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Sunday Morning Bible Classes100

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Budget\$9,615

Contribution\$6,980

YTD Budget\$288,450

YTD Contribution\$252,707

Faith Fund\$39,807

Watch Online

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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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CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 2, 2026

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

When we hear the word *fellowship*, we usually think of eating together, talking, and spending time together. All of these things can be helpful, but biblical fellowship is much more than that. Biblical fellowship is living our lives together. It's taking up each other's burdens. It's rejoicing with those who rejoice. It's grieving with those who grieve. It's living out our common purpose together. It's loving each other the way Jesus loves us.

Romans 12:15 instructs us, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." This is the kind of fellowship Christians should have with one another. We should be empathic with the experiences of others. When a brother or sister is blessed, we should sincerely share in that joy, and we should hurt when our brothers and sisters are hurting.

Last week, when my granddaughter was in the hospital, many of you hugged us with tears rolling down your cheeks. God has always desired this kind of fellowship with His people. He doesn't just want us to know about Him or do things for Him. He wants us to know His heart, walk in His paths, and care about the things He cares about.

Jesus demonstrated this kind of fellowship perfectly. In John 11, Jesus knew Lazarus was dead, and He also knew He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead. When He met Lazarus's grieving sisters, Mary and Martha, He knew grieving would soon be replaced by amazement and joy. But when He saw Mary weeping, Jesus felt what she felt. John 11:35 simply says, "Jesus wept."

Jesus, God in the flesh, wept with those who wept. Their sorrow mattered to Him. Their tears moved Him. God is not cold and detached. He loves His people deeply. He is touched by our pain, compassionate toward our weakness, and present in our sorrow.

Just as God shares in OUR joys and burdens, true fellowship with God means we share HIS joys and burdens. We should rejoice over the things that cause God to rejoice. We should rejoice when sinners repent, when relationships are restored, and when love is shown.

We should also weep over the things that grieve God. We should mourn over sin, injustice, broken homes, suffering children, divided churches, hardened hearts, and people who live without hope. We should never become comfortable with situations that break the heart of God.

Fellowship with God is more than enjoying His blessings. It is learning to love what He loves and grieve over what grieves Him. As we draw closer to God, His concerns become our concerns, His mission becomes our mission, and His compassion shapes the way we treat others.

May you seek a fellowship with God that is deep and transforming. May you rejoice with Him, weep with Him, and faithfully join Him in bringing love, hope, and healing to a hurting world.

-Tracy Mussett

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW REQUESTS:

- **Connie Barney** is declining.
- **Shan Carter** has a wound infection.
- **Anna Dodgen** back surgery this Tuesday.
- **David Graham** being treated for pancreatitis.
- **Lisa Hays** has pneumonia.
- **Daniel Holt**, David & Pam’s son, was attacked by a dog. Prayers that his reattached ear heals properly.
- **Val Horvei** had a successful surgery.
- **Jeanne Pickett** is getting treatments at MD Anderson in Houston.
- **Daisy Jo Stewart** is improving.
- **Bryan Wickware**, Bryce’s dad, had a stroke.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Cheryl Bellah, Stephanie Brewer, Larry & Kathie Broudrick, Chuck Bryant, Ron Cannefax, Karen Davis, Phil Dawkins, Michele Kuroki, Teagan Malsbury, Pat Patterson, & 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



(Ryan, Johnny, David, John, Cole, Cara, Nick, & Chris bringing a surprise for Eastside kids. Not pictured: Evan, Sam, Cody, & Mike.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATH OF A MEMBER

Our dear brother, Don Hufschmid, passed last week. Don loved his Eastside family and chose to continue worshiping and serving here, even after moving to Yukon. We will miss Don's deep, soothing voice, his big smile, and his thoughtful teaching. We will share funeral information once it is scheduled.

PHONE CORRECTION

The correct phone number for Roy Harris is (405) 203-7552

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS - BACK TO SCHOOL

Eastside will minister to Soldier Creek students and families through a back-to-school event, providing school supplies, free professional haircuts, and more! Please support by: 1) praying for our effort to minister to the community, 2) providing funds for us to purchase needed supplies, and 3) being present at the event. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the lobby. See Cara Graham for more information.



FOOD PANTRY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY
UNITE Youth Worship at Memorial Road Church of Christ 4-7 PM.
Prayer Meeting tonight at 5 PM.



CLOTHING ROOM WORKDAY
Monday, Aug 3rd, 9 AM to Noon
Each Monday morning.



ALL LADIES POTLUCK
Wednesday, August 5th, 11 AM
The ladies will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



SUMMER SERIES
Wednesday, August 5th, 7 PM
“IDENTITY” - Levi Saylor



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS
Saturday, August 8th, 3-5 PM
A Back-to-School event to help families from Soldier Creek Elementary. More info on previous page.



POTLUCK LUNCH & “DUDE”licious DESSERTS
Sunday, August 9th, 11 AM
Potluck lunch in the Family Center following worship, with desserts provided by the MEN.



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



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



- **UNITE Youth Worship**
Sunday, August 2nd, 4-7 PM
Memorial Rd Church of Christ
- **Monday Area Wide**
Aug 3rd - Eastside
- **Wednesday Night Class**
Aug 5th - Return upstairs
- **Lock-In**
Friday, August 7th, Choctaw Church of Christ
- **Sunday Fun-Day**
Sunday, August 16th
- **Huddle**
Sunday, August 23rd
- **Family Game Night**
Sunday, August 30th