

## Privileged to Serve

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

Lead Singing: Casey Brooks  
Scripture Reading: Weston Fort  
Acts 8:1-8

Opening Prayer: Sam Costa  
Lord's Table: Howard Johnson  
Assist Table: Jim Routzahn  
Jimmy Glenn  
Ronnie Strickland  
Bob Farner

Closing Prayer: John Workman

### Nursery

**May 17** - Tracy Jones  
**May 24** - Reida Glenn  
**May 31** - Tina Glenn

### Greeters

**May 17** - Dawn Binkley & Reida Glenn  
**May 24** - Martha Rushmore & Diane Ruhala  
**May 31** - Minnie Taplin & Mary Clay

### Communion Preparation

**May** - Cassandra Young

### Lock-Up

**May** - Tony Clay

### Security

**May 17 & 20** - Keith Jones  
**May 24 & 27** - Wayne Crenshaw  
**May 31** - Joe Marshall

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

**Sunday Night Connection  
Tonight, May 17 @ 5PM  
Evangelism/Visitation**

May New Movers  
Recruitment

### 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

**TLC Tuesday Ladies Care** 9:30 - all ladies are welcome. We send cards, have a devotional & prayer, and sometimes go to lunch together. **Please come join us.**

**Pot-Luck Fellowship - May 17**  
**Mens' Breakfast - May 23**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May Birthdays:

Donnie Jowers-3, Leigh Workman-10, Aly Blankenship-15, Gareth Hightower-17, Taylor Williams-22, Chris Hallmark-26, Sam Costa-26, Cindy Pope-30, Debbie Bunch-31, Derek Fort-31

### May Anniversaries:

Chuck & Charity Stambaugh-2, Holly & Todd Sears-4, David & Sarah Myers-27

## Pantry Needs

**Cut Green Beans**  
**Whole Kernel Corn**  
**Sweet Potatoes**

## Weekly Record

The week of May 10, 2026  
2026 Budget: \$6950 Contribution: \$5,865  
Sunday Bible Class: 86  
Sunday Worship: 137  
Wednesday Bible Class: 54



# WILDWOOD

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Christ.

**May 17, 2026**

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

### Honored To Serve

#### Elders

David Myers (352) 552-8434  
Louis Rushmore (662) 739-3035

#### Deacons

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

#### Pulpit Minister

David Myers (352) 552-8434  
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#### Associate Minister

Tony Clay (334) 446-8035  
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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

## Christ As God

The Scriptures do not speak of Christ as just a man. They also acknowledge His divine nature. In most of its occurrences, "Jehovah" is applied to the first person of the Godhead (i.e., the Father-Matthew 28:19). For example: "Jehovah said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool" (Psalm 110:1). Jesus later explained that this verse pictures the Father addressing the Christ (Luke 20:42).

Yet the name "Jehovah" also is used on occasion to refer to Christ. For example, Isaiah prophesied concerning the mission of John the Baptizer: "The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of Jehovah; make level in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3; cf. Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4). John was sent to prepare the way for Jesus Christ (John 1:29-34). But Isaiah said that John would prepare the way of Jehovah. Clearly Jesus and Jehovah are the same.

The writer of Hebrews quoted the Father as addressing His Son in this way: "Thou, Lord (Jehovah-Psalm 102: 25), in the beginning did lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands" (Hebrews 1:10). Not only does this verse apply the word "Jehovah" to Jesus, but it actually attributes the quotation to the mouth of God. Again, Jesus and Jehovah are used synonymously.

Furthermore, Jesus spoke and acted like God. He affirmed that He was "one" with the Father (John 10:30). He forgave sins--a prerogative of God alone (Mark 2:5,7). He accepted the worship of men (John 9:38) which is due only to God (Matthew 4:10), and which good angels (Revelation 22:8-9) and good men (Matthew 4:10) refuse.

In addition, Jesus is plainly called "God" a number of times within the New Testament. In John 1:1, regarding Him Who became flesh and dwelt among men (1:14), the Bible says: ". . . the Word was God . . ." And in John 20:28, one of the disciples, Thomas, upon being confronted with empirical evidence for the Lord's resurrection, proclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" Significantly, and appropriately, Christ accepted the designation. Additional passages that reveal Christ as God include Philippians 2:5ff., 2 Corinthians 4:4, Colossians 1:15, and many others.

~Bert Thompson

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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 available, 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 the teacher in the foyer after the Lord's Supper. She will take the children to the nursery class in the education building next door.

## Church Family News

~**Monthly Potluck Fellowship** today after worship. Please stay after and enjoy this family time together!

~**SUMMER FRIDAYS!** a sign-up list is in the foyer to help host youth activities on Fridays from Jun-Aug. Speak to Mary for more info!

