


January 4, 2026	
A.M. Worship	118
Contribution	\$5,374.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,104.00

THOSE WHO SERVE	
January 11	January 18
LOCK BUILDING	
Jeff King	Jeff King
PROJECTOR AM	
Lane Timaeus	Jeff King
Curtis Sanford	Caleb Griffith
SCRIPTURE READING	
Joe Maywald	Roger Peltier
FIRST PRAYER	
James Henry	David Johnson
LORD'S SUPPER	
Scott Ratcliff	Gerry Austin
Rick Arnold	Taylor Rieck
Stephen Bailey	Caleb Griffith
Kelly Hudson	Joe Maywald
Shane Young	Darrin Griffith
Brian Casey	Justin Alsobrook
William Stidman	Vic Leon
James Carr	Lane Timaeus
Joe Davis	Joe Maywald
Kyle Teat	Randy Wilkinson
CLOSING COMMENTS	
Scott Ratcliff	Scott Ratcliff
CLOSING PRAYER	
Randy Wilkinson	James Henry
EVENING PROJECTOR PM	
Brian Casey	Gary Faycosh
Shane Young	Joe Davis
SCRIPTURE READING	
Gerry Austin	James Carr
FIRST PRAYER	
Curtis Sanford	Jeff King
LORD'S SUPPER	
James Henry	Kelly Hudson
Carl Barrow	William Stidman
CLOSING PRAYER	
Darrin Griffith	Taylor Rieck

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH THE MASTER



This Wednesday's meal will be Sloppy Joes. Hope you can make it!



There will be a Men's Bible study discussing Zechariah 7 this Thursday, evening, January 8th at 7pm.

January 11, 2025	
GREETERS	
January 11	James & Christina Henry Curtis & Tammy Sanford Dan & Barbara Talbot
January 18	David Johnson Carl & Sharon Barrow Nita Fry
MONITORS	
January 11	Gerry Austin
January 18	Rick Arnold
MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS	
Jan 11	G. Austin, S. Young, R. Arnold
Jan 18	S. Young, R. Arnold, R. Peltier
SPECIAL SERVICE	
Communion Prep	The Barrows
Communion Clean	The Barrows
SONG LEADERS	
January 11	18 Stan Murray
Richard Thompson	
25 Scott Ratcliff (am)	
Taylor Rieck (pm)	

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“WITH ACCENTS ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH”

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
1100 E Wilkins
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ELDERS: Scott Ratcliff
DEACONS: Darrin Griffith, William Stidman, Randy Wilkinson, Stephen Bailey, Taylor Rieck
JEFF KING

We will have a work day this Saturday morning, January 10th, beginning at 8am.



Please make plans to come and help with various jobs around the building.

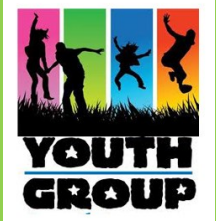
CHURCH WORK DAY

Coffee & Donuts Sunday, 9am



In the fellowship hall.

There will be a teen devotional this Sunday, January 11th, in the fellowship hall, after evening worship, hosted by Kelly and Karen Hudson. Hope you all can attend and invite a friend!



Wednesday, January 14th, following Bible study. Please make plans to attend.

DEACONS Meeting

Our annual corporate meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 1/18/2026, immediately following morning service.

Mark your calendar

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER	6:00 P.M.
ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY	6:30, 7:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER

By: Blake Hudson

Roman Catholicism: Apostolic Succession and the Bible

In a previous article, we considered the claim of the Roman Catholic Church that the bishop of Rome (the pope) can be traced back through an unbroken line of bishops to the apostle Peter. As mentioned, such a claim runs into significant historical challenges – check out the book *Rome's Audacious Claim* by Paul Pavao if you really want to dive into the topic. The Roman Catholic Church also tries to make a biblical case for the primacy of the pope, and it is to that argument we will turn today.

