



“In matters of faith, unity. In matters of opinion, liberty. In all things, love.”

Some Thoughts for the New Year

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 03, 2016

Song Leader: Daren Adamson

#4 To God Be the Glory

#2 We Praise Thee, O God

#3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

OPENING PRAYER: Tom Woodason

MEET AND GREET

#484 You Are My All in All

#474 Thank You, Lord

313 The Old Rugged Cross

#315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LORD'S TABLE: David Adamson

Bread Pass #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior
verses 1, 2 & 3

Cup pass #337, Hallelujah, What a Savior
verses 1, 4 & 5

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Austin

SCRIPTURE READER: Jack Carre

Exodus 34:5-9

SHINE TIME

#1014 Jesus Loves Me! (v. 1)

SERMON: Matt Carver

Articles of Faith: What We Believe
...About God

INVITATION

#869 We're Marching to Zion

CLOSING PRAYER - Elder

DEACON IN CHARGE: Gordy Bryan

SOUND BOOTH: Ray N. & Bob W.

GREETER: David Trowbridge

USHER: Nick Hicks

James 4:13-15 "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"

I'm not saying that we shouldn't plan what we will do tomorrow but James sees a problem with this if we start to brag about doing this or that tomorrow. I would rather pray to God and ask Him to reveal His will for my life tomorrow than to superimpose my own agenda without consulting with Him.

Hebrews 3:13 "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

One of the greatest human problems is procrastination. I know because I've got that same tendency in me but the author of Hebrews tells us to realize that while it's called "today" we had better hear and, I would say, "listen" as he writes, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion" (Heb 3:15) so in the context of Hebrews 3, those who refuse to believe God risk having their hearts hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. They cannot "hear his voice," meaning the Holy Spirit's conviction has been muted so often, they can't hear Him anymore. The solution is given in the beginning..."exhort one another every day" and do so "as long as it's called 'today.'"

Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

This verse comes within the context of His commanding us to "**not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing**" (Matt. 6:25). This is Jesus' attempt to reduce our anxieties which come so easily to us. If we would only stop and look at the creatures He's created and how He provides for them and knowing we are "**of more value than they**" (Matt. 6:26), we might stress a bit less.

Calendar of Events

Weekly Worship and Bible Study

Please see schedule on back page of this Bulletin

Each Thursday at 11 a.m.

Senior Seekers - Will meet again on January 7, 2016

Announcements

Lunch will not be available after services today.

Guests! Before you leave, be sure to pick up our free guest package on the table labeled "To our Guests."

Beginning today, there will be a New Members class for all adults who have recently joined with the body here at Eastside. If you are interested in participating in this quarter-long class, please see Matt.

The Dorcus Women's Group will meet Tuesday, January 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sarah Griggs' home. We will be making little dresses and baby blankets. All women are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ruth Chapman at 812-201-3860.

The tentative schedule for January's Sunday evening events is as follows:

January 03- Doubt Night

January 1 Perspectives Night (assessing views and Biblical interpretations for and against certain conclusions)

January 17- Prayer and Meditations

January 24- Serve homeless at Lighthouse Mission

January 31- Family Night

The Elders, Deacons, Ministers meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the library. Please make every effort to attend.

This evening we will be having our second Doubt Night from 5:30-6:30. The doubts to be discussed: "Why doesn't God make His existence more obvious?" and, if there's time, "How can I be sure that the New Testament really describes what happened in the lives of Jesus and the early Christians?"



(Please see *Matt's* announcements on page 4.)

OUR MISSION

DEVELOP COMPLETELY

"Doing . . ."

The servant of Christ is to be active, i.e., he is to be doing what God would have him do. Idleness and inactivity are condemned in the Bible. Consider the parable of the talents and how the "one talent" man was severely condemned for his sloth (Matt. 25:24-30). In the same chapter, in the parable of the virgins, the five virgins who had actively failed to prepare for the bridegroom's return were called "foolish" (Matt. 25:1-13). James, by inspiration, said that Christians are to be "doers of the word" and "not hearers only" (Jas. 1:22-25). He also stated that "faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:26).

On the other hand, Scripture always encourages "doing." Paul told Christians to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Ephesians 2:10 says the child of God is "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Doing the will of God demonstrates one's faith: "I will show you my faith by my works" (Jas. 2:18).

"The Will of God . . ."

Sadly, much religious activity done in the world today is not doing God's will. (Lev. 10:1). Heaven awaits those who "do the will of the Father" (Matt. 7:21-23). Those who are wise are those who hear and obey the words of the Lord (Matt. 7:24-27). Jesus asked the question, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). One cannot properly wear the name of Christ and recognize Him as Lord and Master without seeking to do the will of the Father.

The Youth Corner

Shine Time Helpers Sunday January 03

Laine Goff, Jordan Cayton, John Strahm

Weekly Study Group

The Study Group will meet Wed., Jan. 06

January Social Event

What: Get together

Who: All youth group members

Where: Jack & Landon Carres' home

When: TBA

Prayer List

Bob Tackett, Jr., for strength and healing of critically low blood pressure, and success of heart valve surgery and dental work prior to surgery to forestall infection.

Curtis Olstad, for strength and healing of his cerebral ataxia. He continues to be unstable on his feet and suffers double vision. He is Steve and Ruth Chapman's neighbor.

Jan Brannon, friend of Ruth and Rex Moore, for comfort and full recovery from a stroke.

Linda Kelly and her family, mother-in-law of Jessica Davis, for peace and healing in the loss of her husband and life partner, and for faith to remain strong during these difficult days.

Mike Mason, for strength and comfort following a stay in the hospital for chest pains. The cause has not been determined but may be stress and anxiety. Please pray for Kathy, also, who is very anxious for Mike at this time.



