

Those To Serve

Sunday, August 16, 2026

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Dwayne Millikin

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Randy Harris

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, August 9, 2026

AM 48 PM 33

[Average for the Year]

AM [51] PM [34]

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

30 *[Average for the Year]* [32]

Contribution:

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Actual \$ 2,185.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 78,553.00

[Average] \$ 2,533.97

[+/- Budget] \$ (315.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ 1,053.00

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Thoughts from Bill:

Motivations for Maintaining Our Fellowship

1 John 1:1-10

The first chapter of 1 John is full of exceptional teachings. John confirms that Christ truly came in the flesh, and as intended, his words should make our joy full (vs. 1-4). Second, he establishes the fact that in God there is no darkness, and as Christians there is no place for darkness in our lives (vs. 5-6). Finally, he gives the criteria for one finding and maintaining a saved relationship and fellowship both with God, Christ, and fellow Christians (vs. 7-10). In this lesson we want to consider reasons why Christians need to maintain their fellowship with other Christians.

Believers should maintain fellowship with one another because *they are born of the same Father*. John writes in 1 John 3:1: "Behold what manner of love the Father has

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for August 16, 2026

**A.M.—Motivations for Maintaining
Our Fellowship**

**P.M.—Descriptions of Believers from
Second Corinthians**

Scripture—1 John 1:1-10

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM

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bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." I believe it is the nature of healthy families to take care of one another and to want to be with one another. God had a reason for placing the saved in the church (Acts 2:47). Christians are part of the "household of God" (Eph. 2:19) and as such should strive to meet one another's needs (Gal. 6:10).

Fellowship should be maintained because Christians *were bought with the same price* (1 Cor. 6:20). Peter said the price paid was the precious blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18). When people have a common bond that unites them, they should be able to benefit from associating with one another.

Fellowship needs to be maintained between Christians because they are *walking the same path in life*. This path is one that can be a lonely path (Matt. 7:13-14). Those who walk in this path are often misunderstood by the "world" and even hated because they are not of the world (Jn. 15:19; 17:15,16; 1 Jn. 3:13). This path is also one walked by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

Fellowship should be maintained between Christians because they *serve the same teacher or master* (Matt. 23:8,10). Matthew 28:18 declares that Jesus has all power and authority. Revelation 19:16 calls Jesus "King of kings and Lord of lords." Christ also taught that a person could not serve two masters (Lk. 16:13).

Finally, fellowship should be maintained between Christians because they are *all heirs of the same inheritance reserved in heaven* (Rom. 8:15-17; Acts 26:18; Col. 3:24). This inheritance is reserved for Christians in heaven (1 Pet. 1:4).

Christians need other Christians, and fellowship should be a common thread in the lives of those Christians. Without it, children of God cannot make it in this world alone.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Lonnie Pyle**, Bill Cline's brother-in-law, was taken to the hospital on Friday with decreased kidney function. He will soon be placed in hospice care. **Melissa Wood** has an appointment on September 1 with a neurologist in Jonesboro. **Barbara Pitts**, David Yates' neighbor, suffered a heart attack on Friday and is in the hospital. She is also recovering from hip surgery. **Pam Burrow** is now home.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Nancy Duncan, Brantley Elms, Bobby Joe England, Tina May, Manda McGough, Pat McGough, Glenda Mitchell, Eunice Mize, Glen Mize, and Dalton Philips

Sympathy Extended: Lavon Rogers passed away on Friday. We extend our deepest sympathy to Patty and the rest of Lavon's family. Please keep this family in your prayers. Arrangements are not known at this time.

Nursing Home Service: This month's service at Mountain Meadows will be today at 4:00 p.m.

Ladies' Day Meeting: We will have a Ladies' Day meeting today after the evening service.

Ladies' Day: This year's Ladies' Day will be on Saturday, September 12. Our theme will be "Holiness," and our speaker will be Ida Mae Couch, sister of Inez Cline.

Ladies' Day Gift Basket: The Ladies' Day gift basket for our speaker is in the classroom next to the kitchen. Ladies, please bring something to put in the basket to show our appreciation for her.

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Children's Home Shopping List: Toilet Paper

New Phone Number: Robert Foster has a new cell phone number, which is (870) 805-6394.