

# Central Courier

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## Minister's Moment—Grab Em by the Beard

Have you ever skimmed through scripture because you have read over it so many times you think you know what it says? It is easy to do. We are familiar with this or that passage so when we get to it we kind of skip ahead believing there is nothing new for us to see or learn from a passage. To my shame I have done that far too often; a fact that became abundantly clear a few weeks ago. Our Tuesday morning Men's Connection Group were sharing when a passage came up. It was where David declares why he is able to defeat Goliath. Truth be told I have read the passage quite often and heard it or referred to it many other times. That morning however my eyes were opened to something new that I had somehow missed, probably because I had skimmed past it without giving it the attention it deserved. Here is the passage.

**1 Samuel 17:32-35 - Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death.**

Did you hear what David said, if the bear or lion turns on him he would catch it by the jaw? Listen to that part in the KJV.

**1 Samuel 17:34,35 KJV - And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.**

David said he would catch the bear or lion by the beard and slay it.

Truth is I had never seen that before, somehow for all these years that verse had escaped my attention. I knew David had killed both bear and lion but in my mind he had done it from a distance, at least club length away. But scripture is clear, David was up close and personal with his enemies. He was in hand to hand combat with those forces that wanted to destroy the flock. Can you imagine being a teenager and wrestling a lamb from the mouth of a bear or lion? I would have honestly simply considered a few lambs the price of doing business but not David.

You might be thinking, okay that is an interesting fact but what does that have to do with me? That is a great question. Here is the answer, sometimes it is not enough to fire off arrows or lob grenades from a far. Sometimes we have to get up close and personal with the enemies that are trying to scatter the Lord's flock. We are eager to live out our faith surrounded by Christians behind the walls of the Church building but God is calling us to eagerly live out our faith in the presence of the lost and even face to face with those who want to silence us.

**Ephesians 6:10-13 - A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.**






Sisters and Brothers, we've been called by God to Stand Up for Him. More often than not, that is going to require us to get up close and personal. It isn't something we can do from a far, we are going to have to jump into the fray, grab em by the beard, and fight for what is right and what is true. Who will accept God's Call?

# October 2025



**Vacation Bible  
School 2026  
June 14-18**

**SAVE THE DATE!**


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>Vacation Bible School 2026 June 14-18</b> <b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>			<b>1</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>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  <b>6pm</b> -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Grps-various times	<b>6</b>  <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group  <div>Men's Golf Retreat</div>	<b>7</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group  <b>10am</b> -Ladies Craft Group	<b>8</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>9</b>  <div>Women of Joy Conference, Pigeon Forge</div>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> *Women return from WOJ <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  <b>2:30pm</b> -Homeless Meal  <b>6pm</b> -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Grps-various times	<b>13</b>  <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>14</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group  <b>10am</b> -Ladies Craft Group	<b>15</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>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>8am</b> -
<b>19</b> <b>10am</b> -Combined Worship (Followed by a Fellowship meal)  <b>1pm</b> -Deacon's Meeting  <b>No Groups Meeting tonight</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>21</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group	<b>22</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>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <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>27</b>  <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	<b>28</b> <b>5am</b> -Men's Group	<b>29</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>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>6pm-8pm</b> - 	

