

The Messenger

The Rule of Faith

Doctrine matters. As New Testament Christians, what we believe and what we teach matters. In the early Church, a summary of the apostolic preaching went by many names. These early Christian writers commonly used the phrase “the rule of faith” to summarize these teachings that were central to the being and identity of the Church. The most important things that we think about and teach are the basic tenets of the Christian faith, which the apostle Paul called “sound doctrine” (Titus 1:9; 2:1). But what exactly do we believe as Christians? Imagine if a friend, family member, or neighbor asked you about your beliefs. What would you say? In this article, I give a quick summary of Christian doctrine by offering a biblical basis for our beliefs.

- As Christians, we believe in the one God (Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Ki. 8:60; Is. 45:21; 46:9; Joel 2:27; John 17:3; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2:5; Jam. 2:19) who created the entire universe according to the Scriptures (Gen. 1:1-2:25; John 1:1-4; Acts 17:24; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2; Rev. 4:11).
- God the Creator has revealed Himself through His inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21) as the holy Trinity (Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Pet. 1:2), that is, as Father, Son, and Spirit. God the Father sent God the Son to the earth to take on human flesh and dwell among us according to His eternal plan (John 1:14; 3:16; Rom. 8:29-30; Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 3:11-21; 1 John 4:9-10).
- Jesus is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament (Ps. 2:7; 110:1; Is. 7:14; 9:6; 53; John 5:31-47; Rom. 1:2-4; 1 Cor. 15:3-4), the Savior of humanity in the New Testament (Luke 2:11; John 3:16; 20:30-31; Acts 4:12; 20:28; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:13-14; Heb. 4:14-15; 5:1-9:28; 1 John 4:14), and the divine Lord of all creation (John 20:28; Acts 2:34-36; 4:33; Rom. 10:9-13; 1 Cor. 8:6; 12:3; Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:15; Rev. 11:15; 19:6).
- The gospel of Jesus Christ declares God’s power to save sinners from eternal damnation and provide the hope of eternal life by the death of Jesus on the cross (Rom. 5:6-11; 6:23; 8:1; Gal. 2:20; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:11-10:31).
- Jesus has risen from the dead and established His eternal Church where He is King (Matt. 16:18-19; John 11:25-26; Acts 2:24, 31-32; 3:15; 4:33; 13:30-39; 17:31; Rom. 6: 4, 9; 8:11, 34; 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:1-34; Col. 2:10; Eph. 1:20-23; 5:25-28; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 1 Tim. 1:17; 1 Pet. 1:3).
- God will add those who have responded to the gospel by faith and enter the church through baptism to begin their relationship with God and receive the grace of God according to His purpose (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41, 47; 22:16; Rom. 1:16-17; 3:22-26; 5:1-2, 20-21; 6:3-5, 14; 8:28; 11:6; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 1:3-14; 2:8-10; 4:7; 2 Tim. 2:9-10; Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 1:7; 2:2).
- The Church is a community of Christians under the new covenant (Jer. 31; Heb. 8) where the Spirit works in and through the Church (John 16:7-15; Rom. 8:26-27; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 3:17-18; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 1:10-14; 2:18-22).
- The Son of God will, at the end of time, return and judge all of humanity to separate the sinners from the saints (Matt. 14:41-43; 24:1-25:46; Luke 21:25-27; John 5:24-27; Acts 1:11; 17:31; Rom. 3:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; 5:1-3; 2 Thess. 1:5-10; 2 Tim. 4:1; 6:14; Rev. 20-22).
- He will give new resurrection bodies to those who are followers of Christ (Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; 6:40; Acts 24:15; Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 15:35-58) and deliver them to heaven to dwell with God for all eternity (Matt. 6:19-21; John 14:2-4; 1 Cor. 2:9; Phil. 3:20-21; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1-4, 22-27; 22:1-5).

As we examine the Scriptures, we discover doctrine and locate the depths of God’s glory and goodness through His revealed will. May we allow the Bible to guide us into all truth so that we will maintain the rule of faith.

