

August 31, 2025
8:45 AM
Traditional Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Greeting

Songs

To God Be the Glory
Tell Me the Story of Jesus
My Jesus, I Love Thee

No. 4
No. 122
No. 210

Receive Tithes and Offering

Break Thou the Bread of Life, arr. Pethel – Rena Myers

The Lord’s Supper

“Foundations of Joy” 1 John 1:1-4 Pastor Jon Reed

Song

Trust and Obey No. 447

Benediction/Postlude

11:00 AM
Livestream and In-Person
Worship Service

Welcome and Prayer

Songs

The Lion and the Lamb
Build My Life
What a Beautiful Name

Receive Tithes and Offering

Break Thou the Bread of Life, arr. Pethel – Rena Myers

The Lord’s Supper

“Foundations of Joy” 1 John 1:1-4 Pastor Jon Reed

Song

Jesus Paid It All

Communication Column

Jesus was asked one time “what is important in life”? That is a little bit of a paraphrase but it captures the essence of what the expert in the law was asking Him in Matthew 22:34-40. He was asked “what is the greatest commandment,” and it was asked in a spirit of trying to test Jesus. He knew this but He still answered the question. Why would He answer the question knowing that they were testing Him and trying to trap Him? Because the answer really was that important. His answer was “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment and Jesus answered by letting everyone know what was important in life. What is important is to love God and love people. Those things are what life is supposed to be about. We complicate life with so much stuff but life should be about loving God and loving people.

The very idea of love carries with it the idea of communion. We commune (or spend time with people that we love). In fact the word communion is defined as “the sharing or exchanging of thoughts and feelings, especially personal thoughts and feelings.” Communion is an act of love and we are called by Jesus Himself to love God and to love other people.

Communion is also an act of worship in church. We partake of the bread and juice, which represents the body of Christ. Why did Jesus give His body and shed His blood on the cross? Simply put because He loved us and when we celebrate communion we are remembering in a very special and powerful way the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. I say we are remembering it is a special way because in reality we should remember Jesus’ sacrifice and His love for us every time we gather for worship, but not just during worship, we should remember His love for us and His sacrifice on the cross each and everyday of our lives. Martin Luther instructed us correctly when he said, “Preach the Gospel to yourself everyday”. We need to be reminded daily of the love of God and as we are reminded it should motivate us to commune with Him, not just as we take communion, but each and everyday. To quote the old hymn we should remember that “He walks with us and talks with us.” We should remember and we should listen and share our thoughts and lives with Him as well. We love Him because He first loved us. We celebrate communion today because He gave us His love on the cross of Calvary.

Of course His love empowers us to love Him in return and it also empowers us to love one another. It empowers us to commune even with one another, to talk with one another, to listen to one another, and even to do what Paul says in Romans 12:15, and “weep and rejoice” together. His love makes all of that possible. This week we begin an exciting new adventure together and I am honored and thrilled to be your pastor. I can think of no better way to begin this new chapter than by worshipping together and celebrating communion. This adventure will include us getting to know one another, loving and encouraging one another, praying for and perhaps praying with one another, and it will prayerfully include weeping and rejoicing with one another as well. All of these one another’s and important and all of them are possible because the love of Jesus on the cross. We get to celebrate that love today as we take communion. So because of the love that He has for us let us love Him in return and let us love one another well for the glory of God and through the power of God.

In His Service,

Nursery Helpers Today:



10 AM – Haylee Johnson & Denise Brumback
11 AM – Denise & Gemma Brumback

Upcoming Student Events

Sunday School (For All Ages) 10 AM.

Team Kid For children 3 yr.old-5th grade 11:20 AM in the CFC(gym). This is each Sunday Morning.

Wednesday Night Youth 6th-12th grade: Meet in the Gym, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. The Youth will continue go through the “Imitate” series on the 3rd and 10th. There will be a lesson on “Decisions, Decisions” on the 17th.

Wednesday Night Children 3 yr. old-5th grade: Meet upstairs in the room across from the 3rd-5th grade room 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The Children will continue going through the Good News Curriculum. 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Fall Festival Meeting Sunday September 21st - Fall Festival Meeting for those who want help with it. This is after the Contemporary Service in the gym. Fall Festival will be on Friday October 31st.

Children and Youth Wednesday September 24th Children and Youth Game Night in the gym 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

Youth Sunday, September 28th the youth (6th-12th grade) will be going to Pizza Inn after the Contemporary Service. Afterwards, we will come back to the church and do separate guy and girl activities. We will be finished by 5 PM. Cost of Pizza will be taken care of.

