9:00 AM Service Welcome

Song Leading Randy Wilson

Opening Prayer Brandon Wagner

Scripture Reading Brandon Cacioppo

Sermon

Lord's Supper/ Contribution Merrill Mann

Lord's Supper Trays
Rodney Denson, Logan Denson, Gabriel
Harp, James Harp, Evan Harris, Rhett
Howell, Craig Huffstutler, Robert Jeffery,
Jeff Hood

Closing Prayer Elder

5:00 PM Service

Welcome

Song Leading Steve Putnam

Opening Prayer Robert Jeffery

Lord's Supper/Contribution Yoshi Sugita

> Closing Prayer Elder

Deacons of the Month

Mike Cagle
Mike Neal
Patrick Neither



June 22, 2025

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SERVICE TIMES Sundays:

Worship 9:00 AM Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday Evening 5:00 PM

Wednesdays: 6:30 PM

SHEPHERDS

Michael Dykes
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Sol Godwin
Merrill Mann
Stan Mann
Skip McCurry
Darnell Self
Phillip VanHorn
Steve Wilkerson

DEACONS

Michael Cagle **Steve Maynard Ryan Cobb** Mike McGill **Gary Cosby** Mike Neal **David Gilmore Patrick Neither Bobby Gunn Steve Putnam** Craig Huffstutler **Chuck Spitzley** Johnathan Johnson Yoshio Sugita **Randy Wilson** Terry Malone

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Truth for Today

In today's world, the concept of truth is often viewed as relative, shaped by personal experiences, cultural contexts, or individual preferences. This relativism suggests that what is true for one person may not be true for another, creating a landscape built on fault lines that can shift with the whims of the masses. Here certainty is elusive. Fiction is packaged as fact and truth for today is hidden. However, the Bible presents a contrasting perspective: absolute truth exists for today. It is unchanging and rooted in the nature of God. Understanding absolute truth provides a foundation for navigating life with clarity and purpose, even in a culture that embraces subjectivity.

Absolute truth is defined as truth that crosses cultural barriers as it is universal, objective, and independent of human opinion. Truth is not oscillated by emotions, trends, or societal shifts. In John 14:6, Jesus declares, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Here, Jesus positions Himself as the embodiment of truth, unchanging and eternal. This claim challenges the relativist notion that truth is flexible, asserting instead that truth is singular and found in God's nature and revelation.

In a relativist world, the rejection of absolute truth often leads to moral ambiguity. If truth is subjective, then right and wrong become matters of personal choice, leading to ethical confusion. Yet, Scripture counters this in Psalm 119:160, which states, "The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever." God's Word is presented as a reliable standard, unchanging across time and cultures. This is why we must hold to it as our unshifting Island in the Pangea of changing borders and boundaries that God does not recognize.

It is no coincidence then, that when standards shift like sand, so do meaning and purpose for their adherents. Without absolute truth, individuals may feel adrift, constructing their own false realities without a firm foundation. The Bible addresses this in Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." God's truth is eternal, offering a bedrock for understanding life's purpose and human identity. We get the picture Jesus painted of the foolish man who built his house upon sand because he would not hear and do the words of Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matthew 7:26). The rains will come and destroy the foundation that house was built upon.

So, what are we to do with culture and personal experience? Should we ignore it? Act as if it does not exist and expect all cultures to bend to the one "I feel is right?" No, embracing absolute truth does not mean ignoring personal experiences or cultural diversity. Instead, it provides a framework to evaluate them. For Christians, aligning with God's truth means living with integrity and love, as Ephesians 4:15 encourages: "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." This balance ensures that truth is not wielded as a weapon, but shared with compassion, inviting others to uncover its freedom to truly discover truth for today.

Eddie Cloer is our guest speaker this morning. He represents a mission work we support that sends Bible materials to indigenous preachers and teachers all over the world. This organization is called Truth for Today.

A Note from the Harp

June 22, 2025 Sunday PM

Devo in Auditorium followed by:

June 22- Michael Stock- in the auditorium

Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

June 29- Question and Answer Nighteveryone in the auditorium

July 6- Singing Night- everyone in the auditorium

July 13- Johnathan Johnson- in the auditorium

Kids' Classes- in the children's hall

Sunday AM Classes

Special
 Presentation Truth for Today
 with Eddie Cloer

Wednesday PM Classes

Summer Series- Abounding in the Work of the Lord

- June 25- A Friend to Jesus- Friendship Evangelism- Merrill Mann
- July 2- "Bread and Blessings"- Bob Carter

Sermon Notes- Eddie Cloer

Sunday Evening and Wednesday Evening Class Topics

The education committee would like your input on class topics for Sunday evening as well as Wednesday evening classes. Please scan the QR code below and submit your suggestions.