Author: Daniel McMillin

Schedule of Services

Sunday	
Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828
	M: 270.792.2132
Associate Minister	
Daniel McMillin	662.882.8756

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

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DOCTRINE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE BELIEVE FATHER
RETURN DECLARE HUMAN ETERNAL FOLLOW
DELIVER DISCOVER GLORY REVEAL GUIDE FAITH



The Lighthouse Restaurant
SULPHUR WELL, KY

Tuesday Bible Class Luncheon May 9th
The bus will leave Mt Pleasant at 10:30 am to go to
The Lighthouse Restaurant in Sulphur Well, KY



Mount Pleasant Church of Christ
Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer

May Bible Classes

	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Nursery		Kathy Williams
Preschool		Tina Hall & Amy Raymer
2-5 Year Olds		
1 st & 2 nd Grade		Kami Howard & Lillian Warren
3 rd & 4 th Grade		
5 th - 8 th Grade	Matt Williams	
9 th - 12 th Grade	Daniel McMillin	
Twenty Somethings	Chris Robison	
Alternate Adults	Adam Warren	
Auditorium Adults		W. Tom Hall



You’re Invited to apply for Equip Ministry Camp, hosted by the FHU: College of Biblical Studies! The camp will take place from Tuesday, May 28, through Friday, May 31, and is open to students aged 13-19. The camp, limited to 48 applicants, will include time with mentors, collaborative preparation for ministry and relationship-building activities. For more information, contact Doug Burleson, Director of Equip Ministry Camp, at dburleson@fhu.edu. Learn more at fhu.edu/equip-ministry-camp.

Announcements

May 5 th	Mt Pleasant Bible Camp Sign-Ups in the Fellowship Hall Following Morning Services
May 9 th	Tuesday Class Luncheon <i>Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer</i> (More Details on Back)
May 10 th	Groundbreaking Ceremony FCA Falcons Nest at 1:30 PM
May 19 th	2024 Graduation Recognition After Morning Services
May 19 th	Two Speakers, One Dialogue with W. Tom Hall & Daniel McMillin at 6:00 PM
May 21-28 th	W. Tom Hall's Mission Trip to Antigua
May 23 rd	Men's Bible Study at Matt Williams Home at 7:00 PM
May 28-31 st	FHU Equip Ministry Camp (Details on Back)



Pulpit Preview
Sunday 10:30AM
 Possessing & Possessions
6:00PM
 Patience

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

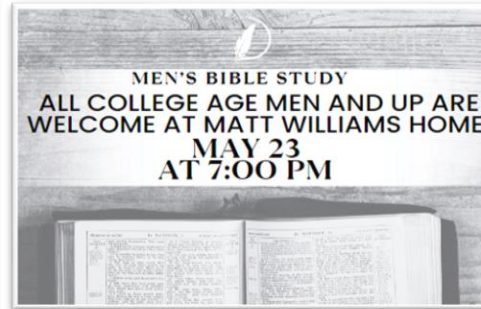
May 19th

Come join us in celebrating our 2024 Graduates! Cupcakes, cookies, and refreshments will be provided in the Fellowship Hall where our Graduates will have tables set showcasing their great achievement.

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| Claire Robison | Jackson Young |
| Gavin Grinstead | Mason Miller |
| Trista Goss | Anderson Young |
| Chariot Holland | Leah Hughes |
| Emma Steff | Luke Adams |
| Matthue Harmon | Darlene Pruett |

Class of 2024

TWO SPEAKERS
 ONE DIALOGUE
 MAY 19, 2024
 AT 6:00 PM



Prayer Requests

• Heather Young (Daughter In-Law of Ralph and Marsha Young)	• Faye McKinley
• Danny Miller & Brenda Miller	• Gerry Utley
• Janet Cole – Three Forks	• Lisa Clothier
• Dede McDaniel	• Beverly Acree
• Trey Taylor - Cancer (Elizabeth Kemp's Cousin)	• Donna Wheeler
• Aubrey Avery – 9 Years old with Brain Tumor	• Tracy McBreyer - ALS
• Malaika Ballard - Cancer	• Joyce Pardue
• Lachlan Kreis – Brain Tumor	• Linda Vincent
• Stephanie Lindsey - ALS	• Jenny McDonald
• Jerry Chambers	• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999
• Curtis Butcher	
• Wilma Blankenship – Signature Healthcare - 550 High St, Bowling Green, KY 42101	

