

## Order of Worship

Song: #997 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Announcements

Song: #718 We Shall Assemble

Song: #364 Come, Share the Lord

The Lord's Supper

Song: #1001 Hark! The Herald  
Angels Sing

Offering

Offering Song: #722 Let the Beauty  
of Jesus Be Seen

Song: #719 Angry Words

Scripture Reading  
Proverbs 15:1-7

Sermon

“Where There Is Much Treasure”

Song: #924 Just As I Am

Prayer Requests

Song: #1012 Go Tell It on the  
Mountain

Closing Prayer

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

## “Are you visiting for the first time today?”

Welcome guest! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this morning. Please help us to get to know you better by filling out the green guest card on the back of the seat in front of you and dropping it in the collection basket. Or, for your convenience, you may scan the QR code and complete the guest card digitally. Thank you for taking the time to attend our service today. We hope to see you again soon!



Scan for Guest Card

### Elders

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Jerry Fields  
Keith Bucknam

### Minister

Archie R. Green

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### For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	102	Sunday Morning Bible Study	85
Sunday Afternoon Service	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	9
Wed. Evening Bible Study	34	Contribution Average 2024	N/A

### Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon Service—1:30 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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A soft answer turns away wrath,  
But a harsh word stirs up anger.  
The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,  
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.



Proverbs 15:1-2

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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!

## “Gossip: Worse Than Thieves”

Our words can be extremely powerful, either for good (Eph. 4:29) or ill (James 3:6). One form of evil use of the tongue is gossip. The following illustration by an unknown author drives this point home:

Once upon a time, an old man spread rumors that his neighbor was a thief, As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later the young man was proven innocent. After been released he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In court the old man told the Judge: “They were just comments, didn’t harm anyone.”

The judge, before passing sentence on the case, told the old man: “Write all the things you said about him in a piece of paper. Cut them up and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out. Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence.”

Next day, the judge told the old man: “Before receiving the sentence, you will have to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out yesterday.”

The old man said: “I can’t do that! The wind spread them and I won’t know where to find them!”

The judge then replied: “The same way, simple comments may destroy the honor of a man to such an extent that one is not able to fix it. If you can’t speak well of someone, rather don’t say anything. Let’s all be masters of our mouths, so that we won’t be slaves of our words.”

Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person’s dignity, honor, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance; but when your tongue slips, you cannot recover your words.

Let us remember the damage gossip can do! “Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases” (Proverbs 26:20).

- Matt Clifton

### Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Jo Ann Little 12/1, Tony & Gail Marshall 12/2, Michael & Jackie Bronsberg 12/7, Chris & Krystal Gary 12/13, Howard & Rachel Moffitt 12/15, Darrel & Debbie Garrett 12/20, Austin & Caitlin Upton 12/ 22, Ken & Teresa Moran 12/28,

## Church Family News

**Welcome!**—Austin & Caitlin Upton, Tony & Gail Marshall, Janie Bishop, and Faye Cagle have expressed their desire to place membership with the Williamsburg congregation. We welcome these new members to our church family and give thanks for their commitment to the Lord.

**Holiday Schedule Changes**—Due to the holiday, all Wednesday Bible classes and the fellowship dinner will be canceled on December 25th. The Wednesday evening dinner and evening Bible study will resume on January 1st. However, the Wednesday morning Bible class will be canceled.

**Volunteers Needed**—Jennifer Christol is moving on December 20th and has requested assistance. If you can help in any way, please see Jim Bishop.

**Men’s Bible Study**—All men are invited to study God’s Word on Friday, December 20th, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the building.

**New Year’s Eve Event**—Join us for our New Year’s Eve Gathering on Tuesday, December 31st, at 10 p.m. Please bring a dish! See Chris Boykin for more information.

**Family Potluck**—Please mark your calendars for noon on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Visit from our Missionary**—Greg Clodfelter, our missionary in Kenya, and his family will visit us on Sunday, January 12th, to share news of their missionary work in East Africa.

**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 unattended during Bible classes. Contact the safety committee for more information.

### Happy Birthday

Marian Clayton 12/4, Jim Kinder 12/8, Darrel Garrett 12/9, Jennifer Abbott 12/10, Jo Ann Little 12/10, Brian Waterhouse 12/14, Stephanie Large 12/15, Toya Ricks 12/19, Margaret Rose 12/19, Terrance Banks 12/21, Veda McMullen 12/22, J.T. Fears 12/28, Ann Greer 12/28, Beverly Banks 12/30

### COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP I

Please drop by room 7A/B to sign compassion cards.

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**J.T. Fears** - health  
**Regina Clark** - health  
**Betty Owsley** - health  
**Cindy Harris** - health  
**Peggy Boarman** - encouragement  
**Connie Williamson** - health  
**Levi Abbott** - in Norfolk Children’s

### Long Term Concerns:

**Betsy Davis** - health  
**Doug Smith** - health  
**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**M.C. & Juanita Bailey** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Margaret Rose** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family** - strength & support  
**Anthony Ricks** - health  
**Ken Moran** - health  
**Jerry & Camelia Munn** - health

### Shut-ins

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

### Family & Friends:

**Peggy Boarman’s family** - health  
**Angela Boykins & Tina Banks’** sister-Health  
**Cindy Harris’** cousin, **Charlie Johnson** - health  
**Catalina Laverde’s** friends, **Joseph & Kathy Sierodzinsky** - health  
**Eddie Logan** - difficult situation  
**Peggy Boarman’s** son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - current situation  
**Rene Kassing’s** grandson, **Justin** – cancer  
**Our Missionaries** - **Eric & Rachel** in South Asia and **Greg Clodfelter** in Kenya.