Nine Surprises in Worship Services That Made Guests Return

1 "Someone had an umbrella waiting for me in inclement weather." This comment was made for both snowy and rainy weather. Some of the respondents indicated that someone actually stayed next to them so they would not slip or fall.

2 "A member actually invited me to lunch." I admit I was surprised by the frequency of this response. This invitation had a huge impact on guests.

3 "The kids area had leaders who were friendly and helpful." This issue was obviously highly important to young families. I realize more than ever you keep or lose young families at the point you check the kids in or take them to a class.

4 "There was a time of meaningful prayer." I continue to be gratefully amazed at how important prayer is to guests. They love the times of quiet when people are asked to pray silently.

5 "Someone walked us where we were supposed to go." Every place in a church facility is unknown to a first time guest. They love greeters staying with them.

6 "There was genuine friendliness outside of the stand and greet time." I have come to the conclusion that church members tend to like the stand and greet time more than guests do. In fact, most guests see the stand and greet time as artificial, especially if members are not friendly outside that time.

7 "People followed up with my prayer requests the next day." Many churches have places on guest cards for prayer requests. If leaders in the church emphasize that people will pray for the guests, many are likely to complete the card. The guests are really impressed if they hear from someone the next day.

8 "I loved having the opportunity to speak with the pastor." In some churches, this conversation took place in a reception room after the service. In other churches, the pastor called or wrote a personal email that was obviously not a form email. Guests really love hearing from the pastor.

9 "I received a gift at the end of the service." Many guests love receiving a gift for their visit. Their favorite gifts are freshly baked cookies or freshly baked bread.

Excerpts from <http://thomrainer.com>

Sunday, January 10, Servers

Deacon in Charge	Gordon Bryan
Alternate Deacon	Phil Cornwell
Welcome	Eric Austin
Greeter	David Trowbridge
Usher	Nick Hicks
Song Leader	John Harvester
Opening Prayer	Bob Williams
Lord's Table	Wayne Padgett
Scripture Reader	Trevor Main
Scripture Reading	TBA
Prayer Request	Doreen & Janie
Communion Prep	John & MariKay H.
Sound Booth	Ray N. & Ron T.



January Communion Servers

01 Joe Hicks	06 Randy Wade
02 Todd Bryan	07 Justin Cayton
03 Jacob Dickerson	08 Taylor Bryan
04 Larry Hansel	09 John Hoopingarner
05 Kirby Barrett	10 Landon Carre



Those Needing Continuing Prayer

Casey Chaney	T. R. Higbee
Mary Levite	Randy Stott
Shirley Shelton	Bonnie Lawhead
Edith Austin	Helen Piety
Wilma Stark	John Frump
Eunice Wasson	Tadd Shelton
R. L. Baker	Barbara Forsythe



Those in Hospitals/Rehab/Senior Living

Mary Cox, Signature Health Care
Edith Austin, Apt. 102, Westridge Healthcare
Helen Piety, Millers Merry Manor (Sullivan)
Dale & Wilma Stark, Sycamore Manor #115

Those Who Are Homebound

Carolyn Payne	Casey Chaney
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From Matt . . .

Please remember there are teens who are willing to be “rented” to do various household and car tasks (raking leaves!) for you. When you rent a teen, you will be helping them raise funds to attend Winterfest 2016. The suggested rate is \$10 per hour. It will be paid to Eastside Church of Christ. Please give the payment to Tom. There is a folder on the welcome center with a list of teens who have signed up and what tasks they are willing to do. Thank you for supporting the teens.

**Members and Guests: Please fill out a yellow attendance card and place in the collection plate
Loose change in today’s collection will go to the Shults-Lewis Children’s Home.**

Preacher/Evangelist

Matt Carver, 812-230-3246
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Assemblies - Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.

Elders

Jerry Goff
Jeff Griggs
Randy Stott
Tom Woodason

Elders and Ministers are available for prayer before and after Bible study. _____

Administrative Assistant

Hal Strahm, 812-235-9322

Assembly - Wednesday

Bible Classes at 7:00 p.m.

Deacons

Eric Austin	B & G Outside
Gordon Bryan	Communications
Phil Cornwell	College Ministry
Frank Jones	Shine Time
Wayne Padgett	Missions
Mike Waldbieser	Treasurer
Ed Warner	Education & Ed. Curr.
Steve Chapman	B Inside

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Classes			Message	Vital Statistics
Adult Bible Study	Steve Chapman	Auditorium	<u>January 03, 2016</u>	<u>December 27, 2015</u>
Adult Bible Study	David Adamson	Fellowship Hall	<u>Sunday Worship at 10:30</u> Matt Carver	Total Bible Classes 112
College Class	Phil Cornwell	Room 1		Adult Worship 148
Homebuilders Class	Matt Carver	Room 9	<u>Sunday Evening</u> “Doubt Night” at 5:30	Kitchen/Nursery/+ 4
Men’s Class	Gordy Bryan	Library		Shine Time 23
Ladies Class	Glenda Jones	Room 10		Worship, total 175
Middle/High School		Teen Room		Sunday Evening NA
Pre-School & Elementary		Educational Wing		Offering NA
Children’s Bible Hour - Shine Time, ages 3 to 5th grade				Benevolence NA
Attended Nursery - ages 6 to 36 months, during worship				Budget \$4,000
January 03, 2016	Terri & Nola			Wednesday Evening TBA
January 10, 2016	Tina			Senior Seekers TBA

A reminder: Prayer requests will be published in the Bulletin for two weeks. Please resubmit requests if you wish the listing to continue for an additional two-week period. Prayer will continue as long as there is need.

Please put the words “Prayer Request” in the subject line of your Email.

Call the church office (812) 235-9322 or E-mail eastsideprayer@gmail.com