

Back to School with Christ at the Center

As the school bells ring and backpacks are filled, we enter another season of learning, growth, and opportunity. For students and teachers alike, this time of year is filled with both excitement and responsibility. Whether you walk the halls of an elementary school or stand before a class of college students, remember: your walk with Christ doesn't stop at the classroom door.

**For Students:** God calls you to grow in more than just academics. Luke 2:52 tells us, “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*” Like Jesus, you are called to grow not only in knowledge but also in character and in your relationship with God. Don’t be afraid to stand for what’s right, even when it’s hard. “*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*” (1 Timothy 4:12)  
Each day at school is a new opportunity to reflect Christ in your actions and words. Be kind, be honest, and treat others with respect. You may be the only glimpse of Jesus that someone else sees.

**For Teachers:** Your work is a ministry. You are shaping lives and planting seeds that may grow for years to come. Proverbs 22:6 says, “*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*” Every lesson you teach and every moment you spend encouraging a student matters.


Let Colossians 3:23 guide your attitude each day: “*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*” Even when it’s hard, even when you're tired, know that your efforts are seen and valued by God. You are making an eternal impact.

**To the Congregation:** Let us keep our students and teachers in prayer. James 1:5 reminds us, “*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*” Pray for wisdom, strength, patience, and courage for all returning to school. Encourage them with kind words, offer support where you can, and let them know they are not alone.

**As this new school year begins, may we all walk together in faith, leaning on the Lord and shining His light—no matter what classroom or hallway we find ourselves in.**



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# The Brushy Beacon

## “Let God’s Word Be Our Guide in 2025”

### July 27, 2025

Schedule of Services	The church of Christ at Brushy		
Sunday Bible Study 9:00	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	
Sunday Morning Service 10:00	Ricky Atkinson	Paul Johnston	Terry Banks
Sunday Evening Service 6:00	James Atkinson	Kevin Johnston	Justin Atkinson
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00	Tony Duncan	Caleb Truett	
<b>Preacher:</b> Kevin Johnston			

### What’s Next After the Gospel Meeting?

Our Gospel Meeting has come to a close, but the work of the gospel is far from finished. The lessons have been preached, the scriptures opened, hearts stirred, and visitors welcomed. Now the question for each of us is: What comes next? The days after a Gospel Meeting are just as important as the meeting itself. What we do now can help the seed of God’s Word take root and grow—not just in our hearts, but in the lives of those we invited and those who visited.

**Reflect on What You Heard** ~ James tells us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only (James 1:22). Think back to the lessons presented. Were you convicted? Encouraged? Challenged? What truth stood out most? Take time to pray and apply what you’ve learned.

**Follow Up with Visitors** ~ If someone you invited attended, don’t let the conversation end there. Reach out. Ask what they thought. Invite them back. Offer a Bible study. The Gospel Meeting may have planted the seed—but God often uses relationships to water it. “*So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.*” — 1 Corinthians 3:7


**Keep the Momentum Going** ~ A Gospel Meeting is a spiritual boost—but we’re not meant to coast afterward. Keep your zeal alive by continuing to read, study, pray, and serve. Set a new goal for spiritual growth, involvement, or outreach. “*Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.*” — Romans 12:11

**Reconnect with the Church Family** ~ The Gospel Meeting often brings members together in ways that regular routines do not. Let’s continue that closeness. Reach out to someone you haven’t talked to in a while. Strengthen fellowship. Look for new ways to serve one another in love. “*Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*” — Romans 12:10


**Encourage One Another** ~ We all need encouragement to stay strong in the Lord. Reach out to a brother or sister who was uplifted during the meeting. Check in. Pray together. Grow together. “*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*” — 1 Thess. 5:11

**Keep Sharing the Gospel** ~ The Gospel Meeting is over, but evangelism never ends. There are still souls who need the truth. Keep inviting. Keep teaching. Keep shining your light. “*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season...*” — 2 Timothy 4:2

Let’s not let the Gospel Meeting be the end of something—let it be the beginning. Let it be a spark that leads to deeper faith, stronger fellowship, and greater commitment to Christ. The work continues.



