

## DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

This week there was an embarrassing retraction printed by Guinness World Records. Back in 2000, they discovered a fossil that they named the oldest octopus in the world, placing it at 300 million years old. That's roughly 210 million years older than the next closest competitor. In other words, it was the type of discovery that changed what we thought we knew about the octopus and, frankly, about lots of things.

Well, as it turns out, the lead researcher has determined that it isn't an octopus at all, but rather a nautilus. Below are pictures of an octopus and a nautilus. You will see what makes this discovery so silly. These two sea creatures don't look all that similar.

Thomas Clements, the lead researcher on the project, said, "It's a very difficult fossil to interpret. To look at it, it kind of just looks like a white mush." That's a fantastic quote that attempts to explain the obvious question, "How did this happen?"

Well, it was a simple mistake. We all make assumptions about all sorts of things based on the knowledge we have at the time. All we can do is use the knowledge we have at the time to the best of our ability. Unfortunately, we rarely know as much as we think we do, and we often don't know as much as we should.

Clements would go on to say that the data is so hard to understand that he'd expect someone who researched octopuses to see an octopus, and someone who researched nautilus to see a nautilus. Or, to see what they were looking for.

How often do we see what we're looking for rather than what is really right in front of us?

*Do not judge by appearances,  
but judge with right judgment.*

John 7:24

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### 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 Small Groups Meet
- May 1**—Memorial Service honoring Shirley Horton
- May 3**—\*Elders'/Deacons' Meetings  
\*Family Night in the FAC & Senior Recognition
- May 4**—VBS Worknight
- May 9**—Mother/Daughter Banquet
- May 10**—Mothers' Day, No PM Service
- May 11**—VBS Worknight
- May 15**—Senior Saints' Lunch
- May 16**—YM Overflow
- May 17**—Baby Shower honoring Hannah Calhoun
- May 18**—VBS Worknight
- May 19**—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- May 24**—Bridal Shower honoring Ashlyn Chandler
- May 25**—Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day
- May 30**—YM Out of School Jam
- May 31**—YM Parent SonQuest Meeting
- June 1**—FAC Reserved for VBS through June 19

**Pickleball—May 25**  
6:00 p.m. in the FAC



Pickleball moves to Tuesday nights in May and will not meet the first three weeks of June. It will resume on Monday, June 22.

**OFFICE HOURS**  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Monday through Friday

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### WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
AM Worship—288	\$ 18,405.12
Bible Class—199	
2:42 Groups—155	<b>YTD AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION</b>
Wednesday—131	\$ 19,952.93

**2026 RESPONSES:** Baptisms—5  
New Members—14

April 26, 2026

# 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—Small Groups  
Wednesday PM—6:00

You can join our live-streamed  
worship at JenksChurchOfChrist.com





# INFO CENTER

**NEW WITH US?** Please fill out a Let's Connect card from the chair rack and drop it in the collection plate or 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: Lawrence Peavler (850) 814-8680

Hal Burlison, Paul Calhoun, Joel Chapman, Jim Holsombake, Jim Hurley, Bart Lewis, Lawrence Peavler, Carl Scott 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  
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Youth Minister  
Brian Crosby (406) 871-7085  
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## News & Events

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



Small groups meet today.

### Men's Softball

Tomorrow is the end-of-season tournament at 6:30p.m. at Oakland Terrace. Come cheer on our team!

### Elders' & Deacons' Meetings

Sunday, May 3  
Deacons-4:15 p.m. in room 17/18

### Memorial Service honoring Shirley Horton

Friday, May 1, 11:00 a.m. at Kent-Forest Lawn

### Senior Recognition & Family Night in the FAC

Sunday, May 3, 6:00 pm

A devotional and graduation celebration will be followed by a Mexican food potluck.

Please bring a card congratulating them on their achievement and a potluck dish to share.

Drinks and desserts provided.

### Graduating Seniors

Conner Fitzgerald, Brody Jackson, Samuel Merritt, Will Smith, and Morgan Tuggle

### VBS Coming June 14-18

### Worknights Mondays in May

5:30-7:30 p.m. in the FAC

A light dinner is provided.

See Katy Jackson to help with VBS.

### Mother/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 9

4:00 p.m. in the FAC

If you don't have a mother or daughter to invite, invite a friend! Sign up at the table in the foyer.

### Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

No p.m. services.

### Senior Saints' Lunch & Bingo Bash

Friday, May 15  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded.

Bring a dessert if you can, and bring a friend!

### Baby Shower honoring Hannah Calhoun

Sunday, May 17  
2:00-4:00 p.m. at the home of Michelle Reece

Hannah and Garrett are expecting a boy and are registered on Amazon and Target.

### Bridal Shower honoring Ashlyn Chandler

Sunday, May 24  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

at the home of Lori Burlison

Ashlyn & Logan are registered at Amazon, Target, & Etsy

### Directory Updates

Directory update pages are now available in the foyer and Welcome Center. These include new members and updated contact information.

*If you picked up an update page last Sunday, please pick up a new one.*

Some additional updates and changes were made last week.

Dear church family, Thank you to all for your loving kindness to us during Mom's stay with us and with her passing. The cards, calls and words of encouragement meant more than you know.

Bless you, *Len & Linda Schmitt*

The visits, flowers, food, calls and texts were greatly appreciated during my recent surgery and recovery. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. I love you and the spiritual family at Jenks.

*Marsha Holsombake*

**Kyle Shipp** was baptized last Sunday afternoon. Please be sure to congratulate him and keep him in your prayers as he begins his Christian walk.

### Caribbean Lectureship

The Annual Caribbean Lectureship is August 2-5, on the island of St. Lucia. If you are interested in attending please let Gary or Suzanne Witham know as soon as you can. Go to [caribbeanlectureship.com](http://caribbeanlectureship.com) for further information.

### Summer Preaching Intern

We are looking for a family willing to host our summer intern. Please contact Daniel Cherry if you are interested and would like to get more information.

### Ladies' Bible Class

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. in the FAC  
Next Luncheon: May 12

## Teen Corner

### BIBLE CLASSES

**Sunday Mornings**  
Spiritual Giftedness  
**Wednesday Nights**  
Unity

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 3**—Senior Rec/Family Night  
**May 4**—Renew

Youth Minister  
Brian Crosby (406) 871-7085  
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[Youth Events Calendar](#)

## Facilities, Classes & Locations

### Sunday Morning Classes

Adults	17/18	Ecclesiastes
Adults	26	Kingdom Life
Adults	F2	The Story of Life: OT History
Adults	F1	1st, 2nd, 3rd John
Young Adults	F5	Spiritual Gifts
HS & MS	F3	Spiritual Giftedness

Under 2	Rm 13
2's- 3's	Rm 6
4's/5's/K	Rm 9
1st/2nd	Rm 11
3rd/4th	Rm 12
5th Grade	F4

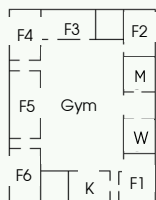
### Wednesday Classes

Women: Strength in the Struggle	Rm 17/18
Men: The Anatomy of a Leader	F1
HS & MS	F3
5th Grade	F4

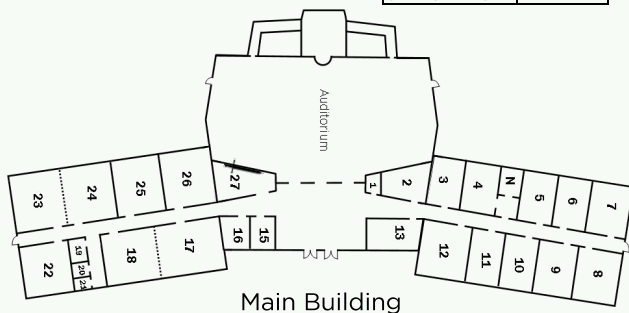
### Faith Ave-2 yrs-4th Grade

Children are dropped off in rm 23 between 5:50-6:00 p.m. and picked up between 7:00-7:10 p.m.

Children must be signed in and out by a parent.



Family Activity Center



Main Building



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

Email [Facilities@JenksChurchOfChrist.com](mailto:Facilities@JenksChurchOfChrist.com) to report any problem or issue with church buildings or grounds.