: #543 Wonderful Words of  
Life

Scripture Reading  
I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Sermon  
"Love One Another"

Song: #613 Hold to God's  
Unchanging Hand

Family Time

Song: #738 Take the Name of  
Jesus with You

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the  
fellowship hall immediately after our  
worship service this morning.

## Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

**Sunday Evening Sermon:** "Book of Proverbs" Proverbs 1:7-9 with Archie R. Green

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** "Evangelism" with Chris Gary

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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Anthony Ricks

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### For The Record

Sunday Morning (Live)	55	Sunday Morning Bible Study	39
Sunday Evening Worship	28	Wed. Morning Bible Study	14
Wed. Evening Bible Study	35	Contribution Average 2023	N/A

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 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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# Williamsburg Weekly

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But concerning brotherly  
love you have no need  
that I should write to  
you, for you yourselves  
are taught by God to love  
one another;

**1 Thessalonians 4:9**



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## 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!

# “How Should We Love Each Other?”

On the night of His betrayal Jesus told the apostles, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn. 13:34-35). This was not a suggestion from the Lord to the apostles. He was not just expressing a good idea. Nor was He simply giving some good advice. He characterized this instruction as a “commandment.”

The Lord expects, requires His followers to obey His commandments. Later that same evening He instructed, “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (Jn. 14:15). If we would be faithful to Christ, then obeying His commandments are not optional. Just so, loving our brothers and sisters in Christ is not optional. It is a commandment that we must obey in order to be faithful Christians. But just how should love one another?

It is significant that Jesus classified this as “a new commandment.” It was new in direction. It is a commandment particularly for Christians pertaining to their relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ. It does not pertain to one’s love for God or for his fellow man in general. It specifically focuses on love between followers of Christ.

This commandment was also new in scope. The Lord specifically instructed His followers to love one another “as I have loved you.” That evening He would be betrayed, and He would go to the cross the very next day for all of those who would follow Him as their Savior. He loves us enough to have died for us. That is the scope of His love, and that is the scope of the love that we, as His followers, are to have for one another. “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 Jn. 3:16).

Thirdly, this commandment was new in purpose. It was pertaining to a specific group of people- Christians- that they should love each other to a specific degree- enough to die for one another- for the purpose of demonstrating Christ in themselves to the non-Christian world around them. We are to be obvious examples of Christianity in the way we live our lives before those who have yet to become Christians. Through our Christian lifestyle we can influence some toward belief in God and Christ and toward becoming Christians (Matt. 5:14-16; Phlp. 2:15). We are to do that purposefully. The love that we demonstrate toward our brothers and sisters in Christ is one way, a way commanded by our Lord, to do it.

We must never take our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ lightly. We must not be careless in the way we think of or treat one another. Our diligence in obeying this commandment is a mark of our personal faithfulness, and it could also make a difference in the salvation of somebody else’s soul...

- Gary L. Hutchens

# Church Family News

**Care Bag Ministry**— We are gathering gifts to fill Care Bags for our shut-ins and members who have not been able to return to worship with us. If you would like to donate, please place a small personal gift in the bag/bags of your choice on the table in the fellowship room. Care bags will be delivered in mid-July. Please see Cindy Harris for more information.

**Ready Set Move VBS 2023**—Williamsburg Church of Christ Youth Vacation Bible School is on Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 11 am - 3 pm, for school-age children up to age 12. There is a QR code below to register. Registration Info will also be added to the website and social media. Volunteers can sign up on the sign-up sheet on the board or see Chris and Angie Boykin.



Register Now for VBS!

**Craft Day**—All crafters are invited to bring a craft project, supplies, and a bag lunch and meet in the fellowship room at the church building this Monday, July 10th, at noon for an afternoon of fun together!

**First Annual Youth Rally**—You are invited to join the Peninsula church of Christ, at 502 Woodland Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, for their first annual youth rally on July 29, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Enjoy lessons on “The Mindset of the Kingdom,” fellowship, food, and games. RSVP by July 22nd to Kirk Gilpin at (636) 395-2072 or Kirk.Gilpin@yahoo.com

## Happy Birthday

Zander Waller 7/1, Andrea Boisseau 7/3, Jordyn Gary 7/5, Connie Broady 7/9, Becky Kemptom 7/9, Sharon Moss 7/15, Kay Himes 7/17, Billy Kempton 7/17, Tiffany Powers 7/19, Elaine Scrivner 7/20, Lawrence White III 7/23, Mario Manfre 7/22, Aiden Waller 7/25, Tracy Hundley 7/27, Monica Pitre 7/27

## Wedding Anniversaries

Jack & Nancy Gilliam 7/1, George & Pearle Johnson 7/6, Lawrence & Kisa White 7/16, Jeff & Kathy Shy 7/24,

# Prayer Request

## Immediate Concerns:

- Members with COVID**
- Sharon Moss** - pneumonia
- Anthony Ricks** - continued improvement
- Anthony & Toya Ricks** - safe travels
- Brian Waterhouse** - health
- Lena Stone** - scheduled for surgery 8/2
- Ken Moran** - prostate cancer
- Levi Abbott** - health
- Margaret Rose** - cancer
- K.P. Pressey** - chemo & radiation

## Long Term Concerns:

- Taylor Myers** - health issues
- Regina Clark** - MS
- Keith Bucknam** - severe spinal pain
- Juanita Bailey** - health
- Boisseau family** - health
- India Johnson** - health
- Amy Girimont** - health
- Cheryl Brown** - health
- Abbott Family**

## Shut-ins

- Regina Clark**
- Adassa Duncan**

## Family & Friends:

- Joe Garcia’s** daughter-in-law, **Arwen** - surgery
- Betsy Davis’** sister, **Cathy** - grieving the loss of her husband
- Ezekiel Lee’s** aunt **Lucille** - stroke
- Cara Patrick’s** son - paperwork completed so that their family can be reunited & **stepfather** recovering from heart attack