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Sermon: Jack Dodgen	
	
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Song Leader: Tim King	

LAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	113
Sunday Morning Worship	180
Sunday Evening Worship	50
Wednesday	97
Budget	\$9,615
Contribution	\$10,917
YTD Budget	\$298,065
YTD Contribution	\$253,624
Faith Fund	\$39,807

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

Church Office:
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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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PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

You've likely heard, and probably even said some variation of the phrase:

"Don't put the cart before the horse."

As you might expect, the phrase itself originated at a time when carts being pulled around by horses were more common than they are now. The phrase seems to have been first recorded in English in 1546 in John Heywood's "A Dialogue Conteynyng the Nomber in Effect of All the Prouerbes in the Englishe Tongue", but existed in other forms even earlier.

Take for example this 14 century phrase "put the plow before the oxen" or this line from William Shakespeare's play King Lear: "May not [a donkey] know when the cart draws the horse?" A lot has changed since the coining of the phrase, but our propensity to get our priorities out of whack persists.

The Bible has a lot to say about our priorities. Matthew 6 is a chapter reminding us of our priorities over and over again.

First, we are told not to do spiritual things for the purpose of being seen by others (6:2, 5, 7, 16).

Second, Jesus tells us not to get too caught up in building treasure here, but rather, in heaven (6:19-24).

Finally, we are given the overall summary line to the teaching in 6:33:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

There are a lot of distractions in our world, and if we're not careful, we may end up putting the cart before the horse. The solution? Put the kingdom first.

Start your day with God in prayer or study, remind yourself of your role in the kingdom, set an alarm throughout the day that will pull your mind back to God and His kingdom.

When we order our priorities correctly, the ride becomes much smoother.

-Jack Dodgen

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW REQUESTS:

- **Anna Dodgen** had back surgery last week.
- **Daniel Holt**, David & Pam's son, has a severed ear from a dog attack and had part of his ear amputated.
- **Judy Thatcher**, Andrea Earwood's mother, is experiencing a lot of pain from cancer.

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



(Four happy ladies at Lariat Creek Junior Session: Jannea, Macie, Estelle, & River)

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 Sttyle Beans, Assorted Soups, Vegetable Oil, and Toothpaste.

FOOD PANTRY

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



(Moises Cervantes and a chainsaw with a 5' bar as Eastsiders help Carrol Bullock's neighbor.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Potluck Lunch with "DUDE"-licious Desserts.



CLOTHING ROOM WORKDAY
Monday, Aug 10th, 9 AM to Noon
Each Monday morning.



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
Tuesday, August 11th, 1-5 PM
Each month on the 2nd Tuesday.



SUMMER SERIES
Wednesday, August 12th, 7 PM
"Identity"



EMPTY NESTERS GAME NIGHT
Friday, August 14th, 6 PM
In the Fellowship Hall



GLAD YOU ASKED
Sunday, August 16th, 5 PM
Our ministers answer your questions on the 3rd Sunday evening each month.



LET'S TALK
Sunday, August 23rd, 5 PM
Groups discuss the themed lessons from the current month, "FREEDOM".
4th Sunday evening each month.



TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS
Tuesday, August 25th, 7 PM
At Carrol Bullock's house.



SONG SERVICE
Sunday, August 30th, 5 PM
Worshiping in song and praise.
Every 5th Sunday evening.



- **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