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## Unity

What is unity? The word indicates oneness, completeness, being in harmony and complete accord with others. It is, as one source said, a harmonious combination in which people are combined with other people to form a greater whole. This morning our sermon theme is unity.

We will study the theme of unity under three headings. First, Jesus prayed for unity (Jn. 17:20-23). Second, Paul pleaded for unity (I Cor. 1:10). Third, God planned for unity (Eph. 4:1-24).

The basis for Christian unity is the will of God as His will is revealed in His word. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105). His word is truth (Jn. 17:17).

The foundation for Christian unity is Jesus Christ. As one noted scholar wrote, "Jesus Christ is the basis of the unity of His people." He is the one way to God (Jn. 14:6).

God has planned for the unity of His people. That plan is discussed in detail in Ephesians 4. We are to endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). Just as there is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, we are to "come to the unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:13).

- Dan Cottrell

**AM – "The Plea for Unity" - John 17:20-23 Dan Cottrell**

**Bible Time with Kyle, Room 105 at 4:45 pm**

**PM – Guest Speaker: Nathan Ferguson**

### Read the Bible in 1 Year:

**Sunday** - Isaiah 39-40, Colossians 4 **Monday** - Isaiah 41-42, 1 Thessalonians 1  
**Tuesday** - Isaiah 43-44, 1 Thessalonians 2 **Wednesday** - Isaiah 45-46, 1 Thessalonians 3  
**Thursday** - Isaiah 47-49, 1 Thessalonians 4 **Friday** - Isaiah 50-52, 1 Thessalonians 5  
**Saturday** - Isaiah 53-55, 2 Thessalonians 1

# PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER LIST

**Wilma Davis** had surgery at Williamson Medical Center last week. Everything went well but she will likely be in the hospital for a few more days.

**Jerry Warren**, Spencer Warren's father, has a severe case of Shingles.

**Continue to Remember:** Barbara Dees, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Lester Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Kathy Hinson, Ralph Hogg, Beverly Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Herb Jones, Tina Kelso, Rebecca Jones Kent, Richard King, Gail Krech, Jimmy Lincoln, Joseph Lucas, Janice Martin, Janice Maynard, Joan Meade, William Morrison, Norma Petrie, Mickey Petty, Kendall Redmond, Holly Richardson, Bryant Rimmer, Clinton Robnolte, Matt Shelton, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Carol Terry, Mike Vice, Laura Weathers, Sharon Welborn, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite, Diane Winkler, Holly Winkler

**Our Shut-ins:** Peggy Loggins, Patricia Marsh, Lois Pratt

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad you are here! Please fill out a Visitors Card on the back of the pew in front of you and place in the collection plate as it passes so we can have a record of your attendance.

We are blessed to welcome Freddie Klein, his wife, Inge, and their sons, Waylon and Wesley, to the Southern Hills Family.



Freddie will be serving as our pulpit minister. They plan to move and get settled in during the month of November and Freddie will begin his work on December 1st. Until then, we invite you to send notes of encouragement to 19325 Cleveland Rd, Abingdon, VA 24211

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## THOSE TO SERVE

### TODAY - SUNDAY, October 12, 2025

**A.M. Speaker:** Dan Cottrell  
**Ushers:** Steve Ellis and Jon Ferrie  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson  
**Reader and Opening Prayer:** Ryan Haedge  
**Scripture:** John 17:20-23  
**Preside at Lord's Table:** Daniel Winkler  
**Serve the Lord's Supper:** Joe Burns, Trey Burns, Mike Pope, Kyle Richardson  
**Closing Prayer:** Randy Hunt  
**Nursery Attendants:** Jessica Burns, Linda Cottrell

### TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

**P.M. Speaker:** Nathan Ferguson  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson  
**Opening Prayer:** Jon Ferrie  
**P.M. Preside/Lord's Supper:** Jeff Rhodes  
**Closing Prayer:** Zeb Macer

### WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2025

**Devotional Speaker:** Dan Cottrell  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson  
**Opening Prayer:** Tony Tucker  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Pope  
**Sound for 10/12 Week:** Marv Sowell  
**Projector 10/12 Week:** Noah Oppermann

## THE RECORD

Last Sunday (10/5/2025)	
Morning Worship	116
Sunday School	91
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (10/8/2025)	53
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$10,515.82
Contribution YTD:	\$541,173.33
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$580,000.00

## PREPARE COMMUNION - OCTOBER

Alaina McCullough

## COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - OCTOBER

Burns Family

## BUILDING LOCK-UP - OCTOBER

Joe Burns and Matt Lyndoe

## MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - OCTOBER

Clint Oppermann

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

**Please contact the church office to schedule an event.**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Church Wide**

**Today** - SOS-MESH Potluck Lunch

**October 25th** - Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

### **TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FEST**

Trunk or Treat and Fall Fest will be Saturday, October 25th, from 3:30-7 pm here at the building.

Trunk or Treat will begin at 3:30 followed by a costume parade, cake walk, festival games, dinner and more! If you would like to help with this event, sign up sheets are located in the foyer.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Saturday, November 15th - Congregational Outing to Zoolumination

Tuesday, December 2nd, 6 pm - Ladies Ornament Swap

Friday, December 5th, 6 pm - KFC Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14th, 6 pm - Adult Holiday Party

Saturday, December 20th, 10 am - SHARE Group Brunch

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Youth Holiday Party - TBD

### **DORCAS MINISTRY**

Our Dorcas Ladies have been busy these past few months! After completing the MAGI Boxes in August and September, they are now focused on making blankets and scarves for the homeless and making items for Disaster Relief and nursing homes. We appreciate their hard work and dedication. If you would like to help with these efforts, Dorcas meets on Tuesdays from 9-11 am.



## **MISSIONS MEMO...**

### **The Ferguson Family Chimala Mission • Tanzania**

Greetings from the Chimala Mission, Tanzania! August brought a lot of movement within the Ferguson household. As we continued to make plans and prepare for our return trip home, we've spent many weeks organizing, packing, and cleaning our house to get everything ready for our trip back to the States.

It's not too unlike moving houses or the cleanup after a holiday stay at a vacation home. Everything has to be put away in the best possible way, not only for safety and security but to ensure an easy transition when we move back at the beginning of next year.

As we wrote in our previous newsletters, we'll have a four-month furlough in the U.S., and we've been looking forward to the time we'll spend with various supporting congregations, family, and loved ones.

Although we were very busy in August with our preparations, there were still many events and activities happening throughout the mission. At the schools, we held our second annual Bible-knowledge competition. A few weeks later, 33 students from different secondary school classes were baptized. We thank God for their commitment to Christ and pray for them as they continue their daily walks.

At the hospital, brother **Mark Teske** began helping with the financial accounting. We thank him tremendously. The students at CSOP continue their classes after several weeks of campaigns and are getting closer to graduation.

Finally, at the farm, we continue to maintain our cattle, prepare paddocks, order and care for the chickens, and work together on cementing our goals. As always, may God continue to bless you, your families, and your congregations.

Thank you, Southern Hills, for your support!  
Nathan, Kristi, Eden, Emmy, Rowan & Ava





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 25th** - Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

**November** - Youth Devo

**December** - Festive Activities and Service Projects

**January or early February** - Equip

**February** - CYC



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**October 25th** - Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

**December 5th** - Holiday Party

## TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM  
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 5PM & 7PM

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