

# Central Courier

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## Minister's Moment—Here I Am!

Who would like to pray this morning for Bible Study? Who would like to read our text this evening? Who would like to share with the group today? Sometimes those requests are responded to quickly while other times all you hear is the sound of crickets in the distance. It seems we often have an aversion to volunteering. I don't want to be put on the spot, I'm not sure I know the right things to say, and I don't want to be saddled with the responsibility. We all know the struggle, our time is short, and our schedules are long. Anonymity in a fortress of solitude is our request. I am glad to be a part as long as the part I play is hidden, obscure, and generally easy to accomplish. Is any of this sounding familiar? As much as we might want to play a part that is less than visible that isn't always the role God has in mind for us. (By the way, the opposite can also be true; sometimes we might want to be out front and visible to all, and God calls us behind the scenes.) The real determining factor in where we should serve should be where does God want us to serve.

Do you remember the response of Isaiah after he had a vision of the Lord on His Throne?

**Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."**

Truth is, what other response to God can there possibly be? Once we come face to face with the greatness, holiness, graciousness, and love of God how could we possibly respond with, I'm not sure I can do that for you Lord? Yet, how often do we do exactly that?

Look with me at just a few of the People God chose to use. Moses, a fugitive from the most powerful man in the world at the time, wanted for murder, has been raising sheep for 4 decades, and he has a stuttering problem, yet God calls on him to be His spokesman and to lead His people out of slavery. David the runt of the litter, another sheepherder, who was looked over by his own father and by God's Prophet Samuel, yet God calls on him to be King of Israel. Or what about Elijah, a prophet that battled depression, ran away because of threats from a female politician, wanted to die, and hid out in a cave, yet God called him while in the midst of all his struggles to be His mighty mouthpiece in this world.

Have we figured out the point yet? God doesn't pick us because of what we bring to the table but rather He uses us in accordance to what He brings to the table, and He brings it all to the table, even the table. I have often repeated what I have needed to be reminded of throughout my life, "God doesn't need my abilities, all He needs is my availability."






**2 Peter 1:3 - By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.**

**Philippians 4:13 - For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.**

**2 Corinthians 4:6,7 - For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.**

God is calling you and me into an amazing adventure with Him. He has called us into the rescuing the lost and hopeless mission, the serving and loving the hurting ministry, and the shine as an ambassador of His department. The only acceptable response to God's call is Here I am, send me. Will you answer His call?

# September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>Vacation Bible School 2026</b> <b>June 14-18</b>  <b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>5am</b> -Men's Group	<b>3</b> <b>4pm</b> -Ladies Group <b>5:15pm</b> -C4 Family meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Program Practice	<b>4</b> <b>5:15pm</b> -Happy Valley Football Meal  <b>5:20pm</b> - 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  <b>5:30pm</b> -Connection Group Launch Meal	<b>8</b>    <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>9</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group  <b>10am</b> -Ladies Craft Group	<b>10</b> <b>4pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -C4 Family meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Program Practice	<b>11</b> <div>— Volunteer at BMS Fall Race —</div>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Last day for Youth Concert sign-up <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  2:30pm-Homeless Meal <b>6pm</b> -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Grps-various times	<b>15</b>    <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>16</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group	<b>17</b> <b>4pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -C4 Family meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Program Practice	<b>18</b>  <b>5:20pm</b> - 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>10am</b> -Combined Worship (Followed by a Fellowship meal)  <b>1pm</b> -Deacon's Meeting <b>No Groups Meeting tonight</b>	<b>22</b>    <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>23</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group	<b>24</b> <b>4pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -C4 Family meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Program Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Fall Festival</b> 11am-3pm
<b>28</b> \$50 TCTC Deposit Due  <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  <b>6pm</b> -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Grps-various times	<b>29</b>    <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>30</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group		 <b>EAST TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN HOME &amp; ACADEMY</b>  <b><u>Needed for September</u></b>  Cleaning products with Bleach: Lysol spray, disinfectant wipes, Pine Sol, Scrubbing Bubbles		



- 1-Betty Davis

3-Donna Hughes

3-Jill Hughes

3-Henry Turbyfield

4-David McKinney

5-Anne Estep

6-Kelsie Estep

7-Marcia Haley

7-Kimber Winningham

11-Courtney Dailey

11-Kemp Haley

12-Michael Hyden

15-Debbie Vance

16-Ezra Fowler
- 17-Tom Caraway

17-Stephanie McKeehan

17-Robin Pearman

17-Levi Wolfe

18-Carmella Price

19-Kitty Hendrix

19-Layne Hughes

19-Stephen Turbyfield

21-Judy Clark

22-Julie Murphy

24-Owen Moody

26-Pam Jackson

27-Dallas Vance

30-Azariah Payne


- 9-Larry & Bonnie Hoover

9-Bryan & Jill Hughes

18-Keith & Melissa Carr

25-David & Theresa King

27-Matthew & McKenzie Miller

27-Joe & Sheila Hughes
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The famous question is asked for the first time.

# September 2025

## Workers' Schedule

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### ***Children's Ministries***

#### **Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:**

7: Maddie Kelly, Sharon Hammons  
Abigail Kelly/Kimber Winningham

14: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly,  
Theresa King & Mikkayla King

21: Jennica Norman, Nancy LeMay  
Lori Whitson & Elias Norman

28: Ashley Church, Sarah Turbyfield  
Courtney Dailey & Lori Whitson

#### **Nursery 2nd Worship:**

7: Karen Robey & Summer Hyden  
14: Lori Whitson & Shelby Canosa  
21: Combined Worship  
28: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe

#### **Preschool 2nd Worship:**

7: Jenny Turbyfield  
14: Carolyn Caraway  
21: Combined Worship  
28: Connie Wade

#### **Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:**

7: Leora Hendrix  
14: Lori Smith  
21: Combined Worship  
28: Lori VanDyke

#### **Kid's Worship:**

7: Janice Greene  
14: Allen & Tasha Dykes  
21: Family Sunday  
28: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe

### ***Worship Ministries***

#### **Communion Meditations:**

#### **Worship #1 & 2**

7: Brad McKeehan  
14: Larry Hammons  
21: Garrett Townsend  
28: Andrew Norman

#### **Sound Room:**

7: Daniel Hill, Josh Carter  
& Ian Wolfe  
14: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Ian Wolfe  
21: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Wayne Turbyfield  
28: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Ian Wolfe

#### **Brew Crew:**

7: Jessica Greene  
14: Lori Whitson  
21: Combined Worship  
28: Larry & Sharon Hammons

#### **Medical Attendant:**

7: Terry Turbyfield  
14: Bonnie Hoover  
21: Jill Hughes  
28: Janet Wolfe

#### **Worship #1 Greeters:**

7: David & Theresa King  
14: Russell & Megan Vines  
21: Tom & Terry Turbyfield  
28: Steve & Julia Strazay

#### **Worship #2 Greeters:**

7: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes  
14: Kemp & Marcia Haley  
21: Larry & Sharon Hammons  
28: Everett & Lori Smith

#### **Welcome Team**

7: Paul & Courtney Dailey  
14: Jeremiah & Allison McClain  
21: Dan & Nancy LeMay  
28: Bryan & Jill Hughes

#### **Service Attendants:**

7: Blue Team  
14: Orange Team  
21: Red Team  
28: White Team





# Family Ministry Moments

Jeremiah's Contact info:

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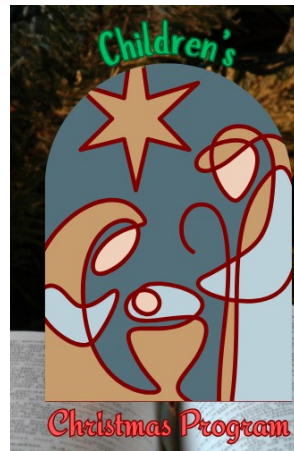


Wednesdays  
at 6:30pm

Great news—we're growing! This means more opportunities for our kids. We're now offering two new age groups for the Wednesday night kids' ministry, matching the breakdown of our Sunday School classes. These two classes occur at 6:30 pm. during Wednesday Bible Study.

