



2/8 - Jan Day
 2/10 - Lanny Lane
 2/12 - Linda Dickerson
 2/13 - Marsha Vautrot



Church Lock-up Schedule:

2/08 - 2/14 Barry Griffin
 2/15 - 2/21 Bill Munson
 2/22 - 2/28 Hank Chapman
 3/01 - 3/07 Charlie Cobb



Can you ring a bell?
 Would you like to learn
 how, and/or join in
 the fun?



JoAnn Davis looking for
 people interested in
 reviving our handbell choir.
 If you want more
 information, please contact
 JoAnn at 706-755-0105.



We will NOT meet on
 Wednesday, Feb 25, due to
 Gilmer Co Schools Winter
 Break.

The Men's Group
 meeting location
 has been changed. Starting this
 month, they will meet at the
 church in the Fellowship Hall.
 The February meeting date is
 Thursday, February 12 at
 4:30 pm. All men of the
 church are welcome to join!

FYI - Scout Sunday, which is on the
 calendar for today, will be observed at
 a later date.



The Children First Pre-School
 Program is now selling tickets for their
 annual Southwest Airline Ticket
 promotion. With your \$20 donation,
 you have the opportunity to win
 FOUR round trip tickets to any US
 territory destination where Southwest
 Airlines flies.

See your friendly flight crew for your
 opportunity to fly! You may also
 purchase tickets in the
 church office Monday
 - Thursday. Thank you
 in advance for your support!



Our Weekly Schedule:

Sun - Helping Hands Sunday School 8:45
 Worship Service 10:00 am
 Altars Study Group 11:00 am
 Singles/Mingles 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Mon - Team Tabitha Sewing Ministry
 (1st & 3rd Mon) 9:00 am -12:00 pm
 Tues - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm
 Wed -LIJ Kids 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Young Adult Bible Study 5:00-6:00 pm
 Chancel Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Thurs - Chair Yoga 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Is something missing?

Have we missed your birthday in
 the bulletin? Did you miss a phone
 call or text about church events?
 Maybe the information we have is
 not correct or is missing. Please let
 the church office know if we've
 missed your special day, if you
 never receive calls or texts, or if
 you wonder why your pew pal got
 an email that you did not. Contact
 the church office if you want to
 verify your information.

Returning to Red Bird

We will be going back to the
 Red Bird Mission in Beverly,
 KY. Mark you calendar for
 April 26-May 1, 2026. The cost
 is \$515 per person to cover
 lodging and meals for the week.
 We will spend the week working
 on projects to help the people of
 the area, one of the poorest in
 our country. Please let
 Pastor Mike know if
 you are interested
 in going along.



Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors, pastors,
 World Leaders/Military, the weak, sick, & hungry, ourselves.
 Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks
 Names highlighted in **bold** are new additions or changes to the Prayer List.

General

Juston Davis

Health

Brent Badinski
 Charles Benner
 Kevin Brett
 Mark Brown
 Joan Compton
 Brenda Eisanhart
 Betty Jo Hanes
 Ruth Hix
 Missy Kepley
 Wanda Sandels
 Ann Shearon
Mike Vitelli
 Dan Weaver
 Clyde White
 Bobbie Wilson

Shut-In

Peter Adams
 Ernette Calhoun
 Earline Copley
 Mack Hipp
 Johnny Johnson
 Margie Pyren
 Myron Seagraves
 Paul Stanhope
 Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Doug Bater
 Shirley Goldston
 Ed Jeffery
 Rudi Lanchardt

Caregiver

Nell Bater
 Cherie Dice
 Scott Goldston
 Carolyn Hipp
 Pat Johnson
 Julie Kepley
 Susan Marino
 Peggy Richardson
 Lorraine Segraves
 Joan Stanhope
 Sherry Weaver

Deaths

Family of Marlene Brown
 Family of Lynn Perry
 Family of Angie Pearce
Family of Helen Sutton

Surgery Recuperating

Bill McKinney
Vincent Marino
 Katherine Meyer
 Frank Richardson

*Prayer Request forms are in the pew racks.
 Please fill free to complete and
 drop in the offering plate if you have a request.*

Our Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, Feb 8 - Communion Sunday
 Monday, Feb 9 - Administrative Council Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm
 Thursday, Feb 12 - Men's Group @ Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm
 Monday, Feb 16 - Team Tabitha Charity Sewing Group Fellowship Hall
 Tuesday, Feb 17 - Joyful Noon Circle Fellowship Hall 12:00
 Wednesday, Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm
 Sunday, Feb 22 - First Sunday in Lent
 Thursday, Feb 26 - Book Club Fellowship Hall 2:00 pm



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**Sunday, February 8, 2026
 10:00 am Worship Service**

Sunday Worship Service
February 8, 2026

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude: arr by Mark Hayes
“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation
The Reverend Dr. Michael Shearon

Call To Worship “We’ll Understand It Better By & By”
by Charles Albert Tindley

† **The Greeting**
Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who delight in the Lord!
**We come to this place, where generations before us
have gathered.**
Here we remember the light of God that shines in our
lives.
Here we allow God’s light to shine through us.
Let us worship our radiant God.
Praise the Lord!
Happy are we who delight in the Lord!

† **The Hymn of Praise** UMH 509
“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

† **The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen, Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

†**The Hymn of Preparation** UMH 473
“Lead Me, Lord”

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music arr by Lloyd Larson
“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

†**The Presentation and Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Choir Anthem by Jay Althouse
“At the Table of the Lord”

† **The Scripture Reading** **Ephesians 6:14**
Romans 3:20-26

The Sermon
“Righteousness”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

†**The Closing Hymn** UMH 368
“My Hope is Built”

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward during
the closing hymn.*

†**The Pastoral Benediction**

†**The Postlude** arr by John Carter
“This Little Light of Mine”

*Prayer team members are available after the service.
They will be wearing white shawls.*

† - Stand as you are able

Ephesians 6:14

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around
your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in
place,

Romans 3:20-26

²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s
sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law
we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of
God has been made known, to which the Law and the
Prophets testify.

²² This righteousness is given through faith in^[a] Jesus
Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between
Jew and Gentile,

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the
redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,
^[b] through the shedding of his blood—to be received
by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness,
because in his forbearance he had left the sins commit-
ted beforehand unpunished—

²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the
present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies
those who have faith in Jesus.

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart
and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your
love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the
name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to
all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and
praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of
faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out
and your coming in.