Upcoming Events

June 22- Eddie Cloer- Special Speaker

June 29- Aaron Dykes Couples Shower 3:30-4:30

July 4- Independence Day- Office Closed

July 6- Education Committee Meeting- 6pm

July 6-11- Maywood Christian Camp

July 13- Deacons' Meeting- 4pm

July 13- Missions Committee Meeting- 6pm

August 2- Back to School Bash- 11am-1pm

August 3- Promotion Sunday/ Back to School Service

Prayers

Fave Bradford Sue Adams Michael Burkowski Anthony Carr (Deaf) Bobbie Clark Kay Carver Judy Crawford Nancy Clemens Audrey Gammage Marilyn Glass Mike Godwin Sol and Ellen Godwin Kim Green Randy Johnson Darlene Jones Debbie Krenz Nancy Locklear David Lybrand Robert Mann Jim &Jean Tuggle McDonald Sandra Mann Dot Mitchell Larry & Rita Morgan Ancel Norris Pam Rachal Judy Roeder Darnell Self Doug Scruggs Donna Shoemaker Judy Shrader Sandra Singer Chuck & Robin Spitzley Nina Tarrance Bobby Tate (Deaf) Durell Tyler Lynn Timmerman Johnny Tucker Marilyn Torrice Alan VanHorn Becky Tuggle Mary Wells Gayle Varner Karen Whisenhunt Billy White Violet Whitman Don Young

Friends & Family

Amy Vincent- freind of Rhonda Wagner- terminal cancer Johnny Mack Brown- friend of Bill & Freda Brown Virginia Mays- sister of Freda Brown Charlee McAnear- Debra Dominic's grandnephew- hip surgery Vickie Bennett- Cathy Bennett's mom- breast cancer Ruby Hamric- former member- cancer Ralph Harman- Kim Wilkerson's father- cancer has spread Yvonne O'Brien- Connie Scrugg's mother- struggling to heal after surgery Danni Freeman- Doug Scrugg's nurse- breast cancer Matt Shelton- minister at Thomson CoChrist- lymphoma Ron Davis- friend of Alan & Janice VanHorn- Alzheimer's Darlene Calfee- friend of Janice VanHorn- liver cancer Aileesha Thomas- mother of Isaiah Davis- has leukemia Natalyia Rutherford- cousin of Robin Spitzley- brain surgery Gloria Smedley- neighbor of Sandra Singer Betty Trull & Gary Burks- siblings of Sandra Singer Marty Glenn- Edith Glenn's brother-in-law- received a kidney transplant Susan Glenn- Edith Glenn's sister-in-law- bypass surgery Ron Mixon- brother-in-law of Mike McGill- serious health issues Mariana- member of the church in Cluj- needs surgery Joseph Kelly- great-nephew of Jean Tuggle McDonald- cancer Hailey Norris- sister-in-law of Amber Norris- having medical issues Ed & Shirley Busby- brother & sister-in-law of Sue Adams Lucas Adkinson- grandson of Mark & Billie Adkinson Stephanie McRoy- friend of Charlotte VanHorn Tal Barnett- husband of Judy Barnett- dialysis Billie Jo Vance- aunt of Stuart Couch- heart problems Louise Henderson- Mother of Lisa Harris- cancer Julia Lopez- cousin of Patricia Putnam Jerrie Paschal- sister of Alan VanHorn- kidney disease Peggy, Tim & Terry Hickerson- friends of Robin Spitzley

Summer Youth Calendar

June 24- Servant Tuesday 10-2 July 1- Servant Tuesday 10-2

July 6-11- Maywood Christian Camp

July 15- Servant Tuesday 10-2 July 22- Servant Tuesday 10-2

July 25-26- Lock-in/ Newbie Mystery Day

July 29- Servant Tuesday

Library Hours

The Library will begin having Summer hours.

June 24- 10-2

July 22- 10-2

July 1- 10-2

July 29 10-2

July 15- 10-2

Hospital / Sick List

David Lybrand- recovering at home Judy Roeder- Cavalier Rehab Judy Shrader- diagnosed with colon cancer

Attendance:

6-15-2025 AM 325 PM 102

Weekly Purpose: \$21.140.48

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\$18,979.00 **Contribution YTD:**

\$524,675.00

Purpose YTD: \$507,360.00

Average Weekly YTD:

\$21,861.00

Mission Sunday: \$131,068.00

Week 23

Nursery Attendants

June 22- Heather Dykes, Christina Rudd June 29- Cindy Birdyshaw, Courtney Gilmore

Bus Drivers

June 29- Michael Martin

Baptismal Garments for June Sara Shoemaker



Joshua Dykes Address

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International mail requires additional postage. You may leave cards for Josh in the mail basket on the welcome center.

New Address

Ed Cooper c/o Eddie Cooper 4005 Ironhill Lane Woodstock, GA 30189



It's time to register for Maywood Christian Camp!
The cost is \$200 per camper. Our week is Week 6.
Please register now if you plan to attend. This week
is usually full so don't wait!!