



## No Second Chances

Abraham said to the rich man who was suffering in torment in Hades, "And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us" (Luke 16:26).

Brother Palmer Wheeler once wrote. "Today is the day of salvation. Tomorrow may be too late. There's danger and death in delaying, accept God's saving grace!"

The rich man learned this lesson in a most terrible way. He lived selfishly during his life. Then, when he so desperately wanted relief, he was told it was too late. He could not change his fate. He could not leave his place of righteous punishment.

He had worn the finest clothes and thrown lavish parties, but now he was miserable. He had lived for the moment. but now his eternity was set. We have been warned, "Weigh everything in the light of eternity. For if you do not, the things you most cherish now may simply be the idols that damn you." The rich man learned too late that his earthly possessions were not worth his immortal soul (Matthew 16:26).

Time runs out. The days slip away almost unnoticed until we look back, wondering where all of those days went! The Lord informed us that our lives are merely a "mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (James 4:14). We know it to be true, yet we so rarely live as if we understand.

The rich man in Luke 16 encourages us to make the most of our opportunities – to stop wasting time with the frivolous and vain! He wanted relief – it was too late. He was concerned about his brothers – it was too late. He had wasted his time!

Paul warned: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). We must make the most of today since we do not know what tomorrow holds, and once we die, there are no second chances (cf. Hebrews 3:15; 4:7).

Today is the day for second chances; tomorrow is too late. We must be on the lookout for opportunities to share the Gospel with others and be aware of our own need to repent, knowing that on the other side of eternity, there are no second chances.

--Bart Warren, South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY

# 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)
- 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.



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Contributions

**Food for Families** 

M. Sillst

M. Sills

E. Lawing

C. Simoneaux

Gretchen Fortson

## **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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Month of December		Weekly	12/28/25	01/04/26
Presiding :	Shepherd	Baptismal Clothes	Geraldine Clowney	Mary Whitaker
Elliotte Lawing		D 11 11 AA 11	Darrell Carroll	Jeff Deason
		Building Monitors	Jeff Deason	Bert Putnal
	Announcements Mike Sillsl		12/28/25	01/04/26
Lord's		Sunday Morning  Lead Singing	Elliotte Lawing	Olian Holladay
Preside	Ron Bean	Opening Prayer	Mike McFalls	Tom Whitaker
Servers – Table	Larry Gregory			
Servers rubic	Jim Craddock	Scripture Reading	Mark Bargeloh	Aaron Deason
Servers – Sides	Tom Whitaker Brad Fortson	Closing Prayer	John Rowden	Bret Simoneaux
	Jim Craddock	Greeters	Pam Sams	Kelly Craddock
Ushers	Jeff Hall	Greeters	Darrell Johnson	Ron Bean
AV Room – Sun AM	Melvin Bennet	Chart Davin Building	Joe Eagle	Stone MacPhee
	Ray Andrews	Shut Down Building	Aaron Deason	Tom Whitaker
AV Room – Sun PM	C. Simoneaux B. Simoneaux	Nursery Attendants	Teresa Clowney	Brittany Honeycutt
AV Room – Wed PM	C. Simoneaux	Sunday Evening	12/28/25	01/04/26
AV ROOM – Wed PW	M. Bennett	Lead Singing	ALL/Darrell Johnson	Mark Bargeloh
Contributions	E. Lawing R. Bean	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	John Rowden
	M. Bennett	Closing Prayer	Mike Sills	Cameron Goldman
Food for Families	Beth Bean		Bret Simoneaux	Brad Fortson
Month of December		Shut Down Building	Jeff Deason	Kirk Sams
Presiding	Shepherd	Wednesday Evening	12/31/25	01/07/26
Bret Sim	Bret Simoneaux		Cameron Goldman	Joe Eagle
Annound	cements	Lead Singing Opening Prayer	Darrell Johnson	Rusty Trent
Bret Sim	ioneaux	Closing Prayer	Rusty Trent	Jeff Hall
Lord's	Lord's Table		Joe Eagle	Jeff Deason
Preside	Jim Craddock	Shut Down Building		
Servers – Table	Mike McFalls	If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact		
	Rusty Trent		Mike Sills at 919 2733018	
Servers – Sides	Jeff Hall			
	Larry Gregory	-		
Ushers	Jeff Hall Larry Gregory			
	D/L Carroll			
AV Room – Sun AM	M. Bennett			
AV Room – Sun PM	C. Simoneaux	1		
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AV Room – Wed PM	C. Simoneaux			

## **Fellowship Opportunities**

# The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

December 30<sup>th</sup> Cracker Barrell

January 6<sup>th</sup> TBD

January 13<sup>th</sup> Mayflower
January 20<sup>th</sup> Parkway House

#### SING IN THE NEW YEAR!

#### Join us

for Wednesday night Bible class on Dec. 31st at 7 pm.

