

We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). We will also give back a portion of the monetary blessings that God has granted us so that we can carry out His work in our community (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7). We will also study a lesson from His Word that will hopefully be applicable to our daily lives, so that we can be equipped to handle the pressures of this world and reach those outside of Christ (2 Tim. 2:15).

Order of Worship

Song (#747) Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims
 Song (#238/548) You Are the Song/The Lily of the Valley

Song (#745) Humble Yourself

Opening Prayer

Song (#180) Jesus is Lord

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (#71) As the Deer

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Song (#622) Ring Out the Message

Song (#452) Standing on the Promises

Message: "Preaching the Word"

Jeremy Green

Song (#286) Wonderful Story of Love

Announcements

Song (#628) Will You Not Tell It Today?

Worship Assignments

	October 1st	October 8th
Scripture Reading	Waymon Story	JB Dove
Open Prayer	Eddy Mullinax	Richard Bohannon
Song Leading	Barry Kingsley	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Bob Burton	Mark Pettit
Head Table	Richard Bohannon	Chase Sharp
Assist	C. Sharp J. Cochran Re. Cochran J. Chancey R. Burton G. Chancey J. Stephens K. Wiggins	I. Setser L. Burton Ry. Cochran W. Story S. Hall Tu. Hall L. Mulkey Ja. Jenkins
Usher	L. Mulkey W. Story B. Weeks JB Dove	J. Ralston T. Rochester M. Wilson B. Jones
Greeters	J & A Cole Q & J Holloway K & J White	J&C Ledford K&R Wiggins B&T Weeks
	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	Daniel Sisson	Chris Martin
Song Leading	David Green	Gerald Chancey
Close Prayer	Jason Ledford	Mark Wilson
Communion	Richard Bohannon	Chase Sharp

	October 4th	October 11th
Announcements	Jeremy Green	Chase Sharp
Song Leading	Chase Sharp	David Green
Prayer	Gary Story	Spencer Hall
Devo	Jeremy Green	Chase Sharp



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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Cleah Boaz at 706-636-4516.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Hannah Bowman - 1st
 Karla Green - 3rd
 Rob Burton - 4th
 Lillian Jones - 5th
 Damien Bingham - 7th
 Spencer Hall - 7th

James & Holly Barr - 2nd

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Church Office Hours

The church office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily Monday through Friday, except major holidays. The newsline is updated Monday through Friday. Updates to be shared on the newsline should be given to the church office by 10:00 a.m.. The deadline for including information in the Sunday bulletin is by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