Get Connected!
Sign up for text updates:

Children’s Ministry
Scan the QR code below

or text “Kids” to (633) 230-9468

Youth Ministry
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Offerings August 24, 2025:

Offerings Needed - \$5,766.03
Offerings Received - \$3,630.00
Weekly Average Offerings - \$6,065.90

Online Giving In case you didn’t know, we offer online giving through Tithe.ly. You can scan the QR code that takes you directly to our Tithe.ly page, or you can go to our website www.tusculumbaptist.org and click on GIVE button at the top right.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Calendar Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday	8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Live Stream or anytime after Go to <u>www.tusculumbaptist.org</u> 5:30 PM Choir Practice
Tuesday	8:00 AM Men's Coffee 9:30 AM Ladies 2 Sunday School Class 10:30 AM Women's Coffee & Conversation
Wednesday	6:30 PM Prayer Meeting/Fall Bible Study Children/ & Youth Meeting
Thursday	11:00 AM Women's Prayer Focus Group 8:00 PM SPOT/College Ministry

Prayer for TBC and New Pastor/Family

Please join us each Sunday for our prayer gatherings focused on God's leading in our church as we look forward to TBC's next pastor and his family. The 9:45 AM location is in the library (after the first worship service and before Sunday School starts); The 12:15 PM location is in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 AM worship service ends.

Women on Mission (WOM):

In August Women on Mission will be collecting for the Food Bank. There are bins in the front and back foyers. Please leave your non-perishable food donations in the bins by the end of August. Some high demand items are peanut butter, crackers, soup, macaroni-N-cheese, instant potatoes, rice, fruit cups, and canned meat. Greeneville/ Greene County Community Ministries operates the food bank.

OCC Shoebox item for September: Games

Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan Purse Workshop Saturday, September 6th 5 PM – 7:30 PM at Heritage Baptist Church in Johnson City. The featured speaker is a shoe box recipient. To sign up visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ. If you are interested in helping with our shoe box ministry this year, this would be a great place to learn more. Contact Rosalie Brooks at 423-972-1419 if you plan on attending the workshop.

Choir Practice Tonight at 5:30 PM.

Men's Coffee Fellowship Tuesday 8:00 AM at Starbucks inside Ingles.

Women's Coffee & Conversation Tuesday mornings 10:30 AM at Starbucks inside Ingles. Contact Lisa Mullins with any questions.

Prayer Meeting/Fall Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM; Fall Bible Study: "Joshua – Lessons on Life, Leadership, Victory and Defeat"- Pastor Jon Reed.

Women's Prayer Focus Group reconvenes beginning Thursday, September 4th **NOTE NEW TIME!** " 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM. This group's purpose is specific kingdom-centered prayer for a reawakening, renewal, repentance for Christians and our country/world and for our church. This autumn season of prayer takes place September through November. Please see Rena Myers with any questions, and all ladies of the church are welcome.

SPOT/College Ministry Thursday, September 4th 8 PM- CFC. Please be in prayer as SPOT begins for this semester.

Deacons Meeting Sunday, September 7th at 6:30 PM

Women on Mission Monday, September 8th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Center for a covered dish lunch. All women and men are invited to join us for food, fun fellowship, and missions' work.

Women's Bible Study Monday, September 8th at 6:00 PM. Come join us for our fall Ladies Bible Study "*Discerning the Voice of God*" by Priscilla Shirer, it is a seven-week study. We will have pizza supper for the first and last night. All ladies are invited. Come see what it's all about!

Bible Study Fellowship begins Thursday, September 11th 6:30 PM (enter upstairs back door) Encounter God. Build Friendships. Exile & Return – A time to build. All women are invited. For more details and to register visit: join.bosfinternational.org or call 615-663-2440.

Women of Joy Conference April 10-12, 2026 Pigeon Forge Ladies, join us for the Women of Joy Conference in Pigeon Forge! The estimated cost is \$250 per person, including your conference ticket and lodging. Final details will depend on how many ladies sign up. Please sign up in the sanctuary overflow by **September 14th**. Questions? See Charity Wright, Jennifer Chambless or Robin Carr.

SWEET TUESDAY resumes Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the CFC (near the kitchen). All ladies welcome! Please bring finger foods to share. We will have the pleasure of getting to know Leann Reed, our new Pastor's wife!

Business Meeting/Fellowship Sunday, September 21st Monthly Business Meeting at 5:30 PM with Fellowship/Reception for Dr. Hummel following. Additional details to be announced.

Tusculum University Nettie Day Friday, September 26th Noon – 2 PM, additional details to be announced!

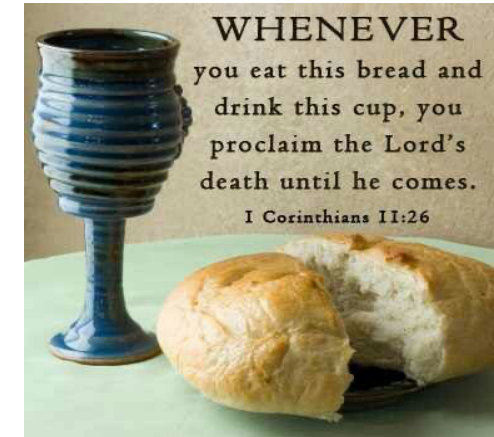
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As the people of God, we rejoice in your presence. If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a communication card (in back of pews or on clipboard in overflow) and place it in the offering plate. Let us know if we can answer any questions. Also, we have a small gift we would like to give you. Please see one of the ladies in the church entry following the worship service.

Jon Reed, Pastor
Justin Carson, Minister of Students
Susie Bennett, Ministry Assistant