

Order of Worship

Song: #497 Whispering Hope

Announcements

Song: #869 We're Marching to Zion

Song: #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

The Lord's Supper

Song: #490 It Is Well with My Soul

Offering

Offering Song: #555 Seek Ye First

Song: #509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Scripture Reading
Matthew 7:7-11

Sermon

"Giving Good Things"

Song: #911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Prayer Requests

Song: #957 This World Is Not My Home

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!



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For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship	99	Sunday Morning Bible Study	62
Sunday Afternoon Service	23	Wed. Morning Bible Study	14
Wed. Evening Bible Study	24	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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"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7



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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!

"Giving Good Things"

Have you ever wondered what pure perseverance looks like? What does it take to pursue those things in this life that make for a better life for myself and those around me? Persistence in giving good things predicates the reception of good things. Perseverance is often defined as "doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success" (Oxford Languages, April 28, 2025). This is not easily accomplished. How many of us have developed a "knack" for immediate gratification? And, when unable to receive comfort in such, immediately turn against what is designed to bring us eternal benefit.

From a spiritual standpoint, perseverance is the ability or desire to continue in one's faith and commitment, even when facing difficulties or obstacles. This "struggle" assists in aligning several aspects of the Christian life. Firstly, it reaps perfection. The Bible states, "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:4, NKJV).

Secondly, it builds endurance. Paul states that we should develop a longing to become steadfast in faith, knowing the Lord will provide no matter the opposition (1 Corinthians 15:58). Giving the good things of God never goes unnoticed, not unrewarded!

Thirdly, perseverance envelopes the concept of finality. I'm sure you and I have witnessed someone doing a singular good thing; quite a few people have bought into the "pay it forward" form of Christianity. But what good are we doing for the Kingdom of Heaven once we choose to produce fruit no longer? (Luke 13:6-9). God gives us a chance to give good things (Luke 13:8). No one could ever be MORE patient! (Hebrews 13:5). But we are earnestly warned that His mercies will end IF we falter in our efforts to receive the crown.

Lastly, shouldn't giving good things be natural for the child of God? Consider how graciously God has exemplified the giving of good things through His one and only Son, Jesus. Knowing that one would betray Him, He still showed His steadfast endurance in His race until the bitter end (John 13:1). Jesus confirmed His righteousness by clearing His murderers from the Cross (Luke 23:34). What are you accomplishing regularly? In many ways, we must strive to persevere (do not forget about the fig tree) to save our souls.

Think about these things,

- Archie R. Green

Wedding Anniversaries

Hagar & Susan Harmon 5/19, Dennis & Sherrie Fetterman 5/25
& Randy & Patty Harris 5/28

Church Family News

Rejoicing!—We rejoice and give thanks for the baptism of Brooklynn Gary on April 24, 2025. Welcome to the family of God, Brooklynn.

Family Potluck—There will be a family potluck today following Bible classes. All are welcome!

Men's Leadership Training—All men are encouraged to attend a morning of training and development on Saturday, May 10th, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Deacon's Meeting—A Deacon's Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Men's Bible Study—There will be a Men's Bible Study at the building on Friday, May 16, at 6 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study—Ladies will meet at the building on Saturday, May 17th, at 10 a.m. for a Bible study. Please see Michelle Hicks for more information.

Neighborhood Evangelism—All are invited to help reach out to the surrounding neighborhoods on Saturday, May 17th at 11:30 a.m. Please see Chris Gary for more information.

Area-Wide Singing—We are hosting an area-wide acapella singing at the building on Saturday, May 17th, from 5 to 7 p.m. Please plan to join with other congregations in the area to sing praise to the Lord.

Youth Bus Trip to Bible Museum—Plans are underway for a youth bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. The target date is June 7th. (Adults are also welcome.) More details to come. Please see Gwen Pendergrass 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.

Happy Birthday

Carley Jones 5/3, Christopher Powers 5/3, Gail Marshall 5/7, Chris Abbott 5/11,
Susan Harmon 5/14, Liberty Rojas-Rockwell 5/14, Steve Davis 5/15,
Justicia Rojas-Rockwell 5/17, Mary Ann Fields 5/19, Shacara Pitre 5/19, Austin Upton
5/20, Susan Julian 5/22, Archie Green 5/24, Joyce Tawney 5/26, Ashton King 5/30,
Lucena Rojas-Johnson 5/31

COMPASSION CARDS—GROUP I

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

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Jacqueline Holmes – recovering from heart procedure
Kevin Pitre - recovering from surgery
Rita Seely – recovering from surgery
Margaret Rose - undergoing chemo
M.C. Bailey - health
Juanita Bailey - health
Isaiah Hicks - undergoing treatment
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 family of **Jerry Howells'** H.S. teacher,
Kathie Williams - grieving her passing.
Joe Garcia's son, **Joel**, stationed in the Middle East - safety, and his son, **Andrew** and daughter-in-law, **Arwen** - health
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 - **Eric & Rachel** in South Asia and **Greg Cloldfelter** in Kenya.