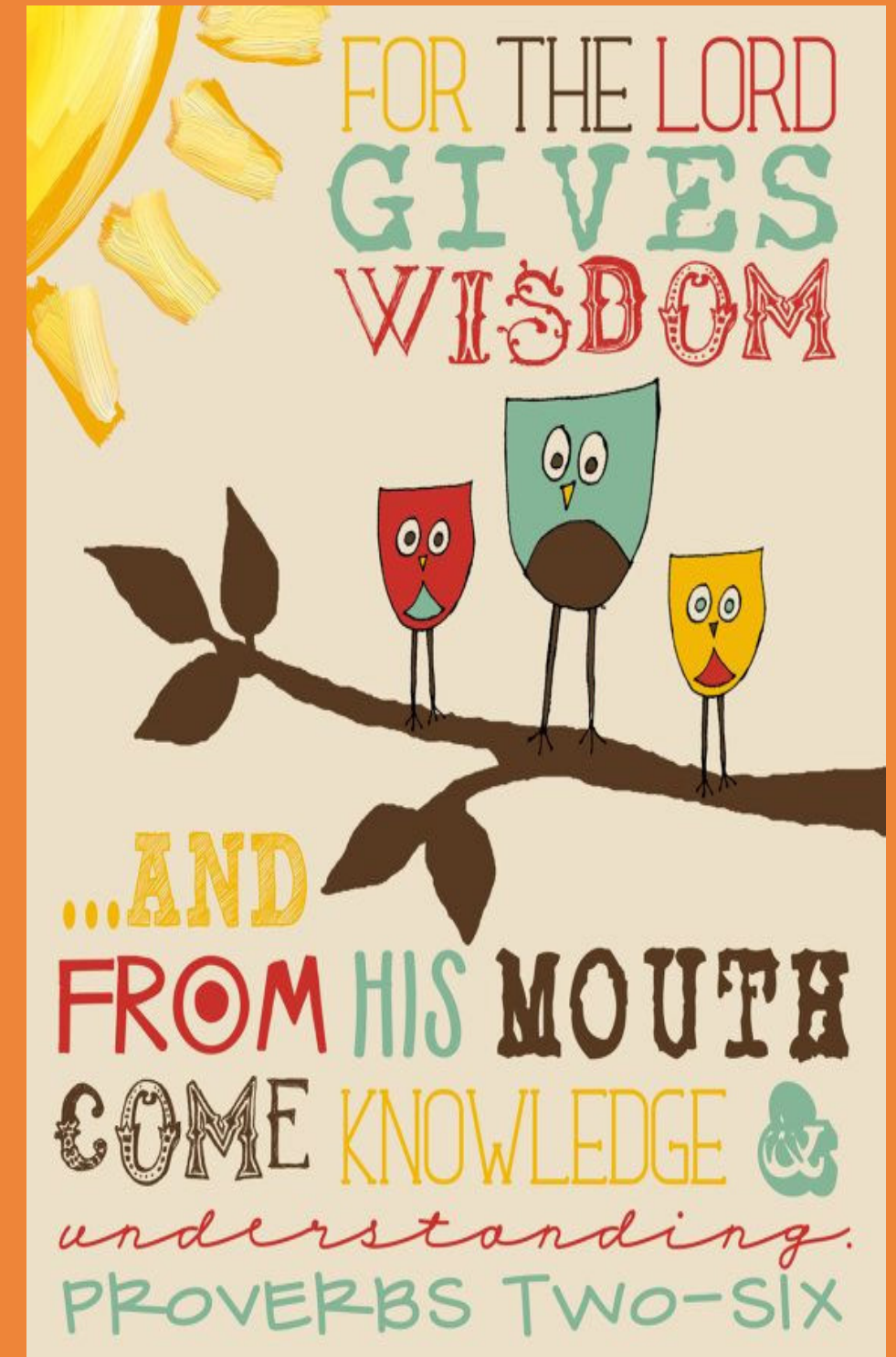
Let Us Rise Up and Build

Envelopes are available on the back of the pews to make your donation to the Building Fund for the new Fellowship Hall/ Education Building. Total funds through 7/31/17 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$310,686.08. PLEASE CONTINUE TO DONATE.

Week of September 24th

Contribution.....	\$6225
Budget.....	\$7000
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$7422
Bible Study.....	123
AM Worship.....	206
PM Worship.....	132
Wednesday Evening.....	131

October 1, 2017



Betty Hall has been sick recently with severe breathing problems.

Landon Burton is recovering from pneumonia.

Jacob Jenkins is recovering from pneumonia as well.

Marvin Pritchett is getting a little stronger each day.

Karla Green has family in Puerto Rico that continues to recover from hurricane devastation.

Jean Mulkey had a serious reaction to medicine resulting in a hospital stay.

Anita Tucker will be undergoing tests in the next few days.

Tim Ramsey continues to suffer with health problems.

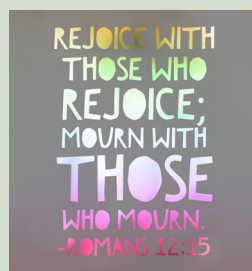
Chris Martin's mom, **Mariann Martin**, is undergoing tests for health issues.

McCleer Kingsley, Curtis and Shirley's granddaughter, is recovering from surgery.

Perlie Mae Sluder, Abby Chancey's mom, fell and fractured her back.

Christy Heard was told last week that her cancer had spread to other areas.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Miles Peeples** who passed away last week. His funeral service was Friday. We also extend our sympathy to Gary and Robin Story in the passing away of her cousin and his wife, **Jeff and Angela Holden**, in an automobile accident last Tuesday. Also, please remember Billy Joe and Carolyn Howard in the death of their niece, **Lisa Quinn**. Her funeral service is today at 2 pm at Bernhardt's Chapel.



NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING

Eulyeen Callihan, Pauline Mullinax, Gladys Logan Shultz, Polly Cochran, Tim Ramsey



TODAY - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon following the morning service. We will then have our evening service at 1:30 this afternoon.

TODAY - L2L "Going to the Office" 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

3rd - Ladies Weekly Bible Class, 9:30 AM

3rd - GSOP class

8th - Devo at BR Assisted Living, 2:00 PM

8th - Family Counselor will be here

10th - Ladies Weekly Bible Class, 9:30 AM

10th - GSOP class

12th - Mens Devotional, 9:00 AM

15th - Devotional at the courthouse for Apple Festival vendors and workers, 8:00 AM

17th - Ladies Weekly Bible Class, 9:30 AM

17th - GSOP class

22nd - Devotional at the courthouse for Apple Festival vendors and workers, 8:00 AM

26th - Mens Devotional, 9:00 AM

Others to Remember

Lauryn Patterson, Ken Welch, Lori Williams, Jean Stanley, Joyce Butler, Scott Dove, James McGee, Suzanne Young, Bruce Stover, Luke Wright, Zach Pritchett, George & Ernestine Hall, Jeff Carns, Elmer LaRue, CiCi Rivera, Burt Hinton, Bonnie Smith, Laura Huckabey, Billy Teems, Glenell Fricks, Perlie Mae Sluder, Joyce Bennett, Shannon Queen, Shirley Fisher, Dustin Bolman, Reathel May, Sue Smith, Roger Edmondson, Wade Green Sr., Austin Young, Chad Galloway, Debbie Sims, Spence Steedley, Alyce Dunn, Billy Capstick, Pam Brogden, Krystal Garmen



The Judge

Do you know why Jesus had to die? Let me tell you a story that might help make it clear.

