

Do We Really Have All We Need? By Jay Lauius

When it comes to Christianity and the bible, the questions seem to be endless. Not only do we inquire often about God’s will for our lives, we often debate with our friends and neighbors concerning what exactly God’s desire is for us and how we go about pleasing Him. Some say that the Lord directs their lives by laying it on their heart, while others proclaim that it is only the written word that gives us direction. With so many different ideas out there, how is a person to find the true path in which to take?

The Apostle Peter writes, “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.” (2 Peter 1:2–3) Note that Peter by inspiration says God has given us “all things” that pertain to our physical lives as well as the spiritual. By gaining knowledge about Jesus Christ and the redemption plan of salvation we obtain instruction for living and preparing for eternity. So, where do I turn to find the answers to all of my questions? Yes, you guessed it, they are in the bible.

What if I can’t find the answer I’m looking for or God simply chose not to share those things with me? What then? Even though we are encouraged by the Scriptures to grow in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18), there may be times we have to be content with the answers God gives (or doesn’t give). Remember, God said He would “supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” and “having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 9:8) Surely the Lord has sufficiently given us all the information we need to live a good life and serve Him well.



Brushy church of Christ  
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The Brushy Beacon  
“Let God’s Word Be Our Guide in 2025”  
November 2, 2025

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00
Sunday Morning Service	10:00
Sunday Evening Service	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders	Deacons
Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston Terry Banks
James Atkinson	Kevin Johnston Justin Atkinson
Tony Duncan	Caleb Truett

Preacher: Kevin Johnston

Having Compassion by Dan Jenkins

The very thought of having Jesus as our mediator is overwhelming. The amazing distance between Jehovah God and a human seems like a chasm which cannot be crossed. Yet, Jesus did this very thing! He emptied Himself and took on the form of feeble, helpless mortals. He lived among us and having returned to heaven, He received the glory He once had. The end of all of this is that we have one who understands our frailties and can sympathize with us in our troubles. One word seems to sum up so much of the way He lived among us. That word is compassion.

Compassion is almost unknown among many in our society. The heartless slaughter of the unborn, the ruthless killings in schools and workplaces and the beheading of “unbelievers” are all evidence of the absence of the godly nature of compassion. However, the problem is far greater than the extreme aspects of the heartless cruelties listed above. Study the life of Jesus and look at how often Jesus manifested compassion to those ordinary people around Him. Then, take time to look at yourself to find areas where you can be more compassionate like Him.

Jesus had compassion on the poor. In Matthew chapter 14, we read of the feeding of the 5,000. The very next day, Jesus rebuked the multitude because they only followed Him because they loved the loaves and fish He gave to them (John 6:22, 26). Yet, He fed 4,000 of them again. What is remarkable are the words found in Matthew 15:32. “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have...nothing to eat.” So few of us would understand such compassion that He had on those whose motives were so wrong.

Jesus had compassion on scattered sheep. Mark records the feeding of the 5,000 and adds another thought to the compassion of Jesus. “Jesus when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). The Good Shepherd’s heart was moved toward those who had no spiritual direction in their lives. Think about this and those “shepherd-less” people around you.

Jesus had compassion on widows. He was in village of Nain when He saw a widow ready to bury her only son. “He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep’” (Luke 7:13). There were those other religious leaders who saw helpless widows as a source of financial gain, even taking their houses from them (Matt. 23:14). Jesus’ heart was so different from theirs.

So, take time to look at yourself. How compassionate are you to others? What changes do we need to make to have the compassion of Jesus?



## Family News & Notes

**Welcome** We are so glad you are here and welcome you to a time of Bible teaching and worship. We hope you will come and worship with us again!

**Congratulations to...** Tate Atkinson, son of Justin & Emily Atkinson. He was chosen as the Dawg of the Day at Centerville Elementary on October 29! His teacher said, "He is eager to learn and share with his class. He is a good friend to everyone and is always willing to help out." Way to go, Tate!

**Food Boxes** Have you or someone you know lost SNAP or WIC benefits? We have a food pantry and would be glad to prepare a food box to help those in need. Please let Cindy Atkinson know if you need a box. This is a great evangelistic opportunity to help our community!

