

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES 9 A.M. / FB LIVE 9:05 A.M.
BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M./SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY 5 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS 6:30 P.M.

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David Bell	David Glenn	Chris Middleton
Beau Bennett	Clint Howard	David Presley
Winston Bruce	Joseph Jenkins	Travis Prewitt
Brian Calvert	David Kernodle	Chris Quattlebaum
William Clark	Daniel Lance	Rick Quattlebaum
Sawyer Deakins	Ron Lenderman	

**OFFICE
HOURS:
Mon – Fri
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

SERVICE & WORSHIP HELPERS- DECEMBER 28

Sunday Service 9 a.m. / Bible class 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

SERMON: Steve Powers

PRESIDE OFFERING PRAYER: Pete Papa

SCRIPTURE: Joseph Jenkins

CLOSING PRAYER: Scott Miller

SUNDAY & WED. USHERS: Lynn Keener, Ron Lenderman

SERVERS: Jerry Peters, David Presley, Matt Willmott, Beau Bennett,
Grant Bennett, Nate Bennett, Lynn Keener, Ron Lenderman

GREETERS: Cris Williams, Rain Wilson

COUNTRYSIDE ASSITED LIVING WORSHIP SERVICES 1 p.m.

Winston Bruce, Scott Miller

SONG LEADER 9 a.m. David Bell

TECH BOOTH: Crystal Deakins **STREAMING AV:** Katenia Allen

NURSERY: Amy & Lela Gipson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: Beau Bennett

ANNOUNCEMENTS: David Glenn

SONG LEADER: Ron Lenderman

ATTENDANCE

WED: 12/17 125 SUN 12/21 a.m. 278 BC p.m. 100

CONTRIBUTION 12/21

COMMUNION AND BUILDING: Sawyer Deakins

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: Sawyer Deakins

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Scott Miller



**The Great Smoky Mountain
Marriage Retreat**

Feb. 19-22, 2026

**@ Chateau on the Lake
Branson, MO**

**Deadline to register is
February 1st.**

**The sign-up link has been sent
in an email. You may also sign
the sheet on the bulletin board,
complete a registration form
on the table outside the office
or call the office.**



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Happenings at the Temple (2)
Luke 2:21-40

When the infant Jesus was presented at the temple in Luke 2, he was greeted by two interesting elderly sages, Simeon and Anna. These two aged “blessors” have been the source of much intrigue throughout the centuries, and rightly so. From the very start, we are impressed by Luke’s description of Simeon’s character: righteous and devout. These two descriptors alone are enough for us to marvel at him and may give us a glimpse into why God promised him that he would not die until he had “seen the Lord’s Christ.” Let’s consider each of these two words.

Righteous

The Greek word for righteous (*δίκαιος dikaios*) is found many times in the New Testament as a descriptor of the ones conforming to God’s will and nature. God approves the righteous. And yet, we may become wary of the word, unfairly considering it a call to flawlessness. A more usable definition of righteous is simply: those determined to live by God’s standards, choosing to do what is right and good. A righteous person is a person of quiet, faithful integrity before God; someone whose life is reliably aligned with God’s will; and a person known for obedience, humility, and constancy. Such was Simeon. Choosing right. Choosing to live before God in integrity and truth.

Devout

If you say that a person is devout (*εὐλαβής eulabēs*), you probably envisage an elderly, rather dusty, bookish person. One who is probably far removed from the preoccupations that ‘ordinary’ people have to cope with every day. Hard to imagine a devout person shopping for groceries, or sitting on the beach in the summer! Yet, if we look more closely at the qualities described by this rather un-modern word, they should be the hallmarks of every single Christian: a person who is seriously devoted to their beliefs; one whose spiritual walk is more than going through the motions, more than a passive pursuit. This devotion is rooted in what is good,

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Family News

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because s/he has listened to the word of God and intentionally tries to emulate God's love and character. It is important to note this is in no way a passive state of mind – a devout person is one whose whole life reflects the being of Jesus. If you are familiar with the Spanish verb to be 'ser' (as opposed to 'estar'), being devout is a whole way of being and relating that does not switch on and off. It speaks of a permanent dedication to God, and a translation of that dedication to every aspect of life. So, not just 'sitting in the assembly of the church, but 'ALWAYS offering oneself in seriousness: conforming one's whole being to God's standards. Simeon possessed this quality, and, if we are honest with ourselves, we can sense when the people around us are merely going through motions or are devout in their beliefs and practices.
~ Stephen

Announcement from the Elders

"After receiving feedback from many of our members, we have decided to adopt a **5:00pm start time on Sunday evenings starting immediately.** This will change back to 6:00pm with daylight savings time on Sunday March 8th, then back to 5:00pm on Sunday November 1st.

We hope this schedule will allow for more of our members to attend on Sunday evenings to worship and encourage each other."

FCL 2026 begins Sunday, January 4

David: A Man After God's Own Heart

Sign-up lists are on the wall in the Children's Wing.

Pre-FCL (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) will meet in the 4s, 5s & K classroom

Wee-FCL (2 years old - 5 years old who are not in kindergarten) will meet in the 2s & 3s classroom



Prayer Requests

CURRENT

Sherria Honey Burk, Jerry & Bettye Honey's daughter, received good news from her last scans.

Will Clark is recovering from knee replacement surgery he had 12/22.

Dawn Greer requests prayers.

Avery Grinder is home, recovering from open heart surgery.

Jodi Harra is experiencing health problems.

Mary Hursh the grandmother of Levi Hursh, is having health issues and would appreciate prayers.

Danny Roth had two tumors removed from his brain and has a long recovery ahead of him.

Ashley Johnson was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy last week and still does not have movement on the left side of her face. Please pray she is fully healed before the arrival of Maisey mid-January.

Beverly Johnson, Christine Ivaska's sister requests prayers.

Christy Lair was able to have chemo this week. She has 2 more treatments to go.

Rusty McMillan - Please continue to keep Rusty & Alicia in your prayers.

Kay Mason would appreciate prayers.

Dustin Michaud recovering from surgery.

Terri Miller is home recovering from surgery.

Sharon Olmstead had brain surgery on 12/18 in St. Louis at Washington University Medical Center.

Heath Taylor's cousin, Hayden Martin, is home recovering from the multicar wreck.

Shianne Welch's grandfather, Jimmie Lee McCutcheon, passed away last week.

ONGOING

Jon Bussard

Joan Drewry

Marsha Garza

Dawn Greer

Bettye Honey

Christy Lair

Spring Martin

Allan, McAnnally

Kay Mason

Barbara Mathis

Melina Moats

Drew Morlen

Beatrice O'Neal

Malia Parkinson

Jerry Peters

Mary Rogers

Stephanie Taylor

Jillian Willis

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING

Sharon Ballard

Grace Brisco

Mary Brown

Ann Cash

Charlotte Gregory

Shirley Jordan

Margie Malone

Faye McLaughlin

Carol Murphy

At Home



Herb Gipson
Dawn Greer
Ralph Hill

Faye Kisner
Kathleen Mullen
Beatrice O'Neal

James Reddell

December Funeral Meal Coordinators:
Micki Keener,
Christene Ivaska, Teresa White

January Funeral Meal Coordinators
Elaine Murphy
Brenda Lenderman, Emily Rhoads

Announcements



Reminder

GOLDEN YEARS
will not meet on the following dates:

December 23

December 30



Faye Kisner

December 29

103 Prairie Dr.

Harrison, AR 72601



Jan.
4th

Cradle Shower
in the foyer on January 4th
for
Spencer & Ashley Johnson
as they await the arrival of
Maisey Layne

Ashley is registered at
Amazon.com.

