



## 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  
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## Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

## Going Home

Peter reminds his audience in 1 Peter that they “reside as aliens” (1:1) and they need to “conduct themselves in fear during the time of their stay on earth” (1:17). Later he says, “Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts with wage war against the soul.” (2:11) One of the last teachings Peter gives them is “After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace who called you to His eternal glory in Christ will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” (5:10)

The Christians Peter was writing to in his first letter were going through some very difficult challenges. They lived in the time of Nero, ruler of the Roman Empire at the time. Nero is known for his hatred of Christians to the point where he would order them to be killed in horrific ways such as in the Colosseum in Rome fighting with wild tigers and lions.

Peter kept reminding them they were strangers and aliens on earth because they belonged to a different country. (Cf **Phil 3:20** - “our citizenship is in heaven”) This world we live in is far from perfect. It seems as though people are caring less and less about God and doing His will. So don’t set your hopes on the things of this world but towards the one

## Week of April 30

### Attendance

- \* AM Service - 63
- \* PM Service - 50
- \* Wednesday - 51

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### Contribution

- \* Weekly Budget \$2,400
- \* Contribution - \$3,405

### Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- \* Keith and Debbie Malone's Anniversary (5/26)
- \* Joanne Skinner (5/31)

### Calendar Items

**Song Learning Class** this afternoon at 4pm

**Women's Bible Study** on Tuesday at the building at 11a (Romans 5:15ff)

**Men's Meeting** on May 28

### Today's Lessons

- \* AM Sermon - Raising a Timothy
- \* PM Sermon - 2 Samuel 16

whose architect and builder is God. In this world Christians are persecuted both physically and verbally for doing what's right.

We know more about the persecutions Paul faced than any other person in the NT. He told Timothy, "I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2Ti 4:6-8)

Our dear brother Lyle Ledberry "loved His appearing" and "his departure has come." He kept the faith and fought the good fight. He is going to receive His eternal reward from God, the righteous Judge. He knew he had a better home awaiting him than the home he had here in this wicked world. His citizenship was in heaven and now he gets to go home to be with His, and our, Lord and Savior. What a home he has departed too!

In Revelation John describes for us some of the blessings those who have loved His appearing get to partake of. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain." (Rev 21:4) The streets are laid with pure gold like transparent glass. (21:21) The tree of life is there and "there will no longer be any curse." (22:2-3) The greatest blessing of all is God is there. The text says, "they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads." (22:4) God is going to reign in this heavenly city forever and ever. (22:5)

Let's fight the good fight and keep the faith so we can be with God and all the faithful, like Lyle, who have already departed to the New Jerusalem.

Patrick