Do you have a car?

Well, let's say you are speeding home this weekend at 105 mph. A policeman catches you on his radar and you get busted. They impound your car and bring you straight to the courthouse to face the judge.

Well, the good news is that the county you got busted in just happens to be the county in which your dad is the judge. So you're thinking that he loves you he'll let you off and everything will be fine.

But just as you are entering the courthouse, you consider that your dad is a really good judge. He never punishes the innocent. He always punishes the guilty. He is a good and just judge.

Now you're a little nervous. Which is going to win out, his love or his justice? He's your dad and he loves you so he'll want to do good to you. But he's just. He's a good judge and therefore he'll want to follow the law and render a just verdict.

What do you think he'd do? Which would win, love or justice?

Let me walk you through a scenario that shows how he might solve the dilemma.

You stand before your dad the judge and he says to you, "Son, this officer says you were going 50 mph over the speed limit. How do you plead?"

What would so you say? [Guilty.]

Yeah, that's a good idea, because you are guilty.

So he look at you and says, "That will be \$500 or a week in jail. Guilty as charged." And he bangs down the gavel.

Well you don't have any money, so the bailiff comes to take you away so you can start serving your time, when your dad, the judge, stands up and says, "Wait a minute. Bring him back here." Then he stands up, takes off his robe and walks down from behind the bench. Then he reaches into his coat pocket, takes out his checkbook, and writes the court a check for \$500, the exact amount of your fine. Then he offers it to you.

He is just, so he declares you guilty, since you are. And he demands that a penalty be paid. But he loves you, and so he has determined to pay that penalty himself, on your behalf.

Now as he stands there offering you the check, what do you need to do? [Accept or reject it.]

That's right. You can accept his payment on your behalf, or for whatever reason you can reject it.

That story is, I think, a great picture of what God has done for us. If there are two things primarily true about God they are that He is loving and He is just. Those two things put Him in an interesting situation when it comes to us, because every one of us has broken His laws. We are guilty before Him. So which would win out, His love or His justice?

The Bible says that He declared us guilty, because we are, and demanded that a penalty be paid. Then He left heaven, came to earth, became a man, and died to pay our penalty. See, we didn't owe a \$500 penalty, so He didn't just write a check. The Bible says that sin earns us a death penalty, so He died to pay that (Romans 6:23).

So He came to us to offer His life on our behalf. Just like your dad with the check, He stands before you and says, "I have paid the price for your transgressions. All you need to do is accept it."
-Church of Christ at Creekwood

A couple used to go to England to shop in its beautiful stores. They both liked antiques and pottery and especially teacups. On their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, in a beautiful shop they saw a beautiful teacup. They said, "May we see that? We've never seen one quite so beautiful."

As the lady handed it to them, suddenly the teacup spoke. "You don't understand," it said. "I haven't always been a teacup. There was a time when I was red and I was clay. My master took me and rolled me and patted me over and over and I yelled out, 'Let me alone,' but he only smiled and said, 'Not yet.'"

"Then I was placed on a spinning wheel," the teacup said, "and suddenly I was spun around and around and around. 'Stop it! I'm getting dizzy!' I screamed. But the master only nodded and said, 'Not yet.' Then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat. I wondered why he wanted to burn me, and I yelled and knocked at the door. I could see him through the opening and I could read his lips as He shook his head, 'Not yet.' Finally, the door opened; he put me on the shelf, and I began to cool. 'There, that's better,' I said. And he brushed and painted me all over. The fumes were horrible. I thought I would gag.

"'Stop it, stop it!' I cried. He only said, 'Not yet.' Then suddenly he put me into another oven, not like the first one. This was twice as hot and I knew I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed. I cried. All the time I could see him through the opening nodding his head, saying, 'Not yet.' Then I knew there wasn't any hope. I would never make it. I was ready to give up. But the door opened and he took me out and placed me on the shelf. One hour later he handed me a mirror and said, 'Look at yourself.' And I did. I said, 'That's not me; that couldn't be me. It's beautiful. I'm beautiful!'

"I want you to remember, then," he said, "I know it hurts to be rolled and patted, but if I had left you alone, you'd have dried up. I know it made you dizzy to spin around on the wheel, but if I had stopped, you would have crumbled. I know it hurt and was hot and disagreeable in the oven, but if I hadn't put you there, you would have cracked. I know the fumes were bad when I brushed and painted you all over, but if I hadn't done that, you never would have hardened; you would not have had any color in your life. And if I hadn't put you in that second oven, you wouldn't survive for very long because the hardness would not have held. Now you are a finished product. You are what I had in mind when I first began with you."

MORAL: God knows what He is doing (for all of us). He is the Potter, and we are His clay. He will mold us and make us, so that we may be made into a flawless piece of work to fulfill His good, pleasing, and perfect will (Hebrews 12:3-9).-Food for the Soul, 2006 House to House Heart to Heart