# 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!

**TEAM 4 – Compassion Card Group** You will need to sign cards TODAY. Please go to the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Terry & Debbie if you have questions. *Carl, Ann, Mason David and Jeannine David Love Clara Shannon Anita Quillen Shirley and Darby Kim, Trenton, Anna, Charlie Joanne Kardis*

**The Youth Summer Series...** will come to a close on Wednesday, July 30, with the skit performance on the Life of David! We hope you will make plans to attend.  
*\*Those in the skit & their families will meet at 6 P.M. for spaghetti and to get in one more practice before the presentation. There is a menu on the table for anyone who wishes to help.*

**Wednesday Night Adult Summer Series** Join us for our Wednesday Night Summer Series with Dale Jenkins on August 13. The following is his final lesson in this series:  
**Lesson 4: “Heaven’s Warriors: Angels and the Invisible War”**  
Direction Statement: Behind the veil of this world is a very real battle— and angels are on the front lines. In this lesson, we’ll explore how God’s messengers protect, fight, and serve within the grand narrative of spiritual warfare described in the New Testament.

**Back to School Special** Join us as we kick off the new school year with a Back to School Special on Sunday, August 3. Our Speaker will be Josh Terry. He grew up in Camden TN graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 2015 and then Harding University in 2018. He met his wife Emilie while at Harding and have been happily married for 7 years in November. They have a Handsome little boy named Roy. Emilie is the granddaughter of Clara Shannon.  
9 A.M. Bible Class: “Home Base”  
10 A.M. Worship: “Survive, Avoid, Evangelize”  
1 P.M. Evening Worship: “Church Ready”

As a new school year begins, let’s come together to encourage one another, seek God’s wisdom, and help our students and teachers start the year with purpose. We will have a potluck meal and early evening service on this day!

**Our Gospel Meeting** We had a great Gospel Meeting with Jerrie Barber last week! We appreciate the way he presents lessons and always challenges us to walk away with a mustard seed. We learned so much through the parable of the soils. He taught us that we can be all of these soils at one point or another in our lives. We appreciate everyone who attended, invited others, and helped in any way!

**Remember to...** pray for our Evangelism Efforts, the people you would like to reach, and those who are receiving the compassion cards. Please continue to turn in names for compassion cards. We know that God will add the increase for these efforts.

**Our Evangelism Table** Don’t forget our Evangelism Table at the back of the auditorium. There are books, CD’s, Bible Tracks, and various Bible Study Materials that are very useful tools in sharing the gospel. Please feel free to pick up anything you wish!

## Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

**Paul Johnston** is recovering at home and doing a little better.  
**Annis Womack** continues to deal with health issues and does not feel well.  
**James Bryant** will have hip surgery on August 13.  
**Lois Gilbert** is doing about the same while under hospice care.  
**Jett Owsley** 5-year-old with a rare brain cancer, will go to Chicago August 5/to get a dose of special med.  
**Elaine Jones** Sister of Louise Adams, is continuing chemotherapy treatments.  
**Linda Peerman** Grandmother of Leland and Emma, is recovering at home.  
**Brenda Chamberlain** Aunt of Willie Love, is dealing with health issues.  
**John Porter** father of Brad Porter, is at home and improving.

### Continuing Prayer Requests

Dealing with Cancer - Glen Herrington, Rodney Tune, Tina Kvapil, Christopher Hall  
Special Requests - Chris Allen, Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Randy Dotson, Colleen Perkins  
Alaina Rylie, Annis Womack, Blake Furr, Karen Bowen, Vera Woods, Brad McGee

### 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)

### Upcoming Events\*

\*Wednesday, July 30 ~ Youth Summer Series Presents the Life of David  
\*August 3 ~ Back to school Special with Josh Terry – Setup Pamela & Crystal  
\*Wednesday, August 13 ~ Adult Wednesday Night Summer Series with Dale Jenkins  
\*August 17 ~ Golden Age Banquet Planning Meeting – All Those Under 60  
\*August 24 ~ Planning Session for the next 6 Months at 5 P.M.  
\*August 31 ~ Special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with Mark Blackwelder – Setup Emily & Paige

### For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class		Sunday Morning Worship	
Sunday Evening	Monday Evening	Tuesday Evening	Wednesday Evening
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**Avoid Harshness and Pride** *“Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.” – Proverbs 11:12* We must never talk down to others or act superior. Kindness begins with humility. Understanding someone’s background, pain, or doubts goes a long way in building trust.