Sermon: “The Simplicity of Christ / When Faith Becomes Complicated”
2Corinthians 11:1-3; Matthew 6:22-23; Colossians 3:1-3; Philippians 3:7-8

The Messenger

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The Lord’s Day, Sunday, September 27, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rick Lowe
Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (2Corinthians 11:1-3)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Rex DeFord
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (The Simplicity of Christ)
Announcements / Prayer: Mickey McDaniel

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Kayla Stanton (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)
Toddler: Lavana Tichenor
4yr old-Pre-K: Edie Short
K-3rd Grade: Inez Dailey

Schedule of Services

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

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Recent Prayer Requests

Karen DeFord had surgery this past Friday and everything went well.
Moe Handy will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday at Community South Hospital.
Ronnie Hewitt is being referred to a cardiologist for further treatment.
Flora Littleton had her EEG tests, and everything went well. She will probably be having more tests later.
Lougene Wooten was in the hospital last week having fluid removed. She is now back at home.
Dan Strope's family are mourning the passing of his aunt, Linda Sedam.
Kenneth Kingan, grandfather of Ashton Hewitt's roommate at school, has been diagnosed with a mass on his colon and his liver.
Augie, 6-year-old son of Seth Tichenor's friend, needs a second heart transplant.
Joe Way, Karen DeFord's nephew-in-law, had to have emergency surgery to clean up infection that developed after having reconstructive ankle surgery.

Long Term Concerns

Rhonda Aliff (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus), **Suzanne Bielski** (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, chemo treatments for cancer), **Richard Burris** (recovering from neck and discs repair surgery), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, Hodgkin's Lymphoma), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Isaiah Echols** (awaiting biopsy report), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (Hagan's friend, kidney & heart issues), **Angie Hammitt** (Wiwczaroski's friend, colon & liver cancer, aggressive chemo treatments), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **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), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Mary Leachman** (sun poisoning), **Flora Littleton** (seizures), **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, radiation treatments), **Belle Magill-Shirley** (Wanda's mom, recovering from a mini-stroke), **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, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma), **Jim Yager** (Hewitt's uncle, recovering from spinal fusion)

Cleaning Crew – 27th—Oct. 3rd
(Team 4)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,405.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (21); Worship (66); PM Bible Study (14)
Wednesday Bible Study (15)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 27	Habakkuk & Zephaniah
Monday, September 28	Haggai 1-2
Tuesday, September 29	Zechariah 1-7
Wednesday, September 30	Zechariah 8-14
Thursday, October 1	Malachi 1-4
Friday, October 2	Matthew 1-4
Saturday, October 3	Matthew 5-6

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
28th Harrison Day
Oct 2nd Kathy Hanshaw

Anniversary
29th Rodney & Tonya Dowell (19yrs)

Announcements

Renewing Vows: Everyone is invited to join Eric and Lyndsay Trostle as they renew their marriage vows on Saturday, October 3, at 3:30 p.m. here at the building.

Family Potluck Meal is planned for Sunday, October 4th, following our morning worship service.

Gospel Meeting: The Eagle Valley Church of Christ is hosting their Fall Meeting on Sunday, October 4th – Thursday, October 8th, with guest speaker: Rick Leach from the Central Church of Christ in Bedford.

Youth Fall Weenie Roast will be Friday, October 16th at the home of John & Rhonda Denzio. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board in the foyer. For more info, please see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

Women Under Construction: The Morgan Street Church of Christ is inviting our ladies to join them for their Ladies' Day on Saturday, October 17th, from 10am—1pm. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board.

Boys to Men Campout will be November 6-7th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board.

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"A Shepherd for Broken Sheep"

Psalm 23

"*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever*." (ESV)

Fear is not a stranger to God's people. It visits us in doctor's offices, in quiet nights, and in moments when life feels uncertain. David knew fear well, yet he begins Psalm 23 with a bold confession: "*The Lord is my shepherd.*" That single word—my—reminds us that God is not distant. He knows us personally, tenderly, and completely.

Fear drains the soul, but the Shepherd restores what fear steals. He leads us to rest we cannot create on our own. He brings quiet to places where our hearts feel loud. He repairs the parts of us that fear has fractured.

David also speaks of "the valley of the shadow of death." Valleys are unavoidable, but fear is not. The turning point of the psalm comes when David shifts from talking about God to talking to God: "*You are with me*." Fear loses its grip when God becomes personal again.

The Shepherd does more than comfort—He fights for us. He prepares a table in the presence of our enemies, reminding us that fear does not get the final word. He anoints our wounds, fills our cup, and secures our future with goodness and mercy.

Psalm 23 is not a psalm for the fearless. It is a psalm for the fearful who have a Shepherd. If you feel like a broken sheep today, hear this truth: A broken sheep in the arms of Jesus is safer than a strong sheep anywhere else. May we face our fears with the Shepherd who knows our name, restores our soul, walks through our valley, and holds our tomorrow.

....Ronnie Hewitt