



You're Invited to Our...  
 Vacation Bible School  
 JUNE 7-10

Bible Classes for All Ages



Sunday Morning, June 7: *God, Our Creator*  
*The Story of Creation* (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

VBS Kickoff on Sunday, June 7, at 5:30 P.M.

7 P.M. Sunday, June 7: *God, Our Father*  
*The Garden of Eden* (Genesis 2:7-3:24)

7 P.M. Monday, June 8: *God, Our Provider*  
*Abraham's Test of Faith* (Genesis 22:1-14)

7 P.M. Tuesday, June 9: *God, Our Strength*  
*The Temptation of Jesus* (Matthew 4:1-11)

7 P.M. Wednesday, June 10: *Jesus, Our Savior*  
*Jesus Provides Salvation* (Luke 23-24)

We will close out our VBS on Wednesday night with ice cream & cookies!

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The Brushy Beacon  
 "Abounding in the Word in 2026"  
 May 17, 2026

9 a.m. Sunday Bible Class	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship	Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston Terry Banks
6 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship	James Atkinson	Justin Atkinson Caleb Truett
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study	Tony Duncan	Kevin Johnston

**"MEMORIAL DAY – THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK"**

Memorial Day is an official holiday in the United States observed on the last Monday in May. This weekend, we celebrate and remember the men and women who died serving their country in the Armed Forces. The custom of remembering our fallen soldiers and decorating their graves with flowers began on May 5, 1866, as a way to honor those lost in the Civil War. After World War I, the day was set aside to remember the deceased of all American Wars. Unfortunately, many just treat this holiday as another day off work, a three day weekend, and the beginning of summer. On Memorial Day, we mourn the loss of loved ones, remember their lives, and thank them for their sacrifices.

We do this once a year, but every week is a celebration of the Memorial of Christ to the faithful Christians. Christians come together on the first day of every week to remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The parallels between the death of Jesus Christ and our fallen soldiers are amazing.

Jesus died to set us free from Satan's power. He fought the armies of Hell so that we might have freedom in His Holy Name. He gave His life so that we might have life eternal if we obey and are faithful until death. So this Memorial Day weekend and every weekend remember these three things about Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

- 1. Mourn the loss** of the body of Christ and examine your responsibility to it as you break the bread. [Romans 3:23](#) – *"for we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*
- 2. Remember the life of Jesus** as you compare your life with His. Eat the bread and realize that you are one with His body. [1 Corinthians 11:24](#) – *"and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*
- 3. Be thankful for His sacrifice** because it is through His blood that you are saved. Partake of the cup and be thankful for His sacrifice that offered you forgiveness. [Matthew 26:27-28](#) – *"Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*

This Memorial Day weekend remember those who gave their lives so that we might have the freedoms that we enjoy. Above all, remember each and every Sunday, "THE ONE" who died to set us free from sin, **OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.**





# ***Family News & Notes***



**Welcome** We're so glad you're here! Welcome to a time of worship and learning from God's Word. We hope this will be a blessing to you and that you'll join us again.

**TEAM 4 – Compassion Card Group** You will need to sign cards TODAY. Please go to the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. Please see Kevin & Amy, if you have questions.

David and Jeannine	David Love	Clara Shannon	Anita Quillen
Shirley and Darby	Kim, Trenton, Anna, Charlie		Joanne Kardin

**Congratulations to...** Tate Atkinson - earned a medal for learning all of his sight words; Houstyn Taylor who earned A.R. certificates; Ansley Porter who received A-Club, Citizenship; Everleigh Porter who received A-Club, Citizenship; Lynlee Porter who received an A-Team Award, Citizenship; Caden Johnston is #1 in the Junior Class; Brylee Tucker who is #5 in the Senior Class; and Darby Tidwell who finished her year at Freed Hardeman with a 4.0 Grade Point Average! So proud of all of our young people and their academic accomplishments! Keep up the good work!

\*Please let Amy know if we have missed anyone that received an award, so we can celebrate them!

