

The Need to Be Alone

Most of us enjoy the feelings we get when we are in the middle of a crowd. The thrill of the football stadium crowd, the shared enthusiasm when our team scores, and even the disappointment when they lose, are all factors of our delight in this type of experience. Many of us find it strange when someone wants to be alone. "What, you want to be completely alone, with NOBODY there?" The desire to be alone is often considered to be anti-social.

In spite of this feeling, there are times when we really need to be alone. The life of Jesus serves as our best example of what is right, proper, and acceptable to God. We find that he often sought time to be alone, and even commanded solitude under certain conditions.

First, Jesus commanded solitude in prayer: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6).

Second, before he announced the selection of his apostles, he went into a mountain to pray all night (Luke 6:12ff).

Third, when his cousin John (the baptist) was beheaded by Herod, Jesus responded by getting

away from the crowd. "When Jesus heard [of it], he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard [thereof], they followed him on foot out of the cities" (Matthew 14:13). He found that the people continued to pursue him and had to go into a mountain "apart to pray."

Finally, when Jesus faced his greatest trialthat of dying the horrible and cruel death of the crucifixion-he went into the garden to pray, taking with him only his closest friends, who were left so he could be alone (Matthew 26:36ff).

Notice the times when solitude is appropriate: when we approach God in prayer, when we are about to make an important decision, when we suffer loss of a loved one. and when we are faced with death or persecution. There are several other possibilities that present themselves, but these four examples from the life of Jesus recorded in the Gospels should be sufficient.

Let us enjoy the crowds and their benefits in our lives but let us also seek out those times of solitude that are proper for our spiritual, as well as mental well-being.

> -- Tony W. Boyd, Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, MO

Welcome,

We are so glad you are here!

Please know

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you.
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29
- For those who have small children, the following options are available:
- o Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
- o We have a staffed nursery for children 0 -2 years old during Sunday morning Worship

Please tell us a little bit about you by filling out a Visitor form in the lobby OR scan

Hang around a bit after service & get to know us!

Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.





Our Mission

We take our stand on the Bible. Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.

We believe:

- o there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- o Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- o We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- o The true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire are to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- o The New Testament teaches that a person encounters the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- o Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- o Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Month of September		Weekly	09/07/25	09/14/25
		Baptismal Clothes	Annette Hall	Anita Gaines
		D 11 11	Jeff Hall	Tom Whitaker
		Building Monitors	Trent Fortson	Jeff Deason
Providing.	Ch and and	Sunday Morning	09/07/25	09/14/25
Presiding Bret Sim	•	Lead Singing	Elliotte Lawing	Darrell Johnson
Annound	cements	Opening Prayer	John Rowden	Larry Gregory
Bret Sim	ioneaux	Scripture Reading	Jeff Hall	Jerry Hall
Lord's	Table	Closing Prayer	Darrell Carroll	John Rowden
Preside	Jon Keller	G	Kelly Craddock	Jeff Hall
Servers - Table	Jim Craddock Dayton Fortson	Greeters	Tom Whitaker	Pat Putnal
	Rusty Trent		Stone MacPhee	Ron Bean
Servers – Sides	Stone MacPhee	Shut Down Building	Tom Whitaker	Kirk Sams
Ushers	Darrell Carroll	Nursery Attendants	Lisa Putnal	Teresa Clowney
	Ron Bean Mike Sills	Sunday Evening		,
AV Room – Sun AM	Brad Fortson	Lead Singing	Darrell Johnson	Joe Eagle
AV Room – Sun PM	Cameron Goldman	Opening Prayer	Ron bean	Tom Whitaker
	Melvin Bennett C. Simoneaux		Brad Fortson	
AV Room – Wed PM	B. Simoneaux	Closing Prayer		Elliotte Lawing
	E. Lawing	Shut Down Building	Brad Fortson	Darrell Carroll
Contributions	C. Simoneaux		Kirk Sams	Jeff Hall
	Ronnie Bean	Wednesday Evening	09/10/25	09/17/25
Food for Families	Gretchen Fortson	Lead Singing	Cameron Goldman	Olian Holladay
Please use the m	•	Opening Prayer	Elliotte Lawing	Rusty Trent
ensure those	with hearing	Closing Prayer	Mike Sills	Brad Fortson
impairments may l	near the speaker.	Shut Down Building	Jeff Hall	Darrell Carroll
		If you are una	ble to serve as scheduled,	please contact

