

### Jesus Surprises People

“For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him” (Isaiah 53:2). It was expected that the Son of God should make a public entry with pomp and observation. But instead He grew up before God, not before men. He grew as a tender plant, silently and insensibly, and without any show. He rose as a tender plant, which one would have thought might easily have been crushed or frost-bitten. The contempt in which Christ was held by the Jews because of the “averageness” of His appearance is foreshadowed in Isaiah 53. There was His low condition to which He submitted in becoming man (Philippians 2:5–8). He abased and emptied Himself.

The entry He made into the world and the character He wore in it were in no way agreeable to the ideas which the Jews had formed of the Messiah; they were quite the reverse. It was expected that His extraction should be great and noble. He was to be the son of David, of a family that had a “name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth” (2 Samuel 7:9). But Jesus sprang out of this illustrious family when it was reduced. Joseph, who was His supposed father, was but a poor carpenter, perhaps a shop-carpenter, and most of His friends were fishermen. This is what is meant in Isaiah by “a root out of dry ground.” He was born of a despicable family in Galilee; of a family which, like a dry and desert ground, nothing green (great) was expected; in a city of such small repute that it was thought no good thing could come out of it (John 1:46). It was expected that He should have some uncommon beauty in His face and person, which should charm the eye, attract the heart, and raise the expectations of all who saw Him. When Moses was born, he was beautiful (Exodus 2:2); David was good-looking (1 Samuel 16:12); but our Lord Jesus had nothing of that to recommend Him.

It is not that He was deformed or misshapen, but His appearance was nothing extraordinary, which one might have expected to find in an incarnate deity. It was expected that He should live a pleasant life and have full enjoyment of all the delights of the sons of men. To the contrary, He was “a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3). It was not only His last scene that was tragic, but His whole life was in large measure miserable—He was unsettled and had nowhere to lay His head (Matthew 8:20), lived on alms, was opposed and menaced, and “endured such hostility from sinners against Himself” (Hebrews 12:3). We never read that He laughed out loud, but we know that He wept (e.g., John 11:35). Grief was His intimate acquaintance, for He acquainted Himself with others’ grievances and sympathized with them. In His transfiguration He talked about His own decease, and in His triumph, He wept over Jerusalem. — Author Unknown

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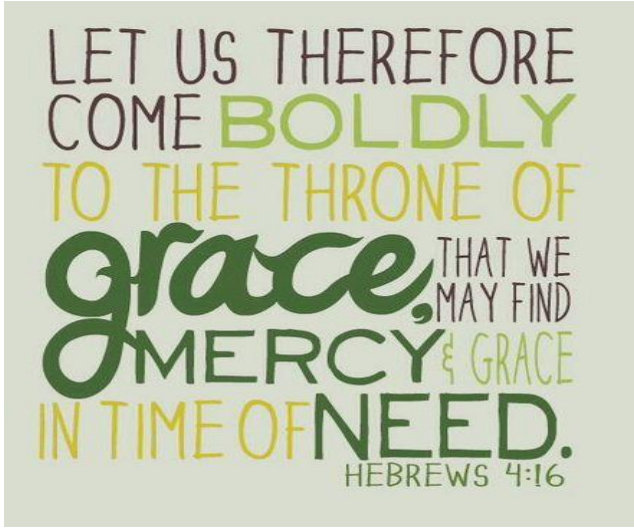
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### Happy Birthday, September!

