

THE PULSE



South Germantown Rd Church of Christ Sunday February 22, 2026

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:30 a.m. (In person)

Sunday Morning Worship Services
10:30 a.m. (In person, Facebook)

“What Must I Do To Be Saved”

Hear the Gospel	Romans 10:17
Believe the Gospel	John 8:24
Repent of Sins	Luke 13:3
Confess Christ	Matthew 10:32
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16
Live Faithfully	Revelations 2:10

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Sunday Services

Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

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How Should We Address Issues We Have With Each Other?

Matthew 18:15-19 states:

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. **16** But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. **17** And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican. **18** Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **19** Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

In the text quoted above, Christ tells members of His church how to handle personal issues, hurt feelings, and sins that individuals believe have been perpetrated against them by another member. Sadly, there is a disturbing trend in the Lord's body. What is this disturbing trend? The disturbing trend is that most members of the church totally ignore Matthew 18:15-19 when it comes to solving personal issues or offenses. Instead of following what the Lord has clearly commanded, individuals, whether it be intentional or unintentional, choose to address offenses by their own devices. And by so doing, they cause more damage than the initial offense or perceived offense committed against them. On many occasions, the scenario is all too familiar; the person being accused of wrongdoing finds out that there is an issue involving them from someone other than the individual making the accusation. As a result, relationships are shattered, for years in some cases. No, we are not to condone sinful or disruptive behavior of those guilty of offending a fellow Christian. But, we also cannot ignore the wrongdoing on the part of those who won't seek to solve a personal private problem between individuals the Lord's way. Church, this type of behavior will destroy the unity and fellowship inside of a congregation. This should not be happening among Christians!

How do we solve this corrosive practice of ignoring Matthew 18:15-19? Let's explore three ways we all can help alleviate the discord caused by ignoring the words of our Lord. First, we must respect each other (Philippians 2:1-4). Every brother or sister in a congregation of believers deserves to have a chance to right any wrong or clear up a private misunderstanding before it gets spread among the church. Therefore, no one should be approaching the preacher, a leader of a congregation, or anyone else with personal issues they have against someone before following the first step given by Christ. Christ commands, "if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." This means, even if the person we may have a problem with is an elder, a deacon, or a preacher (see 1 Timothy 5:19), we must still go to that individual first. Although we may be hurt at that moment, we must also think about and consider the impact of ignoring Christ's commandment concerning solving personal issues among believers.

Second, we must not entertain accusations which are presented to us in violation of Christ's direct commands. When someone comes to us with a complaint about another member, we must resist the temptation of giving an audience to the accuser. We must direct them to the person with whom they have the issue and send them away. If we all would practice this, our churches would be more peaceful places. But by not following God's directives for solving problems, we cause many additional and unnecessary problems. For instance, we may, in an effort to get someone to listen to us or get results, tarnish a brother or sister's reputation because we did not go to our brother or sister first. We forget that sometimes we don't have all of the information. And because we may not have all of the information, we assume the worse of someone.

Finally, we must seek to win our brother or sister and not seek to destroy, humiliate, or scandalize him or her. We are to work to strengthen our relationships with one another and with the Lord. We must ask ourselves: "Are we truly seeking to reconcile with our brother or sister?" Let us value true Christian unity, love, and reconciliation? Let us remember the beauty and virtue in the process Christ laid out for handling interpersonal issues. Let us have compassion for one another. Let us make concessions for one another. Let us consider one another in order to promote love and good works.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adults

Young Adults, please turn in your questionnaire **today** and place it in the box located in the foyer.

Congregation Annual Meeting

A Congregation Annual Meeting, Updates and Plans for 2026, is scheduled for **Sunday, March 1st** after morning worship.

Germanshire Elementary

Germanshire Elementary (**Career Day**) is scheduled for **March 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** For more information please see Dedric Pearson.

Brothers' and Sisters' Bible Classes

The Brothers' and Sisters' Bible Classes are scheduled for **Sunday, March 8th**, immediately after morning worship. The Brothers will study, "Reasonable Service for Church Leaders".

The Sisters will study "The Daughters of Eve" (**Miriam**) A light lunch will be served.

Boulevard Church of Christ

The Boulevard Church of Christ **Annual Men's Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 7th** at the Boulevard Church of Christ, located at 4439 Elvis Presley Blvd. The theme is: "**A Call To Be Men Of Character In A Carnal Culture**".

Continental Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. and Program begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served after the program.

The Power of the Spoken Word

Careless words will be held against us (Matthew 12:33-37). They defile the believer by revealing their sinful condition. **When we speak, we reveal who we really are.** Our tongue can be a source of evil, not just in how it exposes our inability to control our sinful condition, but in the damage done to those who listen.

Lamar Bowman

TO OUR GUEST

If you are visiting with us today, we are happy you came. Please fill out a **blue visitor's card** and place in the collection tray so that we have a record of your attendance. We welcome you back at your earliest convenience.

Happy Anniversaries & Birthdays 2026

BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Snoddy—Feb 02

Delores Chism—Feb 07

Jimmy Martin—Feb 11

Noah Lewis—Feb 13

Debra Byrum—Feb 17

Amanda Hilliard—Feb 18

Nicholi Wyble—Feb 21

Edbony Hilliard—Feb 25

Melodia Lucas—Feb 27

Instructions for In Person Worship Service

1. Silence all electronics
2. Do not view Facebook or Zoom during service.
3. Place members' and visitors' attendance cards and offering in the collection plate.
4. Pick up a communion package on table in the foyer.
5. Dispose of communion packets in containers in the foyer.
6. Face covering optional

If you have had an address, phone, or email address change in the past two years, please submit that information to the church office.