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Budget\$9,615

Contribution\$9,133

YTD Budget\$307,680

YTD Contribution\$262,757

Faith Fund\$40,207

Watch Online

eastsidechurchofchrist.org

ecoc.church

Sunday:

Bible Class - 9:00 AM

Worship - 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Class:

7:00 PM

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - 5 PM

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

- 1 - Collection Plate
- 2 - On website click "Give"
- 3 - Download the Eastside app
- 4 - Text 405-337-9319

ELDERS

Sam Brandon

Ricky Bugher

Michael Graham

David Holt

Ryan McDonald

David Walton

OPEN DOOR: Wednesdays 6PM

MINISTERS

Jack Dodgen

Kyle Humphrey

Tracy Mussett

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TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

According to recent surveys, about 1/3 of the world feels lonely, meaning they feel isolated from others. When we zoom in on the United States, it's reported that 1/3 of adults feel lonely. Among children, that percentage is even higher. It's safe to say that many people feel like they are doing this whole living thing completely alone.

The importance of community cannot be overstated. The only thing in God's "good" creation that we are told is "not good" prior to sin's entrance into the world is man's being "alone" (Genesis 2:18). Later, Solomon emphasizes the need for one another, saying:

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

If we know community is important, why do we end up feeling alone?

Sometimes we feel alone because of busyness.

One day Martha invited Jesus to her house, and spent the whole time serving instead of spending time with her invited Guest alongside her sister, Mary. In her frustration she said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" (Luke 10:40). If we're not careful, we can get so busy doing things, whether in ministry or everyday life, that we get lost in what's being done and start to think that we're the only one who cares. Instead, we need to stop and take a seat at the feet of Jesus with His other followers.

Sometimes we feel alone because of our own attitude. After his victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah fled for his life, saying to God, "I, only, am left..." (1 Kings 19:10). Elijah knew this was not the case (1 Kings 18:13), but it didn't stop him from believing he was alone. Sometimes we feel alone because we believe we are the only ones working for the Lord, when in reality, God is accomplishing much through many faithful people around us.

Sometimes we feel alone because we do not make community a priority. Sometimes our loneliness is simply the result of not showing up. Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to "encourage one another," and that kind of encouragement happens as we make it a priority to gather together rather than "neglecting to meet together." When we make gathering optional, community crumbles.

Community does not happen by accident. If you find yourself feeling lonely, take a moment to ask why. Is it due to busyness, attitude, or something else? Then take a step toward others. For the rest of the church, be intentional about building community with your brothers and sisters. Don't wait for them to come to you. Invite someone into your home. Listen well. Show hospitality. Speak a kind word. Sit with someone who is alone. Reach out. Through our intentional presence and love for one another, we can build the kind of community God intended His people to enjoy.

-Jack Dodgen

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW REQUESTS:

- **Sondra Carter**, Melba Vance’s daughter-in-law, is in the hospital with an infection.
- **Anna Dodgen** is recovering well.
- **Daniel Holt**, David & Pam’s son, has a severed ear from a dog attack and had part of his ear amputated.
- **Daisy Jo Stewart** is doing well.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Cheryl Bellah, Stephanie Brewer, Larry & Kathie Broudrick, Chuck Bryant, Ron Cannefax, Shan Carter, Karen Davis, Phil Dawkins, David Graham, Michele Kuroki, Teagan Malsbury, Pat Patterson, Jeanne Pickett, & June Rard

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Harold Shank & Students, Global Christian Studies; Dustin Archer, Prison Correspondence Ministry; Hiwatthia Jones, Byron & Snezana Benitez, Guatemala; Kent Marcum, Operation Ecuador; Ben Begay, Many Farms, Arizona; Jim Christian, Manuelito Navajo Children’s Home; Search TV; BibleTalk; Truth for Today; Tipton Children’s Home; Michael Fordjour, Ghana; World Bible School; World English Institute



(Some of our kids encouraging a visitor at Classroom Connections)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIPTON CHILDREN’S HOME

Grocery and supply pickup will be here on August 25th. There is a table at the north end of the lobby. Suggestions include Cereals, Breakfast Bars, Ranch Style Beans, Assorted Soups, Vegetable Oil, and Toothpaste.

FOOD PANTRY

Donations are needed: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, and Ramen.

HOUSE GUEST

A Physician Assistant student from Harding University will work a six week clinical rotation in OKC from Oct 5th - Nov 11th. He is single, doesn’t know much about the area, can take care of his own meals, and is willing to pay for utilities. If you have a room available and will consider helping with this, please see Tracy for more information.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for someone to take responsibility for updating the message on our sign in front of the building. It should be updated at least weekly on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday. The updates can be done anytime between the hours of 7 AM and 10 PM. The responsible person should be able to safely use an 8 foot step ladder. Remember, many somebodies can do this job, and you are somebody.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Sunday Fun-Day at noon for school-aged kids and families.

Glad You Asked - 5 PM

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CLOTHING ROOM WORKDAY
Monday, Aug 17th, 9 AM to Noon
Each Monday morning.
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SUMMER SERIES
Wednesday, August 19th, 7 PM
“Known” - Jack Dodgen
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GLAD YOU ASKED
Sunday, August 16th, 5 PM
Our ministers answer your questions on the 3rd Sunday evening each month.
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LET’S TALK
Sunday, August 23rd, 5 PM
Groups discuss the themed lessons from the current month, “FELLOWSHIP”.
4th Sunday evening each month.
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TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS
Tuesday, August 25th, 7 PM
At Carrol Bullock’s house.
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SONG SERVICE
Sunday, August 30th, 5 PM
Worshiping in song and praise.
Every 5th Sunday evening.
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FAMILY GAME NIGHT
Sunday, August 30th, 6 PM
Everyone is invited to bring their favorite game and favorite food.



- **Sunday Fun-Day**
Sunday, August 16th
We are inviting the families from classroom connections to attend worship, have lunch, and participate in a scavenger hunt and challenges around the property. This will be a fun event for any school age kids and their families.
- **Huddle**
Sunday, August 23rd
We will eat dinner, have a devotional, and play games. Location TBD.
- **Family Game Night**
Sunday, August 30th
Bring your favorite food and games, and we will have fun after evening service.
- **MOVE Conference**
September 11th-13th
MOVE is back at the Southwest church of Christ. The cost will be \$10 per teen, please register online at moveokc.org