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Next Week

The Senior Pastor's Bible Study: 1 Peter 3

Tuesday Morning

6:45 am – Prayer Group at Warehouse 319

8:30 am - 9:30 am – Prayer Breakfast
in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 am - 10:30 am – Senior Pastor's Bible Study in the
Tex Ergle Building, 4th Avenue Classroom. Please enter
on the 4th Avenue side of the building.

Tuesday Evening

5:30 pm – Chancel Choir Practice in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Life

After school to 7:00 pm – Youth Culture

After school to 7:00 pm – EPIC 456

5:00 pm – Dinner for Youth, and EPIC

5:15 pm – JFMC Kids and Adult Dinner

5:45 pm to 7:00 pm – JFMC Kids

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets
in the Tex Ergle Building, 4th Avenue Classroom.

Schedule Changes

10-11-26 – There will be no Children's Sunday School

11-11-26 – There will be no Wednesday Night Life

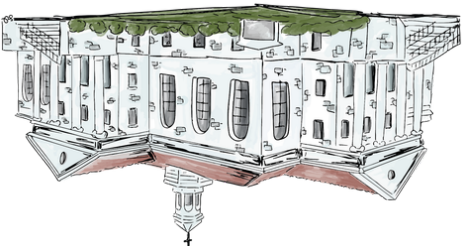
Community-Wide Fall Festival

Our Community-Wide Fall Festival is coming up Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 3:00–6:00 p.m.!

Candy collection begins Sunday, October 4, with the collection can located in the Easter Wing. You can also sign up to help during the festival. We will need volunteers to help with inflatables, games, and other activities.

Thank you for helping make this a fun afternoon for our church and community!

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Council of Stewards Meetings

October 18th

November 15th

December 13th

In the Fellowship Hall after
the Traditional service.

Community-Wide Fall Festival

October 25th

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Charge Conference

October 26th at 6:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Meal:

Chicken & Rice
Vegetable
Desert



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In-Person Attendance

September 27, 2026.....300

September 20, 2026.....332

General Fund Giving

Last Week.....\$20,733.50

YTD.....\$801,183.04

Includes all online giving
received as of
September 30, 2026

The Image of God

Social media has been a wildfire of reactions to NYC priest Klink's recent assertions regarding God in relation to sexual orientation. The Bible warns against sexual immorality no less than 73 times. This is not specific to orientation but against all acts of carnal wickedness. This is not a gray area and there is no need for me to argue the heresy of Klink's statements. It does, however, highlight a common Christian trait that we should examine within ourselves. We want God to be like us.

One of the oldest temptations of the human heart is not merely to reject God, but to reshape God in our own image. We want to believe that God feels like we do about things. He is pleased by the same things that we enjoy. He is angered by the same situations that outrage us. Although we believe that God shares our joys and sorrows, to believe that we define Him is flawed.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them"(Genesis 1:27). The direction matters. God creates us; we do not create God. Humanity bears God's image, not the other way around. Scripture presents God as Creator and

humanity as creature. Therefore, our understanding of ourselves must ultimately be brought under God's revelation rather than God's revelation being remade according to our understanding. To define God by our standards is to create a golden calf that we worship for our own pleasure.

I should not want God to be like me; full of sinful thoughts and desires, unjust and lacking in grace. That would be imposing my faults onto God's nature. I need God to be exactly what He is; full of love, grace, and forgiveness beyond human understanding.

We can bring our questions to God. We can bring our wounds, confusion, fears, and experiences to Him. But discipleship means allowing God's Word to have the final say; even when it confronts our assumptions. Rev. Klink has fallen to the temptation of making God into something that accommodates his thoughts and wants. God does not need to be remade to accommodate us. We need to be remade by Him. The challenge for every Christian is therefore deeply personal: Do I want God to be like me, or do I want to become more like God?

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All Saints Sunday

We will observe All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 1, 2026. As part of this special service, we invite you to submit the names of family members and loved ones who have passed away during the past year. Please send names to the church office so they may be included in our time of remembrance.

Celebration Service October 4, 2026 8:30 a.m. Service		
Membership Vows	Michael, Melanie, Sidney, and Heath Miller	
The New Testament Reading*	Romans 7:14-25 (NIV)	
Sermon	Pastor James Johnson	
Celebration of Holy Communion		

Celebration Service Music

I Thank God – *Maverick City Music* Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) – *Chris Tomlin*
Thank You Jesus For The Blood – *Charity Gayle* Way Maker – *Leeland*
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Order of Worship Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 4, 2026 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service		
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Call to Worship*	Emily Donaldson, Liturgist
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.	
The Spirit of life has set us free.	
God has done what the law could not do:	
He sent His Son, condemned sin in the flesh,	
and fulfilled His righteous requirement in us.	
Come, let us live by the Spirit and worship the living God.	

Announcements	Eli Matthews, Youth Minister
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Altar Flowers	
Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of World Communion Sunday by the Church Family.	

Prelude	“Grace Greater than Our Sin”	Smith & Hustad
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Processional Hymn*	“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”	622
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Pastoral Welcome		
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Offering Our Prayers to God			
Preparation for Prayer			
<i>O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,</i>			
<i>O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.</i>			

Pastoral Prayer		
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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God		
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Offertory	“Ave Verum Corpus”	W. A. Mozart Hannah Pendergrass, solo
<i>“Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, Sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!”</i>		

Doxology*	Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Prayer of Thanksgiving*		
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Apostles’ Creed*		
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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.		
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.		

The Gloria Patri*			70
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The Children’s Message	Dismissal to Children’s Church with Shannon Day, Children’s Minister	
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Anthem	“Bread of the World”	D. Eliot
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The Epistle Reading*	Romans 7:14-25 (NIV)
The Word of God	
And we believe it.	

Sermon	Rev. James C. Johnson, Jr.	
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Celebration of Holy Communion	12, 18
The Lord's Prayer	

Hymn of Invitation*	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	618
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Benediction*		
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Choral Benediction*		
<i>At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart rolled away; It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.</i>		

Postlude*	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”	T. Birchwood
* Please Stand as able		

Ushers – Robin Brasher, Mike King, Dave Stewart, George Ellis, & Shane Weber
Communion Assistances – Carol Johnson, Emily Donaldson, & Robin Brasher
Acolytes – Abe Mosley & Charlie Johnson
Liturgist – Emily Donaldson
Greeters – Martha Ann Lockhart & Tiny Varner