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CHURCH OF CHRIST

KNOWING CHRIST
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Welcome to Worship

He Has Made Me Glad
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I Speak Jesus
More
Prayer — Enoch Hartman
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THIS WEEK'S ARTICLE

Butterflies Remind Us of Hope

Right now, Monarch butterflies are nearing the end of their fall migration to their wintering grounds in Mexico. It's a beautiful time of year for these butterflies, and if you've ever been "caught" in the midst of their migration, you know what I mean.

But that's not how a Monarch butterfly—or any other butterfly, for that matter—begins its life.

The Monarch begins as an egg; then a caterpillar; it enters the chrysalis stage, where enzymes break down and reorganize its tissues. The caterpillar becomes biological "goo" before emerging as a beautiful butterfly.

Quite a transformation, isn't it?

Isn't that the way it is with us? God takes us as we are—imperfect, unfinished, and struggling—and leads us through a transformation in which we, too, become something beautiful. He sees us and loves us not only as we are, but also for what we can become through His grace.

Unfortunately, that transformation sometimes feels like being turned into "goo" before we emerge as butterflies. And yes, that "goo" can be painful.

In one sense, we are all becoming. Living in the tension between the "right now" and the "not yet," we are being transformed by the renewing of our minds (see Romans 12:1–2). The Greek word translated "transformed" in Romans 12:2 is *metamorphousthe*—a word from which we get *metamorphosis*. It describes a profound change, a transformation of character.

Here's the summation of it all: God sees you and knows you. He loves you where you are, but He also loves you too much to leave you there. And even when difficulty comes our way, God can use it to shape us into the people He calls us to be.

Sometimes the process feels like "goo." Sometimes it hurts. We may not understand what God is doing, or even see the transformation taking place. But we can trust that our present struggles are not the end of our story.

My prayer and hope for you is that whatever challenges life throws your way, you allow God to work through them, trusting that even these difficult seasons can become part of your transformation—from caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly.

All of this through, to, and for our God and Savior and Spirit, who together love us more than we can imagine.

~ Harvey

Upcoming Events

A SEASON TO GATHER • A SEASON TO SERVE • A SEASON TO GIVE THANKS

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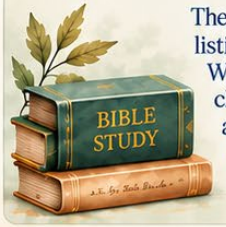
Our Thanksgiving dinner will be **Saturday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m.** in the TYM. Please sign up on the sheet in Sign Up Central by **Sunday, November 8!** Everyone who wants to attend MUST sign up by the deadline. We have to confirm our number with the Caterer!

New Winter Quarter



The new winter quarter brochures listing Sunday morning and Wednesday night adult Bible classes are in the Great Hall and at each table. The new quarter will begin on **Sunday, November 1.**

Ladies' Day

Join us on **November 7** for a Ladies' Day. Our guest speaker is Laura Jenkins from the Thought Garden. Thought Garden is a Christ-centered mindfulness resource designed to help us identify difficult thoughts and replace them with God's truths. Lunch will be provided. We will have a 'Mindfulness Through Art' activity following lunch. The cost is $20 per person. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 4.**

Honoring Our Veterans

On **Sunday, November 15,** we will honor our Veterans (all who served and are serving) and their families with a congregational potluck after Bible class. Please sign up in the Tusculum App to help. See Adam or Denise Agee for more information.

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Thanksgiving Sunday

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is set for **Sunday, November 8.** We need everyone to help provide food. We are also collecting money to purchase hams to go along with these meals. You may give your money to Jim or Mary Pomeroy. If you know of a family or individual who would benefit from a Thanksgiving meal, please call the church office (615-833-1660).

Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast will be **Monday, November 3 at 7:30 a.m.** at McDonald's at Concord Road and Nolensville Road. We hope to see you there!

The Pants Project

Shayne Elementary has asked us to provide brand-new or gently used girls' and pants pants (sizes extra-small, small, large, and husky). We will collect donations **Sunday, November 1 through Sunday, November 22.** You may place your donations on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation to purchase pants, see Susan Mitchell or Debbie Frankum.

Give Thanks

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

TUSCULUM YOUTH MINISTRY

Sundays

Adam Agee and John Goode will be leading a discussion on Making Disciples! Come join us!

Sunday Night

We will have life groups in the TYM from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring $5 for food. Please let Will know if you can host life groups.

Fall Retreat

Youth Retreat – November 13–15 at Camp Sycamore Creek. Come for a weekend of worship, games, and growing in your faith. Cost will be $75 students / $35 for adults – including lodging, meals, T-shirts, and activities. Visitors are FREE, scholarships are available. Bring a friend! It won't cost them a thing!!!

Worship Night

Worship Night with Madison Church of Christ youth group will be November 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring $5 for food.

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KIDS PRAISE

Following communion, children ages 3–Kindergarten are invited to join us in the children's wing for Kids Praise.

Children's bulletins and color sheets are available in the racks on the left side of the Great Hall.

NURSERY WORKERS

November 1 – Kathy Flanigan and Kathy Pollock

November 8 – Melanie Garrett and Jamie Frankum

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

October 25, 2026

Attendance (includes online and Spanish)	323
Regular Contribution	$7,207
Weekly Budget	$16,000
Average YTD Contribution	$14,547

ELDERS

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Earl Santymire	615-319-6988
Richard Thompson	615-916-0838
Rick Hatcher	615-210-6322

Prayer Requests

- **James Butts'** surgery went well, and he is in Room 212P at Life Care Center of Hickory Woods, 4200 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, 37013 for therapy. Please keep Mary Jo and James in your prayers.
- **Carolyn Hughey** had surgery on her eyelids Thursday. The surgery went well, and she is at home recovering.
- **Willene Litton** had surgery on her ears. Surgery went well, and she is recovering at home.

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