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Jon Keller at 479-719-8268

Fellowship Opportunities

The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

September 9th September 16th Mayflower Parkway House

September 23rd September 30th

Charros Cracker Barrell

Golden Agers Luncheon

September 21st Pollo Supreme – aka chicken dishes

Ladies Breakfast

September 13th 9:00am **IHOP**

800 Cloverleaf Plaza, Kannapolis

Kayak Trip

September 20th Sign up in FCR **Cost \$35**

Men's Breakfast

October 4th at KcoC 8:00am

Gospel meeting

A Closer Walk with Jesus with **Josh Moss of Centergrove** October 5-8 Make plans now!



2025 Dates

September 18th November 13th

American Red Cross 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sign up in the FCR

God's Steps to Salvation

Hear the Gospel:	Believe the Gospel: O Hebrews 11:6 O John 3:16 O John 3:36	• Repent of past Sins:
	o Romans 10:9	
Confess Faith in Jesus Christ:	• Be Baptized:	• Be Faithful: o Hebrews 10:23 o Luke 16:10 o Hebrews 3:12-19

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Wednesday

Bible Study: 9:00AM Monday - Friday Ladies Bible Study: 9:00AM Morning Worship: 10:00AM **Online Devotional-Evening Worship** 6:00PM



with Kirk Sams

7:00PM Bible Study:

All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page

Weekly Attendance		Weekly Contributions		
	08-24-25	08-31-25	Weekly Goal	\$5,770.10
Bible Class	54	50	20.04.05	00.04.05
Sunday AM	99	104	08-24-25	08-31-25
Sunday PM	38	30	\$7,419.00	\$7,506.00
Wednesday	08-27-25	09-03-25		. ,
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PRAYER REQUESTS

"Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus."

- 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Have a Prayer Request? Please send email to: info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org

New Requests:

- **Tony Beaver-** is recovering at home. No broken bones but still very weak. Prayers appreciated.
- **Jacob Rogers** (Janice & Danny Rogers' grandson) had surgery on September 3rd to remove an eye that was injured in a work accident several months ago.
- **Scott Williams** was also able to go home from the hospital and is feeling better. He will have further test next Wednesday.



With Sympathy

Stephen Peyton (Bobbie Seabolt's cousin) passed away on September 2, 2025. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

Continued Prayers/Updates:

- **Ray Beam** (Jan Beam's husband) received good news from his oncologist, no more radiation and just monitor his progress over the next several months. Prayers for strength and healing.
- Cassie Cannon- continues to weaken day by day but is in great spirits.
- Wayne Cannon has knee pain and is awaiting consult with orthopedic specialist.
- Anna Cleveland hurt her ankle earlier in the week & is in need of prayers for healing.
- **Jessie Clowney** (Melvin's uncle) has a fractured bone in his neck. Prayers up as he meets with his doctor.
- **Shannon Copper** (Annette & Jeff's 37yr old niece) is still undergoing treatments but doing well. Prayers appreciated.
- **Justin Sandlin-** (son of Jim Craddock's colleague) it appears the chemotherapy may have killed the cancer. Follow tests will be done in November. Prayers appreciated.
- Lisa Winchester received great news from her recent tests. Thanks to all for prayers and words of encouragement.



Please keep these people in your prayers & send cards as you are able Addresses are on the bulletin board in the FCR or scan QR code.



Long-term Healing Journey:

Tony Beaver

Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt's niece)

Karen Rogers (Janice Rogers' daughter-in-law)

Lisa Winchester

Joseph Lee (Craddock's son-in-law) Jay Miller (Bobbie Seabolt's brother) Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs' brother) Hurricane Helene survivors

Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Cassie Canon | Dan & Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

Military:

Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney's son-in-law)
Aaron Deason
James Schriever (friend of Coopers)
Landon Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)
Marquita Allen (Daughter of Ray Andrews)

Brian Mullins (Northview COC)
David Jones (Dan Payne's nephew)
Cameron McAllister (C&B Lancaster's nephew)

Dante Durant (friend of Yost & Edwards' family)
Lawson Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)



September Anniversaries

R&B Bean 10th
J&R Lancaster 16th
S&E Williams 16th



September Birthdays

David Evans 12th
Levi Carroll 13th
Seth Winchester 14th
Lisa Chamberlain 19th
Chris Shuping 20th
Judy Lambert 20th