

## A SLOW BURN

In 1962, a fire started in Centralia, Pennsylvania, and it still burns to this day. The town would frequently burn its trash in dugout holes in the ground in order to get rid of it. But on this day, unknowingly, the fire was set not too far above a coal chute. Soon, the fire had burned into the mine below, and then spread to other connected mines. Gases began to come up from the ground as cracks formed, and any attempts to put out the fire were unsuccessful because of its size and speed. The whole scene and the effects from the fires were terrible, to say the least! In 1992, after having burned for 30 years, it was finally determined that everyone had to be evacuated, the ZIP code was retired, and the buildings condemned. Now to this day, Centralia stands uninhabited.

While very interesting (to me at least), I think we could all agree that the story of Centralia is just terrible. But I think there is a lesson (maybe a few) that can be learned from it. Once begun, although it moved quickly as it spread, the fire was a slow and consistent burn that continues to this day. When sin surfaces in our lives, it can burn in this way if we aren't careful. Sometimes it begins slowly and without notice, but once it takes hold, it spreads quickly and lingers with ferocity. However, attempts to put it out are not in vain like they were in Pennsylvania. We have a God who is far more powerful than the burn of sin! 1 Peter 2:24 says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." What an critical thing that Christ has saved us from, and continuously washes us clean through His blood! But really, the best thing we can do is to be on guard and be wise about the what situations we are putting ourselves into. If someone had just taken the time the trash could have been burned somewhere that wouldn't have started the fire in the first place.

In God's Love,



### About Our Worship

**Prayer** As an integral part of Christian life, our worship includes a lot of prayer. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

**Singing** Worship is interactive and participatory. (Ephesians 5:19) We invite you to join in as we praise God through singing.

**Lord's Supper** Each week we celebrate our unity and reflect on the sacrifice of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

**Offering** Offerings are an act of obedience and gratitude. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) *Guests are not expected or obligated to give.*

**Message** The teaching/preaching time seeks to communicate God's truth in relevant ways. (2 Timothy 4:2)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Today

\*2:42 Groups Meet

### April 25

\*YM Milk & Honey

### April 28

\*Elder Installation  
\*Final 2:42 Group Meeting  
Meetings resume in the fall.

### April 29

\*YM Renew

### May 4

\*Men's Fellowship

### May 5

\*Senior Recognition &  
Family Night in the FAC

### May 12

\*Mother's Day  
No PM Service

### May 13

\*VBS Worknight

### May 16

\*Ladies' Game Night

### May 17

\*YM Girls' & Guys' Nights Out

### May 19

\*Guest & New Member Lunch

### May 20

\*VBS Worknight

### May 21

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast

### May 27

\*Memorial Day—Office Closed

### SERVICES TIMES

Sunday Worship - 9 am & 6 pm

Sunday School - 10:30 am

Wednesday Bible Study - 6 pm

### OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday through Friday

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### WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

#### ATTENDANCE

AM Worship—284

Bible Class—NA

2:42 Groups—142

Wed. Bible Study—151

#### BUDGET

\$ 16,555.33

#### YTD AVG. WEEKLY

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 17,647.40

#### 2024 RESPONSES:

Baptisms—3

New Members—4

April 21, 2024

# Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE  
HERE AND PRAY YOU ARE  
BLESSED THROUGH YOUR  
TIME WITH US TODAY.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday AM Worship—9:00  
Sunday AM Bible Class—10:30  
Sunday PM Worship—6:00  
Wednesday PM—6:00



You can join our live-streamed  
worship at [JenksChurchofChrist.com](http://JenksChurchofChrist.com)



# INFO CENTER

**NEW WITH US?** Please fill out a Connect card from the chair rack and drop it in the box in the foyer.

**Questions?** Our elders or ministers would be glad to visit with you. You can also visit the resources page of our church website at [jenkschurchofchrist.com/resources/](http://jenkschurchofchrist.com/resources/).

Please stop by our **Welcome Center**, where you can grab a cup of coffee and find more resources and information about what's happening at Jenks Ave.

## HAVE KIDS? WE OFFER:

**Attended nursery** for children under 24 months.

**Training room** - located at the back of the auditorium. You may sit with your children and still participate in worship service.

**Infant nursing room** - a quiet place to rock, change and feed. Wall monitors allow mothers to see and hear the worship service.

**Activity bags** are available for check-out in the Welcome Center.

**Kingdom Kids—Sunday evenings during evening worship** (ages 3 years to 2nd grade). A safe, learning-friendly environment where children learn about the Bible through puppet shows, singing, games, and crafts.

## ELDERS

Elder On Call: Bob Backus  
(850) 348-2644

Bob Backus, Hal Bureson, Paul Calhoun, Jim Holsombake, Bart Lewis, Matt Wegner and Gary Witham

## DEACONS



Visit our website for a list of deacons and their service areas.

