

EDDIE’S EDITORIAL

It’s hard to keep your clothes clean while working on a pig farm. Just ask the prodigal son about his clothing while living among the pigs. Even for us we have a difficult time keeping our clothing clean while living in a sinful world. Every time you turn around, we have a stain on our clothing.

Matthew 5:8 says, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” The word pure has a meaning of clean, unsoiled, guiltless, innocent and sincere. We find the word used twenty-seven times in the New Testament.

There is no going before God unless we are pure, unsoiled, guiltless, innocent and sincere. Because of the blood of Christ which has made us pure we can go before God. At baptism we put on Christ (Gal. 3:27) and by being clothed with Christ our sins are forgiven, covered, to be seen no more. When God looks at us, He sees no sin. We are pure in His sight.

Back to the prodigal son. Remember what his father did once he returned home? The father put his best robe on him. That robe covered his clothing that had been stained by being in the pig pen. His father welcomed him home to a new start.

We need to be clothed with Christ so we can approach God. We are to be thankful to Jesus for making it possible.  
Eddie

OUR RECORD	
Sunday Bible Study	92
Sunday Morning Worship	146
Sunday Evening Worship	57
Wednesday Night Bible Study	62
Contribution	\$3768

Prayer list:

LARRY RUSHING is in the hospital at DCH Tuscaloosa.  
AUDEAN CORKREN is sick at home.  
NORMA STANFORD is not doing well at Trinity in Columbus.  
MARK LANDIS is recovering from having a pacemaker.  
ZANE SHACKELFORD, relative of Lana Windle, in at Generations receiving rehab and requests our prayers.  
TYLER STOCKMAN, lives in the Vernon area, is recovering from a snake bite and requests our prayers.

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers:  
Robbie Collins, Lola M. Edwards, Linda Livingston, Jean McGee, Jo Seay, Norma Stanford.

The Vernon congregation extends its sympathy to J.B. Morrison and family in the death of his mother, Nellie Morrison. Her service was Wednesday at Fellowship.

PRAYERS
A.M. Kurt Hankins
P.M. Ryan McGee
SONG LEADERS
A.M. – Joe McNees
P.M. – Landon Olson
WED – Glen Bardon
Announcements – Curtis Heatherly
Lord’s Supper & Contribution – John P. Robertson, Andy Robertson, Bo Spencer, Landon Olson
Ladies to prepare Lord’s Supper: Jana Cantrell
Security –5-4 –O.Z. Rhudy, Alvin Foster
5-8 – Jimmy Rogers, Mark Thomas

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

May 2-3 – “Making Disciples Seminar” at the Hwy 69 Church of Christ in Columbus. See bulletin board for details.

May 4 – High School Senior reception after the evening service. Everyone bring finger foods.

Our seniors this year are: Will Allen Chism, Emma Hankins, Hannah Lucas and Sally Merchant.

May 4-7 – Gospel Meeting at the Hamilton Church of Christ. See bulletin board for details.

During the month of May the Vernon congregation is in charge of the devotional services at Generations each Sunday at 3:00. Group one is in charge of the May 4 service.

## Landon's Letters

Helen Keller once said, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." Many of us sadly fit into this quote in our lives. We can see perfectly clear, but we don't have any real vision for the life that we are to lead. Many people would rather sit and wait around for something to happen or for somebody to tell them what to do instead of taking initiative and getting to work. Now this can be in anything in life but often times that is how we are with our spiritual life. We would rather just come to church once or twice a week and listen to somebody instead of getting into God's word on our own. When we do this, we are never truly growing in our faith. We are just staying as babes while we need to be growing spiritually!

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Will Allen Chism, Emma Hankins, Hannah Lucas, and Sally Merchant.

We will be going to Legacy at Faulkner University on July 17-20<sup>th</sup> and the cost will be \$95 per person. See me for any questions you may have.

### What's Going On With The Youth

Please get me your senior pictures and bios asap if you haven't already.

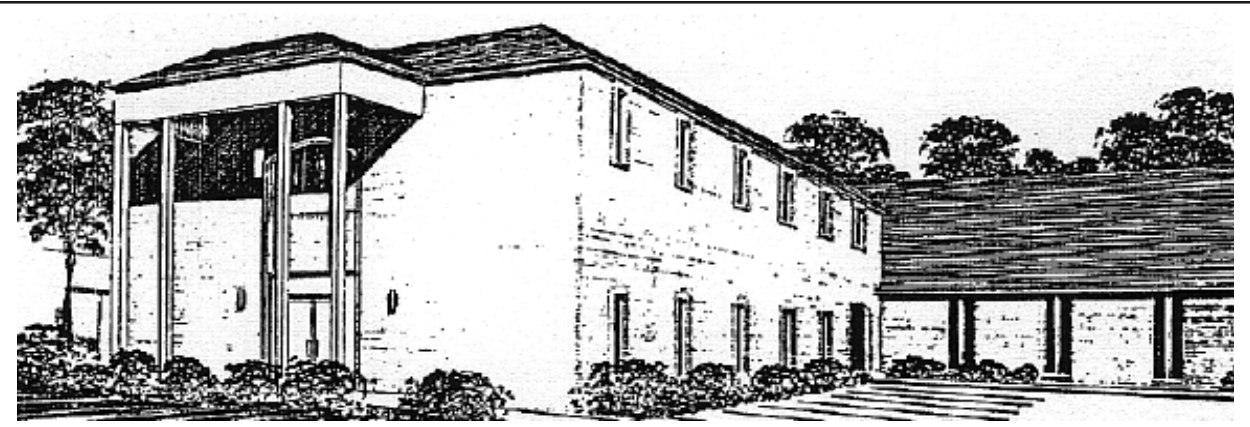
May 4<sup>th</sup> Senior reception after pm services.

May 7<sup>th</sup> Deadline to sign up for Legacy.

May 4, 2025

VERNON INFORMER

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### ELDERS

Glenn Butler  
Allen Chandler  
Burt Hankins  
Kurt Hankins  
Hugh Windle

### DEACONS

Jason Burks  
Alvin Foster  
Curtis Heatherly  
Mike Randolph  
John P. Robertson  
O.Z. Rhudy

### MINISTER

Eddie Finch

### ASSOC. MINISTER

Landon Olson

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

"The churches of Christ salute you . . ." Romans 16:16