

In Our Prayers:

Kevin Atkins, Dean Huprich, Diann Bachmann, Gary Jones, Jody Main, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep, Sandra Holmes (Hiliary's mother), Erma Endly, Ruth Ann Keith (John Keith's mother) she is having health issues, Larry Kidder Gout, Don Klieves (Friend of Colton) cancer did not spread, Dan Moore (Jennifer Ferrell's uncle) is having eye surgery on the 14th to remove abnormal cells, going to Cleveland clinic Tuesday. Kevin Robinson (Nancy's Husband), Peggy Albright (friend of the Starrett's), Betty Cox (Diann Backmann's sister), Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), Wilma Carpenter (Ardith's Sister), Pam Alchire (Friend of Lonnie), Beverly Wilson (Marley's Aunt) breast cancer, Sheryl Taylor is at home recovering, Amy Smith (Demetra's sister) Has cancer.

Updates:

Ruth Ann Keith / Ohio Valley Healthcare. 222 Nicolette Rd, Room 308, Parkersburg WV 26104.

Church of Christ

1002 Clairmont Avenue, Cambridge OH

September 20, 2026

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Schedule of services

Sunday:

Bible Classes....9:45am

Morning Worship....10:30am

Evening worship....6:00pm

Tuesday:

Word watchers at 11 am

Wednesday:

Bible classes....6:00pm

Colton Ferrell, Minister Welcome! We invite you to
all our services.

Announcements:

The next men's meeting will be October 11 at 5:15 pm.

Next Prayer breakfast will be October 10 at 9 am at the
Dennys. Afterwards all men are invited to the building to pray
and discuss.

Word watchers will resume September 22.

Christian's new address: 1 Willard Ave, Moundsville WV,
26041.

Gaige's new address:

Student's full name

Green mail room address: 51 E. Oxbow Trail

Hall and room #: Ryors 221

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Gospel Meetings:

Be sure to check the bulletin board for more
information.

Facing Down Pessimism: What Scripture Says

Numbers 13 and 14 give us one of the Bible's clearest pictures of pessimism at work. Twelve spies scouted the same land, saw the same walled cities and the same giants, yet came back with two opposite reports. Ten looked at the obstacles and concluded, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we" (Numbers 13:31). Caleb and Joshua looked at the same evidence and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30). The difference was not the facts on the ground — it was whether God's promise was allowed to have the last word. Scripture treats that ten-to-two report not as harmless caution but as unbelief, and it cost that generation forty years in the wilderness (Numbers 14:26-35). Pessimism, in other words, is not neutral realism; it is what happens when we measure God's promises by our own strength instead of measuring our circumstances by His.

Even faithful men had their moments under the juniper tree. After his great victory over the prophets of Baal, Elijah collapsed into despair and asked God to take his life, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers" (1 Kings 19:4). God did not rebuke him for it. He sent an angel to feed him, let him sleep, and then met him in "a still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12) before giving him fresh work to do. That account is a comfort to anyone who has ever run out of hope after a hard fight: discouragement is a real and common trial, but it is not the last word God speaks over His servants. He meets weary faith with rest and renewed purpose, not condemnation.

The New Testament answer to pessimism is not blind positivity but grounded hope. Paul wrote "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4) from a prison cell, and he told the Thessalonians to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18), because their confidence rested in God's character rather than their circumstances. That is the same confidence behind "we know that for those who love God all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28) and "his mercies... are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). The Christian is never asked to deny hardship, but to refuse to let hardship have the final say. May we, like Joshua and Caleb, look at the giants in our own path and still say the land is worth taking, because the God who promised it has not changed.

Serving in worship:

Greeters: Suzie Horton & Susie Gibson

Announcements: Jared Jamiel

Song Leader: Kevin Norris

Opening Prayer: Raymond Wayble

Lord's Table:

John Starrett

Andy Keith

R. Cunningham

John Smith

Scripture: Mark Fowler

Sermon: Colton Ferrell

Closing Prayer: Nathan Douglas

Question of the Month:

What can I do to further the Kingdom?

Ideas for Outreach:

We must think of ways to reach the lost. Imagine if everyone reached one lost soul and brought them to

Christ? Matthew 28:18-20

If you have any updates, let Colton know!

Ministers' info:

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Office Hours:

Monday – 9 am to 1 pm

Tuesday – 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesday – 1 pm to 7 pm

Thursday – 9 am to 1 pm

Friday – Off / Visits

Sermon AM:

Is there only one church / Ephesians 4:4-6

Sermon PM:

The God who sees me / Genesis 16:13

Class material:

Sunday mornings – Ephesians

Wednesday Evening – Ecclesiastes

Future Projects

Guernsey county faith booth: Just encouraging others to be a part of the booth this year. We are looking to do it a week this year. Time: 5-7pm in September.

Directory updates:

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Is there only one Church?

I. Christ promised to build one Church.

Matthew 16:18

Acts 20:28

Whatever men build in their own name, by their own authority, is not what Christ promised to build.

Notes:

II. The Church is the body of Christ.

Eph. 1:22-23

Col. 1:18

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:4

1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20

Diversity of individual members does not mean diversity of bodies. Unity of the one

body, not uniformity of persons, is the point.

Notes:

III. God adds the saved to this one Church.

Acts 2:47

Gal. 3:26-27

1 Cor. 12:13

Entrance into the one body happens the same way for everyone, on the same terms, at the same point.

Notes:

IV. Religious division is named as Sin.

John 17:20-21

1 Cor. 1:10-13

1 Cor. 3:3-4

Rom. 16:16

Paul confronts a church splitting into human named factions and calls it out directly.

Notes:

V. What this means for us.

Am I part of the one body the Lord adds the saved to or have I settled for membership in a human organization instead?

Notes:
