



WALKING AS ONE

On the morning of September 11th, 2001, nearly 3000 people lost their lives in a few coordinated terrorist attacks. That evening, around 150 members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, stood shoulder-to-shoulder singing “God Bless America” on the Capitol steps.

Those of us who were around in those days, remember the unity among Americans that persisted for months following the attacks. Red, white, and blue were everywhere, flags covered neighborhood lawns and a general camaraderie pervaded the country.

My how things have changed.

It’s tragic that it took a tragedy to unite the people of America. Perhaps even more tragic is the loss of that unity as the years tick by. In this example, however, are some important points about unity, points we will explore through the lens of the book of Ephesians.

Unity requires effort. As Paul moves into the heavier application side of the book he begins with the words “*I...urge you to walk*” (Ephesians 4:1). The word “walk” forms the basis of this chapter and has to do with the way we do, or do not, live.

Paul then outlines the specific effort that unity requires: “*walk...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*” (4:2-3). For some of you, parts of that walking may come naturally, but for most of us, great effort is required. If we want to have unity, we have to earn it through effort.

Unity results in growth. If unity is so hard to achieve, why pursue it at all? Paul lays that out at the end of this section when he writes that our efforts to work together produce growth, both personally and as the body of Christ (4:11-16). It should be noted, that we aren’t talking about temporary growth that pulls us closer for a moment, but growth that knits us together as “one” people of God.

Unity does not happen by accident, but by the grace of God (4:4-7) and through the efforts of His people desiring to live as a unified body. Failure to do this brings surface level connection at best and division at worst. May we be people who put forth effort, utilizing the tools God has provided, to grow as one.

-Jack Dodgen

Order of Worship March 1, 2026

I Stand In Awe937

Greeting / Opening Prayer

Glorify Your Name / Holy, Holy, HolyScreen

King of KingsScreen

Table Talk

John 19:28-37 (pg. 1162) / Lord’s Supper

Create In MeScreen

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Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 1037)

Sermon: Jack Dodgen



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Closing Prayer

Song Leader: David Holt

LAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Classes119

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Budget\$9,615

Contribution\$7,283

YTD Budget\$67,305

YTD Contribution\$57,542

Faith Fund\$46,286

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW REQUESTS AND UPDATES

- **Sympathy to Nick Cooper & Family** on the passing of his grandfather, Jack Cooper.
- **Donna Anders (Coiner)** is on a ventilator.
- **Larry Broudrick** had a malignant mass removed from his mouth.
- **Don Hufschmid** brain tumor has returned.
- **Czerny Phillips** will have outpatient surgery Monday.
- **Mary Phillips** continued tests.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Patsy Ausburn, Connie Barney, Cheryl Bellah, Stephanie Brewer, Chuck Bryant, Ron Cannefax, James & Karen Davis, Jamie Davis, Phil Dawkins, Joann Farley, Don Hufschmid, Tammy Johnson, Michele Kuroki, Lynn May, Pat Patterson, Dale Pence, Czerny Phillips, & 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; Feliz Martinez & Jesus Cervantes, Spanish Ministry in OKC; World Bible School; World English Institute

BEAR VALLEY STUDENT: Levi Saylor



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHURCH MEETING - TODAY

Everyone is asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship this morning to brainstorm ideas for next year's theme for our studies. Last year, your suggestions included "Consumed". What great ideas will you bring to the table this year?

POTLUCK LUNCH - TODAY

We will have a potluck lunch in the Family Center after the All Church Meeting. Everyone is invited to join us.

AFFIRMING THE FAITH GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, March 8th - Aubrey Johnson, from Lebanon, Tennessee, will deliver our Sunday morning sermon.

SOUND BOOTH TRAINING

Sunday, March 8th, 1 PM

Saturday, April 11th, 1 PM

If you are interested in learning and serving in the sound booth, running the sound or producing the live stream, let Tracy Mussett know and attend one of the trainings.

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Saturday, March 21, 1-3 PM

We need donations to provide welcome bags at the front door and to have larger items as giveaways. Please see items below that are needed. If you have any questions please contact Dwan McDonald.

Link to the amazon registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HJ27MPDNFYNW>

Small Donation Items:

Baby Washcloths
Rattles
Travel Size Baby Wash
Baby Bibs
Baby Socks
Bottles/Sippy Cups
Baby Wipes

Large Donation Items:

Car Seats
Pac-n-Plays
Strollers
Play Gyms
Highchairs
Potty Training Chairs
Diaper (sizes 3-6)
Pull-ups

LADIES DAY AT HARRAH CHURCH OF CHRIST

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM

See Family Matters Board for more information

UPCOMING EVENTS



ALL CHURCH MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday, March 1st, 11:30 AM

Followed by Potluck Lunch



PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, March 1st, 5 PM

We will join in a time of focused prayer on the first Sunday evening each month.



LADIES CLASS

Wednesday, March 4th, 10 AM

"God's People and Their Calling". The class meets each Wednesday through April 22nd. Luncheon to follow.



AFFIRMING THE FAITH

Friday & Saturday, March 6-7

At the North MacArthur Church of Christ
Building Bridges: Connecting With Today's Culture



BABY SHOWER

Sunday, March 15th, 2 PM

For Chance & Anna Pickett, in the Family Center. See registry at <https://tinyurl.com/pickett-baby>



GLAD YOU ASKED

Sunday, March 15th, 5 PM

Our ministry staff answers your curious questions on the third Sunday evening each month.



LET'S TALK

Sunday, March 22nd, 5 PM

Discussion groups on the fourth Sunday evening each month.



SING AND BE HAPPY

Sunday, March 29th, 5 PM

Evening worship dedicated to singing praises to God.



► LTC Practices

Join the LTC group in the app for details on schedule.

► Area Wide

Sunday, March 1st
Southwest Church of Christ
Van leaves at 4:25 PM.

► Affirming The Faith

Friday & Saturday, March 6-7
At North MacArthur Church of Christ

► Sunday Night Out

Sunday, March 15th
At Slick City

► Spring Break

March 16-21
Events To Be Announced

► Church Game Night

Sunday, March 29th
6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

► LTC

April 3rd - 4th
Embassy Suites in Norman

