

# Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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**We welcome you to this worship service.**

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

Blessed Redeemer

**GRP 326**

**Announcements**

**Greeting**

**Kids Kingdom Moment**

**\*Call to Worship**

Come On and Praise the Lord

**GRP 79**

**\*Lighting of the altar candles.**

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Sadie Reeves**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn**

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

**GRP 558**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from which, he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**Sharing of Joys and Concern**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**                      I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary                      **CH 318**

**\*Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Special**                              Wonderful, Merciful Savior                      **Jamie & Terry Veazey**

**Scripture**                              **John 1:14-18**  
**Sermon**                              Camping Out with the Word                      **Mark Ledbetter**

**Hymn**                                      My Jesus, I Love Thee                      **GRP 127**

**Postlude**                              In the Cross of Christ I Glory                      **GRP 328**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

## Prayer List

Brenda and Pat Jones, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Glenda Rumsey, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Mike Cleveland, Louise Rhodes, Jane Reynolds, Donald Caine, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Jeff Thomas and family, Cindy Natali, Perry Duffey, Mallory Caine, Lisa Barnett, Ray Stone, Elliette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Leslie Hassal, Sarah Hethcox, Colin Pody, Janice Snyder, Dustin Bentley, Rachel Hobson, Kent Clifton, Dianne Sellari, Jackie Vigiani, Brett Kelley, Ashley Williamson, Fisher Camp, Johnny Jones, Anthony Grogan, Alton Williams, Carol Cram, Lynn Shaw, Mary Deason, Runt Robertson, Huey Cannon, Lyndall Jones and Patti (Beth's twin).

## Pray! God Will Work It Out!

Acts 10:1–4

Cornelius served as a centurion in the Roman army and with at least one-hundred soldiers he was assigned to police the area assigned, served as an administrator, and provided a face of the Roman government in the community stationed. Cornelius's assignment stationed him in Caesarea, a political, commercial, and religious center west of Judea and along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Cornelius is noted in this passage as a “God-Fearer,” a special designation assigned to Gentiles who were attracted to Judaism for its worship of one God and piety, a refreshing relief from the polytheistic Roman worship and the lack of morality. He, like the centurion who paid for the building of the synagogue in Capernaum (Acts 7:1f), would not fully embrace Judaism but made commitments required to be regarded a *Proselyte at the Gate*, or a “God-Fearer.” His devotion to prayer and charity earned him the reputation of being “a devout man,” or someone known for his devotion to and worship of the God of the Jews.

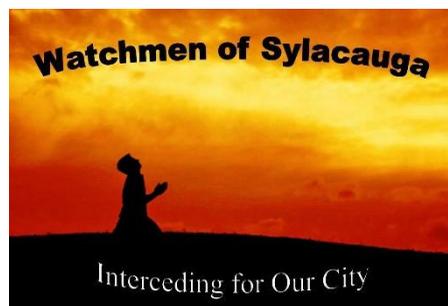
On a particular day, Cornelius engaged in prayer at the “ninth hour,” or three p.m., the time of the evening sacrifices. Even though he could not go to the Temple as Peter and John did

(Acts 3:1), he would face the west towards the temple and offer his prayers. Prayer had become a sacred practice, one observed “religiously,” and at the hour of the evening sacrifice, along with the meat-offering, a meal offering was presented. The meal offering comprised of flour and oil, and along with incense placed on the fire. Not only did the smoke of the fire ascend towards “heaven,” the incense also ascended. This part of the sacrifice became a symbol of prayer (Psalm 141:2). Together with his charity, his actions met with God’s approval and Cornelius encountered a special visitor. In a vision, Cornelius saw an angel of God who called his name. As many who had similar angelic visitors, Cornelius was alarmed, stared at the angel, and asked, “What is it, Lord?”

The angel announced Cornelius’s prayers and charity served as a “memorial before God” – they got God’s attention. The angel gave him instructions to send for the Apostle Peter just south on the coastline in Joppa, where God was preparing Peter to bring the Gospel message to Cornelius (Acts 10:5-48). Peter came with the delegation Cornelius sent and preached the Gospel to Cornelius and his household, and while preaching something remarkable happened. Before an altar call could be given, before there was a formal time for confession and repentance, Cornelius and his household had a Gentile Pentecostal experience just like the Jews in Jerusalem experienced earlier on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4ff). Peter’s obedience cracked the door open for Gentiles to receive the gospel, and a few years later, the Apostle Paul walked through the open door and made extensive missionary efforts resulting in multitudes of Gentiles coming to faith in Jesus Christ.

While Cornelius was praying at home, Peter was praying on the rooftop thirty-three miles away, God was working things out that not only resulted in a household being saved, baptized in water, and baptized in the Holy Spirit, but proved pivotal in the inclusion of Gentiles into the Community of Faith. From the shores of Israel to the throne of Grace and engaging two people responding to God’s instruction, prayer’s reach is limitless.

Perhaps Cornelius did not pray in a manner we may think is proper, but God heard him! Do not give up on your prayers for family, friends, and community. Who knows what God is doing to bring sincere prayers and evangelistic efforts together? **LET US PRAY!**





### **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

### **Men's Club**

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

At ACME Sandwich Shop.

This is a reminder that Women in Christian Service will be providing desserts for the Remembrance Luncheon on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please see Miriam Kramer if you are preparing something.



**Connecting Congregation and Community with Jesus Christ.**

# Remembrance Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

## *Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Update*

The date is set and plans are underway for our Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Our speaker will be Bishop Carolyn Moore (more about her in a future update). Traditionally, our date of observation has been on or near the anniversary date, May 21. This year, **WE WILL OBSERVE OUR ANNIVERSARY MAY 31, 2026**. Put the date on your calendar.

In preparation for the day, we will have a ***Sunday of Remembrance***, a day for us to gather in fellowship to recall our fondest reflections upon family members, friends, former pastors, and events shaping our history, and our future.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** WILL BE APRIL 12, 2026, after the morning service. Miriam Kramer and Mike Cleveland have planned a **Sandwich Luncheon**, and some will be asked to provide sandwiches, others chips, desserts and fruit. More details will be provided as we get closer to the day.

You can also create fond memories if you can bring pictures, write down the people and events you feel have made a positive contribution to the church community, and share stories with all who attend. You should not plan to be in a hurry on this day. We are just going to relax and remember. Plans are to print a book of remembrance.