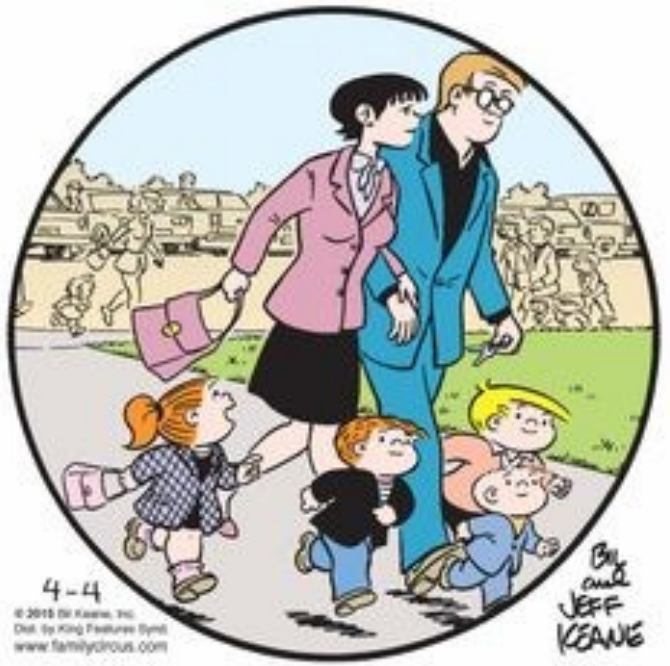


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5-Eva Canosa  
5-Saylm Reed  
7-Keith Carr  
8-Lori Whitson  
10-Eileen Hendrix  
11-Atlas Bradshaw  
11-Maggie Turbyfield  
12-Diane Phillips  
13-Patrick Kelly  
13-Richard Norris  
17-Megan Ellis  
18-Dianna McKinney  
18-Danny Ward  
22-Rachel Haley

22-Sheila Hughes  
22-Matt Peters  
24-Grayson Norris  
25-Connie Wade  
26-Siana Robey  
27-Alan Taylor  
27-Betty Ellis  
28-Eddie Fain  
28-Trinity Greene  
28-Anna Grace Pennington  
29-Abigail Kelly  
29-Remington Sisk  
31-Linda Johnson

- 4-Steve & Christy Burrough  
5-Josh & Mahala Forbes  
8-Steve & Julia Strazay  
9-Jamie & Alison Lundy  
24-Mike & Sharaya Sisk

  
happy anniversary



**"I like it when everyone in church  
sings about that Ollie Louya guy."**

# October 2025

## Workers' Schedule

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

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

5: Sharon Hammons, Meghan Vines  
Lori Whitson & Kimber Winningham  
12: Sarah Turbyfield, Julie Yunker  
& Courtney Dailey, Elias Norman  
19: Rebecca Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly  
Maddie Kelly, Abigail Kelly,  
& Lori Whitson  
26: Theresa King & Mikkayla King  
Ashley Church & Lori Whitson

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

5: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe  
12: Summer Hyden & Shelby Canosa  
19: Combined Worship  
26: Karen Robey & Jennica Norman

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

5: Jenny Turbyfield  
12: Carolyn Caraway  
19: Combined Worship  
26: Connie Wade

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

5: Leora Hendrix  
12: Lori Smith  
19: Combined Worship  
26: Lori VanDyke

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

5: Janice Greene  
12: Allen & Tasha Dykes  
19: Family Sunday  
26: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe

### ***Worship Ministries***

#### **Communion Meditations:**

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

5: Jamie Lundy  
12: Bill Turbyfield  
19: Lee Morrow  
26: Tom Caraway

#### **Sound Room:**

5: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Ian Wolfe  
12: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Ian Wolfe  
19: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Wayne Turbyfield  
26: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Ian Wolfe

#### **Brew Crew:**

5: Jessica Greene  
12: Needed  
19: Combined Worship  
26: Larry & Sharon Hammons

#### **Medical Attendant:**

5: Jill Hughes  
12: Janet Wolfe  
19: Julia Strazay  
26: Bonnie Hoover

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

5: David & Theresa King  
12: Tom & Terry Turbyfield  
19: Russell & Megan Vines  
26: Steve & Julia Strazay