Natalie Comeaux	6	Beatrice Okiyi	9
Rosalyn Brown	12	Alvina Hollis	13
Robert Lake	14	Jennifer Dukes	18
Marshal Maiwald	18	Mark Caples	21
Gabriel Ambrose	27	Christopher Neal	29
Barbara Frazier	30		

### Happy Anniversary, September!

Niles and Katie Wedge	9
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## WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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### September 8, 2019

#### Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

#### Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald  
Michael Neal

#### Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner  
Keith George Dan Medina  
Niles Wedge

#### Minister

Ernie Maiwald

#### Associate Minister

Keith George

The Woodbridge elders recommend the following Bible translations for our public worship and study:  
New King James Version, King James Version and American Standard Version, 1901

### Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

### Daily Bible Readings

	Morning	Evening
September 8	Song of Solomon 4-6	II Thess. 1
September 9	Song of Solomon 7-8; Psalm 127	II Thess 2
September 10	I Kings 5; II Chron. 2	II Thess. 3
September 11	I Kings 5; II Chron. 3	I Timothy 1
September 12	I Kings 7; II Chron. 4; Psalm 44	I Timothy 2
September 13	I Kings 8; Psalm 30	I Timothy 3
September 14	II Chron. 5-7; Psalm 121	I Timothy 4

### Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of September 8		
Sunday	Lesson 265	Acts 17; 18:1-22
Wednesday	Lesson 266	1 Thessalonians 1, 2
Week of September 15		
Sunday	Lesson 267	1 Thessalonians 3, 4
Wednesday	Lesson 268	1 Thess. 5; II Thess. 1

### Announcements

The Treat Family will be with here on Sunday September 22 giving the missionary report for "Proclaiming God's Word in the Northwest Pacific Islands of Guam, Palau and Chuuk. Brother Joey will be giving the report during our Bible class hour. He will also be preaching Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

In addition, we will be having the Quarterly Potluck on September 22. Zone 2 will be responsible for set-up/clean-up. Please bring a dish and enjoy great fellowship.

### Assignments

	September 8	September 15	
Announcements	Neal	Wedge	
Song	Comeaux	Anthony	
Prayer	Spiess	George	
Preside @ Table	Lake	Marbury	
Assisting	Chris Dollard	Chris Dollard	
Assisting	Dukes	M. Frazier	
Assisting	Earwood	Gauvin	
Prayer	Pender	Robinson	
	September 8	September 15	
Announcements	Neal	Wedge	
Song Leader	Comeaux	Anthony	
Prayer	Marbury	Neal	
Communion/Prayer	Lake	Marbury	
	September 11	September 18	
Announcements	Neal	Wedge	
Song Leader	Comeaux	Anthony	
Invitation	Beauvais	Neal	
Prayer	Pender	Robinson	
	September	October	November
<b>Prepare Communion</b>	Martin	Medina	Wimbush
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Maiwald	Neal	Anthony

### Notes:

1. Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.
2. Notify Niles Wedge of any changes.
3. **Transportation.** If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.

### Calendar of Events:

Mens Breakfast	9/14/19	8:00 am	OCB
EDP Meeting	9/14/19	9:30 am	Building
Qtrly Potluck	9/22/19	Noon	Building

### Helpful Contact Addresses:

**Church building:** www.woodbridgechurchofchrist.com  
**Minister:** [preacher@woodbridgechurchofchrist.com](mailto:preacher@woodbridgechurchofchrist.com)  
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### For Prayers

#### Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Bobbie Girard** (Harbor Chase - Woodbridge)

#### Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Grace Addo** (friend of the Anthonys) Stage IV bone cancer
- **Juantia Johnson** (Bobby's mom) heart attack & blood clot
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease
- **Ethel Dollard** (Chris Dollard's aunt) Colon cancer
- **Ed Nemore** (Sue Bilbrey's brother-in-law) Lung Disease
- **Mary Chastine** (Jason Cottoner's grandmother) Stroke
- **Gerrie Fleanor** (Jody Medina's mom) Knee replacement
- **Lucy Medina** (Dan Medina's sister) hernia surgery
- **Emma Welsh** (Sherry Wright's aunt) colon surgery
- **Angela Scott Dorsey** (friend of the Ambrose's) cancer
- **Mai Carter** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) vertigo and kidney infection
- **John Buttery** (friend of Betty Principi) Ecoli/other infections

#### Continued prayers for our members

Donna Wirt	Alwilda Merritt	Dan Medina
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright		

