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Every Christian knows this struggle: we believe the truth, yet we don't always live it as we should. One moment we stand strong, the next we stumble. The gap between faith and daily life is real—and closing that gap is part of Christian growth. That is what Christian ethics is all about.

Ethics isn't theory. It's learning how to walk as God calls us to walk. It goes beyond knowing what is true to understanding how to respond to that truth in the real world. Jesus tied love to obedience, and that means obedience can't be vague. We must know His commands if we hope to keep them (Matt 28:19–20; John 14:15; 15:10).

Scripture doesn't leave us guessing. It urges us to renew our minds, to test what pleases the Lord, to grow in discernment, and to pursue virtue with effort and purpose (Rom 12:2; Eph 5:10; Phil 1:9–10; 2 Pet 1:5; 1 John 5:3).

Studying ethics simply takes those calls seriously.

And along the way, we discover that some of our "instincts" need correcting. Sometimes what we've always assumed doesn't line up with Scripture. Gentle correction is not slander. Righteous anger exists. Sexual purity is defined by God, not culture. Ethics helps us trade half-formed ideas for biblical clarity.

This study also prepares us. Temptation rarely announces its arrival. Ethical wisdom has to be in place before the pressure shows up. A grounded framework becomes the toolbox we draw from when new issues surface.

In the end, ethics strengthens our walk. It shapes holiness, steadies conscience, and helps us live the kind of life that honors the God we serve.

- Freddie Klein

AM – The God Who Is - Acts 17:22-23

Children's Bible Time: Room 105 at 4:45

PM – How To Have The Good Life Now

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Joel 1-3, Revelation 5 **Monday** - Amos 1-3, Revelation 6

Tuesday - Amos 4-6, Revelation 7 **Wednesday** - Amos 7-9, Revelation 8 **Thursday** - Obadiah 1, Revelation 9 **Friday** - Jonah 1-4, Revelation 10 **Saturday** - Micah 1-3, Revelation 11

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PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Ralph Hogg is at home. Please keep both Ralph and Mary Nell in your prayers as he recovers

Dave Sweeney is doing well and hopes to go home soon.

Laura Weathers, Sabrena Sowell's friend, is recovering from pneumonia. She was sent home with an IV drip.

Continue to Remember: Jerry Breeden, Bill & Wilma Davis, 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, Betsy Lucas, Joseph Lucas, Lillian Lynch, Janice Martin, Janice Maynard, William Morrison, Mickey Petty, Kendall Redmond, Holly Richardson, Bryant Rimmer, Clinton Robnolte, Matt Shelton, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Mike Vice, Laura Weathers, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite, Diane Winkler, Holly Winkler

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh, Lois Pratt

SYMPATHY

Patricia Posten, a former member here, has recently passed away. Her funeral will be held at Shackelford Funeral Home in Henderson TN today. Visitation starts at 2pm and the service is at 3pm. We extend our sympathy to the family.

DAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The building will be reserved on Tuesday, December 16th, from 6-8 pm for our Sunshine School back-to-back Christmas programs.



MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Michael Richardson will be leading a mission trip to Port Antonio, Jamaica, January 30 - February 7. See Kyle Richardson if you are interested in joining.

VISITORS: Please fill out a card from the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance. ❤️

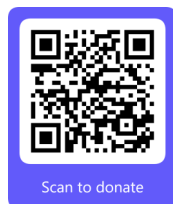
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THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

Ushers: Steve Ellis and Jon Ferrie
Song Leader: William Morrison
Reader and Opening Prayer: Marshall Post
Scripture: Acts 17:22-23
Preside at Lord's Table: David Cost
Serve the Lord's Supper: Joe Burns, Trey Burns, Blake McDaniel, Marshall Post
Closing Prayer: Josh Oppermann
Nursery Attendants: Sofia Haedge, Jennifer Waggoner