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

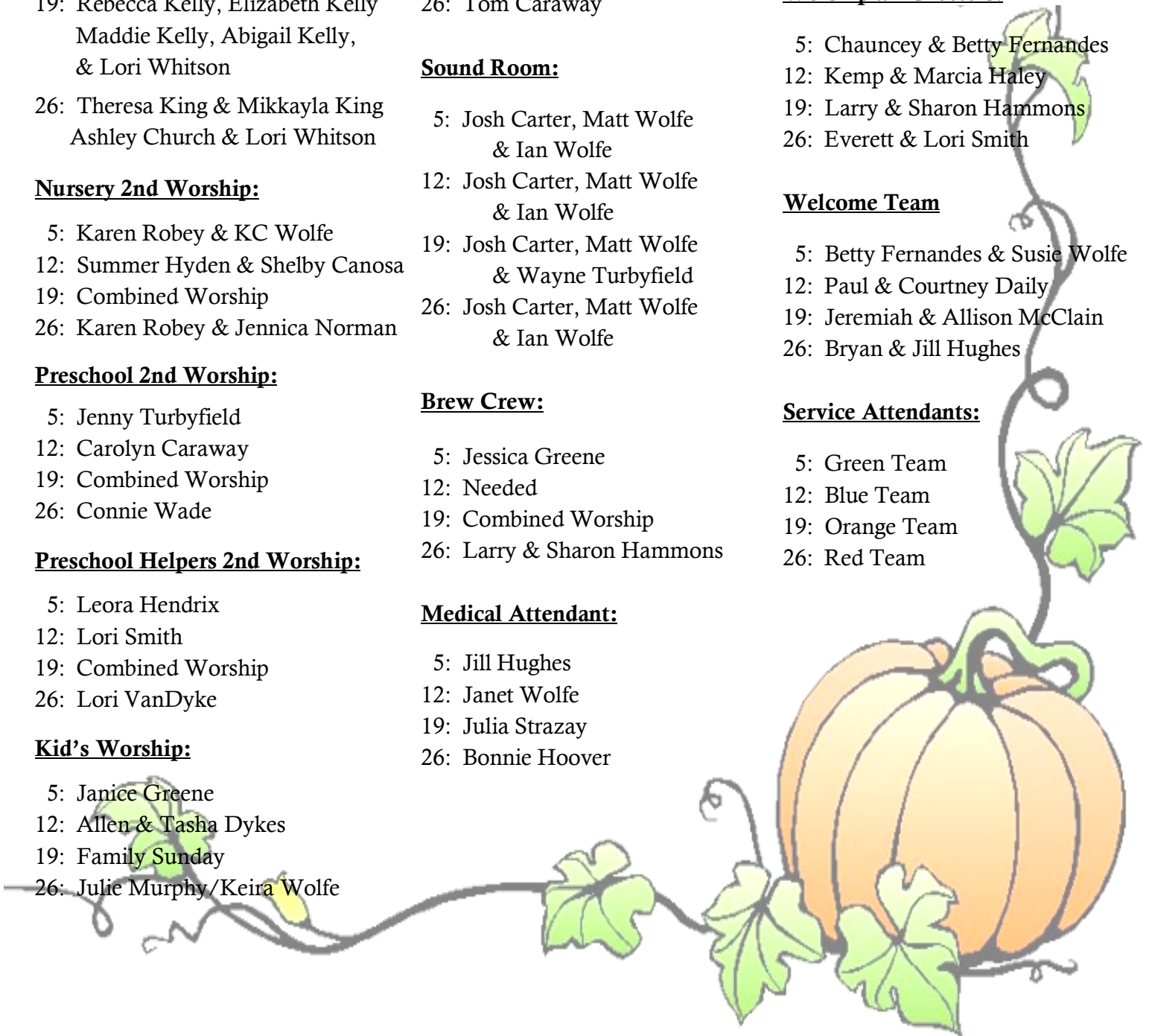
5: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes  
12: Kemp & Marcia Haley  
19: Larry & Sharon Hammons  
26: Everett & Lori Smith

#### **Welcome Team**

5: Betty Fernandes & Susie Wolfe  
12: Paul & Courtney Daily  
19: Jeremiah & Allison McClain  
26: Bryan & Jill Hughes

#### **Service Attendants:**

5: Green Team  
12: Blue Team  
19: Orange Team  
26: Red Team





# Family Ministry Moments

Jeremiah's Contact info:

