

## Order of Worship

Song: #15 Step By Step

Announcements

Song: Days of Elijah

Song: How Deep the Father's Love

The Lord's Supper

Song: #287 There is A Redeemer

Offering

Offering Song: #83 God is So Good

Song: #43 All Things Praise Thee

Scripture Reading  
Luke 20:20-26

Sermon  
"Seemingly Random"

Song: #10 A Mighty Fortress

Prayer Requests

Song: #2 Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

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 Class:** "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** "Life in the Holy Spirit" Pamphlet by Dr. Michael A. Brown.

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

[www.williamsburgcoc.org](http://www.williamsburgcoc.org)



### Elders

Robert Beasley  
Jim Bishop  
Jerry Fields  
Bob Martin  
Anthony Ricks

### Minister

Archie R. Green

### Secretary

Nancy Gilliam Email: [ngilliam@williamsburgcoc.org](mailto:ngilliam@williamsburgcoc.org) Phone: 757-253-5662  
Hrs: Tues - Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	131	Sunday Morning Bible Study	73
Sunday Evening Worship	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	16
Wed. Evening Bible Study	41	Contribution Average 2024	N/A

## Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship—N/A Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.  
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Williamsburg Church of Christ  
227 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185  
(757) 253-5662

Find Us Online: [www.williamsburgcoc.org](http://www.williamsburgcoc.org)



# Williamsburg Weekly

*Living & Loving Like Jesus*

Volume 9 Issue 20

May 19, 2024

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Luke 20:25



Photo by Ibrahim Rifath on Unsplash

## 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!

## “Rendering to Caesar and God”

It was not every day that you saw the Pharisees and the Herodians coming together to visit someone. It is a downright strange event when the Pharisees and Herodians are being sent by the chief priests, scribes, and elders (cf. Mark 11:27)! Yet this was the power of Jesus-- all the various sects of the Jews may disagree with each other, but they agree that Jesus is a threat!

In fact, Jesus was becoming intolerable. He had cleansed the Temple, striking at the heart of the power of the chief priests (Mark 11:15-18). He would not reveal the source of His authority (Mark 11:27-33), and incited the people with His parable of the Vineyard (Mark 12:1-11). They needed to dispose of Jesus-- and yet they feared the crowds (Mark 12:12). They had to do something to get Jesus in trouble.

And so they hatched the perfect plan— the question that would lead to His demise. The tax question was ideal. If Jesus said that the Jews should pay the tax, then the Pharisees were right there to proclaim to the people how Jesus was a compromiser and an appeaser of the hated oppressor. If Jesus declared that the Jews did not need to pay taxes, the Herodians were there to hear it and to inform Pilate and the Roman authorities that Jesus was stirring up sedition. It was the perfect plan—or so it seemed.

Yet Jesus' answer entirely flummoxes them. He does not align with one of the two "main" positions. Instead, He advocates a transcendental, middle-of-the-road approach.

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's. For years this has been the foundational principle of the Christian attitude toward government. Though many may seek a political message in what Jesus is saying, in reality, Jesus remains above that particular fray. Jesus' quarrel, after all, is not with Caesar (cf. Ephesians 6:12). Earthly government has its reason for existence and such should be respected. Taxes should be paid; authorities deserve the honor due them (Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:11-17).

Yet Jesus' real point is much deeper than this. It has less to do with Caesar and much more to do with God.

The denarius that Jesus held in His hand belonged to Caesar because upon it was struck the image and inscription of Caesar. But where do we find the image and inscription of God? Jesus knew that it was written:

And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them (Genesis 1:26a, 27).

We humans have been made in God's own image, after His likeness. Yes, we must render to Caesar his money—but to God we must give ourselves (cf. Romans 12:1)! All of our energy and existence must be expended toward the advancement of God's righteousness and Kingdom (cf. Matthew 6:33).

To the earthly authorities we owe proper respect and taxes so that they may accomplish their necessary functions. Yet we do not owe ourselves to Caesar or his purposes. Instead, we owe ourselves to God, and it is right for us to render to God what is His. Let us serve God fully, truly reflecting His image!

- Ethan R. Longhenry

## Church Family News

**Ladies' Devotional**—The Ladies' Devotional will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Krystal Gary.

**Deacons Meeting**—The deacons will meet on Thursday, May 30th. A light dinner will be provided at 6:30 pm, with the meeting at 7 pm.

**Volunteers Needed**—We are looking for volunteers on May 30-31 to assist Linden Collins with her move into a new apartment. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please get in touch with Tom Little.

**Spiritual Growth Sermon Series**—Starting Sunday, June 2nd, we will begin a five-week sermon series on Spiritual Growth. Please plan to attend each lesson, so we may all grow and be pleasing to the Lord.

**Family Potluck**—Please mark your calendars for noon on Sunday, June 2nd, 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.

**Reading Assistance Program**—If you know of any child who could benefit from reading help, please give their parents one of our flyers (in the lobby) or see Beth Broxton. We meet every Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm.

**Friendly Safety 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 attended during Bible classes. Contact the safety committee for more information.

### Happy Birthday

Christopher Powers 5/3, James Broady 5/7, Chris Abbott 5/11, Susan Harmon 5/14, Liberty Rojas-Rockwell 5/14, Steve Davis 5/15, Justicia Rojas-Rockwell 5/17, Chloe Turner 5/18, Mary Ann Fields 5/19, Shacara Pitre 5/19, Archie Green 5/24, Joyce Tawney 5/26, Martha Turner 5/26, Lucena Rojas 5/31

### Wedding Anniversaries

Mikey & Jackie Rollins 4/30, Hagar & Susan Harmon 5/19,  
Dennis & Sherrie Fetterman 5/25

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Levi Abbott** - health  
**Sharon Moss** - health  
**Jerry & Camelia Munn** - health  
**Catalina Laverde** - finances  
**Anthony Ricks** - undergoing treatment  
**Ken Moran** - health  
**K.P. Pressey** - health

### Long Term Concerns:

**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Margaret Rose** - health  
**Regina Clark** - MS  
**India Johnson** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family**

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**  
**Adassa Duncan**

### Family & Friends:

**Mike Bronsberg's** brother, **Joe** - health  
**Joyce Logan** - that she will do well at her new job.  
**Sharon Moss'** friend - grieving the loss of her grandson.  
**Cara Patrick's** son, **Clevon** - difficult situation  
**Eddie Logan** - difficult situation  
**Jo Ann Knight's Cousin's wife & Children** - grieving  
**Wades' Aunt Chris** - health  
**Lena Stone & Connie Williamson's** brother, **Wally** - health  
**The Landrom's** friend, **Sharon Mackert** and neighbor, **Mr. Hall** - health  
**Peggy Boarman's** son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - current situation