Sermon: Don't Quit – Persevere!
Lamentations 3:22-24; Ezra 1:1-4, 3:10-13, 4:4-6, 24; Haggai 1:2-4; Ezra 6:19-22

The Messenger

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, July 26, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rick Lowe
Scripture Reading: Rodney Dowell (Lamentations 3:22-24)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Dan Strope
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt ("Don't Quit – Persevere!")
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Megan Johnson (Sub: Kathy Hanshaw)
Pre-K & K: Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade: Kara Littleton

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Recent Prayer Requests

Richard Burris has a slipped vertebrae that is pressing on nerves in his back. The surgeon wants him to try physical therapy and some meds and recheck on Aug. 17th.
Ashton Hewitt will be moving into his dorm at the University of Cincinnati in a couple of weeks.
Angie Hammitt (friend of the Wiwczaroski family) has been diagnosed with colon cancer, and it appears the illness may have spread to their liver. She and her family would greatly appreciate our prayers and support as they navigate this challenging time.
Kathy Ashley, Rachel's mom, is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Aug. 4th.
Elise Short, Edie's mom, will be having gallbladder surgery on Aug. 5th.
Iris Turnmire, Dax Turnmire's newborn daughter, had to be placed in NICU due to low sugar levels.

Long Term Concerns

Rhonda Aliff (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus), **Kathy Ashley** (Rachel's mom, scheduled for hip replacement surgery on August 4), **Suzanne Bielski** (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, chemo treatments for cancer), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, recovering from treatments for Hodgkin's Lymphoma), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (Hagan's friend, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Nancy Havens** (has moved to the Greenwood Health and Living); **Rex & Susan Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues; sister-in-law, severe abdomen issues), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Lillian Kelley** (mother of George's friend, Chelsea, hospice), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Flora Littleton** (seizures), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, cancer in breast, spine, & brain), **Amanda Magner** (former member, bone cancer, recovering from surgery), **Clayton Marriott** (lost his way spiritually), **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, heart & lungs), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, will be starting radiation treatments soon), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's 14yr old neighbor, chemo treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

Cleaning Crew – 26th – Aug 1st.
(Team 1)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,112.00

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: AM Bible Study (28); Worship (83); PM Bible Study (14)
Wednesday Bible Study (12)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, July 26	Ecclesiastes 9-12
Monday, July 27	Solomon 1-8
Tuesday, July 28	Isaiah 1-4
Wednesday, July 29	Isaiah 5-8
Thursday, July 30	Isaiah 9-12
Friday, July 31	Isaish 13-17
Saturday, August 1	Isaiah 18-22

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
27th Crystal Miller
30th Marsha Lowes

Anniversary
30th Logan & Talor Chamberlain (10yrs)

Announcements

Class Promotion: On Sunday, August 2nd, our kiddos will be moving up one grade. We want to encourage our family to take advantage of our Bible class times for their families to grow in their knowledge of God. We have classes for all ages and teachers ready to teach.

Bible Hour Teacher's – Thank you to all who have been teaching and volunteering your help. We are need of another teacher and helper for either the 2-3 yr olds or 4-5 yr olds. If you are interested in helping, please see Ronnie, Lavana, or one of the Elders.

Morning Glories Ministry Brunch: The next brunch will be Saturday, August 8th at 10am.

Ladies Inspiration Day: The Metro Church of Christ is extending an invitation for our women to join them for their Ladies Day, planned for Saturday, August 8th. The speaker will be Laura Hubbard, from the Kingsley Terrace Church of Christ. She will be speaking on the theme: "Bloom Where God Plants You!" There is an advertisement posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

VBS follow-up: Eric and Amy have a questionnaire for anyone who was involved in any way, shape or form. We would like to get these filled out and then have a meeting to wrap things up and begin plans for next year.

FAD FAITH APPLIED DAILY

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"There's Not a Friend Like Jesus"

Every believer eventually discovers a life-changing truth: Jesus is the one Friend who will never fail you. We cherish the blessing of good friends—those who walk with us, laugh with us, pray with us, and lift us up when life grows heavy. But even the best earthly friendships have limits. Circumstances shift. People grow apart. Human strength runs out. Yet Jesus remains constant, steady, and unchanging.

The Bible does not merely describe Jesus as a Savior or a Lord—though He is gloriously both. Scripture also reveals Him as a Friend of sinners, a Shepherd who knows His sheep, and a brother who stands with us in our weakness. His friendship is not sentimental; it is strong, loyal, and anchored in divine love.

Jesus knows the deepest parts of your heart—your fears, your hopes, your wounds, your longings. He understands the thoughts you cannot articulate and the burdens you hesitate to share. Nothing about you is hidden from Him, and yet His response is never rejection. It is always compassion.

When others grow weary, Jesus remains strong. When others misunderstand, Jesus listens. When others step away, Jesus steps closer. He walks with us through valleys where shadows linger and across mountaintops where joy overflows. He is present in the ordinary moments and the extraordinary ones. His companionship is not seasonal—it is eternal.

Jesus does not merely comfort; He intercedes. He advocates. He defends. He strengthens. He is the Friend who faced temptation so He could help you overcome yours. He is the Friend who conquered death so you could live forever. He is the Friend who carries your burdens because He knows you cannot carry them alone.

Human friendships may fade, but Jesus' commitment does not. He promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." He meant it. He keeps it. He proves it daily. In seasons of loneliness, He is your companion. In seasons of confusion, He is your wisdom. In seasons of sorrow, He is your comfort. In seasons of joy, He is your song.

Ultimately, Jesus is the Friend who did what no other friend could do—He gave His life for you. Not because you earned it. Not because you deserved it. But because His love is deeper than your sin, stronger than your past, and greater than your need. The old hymn declares, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—no, not one." And the church still sings it because it is still true.

If Jesus is this kind of Friend—and He is—then He deserves our trust, our devotion, and our daily companionship. Walk with Him. Talk with Him. Lean on Him. Follow Him. Rest in Him. There is no friend like Jesus. There never has been. There never will be.

...Ronnie Hewitt