

## Order of Worship December 7, 2025

The Lord My Shepherd Is.....643

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### Closing Prayer

Song Leader: David Holt

## LAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....97

Sunday Morning Worship.....165

Sunday Evening Worship.....84

Wednesday.....103

Budget.....\$9,300

Contribution.....\$9,732

YTD Budget.....\$446,400

YTD Contribution.....\$425,452

Faith Fund.....\$45,636

## Watch Online

[eastsidechurchofchrist.org](http://eastsidechurchofchrist.org)

[ecoc.church](http://ecoc.church)

### Sunday:

Bible Class - 9:00 AM

Worship - 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

### Wednesday Bible Class:

7:00 PM

### Church Office:

Call: 405-732-0393

Text: 405-458-5860

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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



## 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 Conteinyng the Nomber in Effect of All the Prouerbes in the Englishe Tongue"*, but existed in other forms even earlier.

Take for example this 14<sup>th</sup> 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 purposes 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 AND UPDATES

- **Rod Chandler**, Tracy Mussett's brother-in-law, is in the hospital in Texarkana. His blood volume is dropping for yet unknown reasons.
- **Sympathy** goes out to Daniel Hooten in the passing of his Grandmother.
- **Jessica Hartline** has filed for custody of her 4 year old nephew, Ethan. Hearing on Dec 8.
- **Cheryl Bellah & Leslie Loftin** are both having difficulty walking. Continue to pray for them and their families.
- **Avis Martindale** has an obstruction in her throat and is undergoing tests.
- **Don Young** had eye surgery Wednesday and is recovering at home.

## CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Patsy Ausburn, Connie Barney, Cheryl Bellah, Stephanie Brewer, Chuck Bryant, Ron Cannefax, James & Karen Davis, Phil Dawkins, Joann Farley, Tammy Johnson, Michele Kuroki, Leslie Loftin, Lynn May, Pat Patterson, Dale Pence, June Rard, & Marsha Russell

## OUR MISSIONARIES:

Hiwatthia Jones, Byron & Snezana Benitez, Guatemala; Kent Marcum, Operation Ecuador; Michael & Charity Fordjour, Ghana; Batom Bible College, Indonesia; Ben Begay, Many Farms, Arizona; Jim Christian, Manuelito Navajo Children's Home; Kelly Tomasi, Bible Chair at SWOSU; Bible Chair at ECU; Cooper Lay, McAlester, Oklahoma Prison Ministry; Feliz Martinez & Jesus Cervantes, Spanish Ministry in OKC; Phil Sanders, Search TV; Mike Mazzalongo, BibleTalk; Eddie Cloer, Truth for Today; Harold Shank & students, Global Christian Studies; Dustin Archer, Prison Correspondence Ministry; Stuart England, World English Institute; World Bible School; Tipton Children's Home

**BEAR VALLEY STUDENT:** Levi Saylor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SURVEYS

Every man who is a member at Eastside should complete an Order of Worship Survey and turn it in to Ryan McDonald.



Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Mardee O'Donnell will lead Sunday School, sharing information about his plans for another medical mission trip in 2026 and opportunities for you to participate.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Byron & Snezana Benitez will be with us from Guatemala. Byron will lead our Sunday School and preach.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Stuart England will lead our evening worship and provide ways for us to engage in serving the Kingdom with the World English Institute.



*Ladies on a shopping spree  
(Carla, Avis, Margaret, Kristel, Gabby, Sherri, Debbie, & Carrol)*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**PRAYER NIGHT**  
**Sunday, December 7th, 5 PM**  
**We will have an evening dedicated to praying for the needs of the congregation.**



**LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Sunday, December 7th**  
**At the Martindale home after evening service. Dinner provided. Bring a "Dirty Santa" gift.**



**EMPTY NESTERS' GAME NIGHT**  
**Friday, December 12th, 6 PM**  
**In the Fellowship Hall. Come join the fun!**



**GLAD YOU ASKED**  
**Sunday, December 21st, 5 PM**  
**The ministers choose questions to answer. Puzzled by something you read in the Bible or by some holiday tradition? Text your question to (405) 458-5860.**



**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**  
**Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM**  
**At Wellington Parke. Everyone is welcome to join.**



**END OF YEAR SINGING**  
**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM**  
**Area congregations will join together at the Choctaw Church of Christ to sing praises to God.**



- **Teen Area Wide**  
Sunday, December 7th  
Worship and the Chickasha Festival of Lights. Van will leave at 3:50pm.
- **Huddle**  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
At the Saylor home after evening services.
- **Holiday Gathering**  
Sunday, December 21st  
In the Family Center after evening services.
- **Christmas Caroling**  
Saturday, December 27th  
At Wellington Parke 1:30 PM
- **Youth Lock-in**  
Wednesday, Dec 31st  
Eastside Family Center  
Beginning at 9 PM after the End of Year Singing