There are two passages Rome appeals to in order to establish the pope's "full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 882): Peter's confession in Matthew 16:13–20 and Jesus's words to Peter in John 21:15–17. Rome's argument goes as follows: 1) Peter was made the rock on which the Church was built and the shepherd over the whole flock, 2) Therefore, Peter was given full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, 3) Peter became the first bishop of Rome, 4) The bishop of Rome is the successor of Peter, 5) Therefore, the bishop of Rome has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church.

First, let's bypass the debate over the identity of the rock on which Jesus is building His Church in Matthew 16:18 and simply assume, for the sake of argument, that Jesus is referring to Peter. If Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build His Church, does that mean the pope has "full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church"? Absolutely not.

Let's start with Peter himself. Peter was indeed put in a unique position of authority and responsibility. Even then, he by no means had "full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church." The Bible never says such a thing. Furthermore, consider the following: right after Peter's confession, Jesus reprimands him and calls him "Satan" (Matthew 16:23)! Paul reprimands and corrects Peter publicly (Galatians 2:11-14). When there was debate over Gentiles becoming Christians, Peter does not simply "lay down the law," but there is debate, Paul and Barnabas make arguments, and James (not Peter!) gives the final word (Acts 15). So, Peter does have real, but *limited* authority in the New Testament (as do all the apostles, it might be added).

More importantly, it is *Peter* who is given authority. Peter the *person*, not some office. The apostles – Peter included – were uniquely chosen and uniquely qualified. Jesus did not establish *offices* that could be handed down one generation to the next, He called twelve *individuals* to serve as special witnesses. There is no hint in the New Testament that Peter's (or any of the apostles') authority could be passed down through a succession of individuals. The replacement of Judas by Matthias (Acts 1) was a unique occurrence, as the text makes clear. Later in Acts, we read about the death of the apostle James (Acts 12:2), but we do *not* read of someone succeeding him. The idea that a man today can claim authority based on some real or imagined connection with Peter is completely foreign to the New Testament and requires a huge leap of logic.

Once the apostles passed from the earth, the authority uniquely given to them ceased. But they left for us writings: the New Testament. It is God's will that we continue to listen to Him through His Word, and God's Word knows nothing of a bishop of Rome, or any man on earth, with "full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church."

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning's Adult Bible class will be covering... Acts 19: 12-41

Make a Difference

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board or speak to Blake or one of the elders for suggestions!

Get Involved!

You Are Invited!



• GRADUATE •

Please join us to celebrate
Caleb Griffith


January 10, 2026 @ 12:00pm (Lunch will be served)
Angleton Church of Christ, 1100 E Wilkins, Angleton
RSVP Annette 979-480-4272 or Darrin 979-480-4016 by January 7th

Ladies Bible Study will resume on Saturday, January 17, 2025. Please contact Sharon Barrow with any questions.

India could use your continued support in sponsorship of student preachers enrolled in preaching school. If you would like to support a student the cost is:

- \$50 per month to support an in-person student
- \$20 per month to support and online student

Please give payments to any elder or office staff.



Please Pray

Rick Arnold is struggling with some health issues...Deena Damron is in Country Village, Rm. 206, for rehab following some health issues...Nita Fry has been admitted to CHI St. Luke's in Lake Jackson awaiting rehab, after taking a fall...James Davis, father of Joe Davis, has been placed on hospice...John Shaw, brother-in-law of Tammy Sanford, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and is very ill...Steven Shriver, co-worker of Randy Wilkinson, has been hospitalized following a stroke...Johnny Toone, Karen Lowe's son, is battling cancer

PLEASE REMEMBER:
Len Boling, Dorothy Booth, Shirley Brown, Robert Gautney, Jeanie Granger, Mona Higgins, Erin West Janik, Dorothy King, Marie Leblanc, JoAnne Maywald, Charm Moser, Wayne Satchell, Karen Smith, Paul Stallberg, Andy Tilley, Charles and Elizabeth Street, Ceasar Vereen, Maggie Walker, John Ward