CHURCH on the BLUFF

Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God

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September 3, 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

On occasion, when someone asks me how I'm doing, I'll reply that I'm "average". Somehow, over the years, average has become a goal. Average is seen as a good thing; acceptable. But let's look at average a little closer. If there are five people in a room and their ages are 16, 22, 29, 51 and 60, the "average age" is 35 and a half years. Now, no one in that room has any attributes… physical, medical, or life experiences of a genuine 35-year-old person. So the average age means nothing in reality.

Suppose you are a salesperson with "average" abilities. Potential employers will not be tripping over themselves trying to hire you. Sure there are salespeople with less ability than you…but there are just as many with higher skills. Honestly, I wonder why people are satisfied with being "average"? Why not be awesome, fantastic, wonderful, or outstanding? Especially when it comes to our Christian lifestyle.

Why are we content to have an average knowledge of the Bible? Or an average prayer life? Why do we settle for being average when it comes to attendance or participation in church activities and programs? I cringe when I read or hear the words "an average Christian".

I want to be a "way above average" Christian and I want us to be a "way above average" church.

Don't you?

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

Bro. Tony

Woven Together

Please wear your Church on the Bluff T-shirt to service on Sunday, Sept. 6.

We will take a group photo in the sanctuary following the conclusion of service.

September:

- ◊ 6th : T-Shirt Sunday
- ◊ 6th : Deacon's Meeting 8:30 AM
- ◊ 7th : Labor Day Office Closed
- ◊ 9th : Business Meeting 6:30 PM
- ◊ 13th : 20th Year Celebration of Pastor Tony
- ◊ 20th : Church Council
- ◊ 22nd : Coffee, Cake & Chat
- ◊ 30th : Fellowship Dinner

Weekly:

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

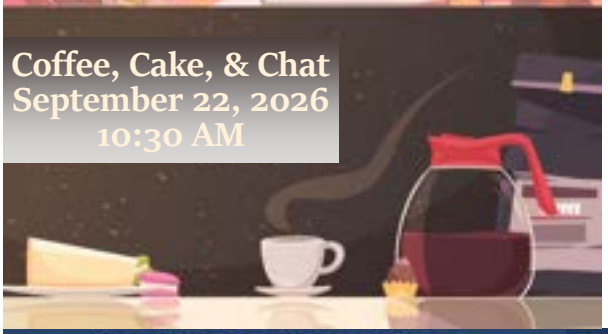
Upcoming Meetings

Deacons Meeting	September 6, 2026	8:30 am
Business Meeting	September 9, 2026	6:30 PM
Church Council	September 20, 2026	After Worship

Happy Birthday!

SEPTEMBER

4 Wanda Chancellor
4 Kerry Foley
5 Kathy Tyson
5 Lynn Kurtts
6 Cornelius Yelling
7 Maressa Colin
8 Kaci Loftus
16 Pat McGraw
17 Roger Boothe
21 Holly Burford



Please join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, to celebrate 20 years of the faithful leadership of

Pastor Tony Barber

Lunch will be provided following the program.

Please RSVP by Sept. 1 to
Kaye Davis, 205-616-7849

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WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR STATE MISSIONS
SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2026