**Theme for 2026** Please write down your ideas and give them to Ricky Atkinson by Sunday, Dec. 14.

**Team 1 – Compassion Card Group** You will need to sign cards today in the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Tony or Cathy if you have questions. *Jim, Louise, Beverly Jim, & Pamela Brooks Dean, Cecily, Dustin Mark Gilbert Cindy, Crystal, Laynie Brad, Jacinda, Emma, Lynlee, Ansley, Everleigh Leland & Savannah*

**Fall Hayride & Chili Supper** Join us for our Fall Hayride on Saturday, November 8, at 5 P.M.! Check out the meal menu on the table. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors—it's going to be a wonderful evening filled with laughter, good food, and warm fellowship! We hope to see you there!

**A Happy Birthday to...** Ansley Porter...Nov. 2 Everleigh Porter...Nov. 2 Beverly Adams...Nov. 4

**Compassion Cards** Our mission continues—to reach those who are outside of Christ. We are committed to sharing the Gospel and studying God's Word with as many souls as we can. Take a moment to think about the people in your life who need to know Jesus. Who could we reach through a kind card, an act of benevolence, or a Bible study? Write their name on a card and place it in the box. Let's work together to bring others to Christ.

**Consider how you can show JOY this week ~ Joy Strengthens Us for Service**

*"The joy of the Lord is your strength."* — *Nehemiah 8:10*. Joy gives energy to serve, courage to endure, and hope to continue. A joyful heart inspires others to trust in God. A smiling Christian who serves with gladness preaches a sermon louder than words. Serve the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2). Let your joy in Christ overflow in your work for His church.

### Upcoming Events

\*Saturday, November 8 ~ Fall Hayride, Soup, & Chili - Contact Caleb, Paige, & David G.

\*Wednesday, November 12 ~ Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal at 6 P.M.

\*Sunday, November 23 ~ Movie Night after Evening Worship – Contact Kim A. & Crystal

\*Wednesday, November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 P.M. – Contact James A. & Kevin

\*Sunday, November 30 ~ Young Men to Conduct Services, Meal & Early Service – Kevin, Debbie, Cindy, Pamela

### For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class	39	Sunday Morning Worship	58
Sunday Evening Worship	64	Wednesday Evening	39
Contribution	\$1793		

## Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

**Ann Bryant** is continuing therapy and slowly improving at home.

**James Atkinson** continues to have issues with his eye.

**James Bryant** is better, but will have neck surgery in November.

**Helen Bryant** is in Maury Regional Hospital with pneumonia, fluid on her lungs, & heart issues.

**Cathy Duncan** continues to deal with health issues.

**Elaine Jones** Sister of Louise Adams, will have surgery in December.

**Deborah Roberts** daughter of Glenda Tanner, will have colon surgery on November 20.

**Chuck Ward** nephew of Ed & Terri Perkins, is continuing to recover and deal with health issues.

**Hazal & Emslee Taylor** twin daughters of Brice & Tori, are both home and doing well!

### Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing with Cancer - Glen Herrington, Rodney Tune

Special Requests - Chris Allen, Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Annis Womack, Karen Bowen, Vera Woods, Paul Johnston

### Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Community Living Center in Murfreesboro... Fred Bowman

### 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. (Hebrews 13:7)

### Prayer in Worship: Lifting Our Hearts Together

Prayer is a vital part of our worship to God. When we come together as the body of Christ, we are united in one purpose—to glorify our Creator and seek His will. From the very beginning, the church made prayer central to their gatherings. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." — *Acts 2:42*

In worship, prayer is more than just words spoken aloud; it is the outpouring of hearts that trust and depend on God. It reminds us of His greatness and our need for His guidance, forgiveness, and strength. When we bow our heads together, we are expressing our shared faith and devotion, joining our voices in reverence before the Lord.

Public prayer also strengthens the unity of the church. As one prays, all hearts should be joined in agreement. We are not mere spectators but participants in a sacred moment of communication with our Father in heaven. "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." *James 5:16*.

When we speak that final "Amen," we are not simply ending a prayer; we are sealing it with faith. It is our way of saying, "*We agree, Lord—this is our prayer too.*" Each "Amen" echoes unity, devotion, and confidence in God's power to answer. It reminds us that worship is not a performance, but a participation—an offering of collective faith that rises before the throne of God.

As we gather each Lord's Day, let's approach prayer with sincerity and focus. Let us listen, agree, and lift our hearts together to God, knowing He hears us. When the church prays with one spirit and one faith, the result is a congregation strengthened in love, unity, and devotion to the Lord.

