

# Prestonsburg Church of Christ

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### Attendance Record

8/3/2025

Sunday AM.....129

Sunday PM.....45

Wednesday....60

**Men Serving Today: August 17, 2025**

**Announcements: Scott Thacker**

**Opening Prayer: Donald Wilcox**

**Scripture Reading: Ryan Johnson**

**Lord's Table:**

**Recite: Scott Thacker (Shannon & Keith)**

**Usher & Count: Charles Hunt & Thomas Coleman**

**Evening Services:**

**Announcements: Don Wilcox**

**Lord's Table:**

**Recite: Don Wilcox**

**Wednesday Invitation: Derek McKenzie**

# Prestonsburg Informer

*A weekly bulletin for God's family*

*at the Prestonsburg church of Christ*

**August 17, 2025**

### “One Generation Away from Ruin”

How many generations does it take for a faithful group of people to fall away from the LORD? For Israel, it only took **one**. We might think that after God delivered them from Egypt, parted the Red Sea, gave them a land to dwell in, and drove out their enemies, the people of Israel would remain faithful. For a time, around the life of Joshua, they did ([Judg 2:7](#)). However, soon after, the generations that followed did not know the LORD or the work He had done for Israel.

Why did the generation closest to direct contact with God not know or serve the LORD? Judges reveals that Israel failed to eliminate Canaanite influences and gods from their lands (2:1), which led them to abandon the LORD and pursue other gods (2:12). They allowed external worldly influences to corrupt them. Instead of removing these people and their teachings, they coexisted with them and intermarried (3:6).

As a church, we face the challenge of living “in the world but not of the world.” We cannot completely avoid contact with sinners ([1 Cor 5:9–10](#)), but we must not allow ourselves to be influenced by them as the Israelites were. I believe we sometimes underestimate the world’s influence on us, thinking it is not inherently harmful. This mindset is precisely what led Israel into trouble, as tolerating the world resulted in their spiritual decline and abandonment of God.

We should also be alarmed at how quickly the offspring of a faithful generation abandoned God. It can be easy to assume that the children of faithful people will also be faithful, but in this case, that was not true. While we cannot force people to obey God, we all have a crucial responsibility to train the younger generations ([Deut 6:7](#)), something Israel perhaps failed to do. Instead of blaming one generation for its unique failures, we should focus on fulfilling the intergenerational instructions found in [1 Timothy 5:1–2](#) and [Titus 2:1–6](#). This way, with God’s help, we can avoid becoming one generation away from ruin.-Spencer Clark



## Prayer Requests & Update

**August 17, 2025**

Kameron Chapman, James Rose, Ken & Sudie Allen, Patrick McKenzie, Harold Tackett, Amber Goble, Mary Lou Bailey, Nell Slone, Randy Wilcox, Dinah Vanhooose, Sharon Chapman, Angela Mullins, Terri Salyers, Ailene Kent Kidd, Lacie Robinson, Avery Bailey, Indy Robinson, Linda Reed, Brenda Hylton, Paula Layne, Jeff Kidd, Carlos Hoover, Evelyn Chaffins, Danny Risner, Larry Sexton, Betty Dutton, Michelle Hagy, Dean Hunt, Joey Samons, Bruce Bentley, Mary Joseph, Paul Hill, Anna Ottis, Pam Whitaker, Matthew Goble, Pat Dye, Barb Lykens, Loretta McCray, Mary Reffitt, Brian Stapleton, Millie Parsons, Sherry Slone, Elizabeth Mulkey, Leland Ousley, Barb Crouse, Roy Hall, Fronie McKinney, Marcie Tomlison, Wesley Hyden, Denise Slone, Lou Hall, Betty Lazenick, Thelma Goble, Ruthie Goebel, George Goble, Denver Goble, Peggy Boyd

### Our members:

Bulavene Hall, Judy Adams, Marshall Fugate, Rose Young, Rosie Daniels, Veda Fields, Connie Deskins, Ryan Johnson, Merle Marshall, Sparkel Conn, David Mosely, Larry Hall, Dean Cooley, Danielle McKenzie, Eula Stiltner, Charlotte Hall, Curt Jarvis, Leonard & Ethel Sturgill, Glennis Slone-Smith, Geraldine Jennings, Henrietta Orsborn, Katelyn SESCO, John Hall, Jackie Fugate, Roberta Sturgill, Brett McKenzie; Sharon Marshall, Marcie Hays, Velvia Hall, Lora Dingess, Vernon Hall, Judy Hall, Lynn Hill, Jackie Tackett, Candace Tackett, Raymond Daniels, Bethel Click

### Friends/Family:

Jimmy Fish, Axel Combs, Nicole Samons, Karson Roop, Wanda Prince, Jerry Kinzer, Terry McCutcheon, Janice Feltner, Danny Patrick, Bonnie Reed, Debbie Samons, Kathy Thomas, Verlie Compton, Irene Ramey, Bucky Ellis, Gilbert Marcum, Priscilla Fugate, Wilma Moore, Kevin Hays, Ruth SESCO, Vicky Moore, Lisa Roberts, Rod Sturgill, Donna Boyd, Johnny & Sissy Mosley, Margaret Tackett, Leighanne Hastie, Corbin Harris, Hope Thacker, Gene Ramey; Luke Martindale; Justine Kidd, Liam Moore, Almas Shepherd

### Sympathy:

Please remember the family of Georgetta Wireman.

Rejoice: We rejoice with Payton Murphy & Addison Jarvis and their decision to obey the gospel.

**Riverview Nursing Home: Debbie Porter and Donald Coleman**

***Today's Sermon Topics/Scripture Readings***  
***AM: "Christian: What Does it Mean? (Acts 11:26)"***  
***PM: "Prayer of Repentance"***

**CHURCH PANTRY ITEMS** (see: Dean Cooley) No Donations Needed at this time.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Men's Business Meeting: Aug. 24th @ 5 pm**

**WINGS: Aug. 28th @ 6 pm**

**Fellowship Meal: Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> after morning service.**

**Mountain Lectureship: Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @ Paintsville CoC (Living With Loss)**

**Young Men's Service: Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm.**

### **Have You Obeyed the Gospel of Christ?**

<b>Hear the Word</b>	Rom.10:17
<b>Believe in Christ</b>	John 8:24
<b>Repent of your Sin</b>	Acts 2:38
<b>Confess Jesus is God's Son</b>	Acts 8:37
<b>Baptized into Jesus</b>	Mk. 16:16
<b>Live a godly Life</b>	Titus 2:11-14

### Schedule of Services

**Sun. Bible Study – 10:00 am**

**Sun. Worship – 11:00 am**

**Sun. PM Worship –**

**Wed. Bible Study – 7:00 pm**

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### ***Greeters next week***

***Main Doors:***

***Auditorium: Karen Daniels & Brenda Crider***

If you haven't already, please fill out a visitors' card. We would love to have a record of your visit with us today!