## MINISTERS

Lead Minister  
Daniel Cherry (850)387-6736  
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Discipleship Minister  
Nick Rice (928) 225-0814  
nick@jenkschurchofchrist.com

Youth Minister  
Brian Crosby (406) 871-7085  
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# Facilities, Classes & Locations

## Sunday Morning Classes

Adults	Rm 17/18	Sharing Your Faith	Under 2	Rm 13
Adults	Rm 22	OT Poetry and Prophets	2's- 3's	Rm 5
Adults	Rm 26	Sermon on the Mount	4's & 5's	Rm 8
Adults	F1	The Great Commission	K/1st	Rm 9
HS & MS	F3	Building Biblical Relationships	2nd/3rd	Rm 11
			4th/5th	Rm 12

## Wednesday Classes

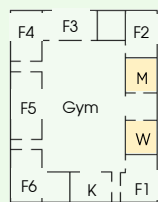
2 Timothy & Titus	Rm 17/18
Young Ladies' Class	Rm 25
2:42 Leader Training	Rm 22
Men's Class	F1
HS/MS	F3
Faith Ave— 2 yrs-5th grade	

All children are dropped off in rm. 23 between 5:50-6:00 pm and picked up between 7:00-7:10 pm. Children must be signed in and out by a parent.

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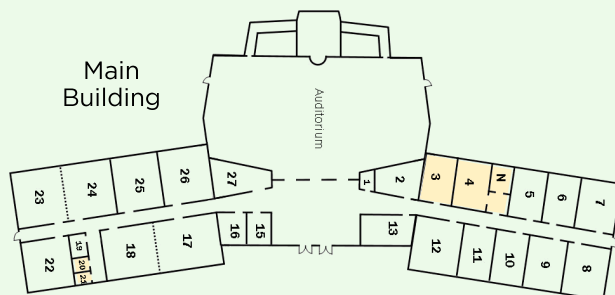
Sunday AM Worship—9:00  
AM Bible Class—10:30  
Sunday PM Worship—6:00  
Wednesday PM—6:00

Don't forget to look for two swords in this week's bulletin!



Family Activity Center

Main Building



Restrooms



# News & Events

See the back of the bulletin for a more complete list of activities and meetings.



Small groups meet today.

## Men's Fellowship @ The Powder Room

Saturday, May 4

12 noon—meet for lunch (location TBD)

1:30-3:00 pm—The Powder Room

Range fees and simulator are covered. Men are responsible for their lunch and ammunition.



## Senior Recognition & Family Night in the FAC

Sunday, May 5, 6:00 pm

Come celebrate with our High School graduates!



A devotional and graduation celebration will be followed by a Mexican potluck meal. Drinks and dessert provided.

## This year's graduates:

Anna Cherry, Mac Gortemoller, Taylor Jackson, Kaycee McClellan, Kyle McClellan, Madison Murphy, Jasmine Orum, Owen Page, Cameron Pinkus, Sadie Shipp and Lana Smith

**Parents & Graduates:** Please begin bringing items for the table Sunday, April 21.

## Congratulations College Graduates!

**Brandon Furbee** graduates from Harding University with a degree in Bible & Missions on May 4.

**Sienna Hagan** graduates from the University of Florida with a degree of Juris Doctor on May 17.

## Heartfelt Thanks!

Dear church family,

We would like to express a heartfelt "THANK YOU" for the flowers that were sent to our mother's grave. We can't put into words how much that meant to our whole family. We love our church!

*The Sucher Family*



## Vacation Bible School June 30-July 3

Worknights begin Monday, May 13 5:30-7:30pm in the FAC

Contact Katy Jackson or Amy Furbee if you would like to volunteer to help with this year's VBS.

## CAMP WIREGRASS

Below are the dates groups from our congregation are going to camp.

Campers, if you invite a friend, your friend goes for free!

Call the office for the code your friends use to register.

10th-12th June 2-7  
7th-9th June 9-14  
5th-6th June 16-21  
3rd-4th July 21-26

Visit [campwiregrass.info](http://campwiregrass.info) for a complete schedule.

## Elder Nominations

Lawrence Peavler has been announced as a prospective elder. If you have any questions, concerns or words of encouragement, please take the next week to talk with Lawrence. You can also address any concerns in writing to an elder.

Elder installation is planned for Sunday, April 28.

## For the Ladies

**Tuesday Morning Bible Class** 10:00 am in the FAC

## Ladies' Game Night

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 pm

Held the third Thursday of the month at 6pm in the FAC.

Please make plans to come and enjoy time with Christian sisters.

## Teen Corner

### BIBLE CLASSES

#### Sunday Mornings

Building Biblical Relationships

#### Wednesday Nights

Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### April 25

Milk & Honey

#### April 29

Renew

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[Youth Events Calendar](#)