THE VINE

October 30th, 2026

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Mission

Go and make disciples of Jesus

Vision

Provide hope, life, and new beginnings to change lives and transform the world

Purpose

Teach people about Jesus so they can go be Jesus

Journey

Know, love, and serve Jesus

Hope. Life. New Beginnings.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by: Pastor Warren Carswell **October 30th, 2026**

WHOSE IMAGE ARE WE WEARING?

Scripture: Matthew 22:15–22; Romans 13:1–7; 1 Timothy 6:17–19

During election season, it's easy to become caught up in political disagreements, anxiety, and division. Politics can change how we speak to one another and even how we see our neighbors. But as Christians, we must ask ourselves: **When the political temperature rises, whose image do people see in us?**

In Matthew 22, Jesus is challenged about paying taxes to Caesar. His response is, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." The coin bears Caesar's image, but Scripture reminds us that every human being is created in the image of God
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Not just Republicans or Democrats. Not just those who agree with us. Every person bears God's image and deserves dignity and respect. Disagreement never gives us permission to forget that truth.

As United Methodists, our Wesleyan heritage calls us to put faith into action through personal and social holiness. We are called to pursue justice and mercy, care for the vulnerable, and love our neighbors. Our politics must be accountable to our faith—not the other way around.

Romans 13 reminds us of our responsibilities as citizens. We can become informed, vote, contact elected officials, and serve our communities as expressions of our faith. But our Christian responsibility doesn't end when we cast our ballots, and our call to love one another doesn't change when an election is won or lost.

In 1 Timothy 6, Paul reminds us not to place our hope in wealth or earthly security, but in God. He encourages us to do good, be generous, and share with others. No election or political leader can provide the ultimate hope and security that only God can give.

So, what does faithful living look like this election season? It means continuing to serve, welcome, and care for others regardless of political differences. Our community's needs will remain long after the election, and so will God's call upon our lives.

Genesis Church is called to be a place of **Hope, Life, and New Beginnings**—where people encounter the love of Jesus and find a place to belong.



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:30-9:15AM **THE 8:30 GROUP**: LIBRARY

9:30-10:30AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL ASBURY CLASS**: LIBRARY

9:15-10:30AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADERS CLASS**: FH104

TO SIGN UP FOR ZOOM, EMAIL NSHARVEY51@GMAIL.COM

9:30-10:30AM **GARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**: E105 & E106

9:30-11:30AM **NURSERY**: E103 *(BIRTH-PRESCHOOL)*

9:30-10:30AM **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**: E104 *(KINDERGARTEN- 5TH)*

9:30-10:30AM **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E110

10:30AM **WORSHIP**: IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM SERVICE

10:30AM **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**: E104 *(KINDERGARTEN- 5TH GRADE)*

3:00-4:00PM **DESSERT & DEVOTION**: LIBRARY

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT MARGO DECK AT 540-309-6309

4:00PM **YOUTH GROUP**: BOWLING

MONDAY

6:30PM **BIBLE STUDY:** FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

12:00PM **SMALL GROUP WITH WARREN:** LIBRARY

6:00PM **PRAYER & MEDITATION:** E110

6:30PM **YOGA WITH NANCY**

6:30PM **BOOK STUDY:** E110

THURSDAY

5:30PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**

5:30PM **MISSIONS TEAM MEETING:** LIBRARY

FRIDAY

10:00AM **PAINT BANK TRIP**

SATURDAY

10:00AM **YOGA WITH NANCY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

“FAITH IN THE FAST LANE” GENESIS CAR SHOW

Rev your engines and join us for our second annual Genesis Car Show tomorrow, Saturday, October 31, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.!

Enjoy a fun-filled day with cars, raffles, kids' activities and a hotdog lunch. Bring some cash to vote on your favorite car - proceeds will go to the RAM House. Invite your friends, neighbors and fellow car enthusiasts! Let’s make this a great day for our community.



PAINT BANK TRIP ON NOVEMBER 6

Paint Bank trip is back on! We will be going to the Swinging Bridge Restaurant in Paint Bank, Craig County, leaving the church at 10AM.

Along the way, we will stop at the VA Dept of Wildlife Trout Hatchery. Lunch will be at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant at noon.

There are a General Store and Gift Shop, along with the Tingler Mill to explore/shop at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant.

After lunch we will drive a short distance to view American Bison/Buffalos.

We intend to be back at the church by 3PM.
Those interested in going should email the church office at office@genesisroa.org to RSVP.



