

July 20, 2025	
A.M. Worship	102
Contribution	\$4,836.38
Weekly Budget	\$6,104.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**July 27** **August 3**

**LOCK BUILDING**

We NEED your help! We NEED your help!

**PROJECTOR AM**

Gary Faycosh	Brian Casey
Joe Davis	Shane Young

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Darrin Griffith	Roger Peltier
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**FIRST PRAYER**

Gerry Austin	James Henry
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**LORD'S SUPPER**

James Henry	Joe Maywald
Stephen Bailey	Darrin Griffith
Taylor Rieck	Carl Barrow
James Carr	D.D. Lindsey
Brian Casey	David Johnson
Justin Alsobrook	Kyle Teat
Kelly Hudson	Caleb Griffith
William Stidman	Randy Wilkinson
Vic Leon	Gary Faycosh
Joe Maywald	Rick Arnold

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Jeff King	Scott Ratcliff
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**CLOSING PRAYER**

Kyle Teat	Dan Talbot
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**EVENING PROJECTOR PM**

Lane Timaeus	Jeff King
Curtis Sanford	Gary Faycosh

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Joe Davis	Rick Arnold
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**CLOSING PRAYER**

David Johnson	Curtis Sanford
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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH THE MASTER**

There will be **NO** Wednesday Night with the Master.

We will resume activities and meals,

September 3, 2025

There will be a Men's Bible study this Thursday, July 24th, at 7pm.



**July 27, 2025**

**GREETERS**

July 27	James & Christina Henry
	Curtis & Tammy Sanford
	Dan & Barbara Talbot
August 3	David Johnson
	Carl & Sharon Barrow
	Nita Fry

**MONITORS**

July 27	Curtis Sanford
August 3	Roger Peltier

**MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS**

July 27	G. Faycosh, K. Teat, E. Lowe
August 3	K. Teat, E. Lowe, T. Rieck

**SPECIAL SERVICE**

Communion Prep	The Barrows
Communion Clean	The Barrows

**SONG LEADERS**

<b>July</b>	
<b>27</b>	Stan Murray
<b>August</b>	
<b>3</b>	Scott Ratcliff
<b>10</b>	Stan Murray
<b>17</b>	Scott Ratcliff
<b>24</b>	Richard Thompson

<b>ELDERS</b>	Curtis Sanford	<b>DEACONS</b>	Darrin Griffith
	Jeff King		William Stidman
	Scott Ratcliff		Stephen Bailey

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**Accents**

"WITH ACCENTS ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH"

**July 22, 2025**

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**2025 Summer Series**

**"One of My Favorite Passages"**

**July 23rd - Eric Winckler - Katy Church of Christ**

July 30th - David Olmos - University Church of Christ

August 6th - Tom Moore - Texas School of Preaching

August 13th - Andrew Martinez - Carrizo Springs CofC

August 20th - Algie Armstead - Westside Church of Christ

August 27 - Danlee Queen - League City Church of Christ

**3RD ANNUAL FREE GOODS GIVEAWAY**

**8/2/2025**

**Preparation is underway!**

We ask that any further donations please be put in the fellowship hall to be organized.

We are still in need of card tables and hanging racks. If the church is able to borrow them, please let us know and be sure to put your name on them so that we know who to return them to.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING MAKE THIS SUCH A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!**

mark your **Calendar**

**•8/16 - Ladies Bible Study**

**•8/23 - Game Day**

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 EVENING SUMMER SERIES	7:00 P.M.

## FROM THE PREACHER

### Objections to Baptism: Acts 2:38 Means “Because,” not “For”

*And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38, ESV)*

One of the clearest statements regarding the purpose of baptism is Acts 2:38. It is an abundantly clear statement: baptism is for the forgiveness of sins. If one wishes to argue that baptism is *not* for the forgiveness of sins, Acts 2:38 must be dealt with. One common argument against the clear reading of this verse is to argue that the Greek word *eis* (“for”) can also mean “because” and that this is the proper translation of the verse. In that case, Peter’s statement should read, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ *because* your sins have been forgiven.” On this reading, a person is baptized, not to receive forgiveness of sins, but because their sins have already been forgiven. But is that a legitimate translation? No, it is not – let’s see why.

