

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 1, 2026

Song: **562** – *Stepping in the Light*

Song: **319** – *I Need Thee Every Hour*

First prayer: **Shane Upton**

Song: **92** – *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion servers: **Mark Brandt & Larry Simmons**

Prayer for giving: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **621** – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Sermon: “*Christ in Colossians*” – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **411** – *Just as I Am*

Closing song: **389** – *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

Closing prayer: **Adam Bentley**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Sherlene – skin cancer
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue’s siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Mernie’s sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy anniversary to **Shane & Alyssa Upton** (tomorrow)!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)
- www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist-

RECORD FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026 (no svc 1/25/26)

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 13 AM Worship – 13 Sun PM – 9 DBR – 5 Wed (1/28) – 8

Contribution – \$1525

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Sunday Bible class: 9am **Worship** 10am & 12:30pm **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

Matthew 9:37-38 “*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.*”

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THE VALUE OF OLDER CHRISTIANS

“Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord” (Lev. 19:32). Some definitions are in order. *Hoary* is the Hebrew word *seybah* (say-baw) meaning gray, or gray hairs, symbolizing old age. *Old man* is the Hebrew word *zaqen* (zaw-kane’) meaning older man or woman. The conclusion for our learning (Rom. 15:4) is that all older people should be respected and honored because of their old age. Of course, there are older people who live foolishly as though there is no God (Psa. 14:1; 53:1). However, even the aged wino, bum, and prostitute should receive some respect because of their age, maybe in the way of a greeting or answer, “Hello sir,” or “no ma’am.”

Older people that live for the Lord are esteemed by God, “The hoary head is a crown of glory, If it be found in the way of righteousness” (Pro. 16:31). God is praising the “spiritual work” in their life. Unfortunately, many brethren have concluded that older Christians are all but useless. They can no longer knock doors, cut the yard, pass communion trays, teach young children, or do a host of other things they used to do. But notice what God says about His older faithful servants, “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age” (Psa. 92:14). Older members, and all Christians for that matter, should always continue, “abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

The problem older Christians face is one of ignorance from the very ones they are supposed to “pass the torch to.” Far too many brethren want to put these valuable servants “out to pasture,” because of their inability to see their worth. Because age has now rendered them unable to do the physical things they used to do before the “evil days” (Ecc. 12:1), but they most certainly are still capable of making spiritual contributions to the brethren and community through their examples and wisdom.

Just think of it, where would we be without older Christians? If you were to dissect the local congregation into groups, they are the most punctual to our services. They are the ones most likely to have their Bible. Percentage-wise, they are the best givers. They are the wisest, “in length of days understanding” (Job 12:12). Rehoboam made a grave mistake, not listening to the older faithful men (1 Kin. 12). Older Christians are the most faithful in attendance. They come on crutches, walkers, in wheelchairs, or leaning on someone’s arm. They come with oxygen masks and tanks. They come in pain and in discomfort. They come to worship God, learn of Him, and live for Him! Older Christians are examples of the type of dedication it takes to go to heaven!

Richard Stevens III

WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

Preachers and church members often ask why people don’t seem to be interested in spiritual things anymore. The problem of apathy toward the things of God is not really a new problem at all.

The children of Israel who experienced the first Passover, crossed the Red Sea on dry land and ate the manna from heaven constantly complained and wished to go back to Egypt. In the days of Ezra, the people neglected the Temple of God to work on their own houses. In Jesus’ day, the people ate the bread and the fish that the Lord multiplied but had no appetite for the Bread which came down from Heaven. One after another, they went away (John 6:66-69).

Jesus must have been heartbroken when He asked His disciples if they would go away too. Peter boldly spoke, “...Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68 NKJV). How much better to fill our souls with the Word

of the Lord than to fill our stomachs with food. Job said, “...I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food” (Job 23:12).

How hungry are we for the Word of the Lord? We rarely miss filling our bellies at least three times a day. Are we hungry enough to eat and drink from the Word of God at every opportunity? Do we attend each session of our Gospel meetings? Do we attend all of the Bible classes? Do we listen to sermons from the Bible? Do we read and study our Bibles at home? Do we pray for wisdom, understanding and faith to apply God’s Word to our lives?

The only way for us to have eternal life is through the Scriptures – the Word of God – by which we come to know the saving message of Christ. People around us are spiritually starved and spiritually dying, and yet, they don’t know it. Let this not be said of us. Jesus is the Bread of life (John 6:48). Having Jesus in our hearts and lives is vital to sustaining spiritual life. There is no other one Who can give us eternal life. Make it your aim to make the most of every opportunity to take in the message of Christ for the eternal life He offers to you.

Roger Wright

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. **HEAR THE WORD**
Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
2. **BELIEVE IN JESUS**
John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **John 8:24** – “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
3. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS**
Luke 13:3–“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” **Acts 17:30**–“And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” **2 Corinthians 7:10**–“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”
4. **CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD**
Romans 10:9-10–“if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
5. **BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS**
Mark 16:16–“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”; **Acts 2:38**–“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”; **Acts 22:16**–“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”; **1 Peter 3:21**–“...baptism doth also now save us...”
6. **REMAIN FAITHFUL**
1 Corinthians 15:58–“Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; **Colossians 1:23**–“...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard”; **Revelation 2:10**–“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”