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### October 12, 2025

Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements	Barry Mayes		
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves		
First Prayer	Mike Mullins		
Reading	Jason Vandegriff		
Scripture	Ephesians 5:25-28		
Lord's Table	Willie Newby		
Sermon	Josh Robinson		

Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Barry Mayes
	Stanley Graves
	Don Sullivan
	David McColloch
	2 Peter 3:9-10
	Brandon Fuston
•••••	Kane Newby
Sermon	Cole Walker
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jared Mullican
Lead Singing	Lincoln Sain
First Prayer	Joseph Stiles
Reading	Eddie Palmer
Invitation	
Dismiss	Herb Rowland

#### Record for the Week of Sept. 28...

A.M. Worship	191
Bible Study	132
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	87
Contribution	

#### **Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact Brandon Fuston (931) 235-3248

Ushers:Joe Maynard, K	urt Maynard, Rodney Maynard
Un/Lock Building:	Cory Prince, Jeff Flatt
Assist Baptisms:	Cynthia Duncan
Pantry Item:	Saltine or Ritz Crackers
Check Pantry:	Susan Pryor
Check Kitchen:	Jane Flatt
Check Workroom:	Stephanie McColloch
Video	Tommy Turner
Elder Closing Remarks	Allen Hughes

#### **Van Driver**

Sunday AM & PM	Cory Prince
Wednesday PM	Chris Snow

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#### Radio Program

Each Sunday at 1:00 PM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

#### TV Program

Each Sunday at 11:00 AM on BLTV Channel 6

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		David McColloch	Jared Mullican
		Mike Mullins	Cory Prince
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#### **Shut-In At Home**

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother) W.C. & Nelma Chilton **lanice Foster** Mvra Bell Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton Sarah Kell Corretta Lawrence Daisy Maxwell Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister) Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother) **Howard Witty** Gail Crouch (No Visits) Goodie Webb (Susan Pryor's aunt) Maggie Hurst Glenda Ferrell lean Williams

#### **NHC**

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110) Morris Griffith #301 Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412 Cathy Hennessee #408

#### **Brookdale Retirement Center**

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

#### **Riverview Terrace**

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110) Anna Jean Bond #B4

#### **Vanderbilt Medical Center**

(1211 Medical Center Drive, Nashville, TN 37232) Mike York - Burn Center

## **Upcoming Area Events:**

Harmony church of Christ will host a night of singing on October 17th.

Hebron church of Christ will host the H.E.Y. program on October 19th at 5pm.

Campaign church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 20-23. Guest speaker Chris Whitaker.

West Riverside church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on October 25. Guest speaker Amanda Key.

Jericho church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 26-28.

Hwy 56 church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on November I.

Arlington church of Christ will host a night of singing on November 7th.

Noah church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on November 8. Guest Speaker Hannah Colley.

West Riverside church of Christ is hosting the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies each Thursday night through November 20. Classes at 6 & 7pm.

## To our Church Family...

Beloved brethren, as we prepare to leave for vacation in Panama City, Florida, we want to express our love and gratitude for each of you. The Lord has blessed us with such a wonderful church family, and though we will be away for a short time, you remain in our hearts and prayers. Paul wrote, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (2 Thessalonians 3:18, NKJV). May the Lord keep you strong in faith and united in love until we return. We look forward to worshiping together again soon. God bless each of you!

Stiles Family

# Brotherly Kindness: A Vital Christian Virtue

The inspired apostle Peter, in his second epistle, gives a list of virtues that Christians are to diligently add to their faith. He writes: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Peter 1:5-7). Among these essential graces, Peter includes brotherly kindness, which deserves careful attention from every child of God.

Brotherly kindness is not simply a suggestion—it is a divine requirement. It flows directly from the love of God and reflects the unity that Christ prayed for among His followers (John 17:20-21). Let us consider what brotherly kindness means, how it is demonstrated, and why it is essential for the faithful Christian walk.

The word translated "brotherly kindness" in 2 Peter 1:7 comes from the Greek word 'philadelphia' ( $\phi\iota\lambda\alpha\delta\epsilon\lambda\phi(\alpha)$ , which literally means "love of the brethren." It is a deep affection that Christians are to have for one another, rooted in the fact that we are members of God's family. The church is not a mere human institution but the body of Christ, purchased with His precious blood (Acts 20:28).

Thus, brotherly kindness is not optional; it is the natural outworking of our new relationship in Christ. As John writes, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 John 3:14). To be without brotherly kindness is to be without evidence of eternal life.

Brotherly kindness begins with the recognition of God's love toward us. Paul wrote: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Since God showed His love to us when we were undeserving, we must reflect that love toward others—even when they may fall short.

Jesus Himself gave the perfect example of love and service in washing the disciples' feet (John 13:14-15). He then commanded, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Brotherly kindness, therefore, is a testimony to the world of the authenticity of our faith.

The Scriptures give us many practical ways to demonstrate brotherly kindness in the church:

- 1. Bearing One Another's Burdens Gal. 6:2
- 2. Forgiving One Another Ephesians 4:32
- 3. Preferring One Another Romans 12:10
- Supporting the Weak Romans 15:1
- 5. Hospitality Hebrews 13:1-2

Why is brotherly kindness so vital in the church of Christ? It Maintains Unity, Encourages Growth, Honors Christ, and It Prepares Us for Heaven.

The lack of brotherly kindness is a serious spiritual problem. Where there is envy, backbiting, gossip, or coldness among brethren, the cause of Christ suffers. John makes it plain: "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20). Without brotherly kindness, we cannot truly claim to love God.

Brotherly kindness is not a mere courtesy; it is a command of God, rooted in the very essence of the Christian faith. It grows out of our love for God and is shown in our love for His people. It is indispensable in maintaining unity, strengthening the body, and glorifying God.

Peter reminds us that adding brotherly kindness to our faith ensures that we will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:8). Let us, then, resolve to cultivate this virtue diligently, remembering always that we are members one of another (Romans 12:5). In doing so, we reflect the love of Christ and shine as lights in a darkened world.

**Derrick Stiles** 