~**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 14-17** "**Lord, Make Me A Servant.**" Work days will coming up in the next couple weeks!

~**VBS T-Shirts:** If you would like to purchase a VBS "Servant in Training" T-shirt, please sign-up and specify sizes and quantities on the sheet in the foyer. The cost is \$10 for adults and free for kids.

~**CENTRAL FLORIDA BIBLE CAMP Faneuf Week at CFBC:** June 28–July 4. Register your child **ASAP**, the cost is \$290.

~**SPONSOR A CHILD FOR CAMP:** see Tony or Sarah if you would like to help our kids (and the parents) go to Bible camp this summer.

~**GUYANA:** Pick up a list of items needed for the children's home. If you would like to give money instead to help buy the needed items, see Sarah, David or Tony. David and Tony will be going on the mission trip to Guyana in July.

~**The Chosen Season 2** began this past Wednesday night in the Young Adult Classroom. See Howard Johnson for more info!

~The **Memorial Service** for Doug Andrews is on Friday, June 12 from 10:00-11:00 here at the building. They invite anyone who would like to, to say a few words.

~**The remember list** is a wonderful resource and very important for our daily prayers. If you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the list, let Tony or Sarah know.

## Prayer List

~**Sarah Myers** recently had surgery. Please pray for her recovery.

~Continue in prayer for **Chris Hallmark** & family.

~**Judy Kyle** is doing better everyday recovering from her surgery.

~**Sam Costa** turned and reached a wrong way and cracked a rib.

~**June Crenshaw** is feeling better and continues to recover from surgery.

~**Sheila Johnston** continues to recover from her surgery. She still has some pain and stiffness when she turns her head.

~**Tina Lipps** struggles daily with her health issues. She needs encouragement and prayers.

~**Reese Meskil's brother, Roger**, had open heart bypass surgery on Friday. He lives in Vermont.

## Remember

Basile Summers, Keith Jones, Tina Lipps, Mary Jane Wright, John & Loraine da Silva, Jimmy Glen, Fred French, Janet Hyder, George & Alicia Barrett, Wayne Crenshaw, Darrel Ponsford, Carol & Ron Rollins, Jamie McCartney, Ken & Sherry Scott, Reida Glenn and family, Lana Vernon, Patricia Webber, Millie Tudor, 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, Greg Lewis, Caleb Dunn, Ollie Long, Danny Summers, Betsy Hair, Todd Stevens, Brody Fulk

## Christ in You is the Faith in You

Second Corinthians 13:5 reads, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you are disqualified" (NKJV). In this verse, Paul said each needs to look to his mind and actions to determine if they are in "the faith." The definite article "the" is in the Greek, which means this is not talking about just a personal belief but about the system of belief (faith) or doctrine. There are rules and regulations that can measure one's life and beliefs. To be "in the faith" means to be in the system of rules and regulations. Otherwise, Paul would have stated they should have faith, but he said people need to be "in the faith."

Then, Paul stated that Christians have Jesus Christ living in them unless they are reprobates. So, if they are not living "in the faith," Christ is not in them. If they do not have Christ living in them, they are not "in the faith." This goes against what many religious leaders today teach. They say Christ can be in you if you just say you have a belief in Him. Some say nothing you do or think after that acceptance will take Christ from you. Some say there is no law that you must obey. Paul said a person must examine himself. If there is nothing I can do to alter my eternal destiny, then why bother to examine anything?

This letter to the Corinthians was written to Christians. Paul did not tell unbelievers that they must examine themselves (although this is a true principle). Paul told Christians that they must find themselves in the faith or they do not have Christ in them. Some religious leaders try to say that if the person examined himself and found he was not in Christ, then, he was never really in Christ. Yet, the very first verse in the letter says Paul was writing to "saints." If these saints were not really Christians, then Paul would have been mistaken and not really inspired by the Holy Spirit. However, the apostle correctly addressed the epistle to "saints" or Christians, and he was divinely inspired.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can, and make sure you find Christ in you and confirm that you are in the faith.  
~Mark McWhorter

## Youth Corner

### Tony's Tidbits

Why does prophecy matter? Because God told people about Jesus long before Jesus came to earth. The Bible says, "To Him all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43). Prophecy reminds us that Jesus was not an accident, surprise, or backup plan. God kept His promises. When we read about Jesus in prophecy, we see that God's word is trustworthy—and Jesus really is the One God sent to save us.

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday Night Connection** also includes youth activities! See Tony or Mary for more info!  
**Summer Fridays!** June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM at Ken and Sherry Scott's house!

**VBS** is June 14–17, tell your friends! The theme is: "Lord, Make Me A Servant."

**Our week of camp at CFBC is June 28–July 4.** New friends, tons of fun, and growing your faith! Theme: "His Way is Better."

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