CHURCH on the BLUFF

Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!" (Galatians 1:8 NIV)

In the year 610 BC an angel supposedly appeared to a 40-year-old man named Muhammad. Over the next 23 years this *angel* revealed the absolute will of Allah (God) and people around him memorized and/or wrote down what Muhammad said the angel told him. This new revelation was called the Quran and thus the beginning of the new religion called Islam.

In 1823 a 17-year-old boy receives a vision from an *angel* telling him of some gold plates that contain the "fullness of the everlasting gospel". This is John Smith and a new religion based on these gold books, as translated by Smith has begun. The text given by the angel is known as the Book of Mormon.

Interestingly enough, both revelations give the Bible a place of honor in its doctrine but both claim it has been "perverted" over the years, making it useless to them. They simply claim that any scripture that contradicts their new teachings has been perverted.

I have listened to many defenders of those new scriptures explain why people should believe what the Quran or Book of Mormon teaches. If I was uninformed about the Bible and Christianity, weak in the faith, some of those arguments may even sound somewhat reasonable. But I will not entertain even the slightest possibility that anything in those two books is true. Nothing. Nada. Zero.

Why? It was given by an angel. An angel preached a different gospel. It's that simple. Nothing deep and mysterious. I don't need to investigate further. An *angel* brought a different teaching, a different gospel. Let them be under God's curse. Jesus Christ, God incarnate, died a horrible death and spilled His precious blood so that people can be saved. We don't have to kill any infidels or eat only Halal food. We don't have to marry several wives or wear sacred underwear. "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."(Romans 10:9 NIV)

Say good things about your Savior and His Church on the Bluff

Bro. Tony

July:

- July 26h - Ladies Bible Study 5PM
- July 28th - Coffee, Cake & Chat 10:30 AM
- July 29th - Fellowship Meal 6PM

Sundays
Bible Study - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM

Weekly:
Wednesdays
Bible Study & Prayer - 6:30 PM
Choir Practice - 7:15 PM

Office Hours 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

Prayer &
Bible Study
Wednesdays
6:30 PM

Card Making Ministry

August 4, 2026

6:30 PM

Angie will need to know if you plan on being there so that she can have enough card-making supplies for all those in attendance. Tell her in person, or text/call her at 205-329-1954.

Happy Birthday!

JULY

24 Russell Wilson
28 Rita Burke
28 Sara Beth Ramsey
30 Robert Kurtts

Upcoming Meetings

Deacon's Meeting
August 2, 2026 8:30 AM

Business Meeting
August 12, 2026 6:30 PM

Church Council
August 23, 2026 12:00 PM
Yearly Planning Meeting

Friends & Sisters is a 5-Week Bible Study from Lifeway Women. In this Bible study for women, we'll reflect on how to cultivate deep, Christ-centered relationships and strengthen our bond as sisters and friends. Through biblical examples and practical application, we'll explore what the Bible teaches us about loving, caring for, honoring, supporting, and investing in one another for the long haul. And we'll consider what it looks like to seek out and cultivate friendships in the church, the place where we find true belonging. Whether you're new to your relationship with Jesus or have walked with Him for years, this study will remind you that you have a place in God's family and will inspire you to become a better sister and friend.

Join us on Sundays at 5:00 PM for this Bible Study
July 19th-August 16th

7/21 Update: Hart has let us know that at Green Springs, they are lacking pocket folders with prongs and thatTarget had them for 25c each. They also need graph paper and primary composition books. Thank you for the generosity you have shown for this ministry and supporting this need. The full list is on page three below.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mr. Frank Kerley. Please keep their family and loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time. Also, continue to pray for the family of Mrs. Jean Journey.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The Ministry Center at Green Springs will distribute school supplies to over 200 children in families helped by the food pantry. You can help these families by contributing school supplies. Please bring your donatons to the church by Aug. 2.

WHAT'S NEEDED:

2" or 3" binders
Spiral notebooks (wide and college ruled)
5-subject college ruled spiral notebooks
Primary (K–2) composition notebooks (half blank page for drawing, half lined)
Composition notebooks (wide and college ruled)
Colored pencils
Loose-leaf paper (wide and college ruled)
12-inch rulers
Lined index cards
Scissors (7" or larger)
Clear pencil pouches

Eraser caps
Large block erasers
Graph paper
Pocket folders with prongs
Glue sticks
Broad-tip washable markers
Sharpies
Highlighters
Jumbo crayons
24-pack crayons
4-pack dry erase markers
My First (thick) pencils
Pencil sharpeners

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