

THE LORD'S SUPPER  
**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN**  
COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



**PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS**

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts reflecting on this.)

However, the Bible is clear that Christians' practical love, their generous justice, is not to be confined to only those who believe as we do. Galatians 6:10 strikes the balance when Paul says: "Do good to all people, especially . . . the family of faith." Helping "all people" is not optional; it is a command. – Timothy Keller

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**1 John 2:24**

*<sup>24</sup> As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.*

*(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)*

**PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES:** "Flight of Angels" from Pieces for a Musical Clock. G.F. Handel

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 126 (The Message)

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,  
when God returned Zion's exiles.

We laughed, we sang,  
we couldn't believe our good fortune.

We were the talk of the nations—  
"God was wonderful to them!"

God was wonderful to us;  
we are one happy people.

And now, God, do it again—  
bring rains to our drought-stricken lives

So those who planted their crops in despair  
will shout "Yes!" at the harvest,

So those who went off with heavy hearts  
will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.

**INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

**\*HYMN:** "Come Let Us Praise the Lord"

**\*NEW TESTAMENT:** 1 Corinthians 9:15-23

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** "Let us With A Gladsome Mind" A. Ridout  
The Sherman Church Choir

**Hymnal #320**  
**Bible p.1134**

**Hymnal #59**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

**SERMON:** "Kingdom Harvest; Fruits of the Spirit"

Matthew 9:27-38

Galatians 5:22-23

**\*HYMN:** "Seek Ye First"

**THE LORD'S TABLE**

**\*HYMN:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**\*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*PRAYING FOR THE SEARCH TEAM**

(\*Congregation, please stand if able.)

**Hymnal #808**

*Rev. Loring Carpenter*

**Bible p. 964**

**Bible p. 1154**

**Hymnal #447**

**Hymnal #353(v1-4)**

**Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service**

**NEXT WEEK:** Pastor Carpenter will be away this week. Rev John Roy will share the Word next week.

**Calendar for June 7th -13th**

(Links for online meetings may be found at [shermanchurch.org](http://shermanchurch.org))

<b>Sun., June 7</b>	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Wed., June 10</b>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Church Council</b> <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> - Fellowship Hall
<b>Thurs., June 11</b>	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Prayer In The Parlor</b> Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> - Fellowship Hall

**Church Responsibilities for June 7th**

**Flowers:** Megan Tlasky

**Coffee Hour Host:** Ken Leach and Suzanne Browning

**Nursery:** Kristin Stephens



## OUR CHURCH:

### Interim Pastor:

Rev. John Loring Carpenter

### Ministers:

The Congregation

### Minister of Music:

Penny Rose

### Moderator:

Charles Mastroni

You may make a prayer request anytime by contacting the church office at [info@shermanchurch.org](mailto:info@shermanchurch.org) or (860)-354-6114. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons ([deacon@shermanchurch.org](mailto:deacon@shermanchurch.org) or 860-733-9972) or the Pastor ([pastor@shermanchurch.org](mailto:pastor@shermanchurch.org) or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

## PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church.

You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church. Dial-in information is in the calendar.