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader: William Morrison
Opening Prayer: Randy Hunt
P.M. Preside Lord's Supper: Jon Ferrie
Closing Prayer: Matt Lyndoe

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

Devotional Speaker: David Broome
Song Leader: William Morrison
Opening Prayer: Matt Lyndoe
Closing Prayer: John Cottrell
Sound for 12/14 Week: Noah Oppermann
Projector 12/14 Week: Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (12/7/2025)	
Morning Worship	133
Sunday School	110
Evening Worship	NC
Wednesday Night (12/10/2025)	68
Contribution Last Sunday:	\$22,878.00
Contribution YTD:	\$654,146.17
Contribution Goal YTD:	\$696,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - DECEMBER

Beth Lincoln

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - DECEMBER

Susan McMillan & Sissi Osborne

BUILDING LOCK-UP - DECEMBER

Jon Ferrie & Ryan Haedge

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - DECEMBER

John Cottrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

December 14th - Adult Christmas Party, 6 pm

December 20th - SHARE Group Christmas Brunch,

10am **December 24th** - Devotional Service, 6 pm

LADS TO LEADERS

If you have any questions about activities or need information, please contact David or Sharon Broome or Beth Lincoln.

The deadline for activity and room preferences is **Dec 30th**.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Adult Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 14th, following our evening worship service. Dinner will be provided. Please bring a \$10-\$15 gift for the gift exchange. Childcare will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

SHARE GROUP CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The SHARE Group Christmas Brunch will be on Saturday, December 20th, at 10 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a \$10-\$15 gift for the Dirty Santa gift exchange. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

On Wednesday, December 24th, we will have a devotional service at 6 pm in the auditorium.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

On Sunday, December 28th, we will have a special year-end contribution. We will use the amount given above our weekly budget for benevolent and mission efforts.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES

Christmas Card Boxes will be in the foyer through December 14th. Please sort cards by first letter of last name. Cards will be ready for pick up on December 17th.

MISSIONS MEMO...

Raja Rao • Vijayawada, South India

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has done great things through Churches of Christ India Missions. Thank you, Southern Hills, for contributing to my mission trips to various places. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for support during this challenging time.

God is our focus, and we trust Him to be our constant guide and provider. I am always thankful to God for allowing us to serve Him better each month. We distributed groceries, clothes, and medicines to numerous families this month in addition to our past month's distribution work.

At the Restoration School of Preaching, we recently completed our study of the book of Revelation—a journey that encouraged us with its message of hope and perseverance.

In our Bible Project, I cannot describe my experience without mentioning the impact of simply sharing a Bible. Does it make a difference? Absolutely. I've seen hearts soften, eyes open, and lives transformed—just from someone reading the Gospel of John for the first time. God speaks through His Word, and I've witnessed people fall in love with Christ through the Scriptures.

I consider it a great blessing to live in a place where I can read the Bible freely, and I count it an even greater joy to give that same opportunity to others. Every copy we hand out is a seed planted, and this Bible project has become a vital part of our ministry efforts. It's opened doors, started conversations, and helped us reach more people than expected.

Recently we have seen many come forward with a desire to follow Christ, and we were honored to recently welcome 39 new souls into the body of Christ through baptism.

Until next time – your Brother Raja

(NOTE: Raja has recently experienced numerous health issues – please pray for his recovery.)





UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16th - Tennessee Children's Home
Stocking Stuffing and Delivery

December 21st - Christmas Lights Viewing
Following evening worship



UPCOMING EVENTS

January - Details coming soon!

Lads to Leaders Info:

If you have questions about activities or need information, please contact David or Sharon Broome or Beth Lincoln.

Please remember we must have participant's activity choices by Dec. 30th, 2025. We can tweak but not drop or add after Jan. 5th without a significant fee increase.

We have rooms for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We need to know room preferences by Dec. 30th 2025 as we could lose rooms.

TIMES SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 6 PM
Classes for all Ages

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