

From Victory to Defeat by Zeke Flores

"But the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully ... therefore the anger of Yahweh burned against the sons of Israel" ([Joshua 7:1](#)). Joshua 7 shifts sharply from victory to defeat. Achan's hidden sin becomes a national problem. Israel loses at Ai not because of military weakness but because Yahweh withdraws His support. The issue isn't the enemy's size. It's the people's integrity. This chapter highlights a key principle: private disobedience can have public consequences. Achan's actions weren't isolated. They affected the entire community. Israel's identity as Yahweh's people meant their obedience was interconnected. For us, this pushes against the idea that sin is purely personal. Our choices shape environments—families, workplaces, churches. Integrity matters because it influences more than just our own lives. Joshua 7 also shows God's commitment to holiness. He doesn't overlook what undermines His people; He addresses it directly so restoration can happen. The defeat at Ai wasn't punishment for punishment's sake; it was correction. Practically, this chapter calls for honest evaluation. Hidden compromises eventually surface. God deals with them not to shame us but to restore relationship, purpose, and strength.

Free Communion Church of Christ

Sunday, October 4th, 2026



“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24 NKJV

Elders:

Roger Harvey
Larry Melton
Jack Parrott
Keven Reeder

Church Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 10:00a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00p.m.
Wednesday Night 6:30p.m.

Deacons:

Teddy Dailey
Mark Garrett
Logan Ramsey
Mason Ramsey
Donald Wilson

Members Expected...

1219 Willow Grove Hwy.
Monroe, TN 38573

Visitors Welcome...

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” HEBREWS 10:25

Benny Long (Alex & Josh's 2 yr. old son) is home recovering from surgery for a broken leg & goes for a check up Friday. Prayers.
Danny Bailey was not feeling well on Sunday.
Janna Parrott was taken by ambulance to the Cookeville Hospital for very high blood pressure and nausea & is home doing better. Prayers.
Weston Parrott has pneumonia and taking antibiotics & doing some better.
Landry Parrott is taking meds for an ear infection.
Joe Copeland has been in the St. Thomas Hospital with congestive heart failure. Prayers.
Cassie & James Wilson were sick last week.
Anna Short (Tanner's Grandmother) is being treated with meds for fluid around her heart. Prayers.

EXTENDED SICKNESS: (has been the sick list for some time now)...

Johnny Jenkins has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers
Faustina Lartey (Kris Lartey's mother) has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers
Mary Bell (Shaney Kennedy's mother) has lymphoma. Prayers.
Tammie Ford will do radiation for lung cancer. Prayers.
Dodd Scott has stage 4 liver cancer. Prayers.
Karie Mainord has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.
John Maxfield has a cancerous tumor in the stomach. Prayers.
Mary Jackson has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.

Free Communion
Ladies would like to
have a Baby Shower
for Cloe & Weston
Parrott on Sunday,
Oct. 18th @ 2pm.
Registered at
Babylist & Overton
Department Store.

*We would like to extend Special Prayers for Patricia
Hammock who responded last week & asks for prayers.*

**Special prayers for all the people we have mentioned & know God is in control!*

*"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16*
*"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be
thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9*

**"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."
Matthew 18:10**

Anita Beason	Avery Weber	Amy Kennedy	Benny Long
Ann Allred	Betty Winningham	Danny Bailey	Bill Burks
Anna Short	Billy Joe Sells	Diane Poston	Conner Stokes
Dawson Warren	Buddy Ledbetter	Jade Hicks	David England
Jennifer Bell	Carolyn Winingham	James Lightsey	Faustina Lartey
John Maxfield	Dodd Scott	Joe Copeland	James Nelson
Lonnie Melton	Francis Knight	Karie Mainord	Jerry Kennedy
Marsha Smith	Jimmy Kennedy	Robert Leach	Johnny Jenkins
Mary Bell	Jogenna McDonald	Sarah Davidson	Joyce Wakefield
Randall Richardson	Ralph Sells	Sheila Tedford	Pauletta Brady
Scott Mullins	Roger Harvey	Shirley Riley	Richard Newman
Steve Martin	Roy Dailey	Tammie Ford	Sharon Pittman
Veola Hammock	Saralee Cross	Tom Smith	Wynn Wilson

Wednesday Night, Oct. 7 @ 6:30pm

<u>Song Leader:</u>	<u>First Prayer:</u>	<u>Closing Prayer:</u>
Mason Ramsey	Jack Parrott	James Wilson

<u>Sunday Bible Study @ Oct. 11 @ 10am</u>	<u>Sunday Morning @ 11am</u>
Song Leader: Steve Martin	Announcements: Tanner Lacy
Prayer: Logan Ramsey	Song Leader: Austin Archer
	First Prayer: Donald Wilson
	Scripture Reading: Kasen Kennedy

WEEKLY SERVICE

Communion Work-Lord's Supper

Communion Reading: Kanden Coleman

Serve at the Table: Jack Parrott **Assistants at the Table:** Mike Coleman
Weston Parrott Cale Johnson

Closing Prayer: Keven Reeder

Sunday Night, Oct. 11 @ 6:00pm

<u>Song Leader:</u>	<u>First Prayer:</u>	<u>Closing Prayer:</u>
Tanner Lacy	Teddy Dailey	Larry Melton

Birthday and Anniversary Announcements for the Week

Oct. 5-Myla Cross,
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Webb
Oct. 6-Norma Bailey
Oct. 7-Charles Sims
Oct. 9-Bodhi Branham
Oct. 10-James Cantrell,
Mr. & Mrs. Coy Johnsn

**CHURCH
ACTIVITIES**

-Nursing Home Visitation on Oct. 4th @ 2pm
-Men's Bible Study on Tuesday, Oct. 6th
@ 6pm with food provided.
-Ladies Bible Study on Thursday, Oct. 8th @ 6pm
at the Free Communion Building.
-Ladies Card Fellowship Thursday, Oct. 15th @ 6pm
-Free Communion's Fall Gospel Meeting on Nov. 1-4
with Bro. Brad Burkett doing the speaking.

<u>Weekly Church Attendance</u>	
Sunday at 10:00am:	<u>79</u>
Sunday at 11:00am:	<u>100</u>
Sunday Night at 6:00pm	<u>54</u>
Wednesday Night at 6:30pm	<u>53</u>