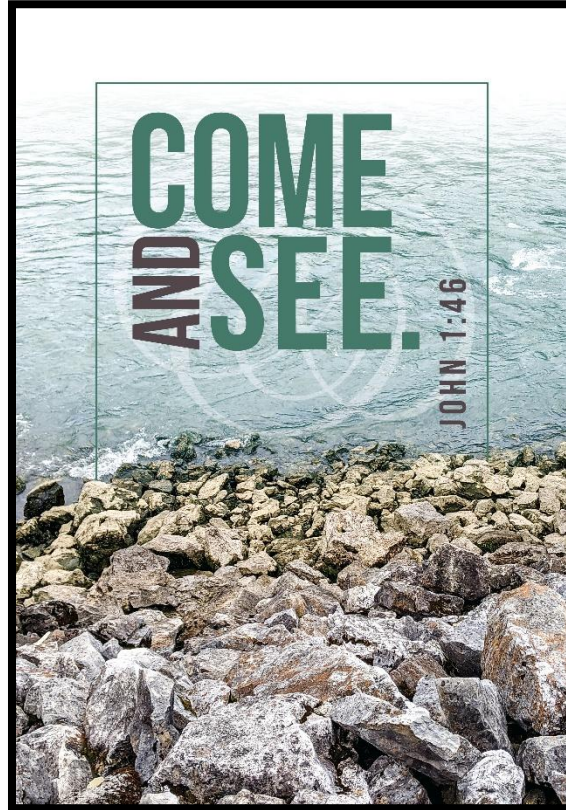


# Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

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

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

Because He Lives

**CH 358**

**Announcements**

**Greeting**

**Kids Kingdom Moment**

**\*Call to Worship**

O Come Let Us Adore Him

**GRP 143**

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

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Sherry Bentley**

**\*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**

At Calvary

**GRP 579**

**\*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 Will Praise Him

**CH 497**

**\*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.

**Hymn**

He Is Lord

**GRP 268**

**Scripture**

**John 1:47-51**

**Sermon**

The Testimony of Nathaniel

**Mark Ledbetter**

**Hymn**

I'd Rather Have Jesus

**GRP 140**

**Postlude**

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

**CH 503**

**\*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, 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, Faye Thompson, Susan Vick, Millie Adair, Judy Demeers, Zindel Wilkins, and Joe Morton.

## Praying In Times of Uncertainty

Acts 20:36; 21:5

Throughout the book of Acts, devotion to prayer among believers led to a wide array of remarkable outcomes. The Spirit worked powerfully in their lives, bringing about healings and deliverances, raising the dead, orchestrating prison breaks, and pouring out His presence while giving instruction. Yet, in a brief span of verses, we witness a different kind of prayer. The Apostle Paul and his companions pray together, facing the sorrow and apprehension of a foreboding future that awaited Paul.

Returning from his third missionary journey, Paul, instead of heading back to his home base in Antioch, set toward Jerusalem. He was welcomed by the church, sharing with one another the great successes they witnessed. However, the joyful reunion was abruptly interrupted when Paul was arrested, marking the beginning of a new and challenging chapter in his ministry. This had been anticipated.

Setting out on his final journey to Jerusalem, Paul summoned the elders of Ephesus to meet with him. Paul recounted the fruitful ministry they had shared during his time in Ephesus but

also delivered a serious warning that some would attempt to disrupt the unity and testimony of the church by spreading heresies. Paul further shared that the Holy Spirit had revealed to him that “bonds and afflictions” were waiting for him in Jerusalem.

Deeply saddened by Paul’s departure, Paul knelt and prayed with the elders (see Acts 20:17–38). Shortly thereafter, Acts 21:1–5 describes Paul’s meeting another group who also sense through the Spirit the ominous future awaiting Paul in Jerusalem. Just before Paul boarded the ship, they all knelt together on the beach and prayed. We are left to speculate the nature of their prayer.

Paul later finds himself in prison from where he writes letters to the Philippians, Ephesians, and Colossians. His letter to Philippians provides insight to how we should pray when we are anxious: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6=7).

We will experience anxiety which unsettles our minds and stirs our emotions; and failing to address them can quickly undermine our sense of peace and our faith. The Apostle Paul urges us not to let anything provoke anxiety, but instead to channel those feelings into prayer and supplication. This process involves shifting from broad, general requests to focused, earnest petitions before God. Importantly, Paul emphasizes that our prayers should be accompanied by thanksgiving—a grateful attitude that acknowledges what God has already done for us and anticipates what He will do in the future.

Intentional prayer provides God’s peace—His peace, a peace reflecting God’s kindness and favor, established as we trust Him regardless of the situation or its outcome. We take comfort in knowing that all things ultimately serve our good, according to God’s plan for our lives (Romans 8:28). Assurance strengthens the promise Jesus Himself guards our hearts and minds. When we entrust our peace to God’s promises, Jesus becomes the protector of our emotions and thoughts, much like a guard watching over a prison cell. Paul, facing imprisonment, chose not to let his circumstances discourage him. Instead, he used them as an opportunity to pursue something positive. Even though his friends were deeply saddened by his uncertain future and the possibility of never seeing him again, prayer brought peace to replace their anxiety, and Jesus provided the security for that peace.

*“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”*

*John 14:27*



### **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.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Sandwich Luncheon after Worship

### **Administrative Board Meeting**

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **Women in Christian Service**

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Our hostesses are Joan Miller and Miriam Kramer.

### **Men's Club**

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at ACME



Our communion offering for April and May will go toward the GMC's General Conference in Johannesburg, Africa this year. The GMC is using this opportunity to serve, witness, and partner with God's work in the host community. They have set a goal to raise \$90,000.00. These funds will help with the following:

- Over 3,000 meals
- Health kits
- A VBS-style experience for children
- Spirit and Truth training
- Local church/community work projects

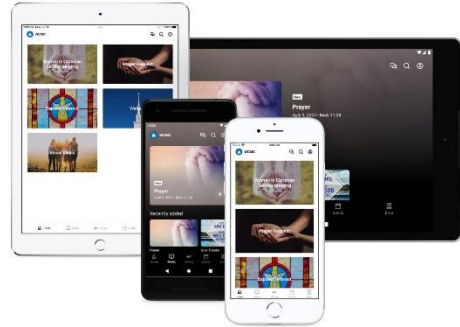


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