God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part

Great love of God for man **John 3:16**
 Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior **Luke 19:10**
 Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide **John 16:13**
 The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation **Romans 1:16**
 Provided atonement by the blood of Christ **Romans 5:9**

Man's Part

Hear the Gospel **Romans 10:17, John 8:32**
 Believe the Gospel **Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31**
 Repent of past sins **Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30**
 Confess faith in Jesus Christ **Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32**
 Be Baptized **Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38**
 Be faithful unto death **Revelations 2:10**

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question

Who said, "My Lord my God! After seeing the Jesus' pierced hands and side?"
 Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

April 28th Who said, "Let us go, that we may die with Him.?"

(Answer: Thomas - John 11:16)

Fred Heath, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Bobby and Darlene Pruett, Lenora Isenberg, Jessie Wilson, Nathan Warren, Judy McBride, Shorty & Thelma Wurst, and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Services	May 5	May 12
Security 1	Joshua Barrett	Travis Young
Security 2	Grant Cole	Gary Basham
Security 3	Tommy Flora	Gordon Harlow
Security 4	Eddie Windham	Randy Reneau
Audio Video Controls	Andy Wagoner	Chris Robison
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Mason Miller
Opening Prayer	Cody Basham	Ralph Young
Announcements	Stephen Clingenpeel	Denver Young
Worship Service Prayer	Fred Heath	Richard Eubanks
Communion Prayer	Chris Robison	Victor Davis
Lord's Table Center Left	Richard Eubanks	Brian Raymer
Lord's Table Center Right	L.W. Jackson	Willard Raymer
Lord's Table Assist Left 2	Jacob Williams	Adam Warren
Lord's Table Assist Right 2	Blake Fritsch	Nathan Warren
Lord's Table Assist Left 3	Hunter Morrison	Luke Isenberg
Lord's Table Assist Right 3	Hunter Barrett	Jeff Morrison
Scripture Reading AM	Doug Depp	Anderson Young
Closing Prayer	Daniel McMillin	Mark Young
Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Travis Young	Cody Basham
Security 2	Jeff Morrison	Perry Cole
Security 3	Willard Raymer	Matthue Harmon
Song Leader	Adam Warren	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Perry Cole	Daniel McMillin
Scripture Reading PM	Joshua Barrett	Elijah Davis
Lord's Table	L.W. Jackson	Stephen Clingenpeel
Closing Prayer	Mason Miller	Andy Wagoner
Wednesday Night Bible Study	May 8	May 15
Security 1	Mark Young	Matt Williams
Security 2	Brian Raymer	Richard Eubanks
Security 3	Michael Runner	Matthue Harmon
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Gary Basham	Nathan Warren
Closing Prayer	Matt Williams	Hunter Morrison
Monthly Assignments	May	
Lock Building	Matt Williams	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Victoria Jackson	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Joshua Barrett	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Amanda Barrett	-----
Prepare Communion	Matt & Kathy William	-----
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
May 5	Amanda Barrett	Jenilyn Hall & Laura Isenberg
May 12	Victoria Jackson	Kami Howard & Angie Anderson

** If unable to serve, contact Matt Williams at 270.779.7733**

For The Record Week of April 28, 2024

Bible Study	N/A
Worship Service	184
Evening Service	77
Wed. Bible Study	82
Contribution	\$4,817

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Watch Search on the following stations

- WBKO DT 33 - Sun 6:30 am
- WNKY TV 40.1 - Sun 7:00 am
- Spectrum Cable Channel 184 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 pm



If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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