First of all, it is generally agreed within the academic realm that the idea of *eis* meaning “because” instead of “for” has been defeated. If you really want to dive into it, find the back-and-forth article debate by J.R. Mantey and Ralph Marcus in *The Journal of Biblical Literature* 70 and 71. But let’s be real, you probably don’t read Koine Greek or have any inclination to go digging through academic articles – and the same is true of your friend who’s arguing that we are baptized *because* we are forgiven. Since that’s the case, how might you approach this argument? I’d suggest two approaches:

First, take a look at the major English translations of the Bible. Grab a stack of them and look at them with your friend. Every one of them will say something along the lines of “be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins” and not one of them will read “because your sins are forgiven.” The NRSV is perhaps the most explicit: “Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Each of our major translations is the work of dozens of the very best Koine Greek specialists who come from a variety of backgrounds. Now, is it possible that all of our translations have misunderstood such a simple sentence? Realistically speaking, no. Since the translations are all very consistent and clear, the burden of proof falls on the person arguing that Acts 2:38 should read “because.” They must prove why their preferred translation is correct and all of the Greek specialists involved in translating our Bibles are wrong.

Second, after looking at various translations, grab one of them and turn to Matthew 26:28 where Jesus says, “for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Notice the last part of the verse, “for the forgiveness of sins.” In Greek, as reflected in English, this statement is almost identical to “for the forgiveness of sins” in Acts 2:38. In both instances, *eis* is translated as “for,” not “because.” Is Jesus’s statement difficult to understand or confusing at all? No, it is straightforward and is understood by all who read it. Would we ever argue that Jesus’s blood is poured out “because sins are forgiven”? Of course not! Since we would never translate Matthew 26:28 with “because,” we also ought not translate Acts 2:38 in that way.

Next week, Lord willing, we will consider the question at the heart of the issue: is baptism a “work”?

Blake Hudson



### Drivers Needed!

We need volunteers to drive the kids to Jaberwacky. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. **Only 2 left!**



### JABBERWACKY 2025

July 28	Fulshear
August 4	League City

### Back to School Ice Cream Social!

**August 10, 2025**  
After Sunday evening services, in the fellowship hall.

Bring your favorite flavor to share!

### YOUNG ADULT

September 3rd  
Young Adult Bible Class

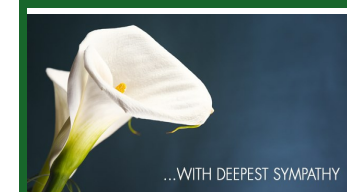
Will resume on Wednesday evenings.  
If you plan to attend, please take this short, two question survey:

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7F5RRJT>)



**Sunday morning's Adult Bible class will be covering Acts 8:26-40**

Our Impact canned meat drive will kick off August 10th, our goal this year is 10,000 cans!



We express love and sympathy to the family and friends of Robert

Rowlins, who passed away Tuesday, July 15. There will be a Visitation, Friday, July 25, at Gardner’s Funeral Home from 4-7pm. The memorial service will be Saturday, July 26 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Bay City, Texas, at 11am, viewing from 10-11am.

Dear Church, Thank you for your gifts and for making Senior Sunday such a memorable day for me. Much love, Taylann Trammel



**MEMBERS:** There are directory updates on the bulletin board.

## Please Pray

Deena Damron is having health issues...Karen Lowe, as she cares for Johnny...Phil Carter, has a skin infection...Doretha Mack, Kathleen Vereen’s mother, has been placed on hospice...Theresa Malish, Annette Griffith’s sister, will have a thyroid ablation tomorrow...Murray Norman, Rosemary Carter’s father, has been placed on Hospice...Bryan Rice, Mary Miller’s grandson, is in need of prayer...Johnny Toon, Karen Lowe’s son, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

Dorothy Booth, Len Boling, Robert Gautney, Jeanie Granger, Erin West Janik, David Johnson, Marie Leblanc, Karen Smith, Ceaser Vereen, Maggie Walker