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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

- **Elaina Treat's stepmom Lorna Walker** passed away Monday in Arkansas. Visitation will be at Riverside church of Christ in Gassville, AR, Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> at noon with the funeral to follow at 1 PM. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- **Dortheta Stracke passed away Tuesday night.** She would have been 101 years old on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family in your prayers. Visitation will be tomorrow, at 9 AM with the funeral to follow at 10 AM at Greenlawn South.
- **Amy Viguet's** surgery went well and she is now home recovering.
- **Beverly Light** had knee surgery Wednesday and is now at home.
- **Wanda Rowe** is hospitalized with a septic infection. *NO VISITS.* Calls to her cell number and prayers are appreciated.
- **Lesia Brower** had a cancerous polyp removed recently. Please pray all cancer was removed.

- State of the Congregation Today!
- Connect Groups This Evening
- Ladies' Craft & Game Night Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup>
- Moore Baby Shower Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Details on back!**

## FAMILY FOCUS

Good morning, and welcome to Sunset! *Isaiah 41:13* (CSB) says, "For I am the Lord your God, who holds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'" What a blessing it is to come and worship our gracious God!

We have come to *Matthew 21:18-22* in our sermon series, where we are traveling with Jesus during the final days of his earthly life. Our passage today, in my opinion, is among the strangest in the gospels. In this text, Jesus finds a fruitless fig tree, curses it, and it withers. Mark tells us that it was not the season for figs, so how could Jesus be so upset with this tree? Why didn't he cause it to be fruitful instead of cursing it? Perhaps there is more to this story than meets the eye. Maybe this text is not really about figs at all, but about the kind of fruitlessness that Jesus saw in Jerusalem. As we meditate on this passage together, may God open our hearts to receive his word humbly.

I love you all,  
 Phillip

## TODAY'S LESSONS

Fruitless Faith

*Matthew 21:18-22*

Phillip Bates

Scripture Reading:

*John 15:5-8*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Night—Building Group 5 pm

Manasseh's U-Turn

Don Johnson



**Worship • Connect • Serve**

## SERVICE TIMES



[bit.ly/Check-N](https://bit.ly/Check-N)

Sunday

Worship @ 8:15 & 10:30

Bible Classes @ 9:30 AM

Worship Online @ 10:30 AM &

on demand after noon.

Online @ <https://bit.ly/Sunset-UTube>

Evening @ 5 PM & *Connect Groups*

Wednesday

Ladies' Morning Bible Class

10 AM

Evening Classes

7 PM

Iglesia de Cristo

Worship

10:30 AM

[IglesiaDeCristoenSunset.org](https://IglesiaDeCristoenSunset.org)

## SHEPHERDS

Bruce Chilton

Jeff Klein

Don Johnson

Jeff Treat

Doug Johnson

Bryan Vanwinkle

David Kail

Mark Viguet

## DEACONS

Caleb Adams

Mitch Friend

Chase Amyx

John Kail

Michael Axsom

David Kaltenberger

Chris Burris

Terry Lawler

James Cobb

Daniel Prince

Steve Cobb

Logan Staggs

Brian Dahl

## MINISTERS

Phillip Bates

Preaching

Dwight Samuel

Associate

Shaun Jordan

Campus/Media

Chris Livingston

Community & Family

Shane Almond

Youth

Mauricio Vanegas

Hispanic

## SHEPHERDS ON CALL

**Doug Johnson & Bruce Chilton**

Speak with a 'Shepherd on Call' about anything you would like the shepherds to discuss or to arrange to meet with them.

