



### Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

### Join us Online

**Church Website:**

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

**YouTube Channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

### Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

### Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

## Your Last Worship Service

Ron Lanning read for us an article written by Matthew Bassford a couple of Wednesdays ago. The article is entitled “Shut In.” Matthew has ALS which has effected his mobility in a big way. As he said in the article, he attempted to go to church but was unable to go and have come to the conclusion he will not be able to go worship with God’s people again. It’s unknown how much longer he has to live but his life expectancy is not long.

One of the thoughts that stood out to me in his article was how he spent his last opportunity to be with his church family. He wrote, *“I knew that the time would come when I couldn't make it out anymore, so I strove to make my remaining opportunities to assemble as meaningful as I could. I worked to sink myself into each hymn and prayer. After services, I shunned small talk in an effort to speak to the hearts of my Christian family. Even when I wasn't talking to somebody, I would look around the auditorium and pray for each member I saw.”* He did not know this would be his last time with them but he knew it was probably one of his last opportunities.

His words made me think of how I use my time with God’s people. What a blessing to be able to be with the saints at West Fayette three times a week! Paul encourages the saints in Ephesus to, *“be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”* **(Eph 5:15-16)** A great question to think about before you enter the church building is, *“How can I make the most of my time with God’s people today?”*

Making the most of our opportunities with each other is a others-focused mindset. When we enter the church building

## Week of July 16

### Attendance

- ♦ **AM Service** - 58
- ♦ **PM Service** - 44
- ♦ **Wednesday** - 45

### Contribution

- ♦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ♦ Contribution - \$3,361

### Upcoming Birthdays

- ♦ Wanda Blurton (7/24)
- ♦ Ken Pittman (7/25)
- ♦ Debbie Malone (7/27)
- ♦ Matthew and Kristin (7/31)

### Calendar Items

**Women's Bible Study** on  
Tuesday at the building at 11a

**Men's Meeting** on the July 23 at  
4pm at the building

**Song Learning Class** on Sunday  
August 13 at 4pm at the building

### Today's Lessons

- ♦ **AM Sermon** - Kids Making a  
Difference for the Lord
- ♦ **PM Sermon** - Study of  
Discipleship

thinking about making the most of our time with God's family, we will be more intentional with our time and conversations. Matthew made it his goal to "speak to the hearts of my christian family." That is a great goal to have for each of us.

When our main concern is the spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters in Christ, it changes the kinds of conversations we have with each other. I don't believe "small talk" is bad and we should never talk about the weather or sports or things that don't have eternal significance. However, if that is all that we talk to each other about, are we truly redeeming the time with each other?

**Hebrews 10:24-25** - "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." How much are we considering how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds? In order to fulfill this command, we need to be thinking about this before meeting with the church.

Another statement Matthew made that stood out to me in this paragraph is how he would look around the room and pray for those who he saw. When we are focused on each other's spiritual welfare, it will change our behavior. How often do you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ? How often do you pray for them individually at the building? One powerful way to encourage one another is by praying for each other.

What if you had one more time to meet with the christians at West Fayette? Would your conversations be a little different than normal? Would you talk more about yourself or more about others? Would you make sure to talk to your brothers and sisters instead of heading out for lunch as soon as the last "Amen" is spoken?

May we consider beforehand how to stimulate one another to love and good works before we meet together. Then while we are with each other, let's encourage and strengthen each other in the Lord. If we did these things, think about how more meaningful our time together might be.

Thank you for your spiritual encouragement to me on a weekly basis. I close by quoting the apostle Paul, I encourage you to "excel still more." (**1Th 4:1, 10**)

Patrick