

## Order of Worship

Song: #18 Faithful Love

Announcements

Song: #474 Thank You, Lord

Song: #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

The Lord's Supper

Song: #497 Whispering Hope

Offering

Offering Song: #525 He Knows Just What I Need

Song: #517 Heaven Came Down

Scripture Reading  
Luke 14:15-24

Sermon

“Fear Of Declining Membership”

Song: #903 There Is Power In the Blood

Prayer Requests

Song: #492 Only in Thee

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	89	Sunday Morning Bible Study	72
Sunday Afternoon Service	N/A	Wed. Morning Bible Study	20
Wed. Evening Bible Study	49	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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*Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready. ‘But they all with one accord began to make excuses.*



**Luke 14:16-18a**

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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 Declining Membership"

"Part of a functional and successful workplace is ensuring that everyone fulfills the responsibilities of their role. Being on time and coming to work consistently is important regardless of your position" (Indeed Career Guide, February 2025). Isn't it interesting how the world recognizes the significance of being present? Is it not noteworthy how we can readily explain to our children how we MUST be at work to maintain a valued reputation and a balanced income with the company who issues forth my salary on a static basis? Attendance and proficient knowledge in how to be successful in our chosen fields do not escape the everyday sequence that motivates us to "drag ourselves" from our slumber Monday through Friday and periodically Saturday and Sunday as well! The motive and follow-through prove what is in our hearts.

Would anyone disagree that ensuring I am engaged as a community member isn't crucial to a grand degree? Should it be any different in the Church? What about the promise we gave to God when we were baptized? Someone might ask, "**But Archie, I do not remember making any said promise?**" We all make this tantamount statement as we decrease the steps from damnation to salvation when obeying the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, NKJV). Before one can obediently fulfill the Law of Christ, they MUST confess Jesus as Lord. Thus, a person is willing to die to self and take on the "functional and successful workplace responsibilities of their role" (see above reference: Indeed).

Imagine me signing up for a position with a Fortune 500 entity and never fulfilling the agreement I publicly declared in inking the contract delegations! God forbid! Membership in the Church should never decline when members remember to seek out the will of Him who sent them, which is paramount in their lives. It is not optional. It is not subjective. It is essential to fulfill the promise we made when surrendering to His will over our own (Hebrews 10:24-25). Additionally, God instructs us to love Him and keep His good will. Solomon stated, "*Let your heart be loyal to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day*" (1 Kings 8:61).

Your membership and mine are essential precepts of Kingdom partnership. No one walks away from their employment in a Fortune 500 company! No one, unless there is something better. And believe me, there is no more excellent privilege than being a member of the Lord's Body! Please think about these things because you are greatly missed when you are not around!

- Archie R. Green

# Church Family News

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

**WCOB 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.

**Cambridge Crossing Outreach**—Join us on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2 pm as we minister to the residents of the Cambridge Crossing Assisted Living Facility. Please see Chris Gary for more information.

**Family Potluck**—Please mark your calendars for noon on Sunday, May 4th, and join us for our monthly family potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a delicious meal and the opportunity to fellowship.

**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

## COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP 2

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

# Prayer Request

## Immediate Concerns:

**Tom Little** - recovering  
**Rita Seely** - had a laminectomy on 4/11 & will have 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:

**The Bucknam's** daughter, **Kelly** - heart attack  
**Kay Himes's** friend, **Richard Cashere** - grieving loss of his wife, **Cynthia**  
**Joe Garcia's** son, **Joel's** ship is being sent to the Middle East - safety  
**Jo Ann Knight** - 90- year-old friend with cancer  
**Jim & Cathy Bishops' nephew** - health  
**Burnetta Fears' friends' only child, Madisson 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**