Then, stay for fellowship, finger foods, games and singing!

## **Pizza Night**



Pizza Night January 21, 2026 Join us before Bible Class at 6pm Fellowship and Pizza

### **Golden Agers Luncheon**

January 18<sup>th</sup> Soup's On

## Ladies' Brunch

When: January 10 @ 10 a.m. Where: Fellowship Hall What: Chik Fil-A provided.

Secret Sister Reveal. All ladies are

invited.

**RSVP:** Sign up in FCR



If you would like to have the periodical sent directly to a local neighbor or friend, please provide the name, address and zip code to Bret.

Send to Bret.Simoneaux@gmail.com

Subject: House to House

## Singspiration 2026 – Jan 30 – Feb 1





Register with the QR Code Or the Webpage

REMINDER: Send bulletin announcements or updates to info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org.

## **God's Steps to Salvation**

<ul> <li>Hear the Gospel:         <ul> <li>Romans 10:17</li> <li>Luke 11:28</li> <li>John 5:24</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Believe the Gospel:	• Repent of past Sins:
<ul> <li>Confess Faith in Jesus Christ:</li> <li>Matthew 10:32</li> <li>Philippians 2:11</li> <li>1 John 2:23</li> </ul>	• Be Baptized:	• Be Faithful:

#### Minister

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## **Weekly Schedule**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study: 9:00AM
Ladies Bible Study: 9:00AM
Morning Worship: 10:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM

Wednesday

9:00AM
Online Devotional
with Kirk Sams



All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page and YouTube

Weekly Attendance			Weekly Contributions	
Bible Class Sunday AM	<b>12-14-25</b> 55 97	<b>12-21-25</b> 63 123	Weekly Goal 12-14-25	\$5,770.10 12-21-25
Sunday PM	34 <b>12-17-25</b>	49 <b>12-23-25</b>	\$6,645.00	\$5,738.00
Wednesday	50	38		



# 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:**

- **Doug Bailey,** Melissa King's dad, passed away on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Geraldine Clowney received good results from her heart test.
- Jessie Clowney (Lorene's husband) is struggling with blood pressure issues.
- Mitzi Crane (Ron Bean's sister), her husband, Jay, and daughter, Lisa Brown are struggling with serious health conditions and would appreciate prayers.
- Abby Dailey has ovarian cysts that are causing much pain. Pray for doctors as they determine next steps.

### **Continued Prayers/Updates:**

- **Donna Bowden** (Kelly Craddock's sister)- has been diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer.
- Samuel Brockman (Elliotte Lawing's cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
- Rhye Glaum (the Bean's great grandson) was diagnosed with BWS and will face many tests. A procedure is still scheduled for January 15
- Remember **Eileen Lemasters** and the family as they mourn the passing of Bob. A memorial will be held at the Salisbury National Cemetery on March 10, 2026.
- Hilde Lewis (mother of Sylvia Lewis, friend of Rowdens and Carrolls) is in Pinehurst Hospital.
- Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt's niece) meets with doctors in February to discuss the next surgery. She continues to receive nutrition through an IV.
- **Karen Lovell** is in communication with the hospital in Virginia, UVA about pain in her lower back. She is consulting with a surgeon about further surgery to address the pain.
- Tim Pinkston is recovering well and adjusting to his medications.
- Pat Putnal's lung disorder is being monitored by doctors and treatments are being adjusted.
- Karen Rogers' 2-year-old granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has a blood disease and is awaiting further testing to determine the severity.
- Tim Shipman (friend of the Johnsons) is battling cancer. Prayers are appreciated.
- Rose Turner's (Karen Rogers' mother) surgery is scheduled for Dec. 29. They will try to increase her lung capacity from 20% to 35%.
- Tom Whitaker had a successful biopsy. His fluid/lymph nodes are clear of cancer. He will get the cultures report in about 4 weeks.



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



#### **Long-term Healing Journey:**

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

**Dale Winchester** 

Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt's niece)

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

Lisa Winchester

**Hurricane Helene survivors** 

#### **Shut-ins:**

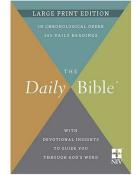
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#### Military:

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)

#### 2026 - Read Through the Bible Together using the Daily Bible



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