

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsWillie Newby
Lead SingingBarry Mayes
First PrayerRonnie Hoover
ReadingKen Martin
ScriptureJohn 4:46-50
Lord's TableTim Gann
SermonDerrick Stiles
DismissBobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

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First PrayerMike Mullins
ReadingJoseph Stiles
ScriptureEcclesiastes 12:11-14
Lord's TableRonnie Prince
.....Cory Prince
SermonZach Martin
DismissKelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsJeff Flatt
Lead SingingEddie Palmer
First PrayerDanny Duncan
ReadingDale Bennett
InvitationDon Sullivan
DismissDarron Dixon

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship158
Bible Study126
P.M. Worship114
Wednesday Bible Study82
Contribution\$5722

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

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Check Kitchen: Marsha Collins
Check Workroom:.....Kara Fuston
VideoCaleb Graves
Elder Closing RemarksAllen Hughes

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Sunday AM & PMJared Mullican
Wednesday PMStan Hillis

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Services

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	
	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM	

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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Sick

At Home:

Daniel Schilinger
Susan Pryor

In Hospital:

Stan Clendenon - St Thomas Rutherford #753

Surgery:

Mary Ashford - Knee surgery on July 24

Upcoming Area Events

Highland church of Christ will host a Friends & Family Day July 27.

Jericho church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 27-30. Different guest Speaker each night.

Bethlehem church of Christ will host a VBS on July 27-31.

Browntown church of Christ will host a ladies day on August 9th. Guest Speaker Gina Alexander Greenlee.

Findlay church of Christ will host a Christian Conference on August 8-10. Derrick Stiles to speak at the 10am session on Saturday morning.

Unity church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13. Guest Speaker Robby Eversole, Sr.

East End church of Christ will host a Summer Series each Sunday night from July 6th through August 17. Theme: 'Armor of God.'

Family Devotional...

There will be a family devotional night on August 3rd. This will be after evening services at the ballfields at the Milner Recreation Center. Everyone is invited for a period of devotion, games and great

food. Mark your calendars in preparation for this good work!

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this Sunday evening, July 27, at 5 PM.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this Sunday, July 27, following services.

Welcome...

New addition to our church family. We want to welcome Michael, Heather, Wilhem and Samuel Pack. Please encourage them as they begin a phase in their walk with God.

Birthday Wednesday!

Wednesday night July 30 our youth group will celebrate birthday's for our youth from June - August! They will meet in the fellowship hall!

Bible Bowl Meeting

Sunday August 10th the churches of Christ in Warren County will use the Bybee Branch auditorium to meet regarding the 2025-26 Bible Bowl. We will be discussing testing and format for this years session of Bible Bowl. This meeting will be at 2pm.

Congrats Seth & Haley Graves

Congratulations to Seth & Haley Graves in the future arrival of Rylee Claire Graves. A gift table has been prepared in the Secretary's office in honor of the long anticipated arrival of this precious child. Please leave gift or card on the desk by July 30.

Summer Series: Zack Martin

This Sunday evening is the last night of our Summer Series with the theme: "Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth." The last lesson will be presented by brother Zack Martin on 'Interpreting Wisdom Literature.' Brother Martin currently serves as Instructor of Historical Theology and Dean of Students at HCU

What lies before us? Part I

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." — *Philippians 3:13–14, NKJV*

Every Christian has a past, but praise be to God—we are not prisoners of it. Whether it's a past full of mistakes, regrets, or even great successes, Scripture teaches us not to live backward but forward. As Paul so powerfully says in Philippians, we are to forget what is behind and press on toward Christ.

1. The Burden of the Past

The past has a way of lingering. Sometimes it's the memory of sin we've committed before we obeyed the gospel. Other times, it's mistakes we've made even after becoming Christians. There are also personal hurts, failures, and disappointments that weigh us down emotionally and spiritually.

Satan loves to weaponize our past. He wants to remind us of who we were so we forget who we are *in Christ*. He accuses, he shames, and he distracts us from our mission (Revelation 12:10). But when God forgives, He *remembers our sins no more* (Hebrews 8:12). If God has let it go, why should we hold on?

Holding on to guilt that has already been forgiven is not humility—it's unbelief. We must believe that the blood of Jesus is truly sufficient to cleanse us (1 John 1:7). We are not defined by what we've done but by what Jesus has done for us.

2. Biblical Examples of Moving Forward

Paul, who penned Philippians, is the perfect example. Before becoming an apostle, he persecuted Christians, dragging them from their homes and approving their deaths (Acts 8:1–3; Acts 9:1–2). He described himself as the "chief" of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet after encountering Christ, he did not let his shame paralyze him. He

accepted grace and spent the rest of his life pressing forward.

King David also made tragic mistakes—adultery, deceit, and even murder. But when he repented, God forgave him, and David continued to seek after God's heart (Psalm 51; Acts 13:22). Even Peter, who denied Jesus three times, found restoration and purpose (John 21:15–19). Their stories teach us that God is not finished with us when we fail. He redeems broken pasts and uses them for His glory.

3. Forgetting Does Not Mean Erasing

When Paul says "forgetting those things which are behind," he does not mean a literal erasure of memory. Paul often recalled his past (Galatians 1:13) as a testimony to God's grace. Instead, he meant that the past no longer controlled or defined his present.

There is a difference between learning from the past and living in it. The past may explain us, but it does not excuse us—and it does not own us. God can use even the worst parts of our history as instruments of His mercy and power. Joseph told his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). That's what God can do with your past.

Conclusion: Press On

What lies behind you may explain part of your story—but it does not define you. In Christ, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Forget what is behind. Reach forward to what is ahead. Keep your eyes on Jesus. The best is not behind you—it's ahead of you.

"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." — *Hebrews 12:1–2*

Let's run with joy. Let's press on. Let's look forward to Christ.

Derrick Stiles