**Promoted to the Next Grade** We are so proud of each of our students who work hard and let their lights shine each and every day. Congratulations to the following on being promoted to the next grade. We recognize them not only for their academics, but their character. Congrats to Oaklynn Taylor, Mabry Truett, Ella Truett, Laynie Brown, and CJ Hinson.

**2 Weeks Until Vacation Bible School!** Vacation Bible School is just 4 weeks away! Please be praying, preparing, and inviting others to join us. We look forward to a fun and meaningful time of learning and fellowship—don't miss the opportunity to bring someone with you! If you would like to help with VBS or need more information, see James & Kim. *Check out the topics on the back page!*

**Our Youth Summer Series...** will begin on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. We will be studying the Life of Paul. It is always a lot of fun to study and learn from different Bible Class teachers each week as well as dig into God's Word together. If you would like to help, please see Kevin or Amy.

**Be Part of the Work!** Lift up our evangelism efforts in prayer, along with those on your heart and those receiving compassion cards. Continue submitting names, trusting that *“neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth”* (1 Corinthians 3:7).

**Happy Birthday to...** Mabry Truett ...May 25

**Our Deepest Sympathies to...** the family of Linda Webb, who passed away last week.

## ***Upcoming Events***

\*June 3,17 July 1,8,15,29 Youth Summer Series~Studying the Life of Paul Contact: Kevin & Amy

\*June 7 - 10 ~ Vacation Bible School ~ Be praying for this special event! Contact: James & Kim

\*July 5 ~ 4th of July Celebration at 5 P.M. - Food, Fun, Fireworks Setup: Kim A. & Amy

\*July 19 - 22 ~ Gospel Meeting with Todd Parsley Setup: Cindy, Cathy, & Joanne

## ***For the Record***

Sunday Morning Bible Class	38	Sunday Morning Worship	63
Sunday Evening Worship	39	Wednesday Evening	33
Contribution	\$3003		

## ***Pray for Those Sick Among Us...***

**Ann Bryant** is continuing to recover after hip surgery.

**Carl Bryant** is in Maury Regional dealing with pneumonia.

**Patsy Karkazis**, mother of Dean Nune, is continuing with treatments & is at home. .

**Joanna Campbell**, mother of Jennifer Talley, is continuing therapy in Life Care in Centerville.

**Brenda Horner**, mother of Amy Johnston, will see her doctor on Wednesday.

## ***Continuing Prayer Requests***

**Dealing with Cancer** - Glen Herrington, Robin Walters, Hilda Atkinson, Hayes Harrington, Dennis Edwards

**Special Requests** - Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Annis Womack, Karen Bowen, Vera Woods

## ***Pray for Those in Nursing Homes***

Fred Bowman (Murfreesboro); Jimmy Garner (Perry Co.) Joanna Campbell (Life Care Cen't.)

## ***Ongoing Prayer Reminders***

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders – Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually.

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Tomorrow is Memorial Day. For most Americans it's just another day off — a day to cook out, spend time with loved ones, maybe hit the big sale at the appliance store or the car dealership. But the holiday has a much greater significance. It dates back to just after the Civil War, when communities across the nation began setting aside a day to honor fallen Union and Confederate soldiers. After the first World War the day became a remembrance of those lost in all of America's wars. Memorial Day is for honoring the sacrifice of those who fought and died to defend and preserve our nation.

For Christians, every Sunday is “memorial day.” On this day we, like the disciples of old, gather to remember and honor the sacrifice of Jesus, who died to secure our salvation (see [Acts 20:7](#)). Our observance is simple: a memorial feast of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, in keeping with Jesus' instructions.

“While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins’” ([Matthew 26:26-28](#)).

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes” ([1 Corinthians 11:26](#)).

Just as many Americans forget the significance of Memorial Day, disciples can lose sight of the meaning of the Lord's Supper. That happened in the Corinthian church: the Supper had become nothing but a social meal pursued with selfish appetites. As a result, many of those brethren were (spiritually) “weak and sick” and some were “asleep” ([1 Corinthians 11:30](#)). The same danger faces us if we let this weekly observance become little more than a distraction or a mindless ritual. The remedy is self-examination and careful focus (verses 28-29). Never forget the meaning of Christ's memorial!