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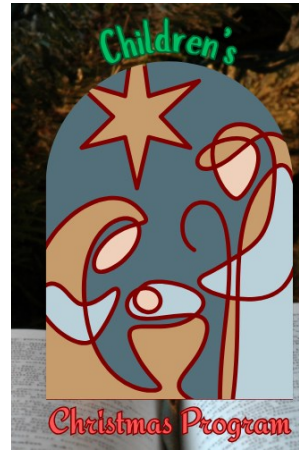


Wednesdays  
at 6:30pm

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.



**Christmas Program  
Practice has started!**

K-5th Grade kids practice each Wednesday Night at 6:30pm. You can scan this QR Code to access the Songs online for your kids to practice at home.



Wednesdays  
at 6:30pm

**Wednesday nights have moved! (Temporarily)**

We have relocated to the pavilion on Wednesday nights. 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



**NACHO AVERAGE  
GAME NIGHT**

**OCTOBER 10 6PM TO 8PM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**TICKETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED. IF YOU MISSED GETTING A TICKET, LET JEREMIAH KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND. HE WILL ADD YOU TO THE WAITLIST.**



**tennessee  
christian  
teen  
convention**

**January 9-11,  
2026**

If registered by Sept 28th cost is \$150 per student. Cost increases to \$160 after the 28th.

## October Sunday School Lesson Schedule



### Adults/Youth:

October 5: Unit 5 Session 2  
October 12: Unit 5 Session 3  
October 19: Combined Worship  
October 26: Unit 5 Session 4

— God's Jealous Love (Exodus 34)  
— God's Holy Glory (Exodus 40)  
— God's Provision for Redemption (Leviticus 16)

### Children:

October 5: Unit 5 Session 2  
October 12: Unit 5 Session 3  
October 19: Combined Worship  
October 26: Unit 5 Session 4

— The Golden Calf (Exodus 34)  
— Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 40)  
— Worship at the Tabernacle (Leviticus 16)



# Combined Worship Sunday, October 19th

**10:00am**

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



Connection Groups have begun! There are several groups meeting at various times and various locations. It's not too late to get connected to a small group Bible Study! See Todd Wolfe for more information!

There will be carry-in Fellowship meal on Sunday, October 19th following our Combined Worship! The theme is Soup/Salad/Sandwiches. Please bring your favorites for your family and to share with visitors! Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship!



**Thursday Serveday**



You will have two opportunities for Thursday Serveday in October. October 2nd and October 23rd. If you have or know of a need that we can help with, see Lori Whitson or Josh Carter! Come on out and serve with us!



On Saturday, October 18th, we will have a Church Work Day beginning at 8am and staying until we are through. Come on out for the whole day or for a couple of hours and pitch in to help things that need to be done around the inside and outside of the building!

**WOMEN OF JOY**

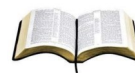
The Women of Joy Conference is October 10-12, in Pigeon Forge! If you signed up to go and haven't submitted your payment, please do so in the next week! See Lori Whitson or Susie Wolfe! There will be a brief meeting on October 5th between services to work out transportation, etc.

Please keep the ladies in your prayers this weekend for a great faith-filled experience!

On Friday, October 31st we will host Trunk or Treat for the community! Come on out and bring lots and lots of candy to pass out to all the kids that come through



On Sunday, October 12th, 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!



## Continuous Bible Reading

Plan now on November 9th-12th for our 2nd Continuous Reading event! We will be going after our morning services on Sunday and conclude on Wednesday evening. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer to sign up for 30 minute increments of reading out loud.

**Wednesday**  
Family Meal

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)

- 1: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll (The Billy Special)
- 8: Chicken Noodle soup & grilled cheese
- 15: Chicken casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, mac n cheese
- 22: Hot dogs, fries and slaw
- 29: Loaded baked potato bar with chili and salad