**FIRE EXITS** are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

## THE SHERMAN CHURCH

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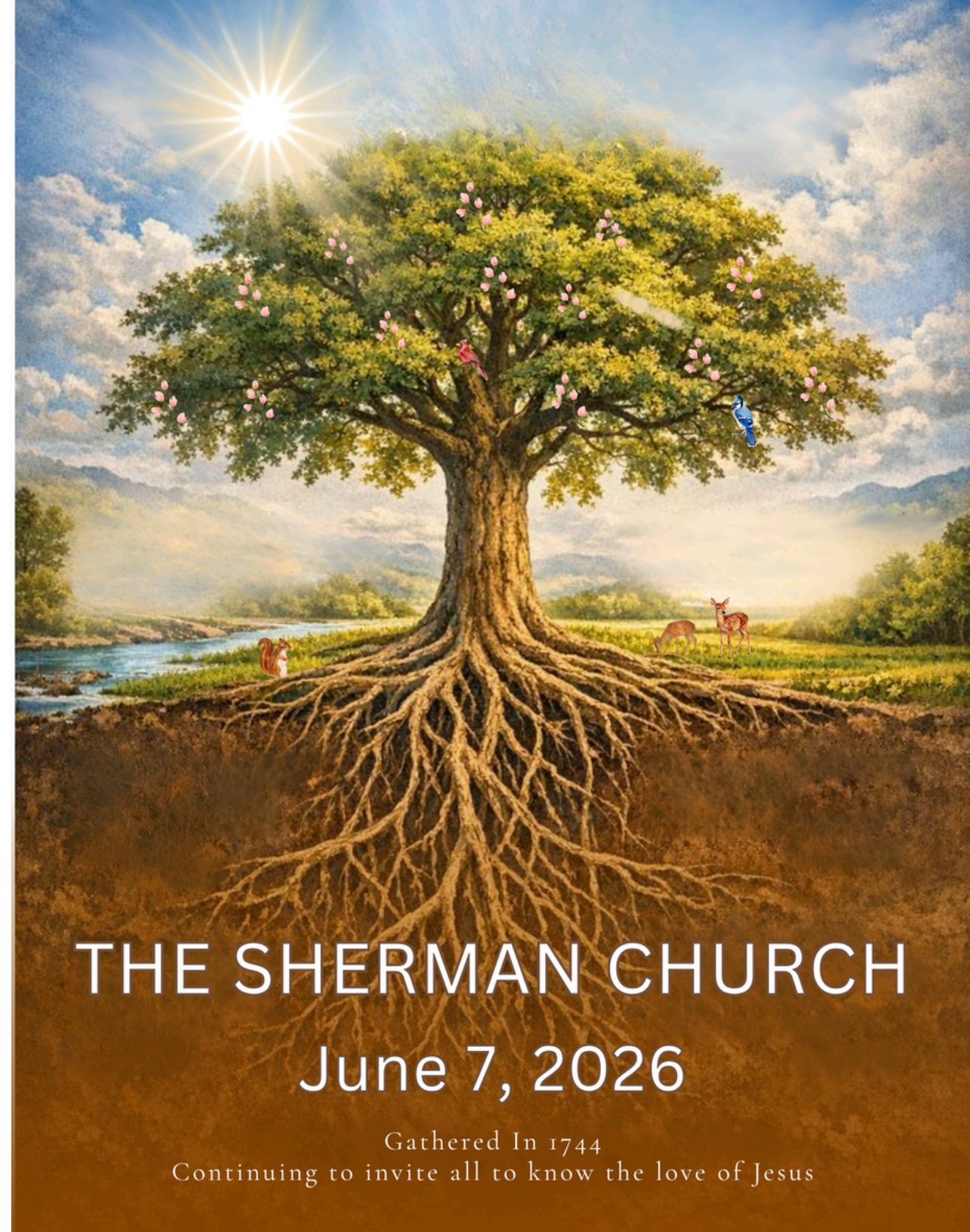
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## OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Mesa Global:** Robert & Nina Bruneau;
- **CCCC Church Re-Planting:** Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT,
- **Lion of Judah Academy,**
- **Hope Academy of the Bronx.**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, health, strength in the care of her mother
- Debbie Whittaker, Dawn Langworthy's sister. Healing and growing faith.
- Jill Finch, Strength and healing
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing



# THE SHERMAN CHURCH

## June 7, 2026

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## MIT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO TOMORROW

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (Gen. 1:31). Seven times in the creation account God paused to evaluate His work. We seek the help of the whole congregation to evaluate the life and faith of our church family we have been doing by taking the **Ministry Insight Tool**. A significant number have still to complete the confidential survey. If you are a participant of The Sherman Church in any way, please share your thoughts. Using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, enter this link in the address bar of your web browser [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShermanChurch2026](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShermanChurch2026).



## PRAYER GUIDE – ROOTED

Week of May 31st - June 6th, 2026

**James 3:13-18** Read aloud together, and after a time of reflective silence, share what word strikes you the most.

**REVERENCE** – Identify and celebrate God’s praiseworthy attributes.

- *Jesus, I praise You because You are...(list a specific description from v. 17) and I have experienced this when...*

**RESPONSE** – He is Lord; let us surrender to him in all ways.

- *Lord, we confess that we live by earthly wisdom when...*

**REFLECTION** – Ask the Spirit to guide your prayer over concerns, resources, and relationships.

- *Lord, help...(church leader) be...(name a facet of wisdom from v. 17) especially when...*
- *Lord, help me to be...especially when...*

**READINESS** – Encouragement and strength for spiritual battle.

- *Lord Jesus, give us grace to sow peace as we...*

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

What can you do differently next week to display that we have surrendered our will to that of our Lord? Are there changes I might make to be a “harvester” for the Lord?

In seasons of full calendars and growing demands, it is easy to let prayer become one more item to manage rather than the foundation we stand on. Yet Scripture reminds us that prayer is not preparation for the work; it is the work. The early church did not thrive because of activity, but because of priority. Leaders devoted themselves to prayer and the Word, and God brought the power. That pattern still holds true today.

## NURSERY ANGELS NEEDED:

We only have 4 women doing this **VERY IMPORTANT JOB!!** That means that one out of 4 weeks those angels miss being in church. They are dedicated to allowing Parents time to be in church while providing a safe place for their child. The more angels we have, the fewer times a year the angel has to be available. **PLEASE HELP US HELP** our young families. It would be wonderful if some of the young mothers would volunteer to take a turn. PLEASE call Barbara Hoag at 860-210-0598 or Jess at the office, 860-354-6114. ASAP as the schedule needs to be ready for July. Please call if you have questions, too. It is easy to swap days when life throws a curveball on your scheduled day.

