

## Order of Worship

Song: #71 As the Deer

Announcements

Song: #23 Our God, He Is Alive

Song: #349 Ten Thousand Angels

The Lord's Supper

Song: #469 Faith Is the Victory

Offering

Offering Song: #695 None of Self  
and All of Thee

Song: #749 The Battle Belongs to  
the Lord

Scripture Reading  
Matthew 26:47-56

Sermon

“Up In Arms”

Song: #926 What Will You Do  
with Jesus

Prayer Requests

Song: #58 A Charge to Keep I  
Have

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

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## For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	101	Sunday Morning Bible Study	77
Sunday Afternoon Service	19	Wed. Morning Bible Study	25
Wed. Evening Bible Study	44	Contribution Average 2025	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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# Williamsburg Weekly

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But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Matthew 26:52



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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!

## “Up In Arms”

Have you ever been so frustrated, you resorted to anger as the preeminent tool of response? I know I have; may God forgive me! It seems our world continues to be divided by war, economics, and political mandate, and the Church, for varying reasons, deems it worthy to approve. When we commit to becoming “up in arms,” does God favor this stance? The scriptures supremely denounce this stance. For example, God himself is The God of Mercy! The Bible states, “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed. Because His compassions fail not” (Lamentations 3:22, NKJV). Notice, the God of Heaven, not of this world, espouses mercy, justice, honor, and what mankind can understand as GOOD.

Our God not only is alive, but He is the very act of JUSTICE (Job 34:12). He alone defines, designates, promotes, entitles, where the line of mercy, justice, and what is honorable lies...and only He (Psalm 72:2). What should that dictate for those who call themselves “Of the household of faith”? We should practice these things as well (Job 8:3, Psalms 82:3, Proverbs 21:15, Isaiah 1:17, Micah 6:8).

So how should we reconcile when our anger is both justified and UNjust? We should remember OUR swords are BEST kept “in its place” (Matthew 26:25). Jesus never stated Peter was undeserving of his anger. The text implies Peter obviously had revolt and succession in his mind. Additionally, the Scriptures infer Peter misunderstood ALL Jesus had stated, exemplified, taught, and commanded to this point in His righteous ministry. Peter, and potentially all the others, had literally “dropped the ball” because they allowed their own personal constructs of the moment allude them. Will we do the same? When someone initiates a Biblical investigation, do we “immediately” launch into an uneducated, emotional, lacking integrity tirade? I pray not.

God has given all things which pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). He has allowed ALL of us to understand them the same (Ephesians 5:17). He commands we be unified in the doctrine, manner of living, and love (2 Corinthians 13:11-14). God says it can be done. God wills for it to be done. Now, it is up to you and me to prove to the world, we do not need swords, nor any other harmful action which denies the Christ in our lives.

Think on these things,

- Archie R. Green

### Wedding Anniversaries

T.J. & Brittany Waller 3/3 & Joe and Angela Garcia 3/12

## Church Family News

**Young at Heart Potluck**—There will be a Young at Heart Potluck today following Bible classes. See Miley Walker for more info.

**Food Pantry**—Our food pantry is well-stocked and ready to provide emergency assistance to anyone in the community struggling with food insecurity. If you know anyone in need, please have them call the building at 757-253-5662 for assistance.

**Bible Class Teachers Needed!**—Rickey Rodgers is encouraging members to teach Bible classes for the next Quarter starting in April. Please let Rickey know if you want to be considered to teach a class.

**RAP**—Does your child need some help with reading? The Spring - Keep On Reading Program has resumed every Wednesday, through May 14th, between 4 and 5:30 pm. Snacks and games provided! See Beth Broxton for more information.

**Men’s Bible Study**—There will be a Men’s Bible Study at the building on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Sweetheart Dinner**—You are cordially invited to a Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 6 p.m. Signup sheets are posted in the fellowship room and on the bulletin board across from the office. Please see David and Tina Banks for more information.

**WCOC Girls Slumber Party**—Girls ages 12 to 18 are invited to a Slumber Party at the building on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Dinner and breakfast will be served. Parents, please see Gwendolyn Pendergrass for more details.

**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

Michelle Hicks 3/1, Brianne Waller 3/2, George Johnson 3/3, Johnny Galloway 3/9, Connie Williamson 3/11, Joe Garcia 3/15, Karen Kinder 3/15, Pat Little 3/17, Stacia Landrom 3/25, Gene Balthaser 3/27, Mikey Rollins 3/27, Lorie Manfre 3/28, Kisa White 3/29, Krystal Gary 3/30

### COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP 3

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

## Prayer Request

### Immediate Concerns:

**Pat Little** - Patriot’s Colony - No visitors at this time due to Covid exposure  
**Steve Davis** - grieving  
**Margaret Rose** - undergoing chemo  
**M.C. Bailey** - recovering from heart valve procedure  
**Juanita Bailey** - suffered a spinal injury in a fall and is awaiting tests  
**Isaiah Hicks** - cancer  
**Cindy Harris** - recovering  
**Levi Abbott** - Boston Children’s Hospital

### Long Term Concerns:

**Doug Smith** - health  
**The Boisseau Family** - health  
**Regina Clark** - health  
**Lena Stone** - health  
**Cheryl Brown** - health  
**Abbott Family** - strength & support  
**Anthony Ricks** - health

### Shut-ins

**Regina Clark**

### Family & Friends:

**Jim & Cathy Bishops’ nephew** - health  
**Burnetta Fears’** friends’ only child,  
**Madison Simone Fleury**, 15 yrs old - cancer  
**Angela Boykins & Tina Banks’** sister-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 Cloldfelter** in Kenya.