Sermon: "The View from the Sanctuary"

Ps 73:1-2, 16-28; 2Cor 5:7; Ps 34:3; Mk 8:36; Prov 14:12-14; Heb 11:24-26; Jn 10:28; Phil 1:6; Ps 62:8; Rom 12:2; Hab 3:18

The Messenger

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 11, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Mickey McDaniel
Scripture Reading: Heath Reeves (Proverbs 14:12-14)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Eric Wiwczaroski
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (The View from the Sanctuary)
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Kathy Hanshaw
Toddler: Lavana Tichenor
4yr old-Pre-K: Edie Short
K-3rd Grade: Tammy Burris

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Requests

Rex DeFord had a colonoscopy on Thursday and had an appointment with a surgeon concerning his gallbladder on Friday.
Karen DeFord had a follow-up with her doctor since having surgery and everything is going well.
Isaiah Echols received good news concerning his biopsy – no cancer detected.
Moe Handy is at Community Acute Rehabilitation Hospital, room 202, following knee replacement surgery.
Maria Heston, friend of Rex & Karen DeFord, is recovering from a stroke.
Ronnie Hewitt has an appointment scheduled with a cardiologist.
Kimberly Holtsclaw, Hewitt's sister, awaiting tests results she had due to cirrhosis of the liver because of diabetes.
Louie Nowak, Stan & Cindy's grandson, needs to see an ENT to have his tonsils and adenoids removed to help with breathing.
Kenna Orr, Charli Denzio's mom, has been diagnosed with a mass on her ovary.

Long Term Concerns

Augie (6-year-old son of Seth Tichenor's friend, needs heart transplant), **Jack Brown** (Rachel Hewitt's uncle, rehab recovering from COVID), **Richard Burris** (recovering from neck and discs repair surgery), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, Hodgkin's Lymphoma), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (Hagan's friend, kidney & heart issues), **Angie Hammitt** (Wiwczaroski's friend, colon & liver cancer, chemo treatments), **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), **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), **Joe Way** (DeFord's nephew-in-law, recovering from infection after ankle surgery), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's 14yr old neighbor, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

Cleaning Crew: 11th-17th
(Team 3)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $1,768.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (17); Worship (44); PM Bible Study ( )
Wednesday Bible Study (14)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 11	Matthew 22-23
Monday, October 12	Matthew 24-25
Tuesday, October 13	Matthew 26
Wednesday, October 14	Matthew 27-28
Thursday, October 15	Mark 1-3
Friday, October 16	Mark 4-5
Saturday, October 17	Mark 6-7

Celebrations This Week
Birthday
None to Report

Anniversary
11th Derrick & Kara Littleton (18yrs)

Announcements

Fall Weenie Roast for the youth and their families 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 9am in the fellowship hall.

The Annual Boys to Men Campout is scheduled for November 6-7. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board. Please indicate if you will be here for dinner and breakfast the next morning, so preparations can be made for food.

Spring Mill Bible Camp has some generous donors who have pledged to match dollar for dollar every gift SMBC receives through the end of the year up to $20,000. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with more information.

Moving: Lougene Wooten will be moving in a couple of weeks to an assisted living facility in Lexington, KY to be closer to her family.

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"Hearts Overflowing with Praise"

Our hearts were never designed to run on fear, frustration, or self-reliance. God created us to be vessels filled — and continually refilled — with His Spirit. When Paul writes, "*Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart*" (Eph 5:18-19), he is describing a life so saturated with God's presence that praise becomes its natural overflow.

Being "filled with the Spirit" is not a one-time event; it is a daily posture. It means allowing God's presence to shape our attitudes, soften our words, and steady our steps. A Spirit-filled heart doesn't wait for perfect circumstances to worship; it finds reasons to praise even in the ordinary moments of life.

Paul connects Spirit-filled living with how we speak to one another. Our songs, our encouragement, our shared worship, these are not just personal expressions but gifts we give to the body of Christ. When we sing truth, we strengthen faith. When we speak grace, we lift burdens. When we worship together, we remind each other that God is near and that God is good.

Notice Paul's phrase: "making melody to the Lord with your heart." Long before a song reaches our lips, it begins in the quiet places of our soul. True worship is not performance; it is gratitude. It is the heart saying, "Lord, You have been faithful," even when life feels uncertain. It is remembering that Christ has redeemed us, restored us, and continues to shape us into His likeness.

Imagine a church where every member arrives on Sunday already full, hearts primed with thanksgiving, minds anchored in Scripture, spirits tuned to God's goodness. That kind of worship doesn't stay contained. It spills over into fellowship, service, generosity, and joy. It becomes a testimony to the world that God truly dwells among His people.

When the Spirit fills a believer, praise becomes more than an activity, it becomes a pattern. It shapes how we think, how we speak, and how we respond to life's pressures. So, as we reflect on Ephesians 5:18–19, may we hear Paul's invitation clearly: Be filled with the Spirit… make melody to the Lord with your heart. This week, let gratitude rise in quiet moments. Let Scripture shape your thoughts. Let the Spirit tune your heart to the goodness of God and let your worship overflow into your life.

….Ronnie Hewitt