## STAY CONNECTED

E-Mail: [office@sunsetchurchofchrist.org](mailto:office@sunsetchurchofchrist.org)

"Instant Church Directory"

<https://bit.ly/directory-app>

Facebook Group: "Sunset Church Family"

<https://bit.ly/sunset-group>

Grapevine: 417-881-4640

Ministry Sign-up: <https://bit.ly/ministry-signup>

Join Grapevine: <https://bit.ly/sunset-grapevine>

Join Remind Grp: <https://bit.ly/join-remind-grp>

Online Calendar: <https://bit.ly/Sunset-Calendar>

Sunset's New Songs: <https://bit.ly/sunset-songs>



# SPARK 2025

TITUS 2:3-5

March 28-30, 2025

Westgate Branson Woods Resort  
Last Day for Early Registration!!!

**Sam & Julianne Moore's**  
Baby Shower  
February 2  
1-3 PM  
Fellowship Hall

They are registered at [BabyList.com](http://BabyList.com)

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9 PM in the Fellowship Hall Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

## Ladies' Fellowship, Craft and Game Night

Bring a friend, a snack to share, and your favorite game or crafting items.  
Questions: Kim Scritchfield 816-916-2978

**Connect Groups**  
**TONIGHT**  
January 19th  
Bundle up & travel safe

Bring your favorite soup or dessert.  
Slider sandwiches provided!

**4th Sunday Night Devo & Dinner Fellowship**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Bring your favorite soup or dessert 'cause it's "Soup & Sliders".  
Remember to invite friends & family!



## FAMILY CALENDAR

You can watch our 10:30AM service live at @: <https://bit.ly/Sunset-UTube>

- Children's Bible Hour (ages 2-K) Rm 5A**  
When dismissed. January Teachers: Cathy C, Susie H, Alison & Anna McQueary, Nicole Prince, & Abby W.
- State of the Congregation—Today 9:30AM**  
All high school & adults classes meet in the auditorium. Only children's classes will meet as usual.
- Sunday Evening Prayer Group Today @ 4:30 PM**  
Meet in multi-purpose Rm 4B.
- Connect Groups Wk # 9 January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Building Group meets @ 5pm
- Martin Luther King Day January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
The Sunset Offices will be closed on Monday.
- Ladies' Sewing - Tomorrow - Cancelled**  
Building closed for MLK Day.
- Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class**  
Meet at 10AM in room 4B.
- Ladies Fellowship Craft & Game Night Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30**  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring Snacks & Friends!
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Devo & Dinner Fellowship Jan 26 @ 5**  
In the Fellowship Hall, with Soup & Sliders; Bring your favorite soup or dessert.
- Men's Monthly Breakfast Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30AM**  
Meet in Cedar's Restaurant, 3322 S. Campbell.
- Sam & Julianne Moore's Baby Shower! Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1pm**  
The Moores are registered at [BabyList.com](http://BabyList.com)
- Connect Groups Wk # 10 February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Building Group meets @ 5pm
- Ladies' Monthly Breakfast Feb 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 am**

### CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter (16 oz.), and Spaghetti Sauce.

## ONGOING PRAYER

**Anita Allen**, Linda Sievers (Miranda Amyx's mom), **Sue Andrews**, Ariana Brooks (Debi Crowley's granddaughter), **Alma Cummins**, **Kelly Eldred**, **Maxine Ghan**, **Raymond Glendinning**, **Bob Hancock**, **Dorothy Haskins**, **Edith Hudson**, **Clifton & Judy Jewell**, **Brian Horton & Les Horton**, **Joe Ryan**, Shirley Ryan (Joe Ryan's mom), **Jessie Seavers**, Ramona Farrell, Rhonda Fouch, & Randy Franklin (Karen Scott's sister, cousin, & brother), George Stewart (Sandra Robinson's dad), **Ken Stewart**, and **Pat Wiseman**.

## LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Total	446
(1 <sup>st</sup> — 163 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> — 283)	
(Online 102)	
Sunday Bible Classes	243
Evening Service Total	95
(Connect Groups DNM)	
Wednesday Classes	218
Hispanic Worship	21
Giving Options — <a href="https://bit.ly/Give2Sunset">https://bit.ly/Give2Sunset</a>	
Contribution	
Budget	