SPIRITUAL LEARNING

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This class, led by Jeff, is an opportunity for you to come and do a deep dive into the scripture. The class is in a lecture format that presents the scripture from a variety of different angles so that the learner feels comfortable both discussing and understanding what they learn with others. It is open to all people of all ages.

Mondays - 6:30 - 7:20 PM
Genesis Church Fellowship Hall
Currently studying: Gospel of Mark

Each week stands alone, so join us at any time!

MID-WEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

Pause. Pray. Breathe. Grow.
Feeling stressed, anxious, or overwhelmed? Take a break from the busyness of life and make room for God.
Join Warren each Wednesday in the Genesis Church Youth Room for Mid-Week Prayer, a brief time of prayer, meditation, and reflection. Spend 20 minutes slowing down, catching your breath, and reconnecting with God.
Mid-Week Prayer
Wednesdays | 6:00–6:20 PM
Stay afterward for a time of Bible study and reflection led by Warren from 6:30–7:30 PM.
Topics will vary each week, offering opportunities to explore faith, reflect on Scripture, and grow together in our walk with Christ.

Bible Study & Reflection
Wednesdays | 6:30–7:30 PM
Location: Genesis Church Youth Room

Come as you are. Whether you need a quiet moment with God, encouragement for the week ahead, or an opportunity to grow in faith alongside others, there is a place for you.
Take a little time in the middle of your week to pause, pray, and make room for God!

VOLUNTEERS & STAFF



GREETERS

Welcome Center:	Patti Hollingsworth
Porch/Door:	Joe Ratliff
Sidewalk:	Nancy Harvey
Exit Greeter:	Patti Hollingsworth

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's:	Pat Bowles
Nursery:	Renee Johnson

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Tommie Crozier | Karen Davis | Robin Edwards | Gloria Gibson | Georganna Hite | Allison Stallings
Pat Walters | Alan Wolfe | Savannah Wood

LAY SPEAKER & SERVANTS

Certified Lay Speaker: Mark White

Certified Lay Servants:
Karen Davis
Jeremiah Fines
Nancy Harvey

CHURCH STAFF

Co Pastors: Warren Carswell & Jeff Wilson

Office Manager:	Aeron Langheim
Choir Director:	Bob Zimmerman
Accompanist:	Rhonda Casey
Nursery Director:	Dakota Campbell
Children's Director:	Megan Walkup
Custodians:	DJ & Renee Johnson

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Rhonda/Bob (going to Bob)	music@genesisroa.org
Children's Director	children@genesisroa.org
Youth Director	youth@genesisroa.org
Office	office@genesisroa.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests left on the list more than 4 weeks without an update will be removed.

Congregation

- Allen Nichols - ongoing health concerns
- David Francisco
- Homebound members
- Barry Lavinder - Healing
- Jean Ridenhour - Health Concerns
- Doris Thomas - Healing
- Margorie Buchanan - Healing

Congregation Family

- Denise Martin - Health conerns
  - Sister of Vera Hill

Nursing Home & Assisted Living

- Ike Carper - Friendship Salem Terrace
- Alda Bower - Hermitage
- Al Saladiner - Friendship South
- Sandra Collins - Friendship North
- Bob and Arlene Cheeseman - Friendship North
- Jessie Gilliam - Friendship North
- Ed and Ruthie Conner-Friendship North

Rehab

- Dottie Weaver - Friendship North
- Karen Harris - Berkshire Health & Rehab
- David Myers - Oakwood in Bedford
- Peggy Shaver - Daleville Health & Rehab
- Paul Muddiman - VA

In the Military

- Josh Sullivan
- Wyatt Williams
- Garrett & Caroline Brown
- Rachel Harris
- Will Harris
- Joshua Levendosky
- Erik Flury
- Dustin Fines Jr
- Caleb Cash

In the Community

- Caregivers
- Our Country
- All people in war conditions or in need
- Families of special needs children

Friends

- Skyler Dickerson - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Bob Zimmerman
- Della Holden - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Joan Jones
- Eddie Cox - Health Concerns
  - Friend of Karen Lavinder
- Family of Patty Farriss - in her passing
  - Friend of Kim Newcomer
- Dennis Miller - In his passing
  - Friend of Barry and Karen Lavinder
- Family of Rev. Jack A. Minnick - in his passing
- Family of Steve Fuksa -In his passing
- Linda Owens - Healing
  - Friend of Gretchen Lavinder & Kathleen Jackson
- Debbie Gaulden
  - Belinda, Karen and Robbie Harris