

## VITAL SIGNS

### Sunday, December 7, 2025

Sunday School Total.....494  
First Day Worship.....374 (18)  
11:00am Worship.....151 (20)  
Worship Total.....525 (38)

### Sunday, December 14, 2025

Sunday School Total.....468  
First Day Worship.....368 (23)  
11:00am Worship.....229 (25)  
Worship Total.....597 (48)

### Sunday, December 21, 2025

Sunday School Total.....487  
First Day Worship.....455 (21)  
11:00am Worship.....160 (17)  
Worship Total.....615 (38)

### Sunday, December 28, 2025

Sunday School Total.....401  
First Day Worship.....330 (23)  
11:00am Worship.....138 (16)  
Worship Total.....468 (39)

### JANUARY 2026 BUSINESS MTNG

Budget YTD.....\$1,464,329.46  
Received YTD.....\$1,614,256.60

## Upcoming events to be watching for-

**January– D-Now weekend**

**February– Super Spud Luncheon**

**March– Easter T-Shirts ordered, Easter Luncheons and The Lord's Supper**

**April- Bake Sale for Children's Ministry**

**May– Baby Dedication, Baccalaureate Service, End of year Children's Activities,**

**June- VBS, Youth Camp, Children's Camp**

**July-**

**August– Family Night Supper starts back, All children's/youth activities begin**

**September– Sunday School Tailgate Night**

**October– Trail or Treat at Pavilion**

**November– Feeding of the 5,000**

**December– Christmas Activities**

11:00am USHERS for JANUARY 2026  
(\* indicates prayer door)

#### January 4-

\*Carey McMullan, Ross Montgomery,  
Justin Moss, Jay Reeder,  
Pete Reeder, Clark Sexton

#### January 11-

\*Steve Montgomery, George Stegall,  
Eddy Taylor, Bryan Warren,  
Joe Brown, Micah Grubbs

#### January 18-

\*Ellis Reeder, Scott Emison,  
Jay Russell, John Scott Blanchard,  
Joe Austin, Mike Bowen

#### January 25-

\*Randy Todd, Freddy Bridgman,  
Tim Burchfield, Rick Burgett,  
Wayne Carter, Phillip Cox

**\*\*If you are unable to fulfill your duty as usher, please contact the head usher or find someone to fill in for you.**



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# January 2026

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WIDE AND DEEP

### 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your tithing envelopes for 2026, please do.

(Even if you give online)

If you go to FirstDay, yours can be picked up at the Connect Booth in the Worship Center.

If you go to the 11:00am service, yours can be picked up on the table in the hallway across from the elevator.

If you don't see yours, please let Chess know and she will get you some.

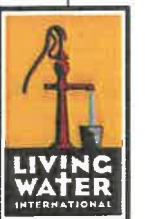
### NEW BIBLE STUDY

Clay & Jeri Ann Stegall have begun a new Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.

The study will use The D-Life Journal New Testament 2 by Bill Wilkes. This study is only scheduled for the Spring semester, but the journal will lead you through reading through the New Testament in one year.

### LIVING WATER INTEREST MEETING

If you are considering going on a Living Water trip, please make plans to be at this meeting on Sunday, January 25 at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



### DISCIPLE NOW 2026

January 30-February 1, 2026  
for youth 7th-12th grade

Cost: \$45 per person

If your youth has not signed up for D-Now, please make sure to sign them up no later than Sunday, January 11. Forms are available from Justin Cobb, or you can sign up online.

Deacons Meeting  
on Sunday, January 18  
at 3:30pm in the  
Fellowship Hall



**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Our church office will be closed on Monday, January 19. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 20 at 8:30am.



**BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, January 25 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall



MEN'S BREAKFAST

## Senior Adults

Join us on Tuesday, January 20 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Senior adult Luncheon.

Bring a dish of food and join us in the new year!!



### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER MENU for JANUARY

Wed, January 7-  
Meatloaf, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes,  
Salad Bar, Desserts  
Kids: Corn Dogs

January 14-  
Chicken Fajitas with Tortillas, Queso Dip,  
Salad Bar, Desserts  
Kids: Pizza Rolls

January 21-  
Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar, Desserts  
Kids: Hot Dogs

January 28-  
Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread,  
Salad Bar, Desserts  
Kids:

### DEACONS ON CALL for JANUARY 2026

January 4-  
Ellis Reeder  
Billy Montgomery  
Sam Gibbs

January 11-  
Jody Stringer  
Josh Purdon  
Glenn Gillen

January 18-  
Eddy Taylor  
Buddy Montgomery  
Benjamin Hill

January 25-  
Mark Vandiver  
Kyle Walker  
Scott Hatcher



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Clay Stegall-  
Associate Pastor

Justin Cobb-  
Minister of Youth

Danielle Davis-  
Minister of Children

Zach Keller / Mickey Gentry- Ministers of Music

Volume 7 No. 1

Dr. Ken Hester, Pastor

January 2026

## Parson to Person

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knows my downsitting and my one uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: If I make my bed in hell, behold Thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest part of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: When I awake, I am still with Thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting.

My grandson, John William Osborn, was born on January 6. My first grandchild. I am at a loss for words. As I typed these words from Psalm 139, I was picturing little Johnny in the various stages of his life.

Thank you, Father, for being such a gracious and persistent God. In Jesus's name I pray. Amen.

BroKen



# January 2026



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11 LAST DAY FOR D-NOW SIGN UPS	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 3:30pm DEACONS MEETING	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 12:00pm SR. ADULT LUNCHEON	21	22	23	24
25 7:30am BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST  4:00pm LIVING WATER INTEREST MTG	26	27	28	29	30	31 DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND