

Order of Worship

Song: #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Announcements

Song: #10 A Mighty Fortress

Song: How Deep the Father's Love
The Lord's Supper

Song: #508 A Wonderful Savior

Offering

Offering Song: #129 Amazing Grace

Song: #560 Living By Faith

Scripture Reading
Galatians 4:8-16

Sermon

“Fear Of Doctrinal Shifts”

Song: #924 Just As I Am

Prayer Requests

Song: #452 Standing on the Promises

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	83	Sunday Morning Bible Study	68
Sunday Afternoon Service	14	Wed. Morning Bible Study	18
Wed. Evening Bible Study	38	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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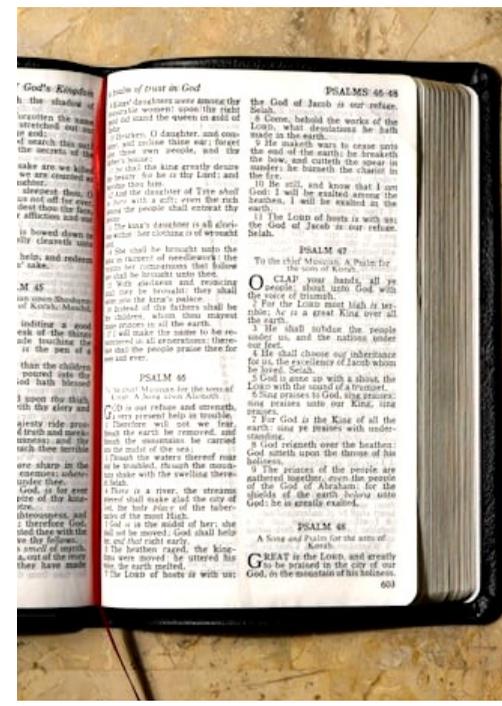
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But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?
Galatians 4:9

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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!

"Fear Of Doctrinal Shifts"

What is meant by doctrine? Thayer defines doctrine as "the body of teachings or beliefs derived from scripture that guide faith and practice, encompassing core principles and tenets" (online dictionary, April 2, 2024). Notice the phrase "body". This is significant because many do not entirely respond to the Gospel. The Bible states, "The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever" (Psalm 119:160 NKJV). Not only does God provide His will for us, but He also bears with us enough to reveal it fully! Amen.

Some English versions substitute the term entirely with the word "sum". The inference is simple: the Gospel, the Bible, and God's doctrine are the same. Consider the recordings of the Apostle Paul; he notes that lawlessness is contrary to the teachings of Christ and the doctrine of Christ (1 Timothy 1:8-11). To be loyal and trustworthy to the will of God and be one to another, ALL Christians must be united in the doctrine of the Scripture (Philippians 1:27-30). Therefore, when one "shifts" in doctrine or moves away from what has been left for us to benefit from, it is a sin (Galatians 1:6-10). God did not allow us to discern right from wrong entirely in and of ourselves (Psalm 119:116-117, Proverbs 20:24, Jeremiah 10:23). In this arena, truly "Father (God) knows best!"

People often alter God's will towards a "teaching" that does not align with earnest living. Doctrinal shifts frequently align with "people pleasing". Jesus taught against this behavior by castigating the chief priests, scribes, and elders when He inquired, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" (Mark 11:28b). Like many of us today who speak of God, but revere mankind, they stated, "We do not know." (Mark 11:33b).

As God's chosen, their authority could not derive from any other source but the Lord to be accepted and holy! There is no difference today. People are often disingenuous when prompted for an answer from Heaven, but instead, they only offer up semantics worthy of Satan (Luke 11:11). Fear causes one to err in the Scriptures. We cannot and should not try to change the doctrine of Christ to a lesser god (Romans 10:3). God has called us to excellence, not to strive and try to change His will (Hebrews 13:6).

Think about these things, - Archie R. Green

COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP 1
Please drop by room 7A/B to sign compassion cards.

Church Family News

Family Potluck Today—Join us for our monthly family potluck today following Bible classes. All are welcome!

WCOC Mission, Vision & Goals 2025—Copies of the WCOC Mission, Vision and Goals for 2025 are available on the credenza in the foyer for anyone who did not receive one last Sunday.

Church Work Day—Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th, at 8:00 a.m. for a building workday. All are encouraged to bring their toolboxes, rakes, gloves, trimmers, etc., and do some much-needed work both inside and outside the building. A sign-up sheet is on the fellowship room bulletin board. Please see Mike Bronsberg or Howard Moffitt for additional information.

Men's Bible Study—There will be a Men's Bible Study at the building on Friday, April 18th at 6 p.m.

WCOC Ladies Day Conference—Ladies, please register online for our Ladies Day Conference on Saturday, April 19th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's topic is "Beyond Baptism," with three guest speakers. Lunch will be provided. Please see Angela Boykin for more information.

Young at Heart Outing—All Young at Heart are invited to gather for lunch and then take a tour of the Michelangelo Exhibit at the Muscarelle Museum of Art at the campus of William and Mary on April 22nd at 2 p.m. Please see Miley Walker for more information.

Neighborhood Evangelism—All are invited to help reach out to the surrounding neighborhoods on Saturday, April 26th, at 11:30 a.m. Please see Chris Gary 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 unattended during Bible classes. Contact the safety committee for more information.

Happy Birthday

Vera Harris 4/10, Sabrina Logan 4/16, Micah Hicks 4/21, Jerry Fields 4/24

Wedding Anniversaries

J.T. & Burnetta Fears 4/8, Jeffrey & Jacqueline Holmes 4/11, Mikey & Jackie Rollins 4/30

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

- Rita Seely - laminectomy on 4/11 & back surgery on 4/28
- Burnetta Fears - health
- Margaret Rose - undergoing chemo
- M.C. Bailey - health
- Juanita Bailey - health
- Isaiah Hicks - cancer
- Levi Abbott - at home

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:

- Joe Garcia's son, Joel's ship is being sent to the Middle East - safety
- Stacia Landrom's niece, Arianna Fort suffered a small brain injury in a fall
- Jim Landrom's friend, Joe Corbett - major heart attack
- Jo Ann Knight - 90- year-old friend with cancer
- Jim & Cathy Bishops' nephew - health
- Burnetta Fears' friends' only child, Madison Simone Fleury, 15 yrs old - cancer
- Eddie Logan - difficult situation
- Peggy Boarman's son-in-law, Jim Bristow - current situation
- Rene Kassing's grandson, Justin - cancer
- Our Missionaries