

September 6, 2026

Prayer List Updates

Jackie Gaither had surgery on Thursday to remove a kidney stone and is recovering at home.
Sherrie Norton is in room 310 at Pavilion under hospice care. The family requests our prayers.
Brenda Owens, a member at Rome, had a scan that showed her cancer has spread and has begun chemotherapy treatments.

Defining Down Deviancy (continued)

What concerns me even more is the answer to this question, “Has this trend of ‘defining down deviancy found its way into the church?” Consider the following.

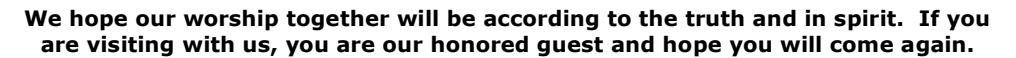
- Has the role of women in the church changed in the past 50 years?
- Has the use of instrumental music in worship changed in the past 50 years?
- Has our stand on the essentiality of baptism changed in the past 50 years?
- Has our fellowship with denominations changed in the past 50 years?
- Has our acceptance of unscriptural divorce and remarriage changed in the past 50 years?
- Has our teaching on dancing, drinking, and modesty changed in the past 50 years?
- Has the church’s role in entertainment changed in the past 50 years?

Either the church and the preachers from 50 years ago were all wrong, or the church of today has “defined down deviancy” to get along and not rock the boat.
Friends, God’s calling is a high calling, and if periodically we fail, as we all will do, make sure you adjust your life, not the standard. Change your ways, not God’s word!
Steve Higginbotham

SUNDAY 9:00 am	THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE		Times of Worship
	September 6	September 13	
Announcements.....	S. Stevenson	S. Stevenson	Sunday
Scripture Reading	C. Sampson	T. Davis	Worship 9:00 am
Song Leader.....	B. Harville	B. Harville	Bible Class 10:15 am
Opening Prayer...	J. Byrd	H. Wilson	Worship 11:15 am
Closing Prayer.....	R. Webb	H. Green	Wednesday
Preside at Table...	T. Davis	T. Davis	Bible Study
	J. Gaither	J. Gaither	7:00 pm
Assist at Table.....	J. Byrd	J. Byrd	
	D. Enoch	D. Enoch	
	H. Evans	H. Evans	
	D. Maynard	D. Maynard	
11:15 am			<u>Elders</u>
Song Leader.....	R. Enoch	R. Enoch	David Enoch
Opening Prayer...	B. Harville	S. Stevenson	Brian Harville
Closing Prayer....	R. Kirby	T. Giorgianni	<u>Deacons</u>
Lord’s Supper.....	D. Enoch	B. Harville	Tyson Davis
	J. Byrd	T. Harville	Larry Norton
WEDNESDAY			<u>Preacher</u>
Invitation.....	September 9	September 16	Stan Stevenson
Song Leader.....	S. Stevenson	S. Stevenson	
Closing Prayer.....	T. Harville	T. Harville	<u>Ministers</u>
	T. Davis	R. Enoch	All the saints

ATTENDANCE	Close Building	
	Prepare Lord’s Supper	Greeters
Sunday 8/30 9:00 am – 67		C. Sampson
Sunday 8/30 10:15 am – 52		K.& A. R. Davis
Sunday 8/30 11:15 am – 46		G. Enoch
Wednesday 9/2 7:00 pm - 43	Count Contribution	J. Moss
		H. Wilson
		C. Sampson
		D. Maynard

Jim Byrd announced to the congregation this past Sunday that he is stepping down as an elder here at Adams Avenue. We want to thank Jim for his many years of service and dedication to this congregation. We look forward to many more years of work and fellowship with both Jim and Barbara. God bless.



A 2025 Department of Defense investigation revealed that both the Army and the Navy had lowered recruitment standards in order to meet recruitment goals. In other words, they “Dumbed-Down” their standard in order to accommodate recruits with lower mental and physical abilities.

Surely, we see through the folly of such proposed “solutions.” We know that this approach doesn’t alleviate the problem. In fact, it makes the problem worse. It is simply a “defining down of deviancy.” Adultery is called an affair. Abortion is the right to choose. Cursing is called colorful language. Suicide and euthanasia are called dying with dignity. And homosexuality is called a gay lifestyle. Instead of decrying these things as sin, we rename them with palatable designations. Our culture has defined down deviancy and learned to accept what is unacceptable.