A vibrant blue and purple advertisement for VBS. At the top left, it says "ILLUMINATION STATION" in a colorful, starburst font. In the center, "VBS" is written in large, white, bold letters. To the right, "GLOW &amp; GROW" is written in a stylized, glowing font with a vine and fruit illustration. Below this, it says "REGISTRATION IS OPEN" with double arrows pointing left and right. At the bottom left, "JULY 20 - 24TH" is written in white inside a glowing purple oval. At the bottom right, there is a QR code. At the very bottom, the URL "HTTPS://WWW.MYVBS.ORG/2026-SHERMANCHURCHVBS" is written in white.

# Mission Moment



The Tim Tebow Foundation exists to bring Faith, Hope and Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. Since its inception in 2010, the ministry has served some of the world’s Most Vulnerable People across more than 90 countries and counting. This mission is fulfilled daily through ministry outreach focused on Orphan Care & Prevention, Special Needs, Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation, and Profound Medical Needs. The TTF team and partners, in both the United States and abroad, are actively fighting against trafficking and exploitation in three ways: Prevention, Rescue, and Survivor Care.

For the third year in a row, your Mission Committee has chosen to support TTF Anti-human trafficking and exploitation. Please join us Sunday, June 14, to learn more through handouts, a film, and our Mission Moment.

Edna Coons, for the Mission Committee

**“God’s children are not for sale.”**



## Be a Voice for The Voiceless

**The Renewed Hope Act - Urgent Action Needed: Tell Congress to Pass the Renewed Hope Act:**

[timtebowfoundation.quorum.us/campaign/RenewedHopeAct/](http://timtebowfoundation.quorum.us/campaign/RenewedHopeAct/)

In 2024, the Tim Tebow Foundation testified in front of Congress and told them about all the children who are being abused and are waiting for rescue. Lawmakers have drafted the Renewed Hope Act to help build a bigger rescue team of analysts and investigators to rescue these children.

### Child Exploitation – Quick Facts

- The U.S. hosts more unique domains with child sexual abuse content than any other country in the world.[1 ]
- At least 1 in 4 girls in the United States experiences child sexual abuse.[2]
- Every minute, 39 pieces of child sexual abuse material are traded online.[3]
- The top five categories of the relationship between the suspected offender and the child victim are:[4]
  - 1) Father, 2) Neighbor/Family friend, 3) Guardian’s partner, 4) Mother, 5) Uncle
- Studies found that 55-85% of offenders possessing and distributing child sexual abuse material are also hands-on offenders who are abusing children.[5]
- Offenders have an average of 13 victims each before they are caught.[6]
- 1 in 8 children disclose their abuse.[7]
- In the United States, of offenders convicted of producing these images:[8]
  - 75.2% were white; 95.5% were U.S. Citizens; 94.3% were male; 83.5% had victims under 12; 30.3% had victims who were infants and toddlers; 60% were related to or in a circle of trust with their victim

# Anti-Human Trafficking



## The Need

It has been estimated that as often as every two minutes around the world, a life is being bought and sold as if it were merely a commodity to be traded. Human beings—image beings of God—are being coerced, exploited, and sold. The exact numbers are difficult to track, often inconsistent, and many experts don’t even agree. Yet the reality is undeniable: this crisis is global and steadily rising at an alarming pace.

**50,000,000 VICTIMS\***

It is estimated more than 50 million victims are trapped in human trafficking. \*Includes forced marriage.



Human trafficking generates more than \$236 billion annually.



Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry.



An estimated 1 million people are currently sex trafficked in the United States.



300K+ new sex ads go up everyday, and thousands involve minors.



7 in 10 victims are female.

## The Solution

Though a solution to human trafficking can be daunting to consider, we serve a God for whom nothing is impossible. As the Tim Tebow Foundation continues to fight in the rescue mission He has called us to, we are committed to supporting those affected by this crime against humanity in three ways:

**1 PREVENTION**

We focus on stopping trafficking before it starts by targeting demand, raising awareness, and strengthening support for vulnerable children.

**2 RECOVERY**

We are actively responding to the crisis by partnering with law enforcement to identify and recover those being trafficked and bring them to safety.

**3 SURVIVOR CARE**

We are deeply committed to supporting survivors’ long-term recovery through communities of care, providing them with tools for physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual healing.

### IMPACT MADE

**62** COUNTRIES WE SERVE IN

**540+** SURVIVOR CAPACITY ACROSS OUR SAFE HOMES

**52** SAFE HOMES OPERATING WORLDWIDE

**19** SAFE HOMES IN

**PROGRESS**

**14,500** LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINED SINCE 2023

**4,200\*** IDENTIFICATIONS + RESCUES IN LAST TWO YEARS ALONE. \*INCLUDES CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

**5** DOMESTIC TASK FORCES OPERATING IN THE US