**Lower Elementary (K-2nd Grade):** Meets in the classroom behind the coffee and snacks area.

**Upper Elementary (3rd-5th Grade):** Meets in the Upper Room.



**Do you want your child to be part of the Christmas Program this Year?**

Great! We do too! K-5th Grade kids practice will begin on September 3rd at 6:30pm. At that time we will provide a YouTube link to the songs so they can practice at home too!

Pre-school kids will practice their song in their Sunday School class.



Wednesdays  
at 6:30pm

**Wednesday nights are moving! (Temporarily)**

We will be relocating C4 Students to the pavilion starting on September 3rd. After the Wednesday night meal all of the 6th-12th grade students should just stay in the pavilion. We are making this change to accommodate the children's Christmas play program practice beginning.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ **UNLEASHED CONFERENCE** — SEPTEMBER 7TH — MEET AT C4: 4PM — ITS FREE!!

⇒ **NACHO AVERAGE GAME NIGHT** — COMING IN OCTOBER

⇒ **SKILLET JEREMY CAMP** — COST \$25 PER STUDENT. MUST REGISTER WITH JEREMIAH BY SEPT. 14TH

⇒ **tennessee christian teen convention** — **January 9-11, 2026** — **\$50 Deposit Due Sept. 28**  
**Total cost: \$150 per student**  
**\*\*Price increases if registered after Sept 28th**

## September Sunday School Lesson Schedule



### Adults/Youth:

September 7: Unit 4 Session 4	—	God's Miraculous Provision (Exodus 16)
September 14: Unit 4 Session 5	—	God's Miraculous Presence (Exodus 17)
September 21: Combined Worship		
September 28: Unit 4 Session 2	—	God's Good Law (Exodus 20)

### Children:

September 7: Unit 4 Session 4	—	God Provided for His People (Exodus 16)
September 14: Unit 4 Session 5	—	Moses Led the Israelites (Exodus 17)
September 21: Combined Worship		
September 28: Unit 4 Session 2	—	The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)



# Combined Worship Sunday, September 20th

**10:00am**

**Followed by a Carry-In Fellowship meal**



On Sunday, September 7th, at 5:30pm, we will launch our Connection Groups with a Carry-in Meal at the pavilion! Most groups will be meeting on Sunday nights but they are not limited to that time. Plan now to get involved!



On Sunday, September 14th, we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. Meet at the church at 2:30pm to prepare food, deliver it and serve it. See Billy Murphy to volunteer!

There will be carry-in Fellowship meal on Sunday, September 20th, following combined worship. The church will provide grilled chicken, please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks for your family and to share with visitors. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!



On Thursday, September 4th & 18th, we will be serving in the community for Thursday Serveday! We will gather at 5:20pm on those Thursdays and head out to serve together in the community! Bring tools, gloves, etc. If you are interested in serving and want more information, contact Lori Whitson or Josh Carter!



## Fall Festival

The Annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday, September 27th, 11am-3pm! There will be cake walks, bake sale, concessions, fried pies and inflatables! This event is something that we look forward to each year and it takes many volunteers to pitch in and get it done! The funds raised will go toward paying off the new church van!

### Items we are seeking:

- ⇒ Canned drinks
- ⇒ Individual bags of chips
- ⇒ Cakes (to sale and for cake walk)
- ⇒ Pies
- ⇒ Cookies, brownies, fudge and candies
- ⇒ Fresh market items
- ⇒ Home canned goods
- ⇒ Baskets (see examples in foyer)
- ⇒ Volunteers! Lots of volunteers!
- ⇒ There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to volunteer for inflatables!



Come join us at our Family Meals at 5:15-6:00 each Wednesday at the pavilion! (And then stay for Bible Study at 6:30)

- 3: Mexican Night
- 10: Chili & Baked potatoes
- 17: Ranch Subs, Mac n Cheese, Chips, salad
- 24: Breakfast for Dinner & Donuts