

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Song: #2 We Praise Thee, O God

Song: #202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Song: #382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth

The Lord's Supper

Song: #610 I Love My Savior, Too

Offering

Song: #608 He Game Me A Song

Scripture Reading
Matthew 18: 21-35

Song #589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Sermon
Forgiven & Forgiveness

Song: #924 Just As I Am

Family Time

Song: #578 We Will Glorify

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	78	Sunday Morning Bible Study	47
Sunday Afternoon Service	15	Wed. Morning Bible Study	10
Wed. Evening Bible Study	31	Contribution Average 2026	

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—10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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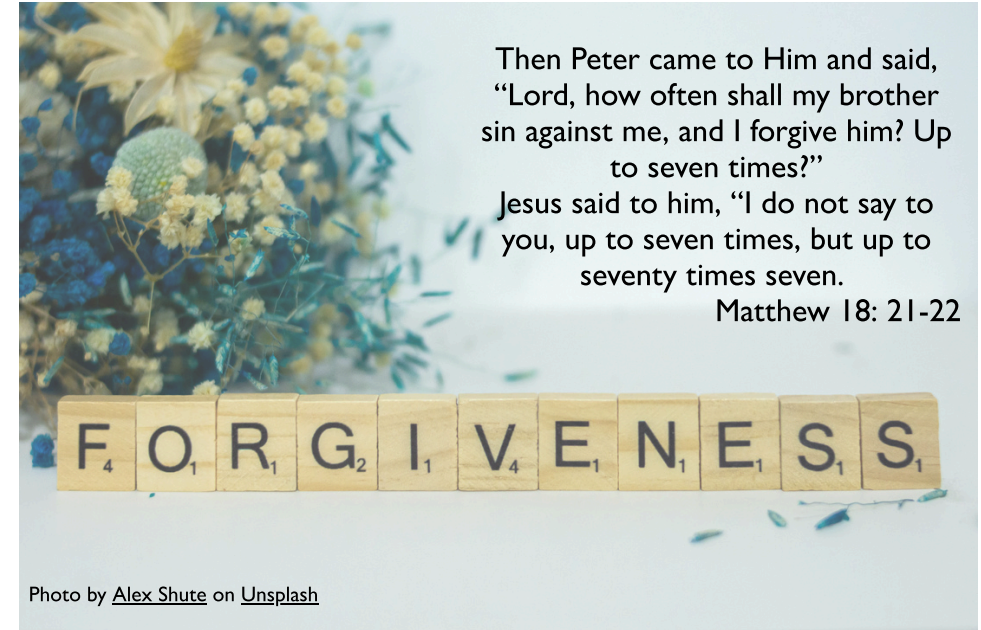


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We Welcome You!

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!

Blessed Are the Merciful

In Matthew 18:21–35, Peter asks Jesus the question we all want answered: “How many times do I have to forgive?” Jesus replies, not with math, but with incalculable mercy. He then tells the parable of a servant forgiven an unpayable debt who, upon being forgiven, fails to be forgiving and demands payment from his fellow.

Forgiveness is not a new theme for Jesus. In the Beatitudes, He says, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy” (Matthew 5:7). And in the Lord’s Prayer, He teaches us to ask, “forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” (Matthew 6:12). Mercy is a fundamental characteristic of a forgiven believer in Christ.

Mercy is meant to be the normal shape of a Spirit-empowered, Christ-indwelt life that is rooted in love (Ephesians 3:14-19).

Jesus’ point is both comforting and confronting: God’s mercy doesn’t just cancel our incalculable debt, but it reshapes our character, forming us into merciful people. The Father forgives us in Christ, not by pretending sin is small, but by canceling the mountain of debt that we could never pay. When we receive God’s mercy, we are to reciprocate mercy with a godlike spirit, slow to anger and ready to forgive, full of compassion and patience. The parable warns us that it is possible to ask God for forgiveness while refusing to extend forgiveness to others, leaving us in a wretched state. But the gospel invites us to become people whose hearts increasingly match the Father’s heart.

This week, think on and practice a mercy-shaped forgiveness in a few simple steps: (1) Remember the mercy God has shown you, name it in prayer with gratitude. (2) Release the “debt” of those who offended you by renouncing resentment and placing justice in God’s hands. (3) Pray the Lord’s Prayer slowly and honestly: “forgive us...as we forgive,” asking the Lord to make your heart match your words. (4) When it is safe and appropriate, take a step toward peace, while keeping needed boundaries. Forgiving “from the heart” doesn’t mean trust is instantly restored or that consequences disappear; it means we stop clinging to what we are owed and choose the path of mercy and forgiveness (Matthew 5:7).

If you are carrying an old offense today, draw near to the King who is rich in mercy. Receive His forgiveness and ask that He root His mercy in you. As we become merciful, we become like our Father, and we discover the blessing Jesus promised: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

Jacob Brunjes

Church Family News

Weekly Focus on Prayer Zoom Meeting—Join in our next Weekly Focus on Prayer meeting on Monday, April 27th. The Zoom Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please share with anyone who would like more insight into prayer. **Zoom Meeting ID: 851 3564 6753 Passcode: 770316**

Area-Wide Singing—We will be hosting an Area-Wide Singing at the Williamsburg Church of Christ on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 4 to 6 p.m. Song leaders and young men aspiring to lead singing are welcome to participate. Refreshments will follow. Please see Jim Bishop for more information.

Spring Workday—All are invited to join us on Saturday, May 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for our Spring Workday. We will be working on a list to include: ceiling tile replacement, brickwork, landscaping, and other various items. Please contact Howard Moffitt or Michael Bronsberg for any questions.

Condolences—We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Sheila Johnson and Jackie Holmes concerning the passing of their beloved mother. Our prayers of comfort during this time are with them.

RAP—The Reading Assistance Program is looking for more volunteers. The summer session is starting soon and will need additional help. Please reach out to Beth for further details.

Happy Birthday

Gail Marshall 5/7, Chris Abbott 5/11, Mary Ann Fields 5/19, Shacara Pitre 5/19, Austin Upton 5/20, Lucena Rojas-Johnson 5/31

Wedding Anniversaries

Dennis & Sherrie Fetterman 5/25, Randy & Patty Harris 5/28

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Margaret Rose - grieving & health
Joyce & Bobby Logan - health
Connie Williamson - upcoming surgery
Kay Himes - recovering from surgery
Pat Little - health
Isaiah Hicks - health
Sharon Moss – health
Sheila Johnson & Jackie Holmes - grieving

Long Term Concerns:

Levi Abbott - health
Regina Clark - health
Betty Benson - health
The Boisseau Family - health
M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Doug Smith - health
Abbott Family - strength & support
Austin & Caitlin Upton - safety
Gordon Owsley - health

Shut-ins:

Regina Clark
Betty Benson

Friends & Family:

Diana Tew’s husband **Billie** - health
Peggy Spurduto’s Daughter-In-Law - health
Jerry Howell’s friend, **Shauna Bea** - health
Cindy Harris’ Sister-in-law, **Heather Hudgins** – health
Betty Owsley’s nephew, **Craig** & neice, **Jennie** – health
Jazmin Frett’s great-aunt - cancer
Rachel Moffitt’s sister, **Jean Hogge** – health
Sharon Moss’s sister, **Debbie** - very ill
Joe Garcia’s co-worker - cancer
Tom Little’s brother, **Tim** - lung cancer
Nancy Gilliam’s daughter, **Amy Dovi**- health
Peggy Boarman’s brother, **Doug Hanna** - health
Rene Kassing’s grandson, Justin-cancer
Our Missionaries