

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Lead Singing: Tony Clay
Scripture Reading: Keith Jones
1John 3:4-6
Opening Prayer: Howard Johnson
Lord's Table: Reggie Colton
Assist Table: Jim Routzahn
Jimmy Glenn
Ronnie Strickland
Bob Farner
Closing Prayer: Jimmy Glenn

Nursery

August 23 - Tracy Jones
August 30 - Reida Glenn
September 6 - Tina Glenn

Greeters

August 23 - Joan Strickland & Cheryl Botts
August 30 - Tina Glenn & Reese Meskil & Cali
September 6 - Ernie & Mary Wise

Communion Preparation

August - Tammy Farner & Joan Strickland
September - Gayle Duncan

Lock-Up

August - Wayne Crenshaw
September - TBA

Security

August 23 / 26 - Wayne Crenshaw
August 30 - Joe Marshall

*Please contact Louis Rushmore, Tony Clay, or David Myers as soon as possible if you are unable to serve.

Sunday Night Connection
August 23
Not Meeting Tonight

Monthly Schedule:

- #1 Sunday — Evangelism / Visitation
- #2 Sunday — Increasing Our Faith
- #3 Sunday — Evangelism / Visitation
- #4 Sunday — Facing Current Issues
- #5 Sunday — Family Sunday

Monthly Activities

~Weekly, TLC Tuesday Ladies Care 9:30 in the fellowship hall - all ladies are welcome. We have a great time together! **Please come join us!**
~ **Ladies' Night Out** - 4:30, August 25th at Cody's Restaraunt in Brownwood
~**Mens' Breakfast** - TBA

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays:
Mary Costa-5, MaryEllen Murphy-8, Peggy Murphy-11, Darrel Ponsford-12, Griffin Blankenship-15, Janice Heflin-15, Linda Routzahn-19, Joe Marshall-20, Ken Scott-24, Minnie Taplin-25, Tammy Farner-27, Joyce Freeman-30, June Crenshaw-31
August Anniversaries:
Barbara & John Howlett-5, Terry & Debbie Bunch-6, Kody & Stephanie Whited-8, Jamie & Carol McCartney-11, Toni & Anthony Taylor-12, Sam & Kaydee Blankenship-18, Jason & Candee Terry-28, Casey & Linda Brooks-31

Pantry Needs

SWEET POTATOES/YAMS
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX

Weekly Record

The week of August 16, 2026
2026 Budget: \$6950 Contribution: \$5,351
Sunday Bible Class: 72
Sunday Worship: 120
Wednesday Bible Class: 52



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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rooted in Faith. Growing in Christ.

August 23, 2026

2026 Theme
In Christ: A Balanced Life
Acts 20:27

Honored To Serve

Elders
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Louis Rushmore (662) 739-3035

Deacons
James McCartney — Finance
Jim Routzahn — Building/Grounds
Howard Johnson — Evangelism/
Visitation

Pulpit Minister
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Associate Minister
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Worship Services
Sunday Morning
Bible Class 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Sun. Night Connection 5:00 pm
Wed. Bible Class. 6:30 pm
Tuesday Ladies TLC 9:30 am

Mission Work/Support
Sheldon Jones (Guyana)
Hope Children's Home (Guyana)
Steve Snider (India)
Louis and Martha Rushmore
Shane and Emily Fisher
Florida School of Preaching
Mt. Dora Christian Academy &
Children's Home
World Video Bible School

How Do I Forgive Myself?

Guilt has a way of clinging to us long after we have said we are sorry. We replay the words we wish we had not said, the choices we wish we had not made. Even when we believe God has forgiven us, we often struggle to extend that same grace to ourselves.
But Scripture is clear: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). God's forgiveness is not partial or hesitant—it is complete. When He forgives, He does not put us on probation. He removes our guilt "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).
The harder part is learning to live in that forgiveness. Self-forgiveness is not about excusing what we did; it is about believing what God has done. When we refuse to forgive ourselves, we are saying His mercy is not enough. But it is. Christ's cross is proof that no sin is too deep for His grace. Forgiving yourself means accepting God's verdict instead of your own. It means replacing "I will never be free from this" with "I am redeemed." It is an act of faith—to trust that His word is truer than your feelings.
If God, who knows every hidden thought, has chosen to forgive you, then you can choose to walk in that freedom. Let His grace have the final word.
~Matt Wallin

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Visitors

~ **Welcome Visitors!** Thank you for being here. We hope you find our worship uplifting and in accordance with God's word. Would you fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection plate or give it to one of our members so we can send you a thank-you note? The visitors' cards are in the rack on the back of the pews.

~ A **Nursery** is located in the foyer for mothers needing to tend to their children.

~ There is an **attended nursery** for ages 9 mos. to 4 yrs. Meet in the foyer after the Lord's Supper and the children will be taken to the nursery class in the education building next door.

Church Family News

~ Due to health reasons, our speaker is not able to come for our Fall Gospel Meeting. **However** . . . in its place, we are very excited to announce that we are planning a **Homecoming** for November 8th! Details will be coming soon. Mark your calendars now and start making a list of names you would like to send an invitation to. **Everyone** is invited: past members, visitors, friends, relatives!

~ SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION~

TODAY to help with the rebuilding of the Hope Children's Home and the Enmore Church of Christ in Guyana. There will also be a special presentation about the July mission trip during the Bible class hour. All classes are invited to meet in the auditorium for class.

~ **LADIES:** We are in need of either blank note cards or thank-you note cards to use after our Ladies' Day in April. You can put them in the mug/tea cup basket in the foyer. Thank you!

~ **Don't forget** that we are collecting **pretty spring mugs** as well as tea cups. Your response has been great so far! The basket is in the foyer to put them in.

~ **Ladies' Night Out: THIS** Tuesday, Aug. 25th at 4:30 at Cody's Restaurant in Brownwood. It's not too late to sign up!

~ **Martha Rushmore** is in need of more fabric to make bears and also thin ribbon.

~ **Patricia Webber** is now living in Savannah Manor Assisted Living, 1027 W Main St. Leesburg, Room 104. She would love a visit!

Prayer List

~ Abundant love and prayers and encouragement for **Chris Hallmark**.

~ **Darrel Ponsford** is still waiting for test results.

~ **Angie Mertz** continues to struggle with health issues and she was in the hospital last week for 2 days.

~ Keep **Fred French** in prayer as his body adjusts to his pacemaker and new medicine for AFib.

~ **Jack and Janie Williams** both need our prayers. **Jack** is not doing well and was in the ER Friday afternoon. **Janie** needs prayers as she cares for Jack and also Janie's brother passed away Friday.

~ **John Workman** asks for prayers as he is scheduled to have a stent put in Thursday, Aug. 27th at 8:30. Please pray all goes well and there are no complications.

~ Donnie Jowers had low blood pressure that sent him to the ER but continues to improve and is doing well.

~ A few weeks ago, **Michael Sullivan** was out of town for his mother's memorial service up north. Michael's mom passed away back in August of last year.

~ **Patricia Webber** needs visits and prayers. When you visit, take a picture with her for her bulletin board.

~ **Baby Myers**, due in November, has a right sided aorta (instead of left) but recently they found out there are no other complications at this time. Please keep Aaron, Morgan and baby in prayer.

~ Holly Sears mother-in-law, **Sarah Sears** who lives in Mississippi had a bad fall and had to have hip surgery on Friday. Please pray for healing and a full recovery.

~ 10 year old **Rylan Barnum** is on a respirator, has leukemia, severe pneumonia and a fungus in his blood. The family asks for prayers - they live in Georgia.

Remember

George & Alicia Barrett, Donnie Jowers, Angie Mertz, Judy Kyle, Basile Summers, Keith Jones, Peggy Murphy, Tina Lipps, Mary Jane Wright, John & Loraine da Silva, Jimmy Glenn, Fred French, Janet Hyder, Darrel Ponsford, Carol & Ron Rollins, Jamie McCartney, Ken & Sherry Scott, Reida Glenn and family, Lana Vernon, Patricia Webber, John & Leigh Workman, Jeanette Harris, Taylor Williams, Teresa Broyles, Tim Sigler, Kathy Cefaloni, Kacey Terry, Cody Grissom, Dorothy Colton, Al & Shannon Alvarez, Alex Bowers, Mollie Holley, Guy Grove, Tony Terry, George Johnson, Bryan Watts, Cherie Meskil, Hillary Cox, John Clary, Caleb Dunn, Danny Summers, Todd Stevens, Brody Fulks, Chris Whitman, Aleksandr Faneuf, Nancy Cummins, Patty Gruber, Bryan Noland

Why Are Words of Christ Sometimes Printed in Red?

While millions read the Bible, few know why some Bible publishers print the words of Christ in red.

Words in red are neither more nor less important than the words in black. Jesus said to the seventy, "He who hears you hears Me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus meant that every divinely inspired writer or speaker was equally important, since the message originated with God's Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The idea of a red-letter Bible originated with Louis Klopsch, the first editor for the Christian Herald. Its November 1901 issue ran an advertisement offering a red-letter Bible to readers. Dr. Klopsch based this on Luke 22:20, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you," spoken by Jesus as He instituted the Lord's supper. Reasoning that blood was red, he asked himself, "Why not a red-letter Bible with the red words to be those of our Lord?" He asked Bible scholars in America and Europe to submit passages they regarded as spoken by Christ while on earth.

The first printing of a red-letter Bible numbered 6,000 copies. They sold quickly. Presses were soon running day and night to supply the demand. The King of Sweden sent a congratulatory cablegram, but the message that thrilled Klopsch the most came from President Theodore Roosevelt. He was even invited to dine with the chief executive at the White House.

Dr. Klopsch died March 28, 1910, and was buried at Mont Lawn near Tonawanda, New York, where he had established an orphanage. At the time The New York Tribune said, "He will not be easily replaced. He lived and died by his own motto: 'Do All the Good You Can for All the People You Can.' This, he truly did."

~Mark Posey

Youth Corner

Tony's Tidbits

What does it mean to take courage? It means doing what is right/necessary even when you feel afraid. God told Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). Courage does not mean you never feel nervous. It means you trust God enough to obey anyway. Courage is not the absence of fear, but choosing to face it instead of running from it!

Upcoming Events

Sunday Night Connection also includes youth activities! See Mary Clay for more info. **SUMMER FRIDAYS!** The final Summer get together will be August 28 at the Crenshaws! God has blessed us with such a great time!

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