

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Song: #238 You Are the Song That I Sing

Song: #490 It Is Well With My Soul

Song: #314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Lord's Supper

Song: #71 As the Deer

Offering

Song: #461 God Will Take Care of You

Song- #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Scripture Reading
Psalm 63

Sermon
"Better Than Life "

Song: #924 Just As I Am

Family Time

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	99	Sunday Morning Bible Study	68
Sunday Afternoon Service	15	Wed. Morning Bible Study	14
Wed. Evening Bible Study	47	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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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!

Better Than Life

Joy is often misconstrued as happiness. Needless to say, they are not synonyms as we would often obscure each term. Happiness, generally, is situationally related. For example, a person MAY celebrate their birthday with friends, family, or co-workers, but not be filled with joy because this might or might not be the event of their choosing. They may not like the fact that they are older. One might be affected by the negative presence of some at this gathering. The gathering itself might be a challenge for someone due to the reminder “they are getting older”. Surprise! Thus, **happiness is often rooted in emotion** (Bro Forrest Theiss, West Mason COC, February 2022). The Scriptures dictate that God’s creation yearns for something better than life.

Christianity affords us such temporal sentiment but urges us to “seek those things which are above” (Colossians 3:1, NKJV). This is the express difference between happiness and the joy that is found in this world. Therefore, the Bible distinguishes joy as an entirely different facet of mindset. Paul states, “**So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord**” (2 Corinthians 5:6-8). In this passage, we find several tenets that help us distinguish between happiness and joy. For example, confidence comes from knowledge (John 8:32). The Christian will often sing, “**This world is not my home, I’m just passing through**”. The joy in one’s life will be demonstrated in practice, not just making melody with our lips (Matthew 6:19-21). Secondly, the Scriptures designate, the saved walk by faith and not by sight. In the wilderness, God presented Himself as Lord of all. Many chose to deny this by begging for the things that made them temporarily happy (Numbers 11:4-6). Going back into Egypt was certain death. Be careful of the temporal items you wish for. Finally, joy is demonstrated by an understanding of the temporary constraints of this life. God’s creation was NEVER limited to life eternal on this earth (2 Peter 3:11-12). We can also accumulate the encouragement needed to choose wisely between the options. Notice the record by Peter, “**Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells**” (2 Peter 3:13). What gives us joy in this present world is the amazing TRUTH given by God; He is FAITHFUL. He is LOVE. He is the LORD. We MIGHT feel amazing before, during, and after a celebration, which warms our soul as in a birthday gathering, but what happens when it has ended? Do we long for more? Do we wish it had never happened?

David resented the fact of his sin (Psalm 32:1). The temporal pleasures had forfeited his son (2 Samuel 12:14). Maybe he found solace in the lesson from Moses (Hebrews 11:25). The bottom line is this, when this world is over, will it be MORE or LESS significant you felt better in this life, or KNOW that you have reaped Heaven as your eternal reward by faith in God? Despite the evidence, most of the world will continue to choose the temporal, not the everlasting (John 6:66). Without a doubt, there is something better than life. It is the cause and crux of Jesus Christ. The life we live in Him may not be a “party”, but it will forever be the BETTER LIFE to choose when given the choice between joy and happiness. Think about these things, and God Bless,
- Archie R. Green

COMPASSION CARDS– GROUP I

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

Church Family News

Family Potluck

Please join us at noon today, for our monthly family potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy a delicious lunch and the opportunity to fellowship together.

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting

Join in our next weekly focus on prayer meeting on Monday October 6, 2025. The Zoom Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please share with anyone that would like more insight on prayer.
Zoom Meeting ID: 851 3564 6753 Passcode: 770316

The parking lot will be resurfaced and striped during **the week of October 6 to October 10, 2025**. The parking lot will not be available during that week. There will be no Wednesday A.M. class, RAP, dinner, or the P.M. class. The Williamsburg Classical Academy will not be in session during that week. Things will resume the following week.

Men’s Bible Study

Men will meet at the building on Friday October 17, 2025 6pm-7pm for a Bible Study.

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

Happy Birthday

Judy Fishel 10/1, Jo Ann Knight 10/2, Aniyah Mack 10/3, Peggy Boarman 10/5, Jenna Tiefenback 10/6, Theresa Patrick 10/7, Michael Bronsberg 10/9, Jordan fears 10/10, T.J. Waller 10/16, Walker Knight 10/17, Jady Abbott 10/18, Cindy Harris 10/18, Robyn Seely 10/18, Debbie Morrison 10/21, Camelia Munn 10/22, Rachel Moffitt 10/23, Catalina La Verde 10/25, Betty Owsley 10/25, M.C. Bailey 10/26, Kevin Pitre 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott & Debbie Morrison 10/15, Jeremy & Ashton King 10/17, Ivan & Vera Harris 10/24

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Cara Patrick– grieving
Gordon Owsley–health
Levi Abbott– Children’s Hospital in Norfolk
Pat Little - home - please call before visiting and refrain from visiting if feeling unwell
Nancy Gilliam - health
Margaret Rose - undergoing chemo
Isaiah Hicks - undergoing treatment

Long Term Concerns:

Levi Abbott - health
Betty Benson - health
The Boisseau Family - health
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Doug Smith - health
Regina Clark - health
Abbott Family - strength & support
Anthony Ricks - health
Ken Moran - health
Jerry & Camelia Munn - health
Lena Stone–health

Shut-ins

Regina Clark

Family & Friends:

Peggy Boarman’s brothers, **Homer & Doug Hanna** - health
Archie Green’s mother, **Inez Green** - health
Rita Seely’s mother, **Louise Weir** - stroke
Eddie Logan - difficult situation
Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - liver cancer
Rene Kassing’s grandson, **Justin** – cancer
Our Missionaries