

THE MESSENGER

WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH · 1012 NORTH MAIN, WASHINGTON, IL 61571



January 11, 2026

Welcome to WCC! Videos of our Worship Services are available at washingtonchristian.net or our YouTube channel.

WCC Office Hours: Weekdays, 9am-2pm · **Phone:** 309-444-2550 · **E-mail:** office@washingtonchristian.net

TODAY'S SERVICE

Getting Back on Track

"Being Authentic"

Malachi 1:6-14

Kevin Dell – Preaching Minister

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

End-of-Year Offering 12/31.....\$2,238.66

Offering 1/4\$6,228.00

Attendance 1/4.....99

Children's Programming for Birth – 5th Grade is available today during the service.

Let us know you're here! Fill out a Welcome Card from the chair pocket to check in, share prayer requests, or update your contact info. Drop your card in the basket at the back after the service. Visiting for the first time? Bring your card to the Welcome Desk. We have a gift for you!

THIS WEEK @ WCC

TODAY

Prayer Time – 8:45 am

Join us in the Prayer Room.

Bible Studies – 9:00 am

Worship Service – 10:30 am

Ladies Bible Study – 4 pm

The WAY Youth Group – 6 pm

Meet @ Calvary Community Church

MONDAY

January Council Meeting – 7 pm

THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting – 10:00 am

Join us in the Prayer Room.

Preschool Board Meeting – 10:30 am



Be sure to pick up your 2025 End-of-Year Offering statements from Jim Fisher or Stephan Volz in the Lobby.

WHIP DONATIONS

January – Canned Soup

Place donations in the Fellowship Hall.

WCC LEADERSHIP

ELDERS: Jeff Hultgren

Mark Zottz

Mike Bochart (*2026 Sabbatical*)

STAFF: Dr. Kevin Dell

Lead Minister

Dr. Darrin Akin

Minister of Worship & Admin.

Mary Fisher

Office Manager

W THE WAY YOUTH GROUP

Our new semester of Youth Group begins tonight at 6:00pm at Calvary Community Church. It is open to all students in Grades 6-12. If you have any questions, please see Darrin after the service.

THE Panther DEN

Looking for a way to make a lasting impact in the lives of students? Panther Den is seeking **adult volunteers** to help guide, encourage, and mentor our kids during weekly activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love, model kindness, and invest in the next generation in a meaningful way.

No prior experience is needed, just a heart for kids and a willingness to serve. Your time and presence will make a difference. You'll have the chance to build relationships with middle school students, support their growth, and work alongside a caring team of volunteers.

Interested? See Darrin after the service for more information. Come be part of a ministry that inspires, nurtures, and shapes young lives while enjoying fellowship and fun in the process!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Join us Friday, January 30 at 6:00 PM for a night of fun, games, and great fellowship! Chili, soup, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert or snack to share—and don't forget your favorite game! **RSVP today** at the Welcome Desk kiosk or by clicking the "**Events**" tab on our website. We hope to see you there!



Life Line Screening will be here **Thursday, March 19** to conduct safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that go beyond your routine physical. Be proactive about your health—for yourself, your family, and your community. Register today!

- 800-324-9458
(promo code: HAVC001)
- <http://www.llsa.social/habc>
- Text **CIRCLE** to 216-279-1607

God is worthy of our best, not our leftovers. Honor Him not with what costs nothing, but with what reflects His greatness.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ben Henderson – recent colon cancer surgery-developed an infection at surgical site-on antibiotics;
Betty Hoyt – Back fracture recovery/also recent serious fall w/slow recovery;
Bill – Beth Howley's brother-job situation;
Brian Brubaker – Colon cancer-chemo;
Bruce Williams – Patterson's son;
Dellis Fischer – Eli Fischer's son;
Jan Geisz – Ankle surgery recovery & back issues;
Kay Svendgard – Cancer-Sue Volz's sister;
Ralph Johnson – Stroke recovery;
Shirley Lacey – Hospice care; Betty Hoyt's sister;
Wesley Robertson – born with heart defect-possible upcoming surgery-Dennis & Patra's grandson;

WCC SHUT-INS:

Room numbers available upon request from the church office.

Apostolic Christian Home – Eureka

Dean McDonald
Eli Fischer

Chapters Living of Washington

Audrey Kochenderfer
Barb Shipley

Charter Senior Living

Vicky Seal-Stephan Volz's mom

Evans Supportive Living – Pekin

Eleanor Tripp

Reflections Memory Care – Washington

Celia Adams

Snyder Village – Metamora

Maurine Collett
Hugh & Betty Patterson

Home

Jerry Keplinger

REGIONAL MISSIONS:

- Christian Campus House
(Eastern Illinois University)
- Encounter
(Illinois State University)
- Little Galilee Christian Assembly
- Ozark Christian College/
Lincoln Seminary
- Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch

SERMON NOTES

"Being Authentic" – Malachi 1:6-14

2 Corinthians 13:5

GETTING BACK ON TRACK _____ **GROWTH IN AUTHENTIC FAITH.**

Challenge #1: Let's be authentic in our _____.

Malachi 1:6-7

1 Peter 2:1-5

Challenge #2: Let's be authentic with our _____.

Malachi 1:8-9

Challenge #3: Let's be authentic in our _____.

Malachi 1:10

Malachi 1:11-12

Matthew 20:28

Challenge #4: Let's be authentic with our _____.

Malachi 1:13-14

Galatians 5:13-15

GETTING BACK ON TRACK _____ **GROWTH IN AUTHENTIC FAITH.**

Change #1: Let's grow in _____.

1 Peter 1:15

Change #2: Let's grow in _____.

Acts 20:35

Change #3: Let's grow in doing _____.

Galatians 6:9-10