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Budget\$9,615
Contribution\$8,478
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YTD Contribution\$281,720
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Online

<https://www.ecoc.church>
Facebook - @ecoc.church
YouTube - @ecoc.church
Instagram - @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
eastsidemwc@gmail.com
916 S Douglas Blvd
Midwest City, OK 73130

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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ON CREATING BETTER

On average, Americans move 11.7 times in their lifetime. When asked “why” in a recent government census, the most common answer in 2021/22 was “wanting a newer, better, or larger house or apartment”. The second most common answer was “wanting a better neighborhood.”

In a word: better. There is nothing wrong with desiring “better”. We should all want better, that’s not the issue. The issue is how we go about getting it.

Statistically, 10% of marriages end in divorce in the first year. Why? In the several cases of this happening that I’ve been witness to, it had to do with people wanting better and leaving to find it, instead of trying to create it where they are. Statistically, 75-150 churches are closing down in the United States each WEEK. Why? Again, the observation of myself and others is people wanting better and leaving to find it, instead of trying to create it where they are.

While not the only reason, it is a major reason these things are happening. People are moving to find better instead of creating it where they are, and Christians are following suit. From a biblical standpoint, consider the following:

- How much different would the spread of Christianity had been if the Christians packed up and left Jerusalem, or whatever city they were in, when persecution found them?
- How much different would Ephesus had been if, instead of encouraging Timothy to correct the wrong of others (1 Timothy 4:11-16), Paul had encouraged Timothy to get out of there and find a congregation that appreciated him more?
- What would have happened to the church in Philippi if Euodia and Syntyche (Philippians 4:2) had just moved to a new congregation instead of working through their issues?

We have to ask these questions hypothetically because what we find in reality are Christians being encouraged to or just naturally sticking it out, jumping into the mess, and solving the problems. In other words, God's people aren't leaving to find better, they create better where they are.

Want better in your marriage? Your church? Your home? Your work? Try to create better first, through prayer, conversation, and action and see what God can do.

-Jack Dodgen

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW REQUESTS:

- **Donna Banks** has been sick for several weeks and missing work.
- **Connie Bryant** will have neck surgery Tuesday
- **Jane Rutledge**, Linda Rutledge's daughter-in-law, is having some health issues.
- **Ellen Wilder** is doing well following surgery

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Thank you to Keagan Endres for taking responsibility for the sign.

HOUSE GUEST

A Physician Assistant student from Harding University will work a six week clinical rotation in OKC from Oct 5th - Nov 11th. Harding is looking for a church member who can provide a room for him to stay in. 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.

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. Deliver to the church office.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY NEEDS

Travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash. Deliver to the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY
Let's Talk - 5 PM

Teen Huddle in the Family Center following evening worship.

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CLOTHING ROOM WORKDAY
Monday, Aug 24th, 9 AM to Noon
Each Monday morning.
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TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS
Tuesday, August 25th, 7 PM
At Carrol Bullock's house.
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SUMMER SERIES
Wednesday, August 26th, 7 PM
Speaker: Jack Dodgen
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FEED THE TITANS
Friday, August 28th
We feed the Carl Albert Varsity Football team on game day. Volunteers should arrive at the Family Center by 12:30 P
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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.
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LADIES CLASS
Wednesday, September 2nd, 10 AM
"That You May Believe". The class meets each Wednesday. Luncheon to follow.



- **Huddle**
Sunday, August 23rd
In the Family Center.
We will eat dinner, have a devotional, and play games.

► **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

► **AREA WIDE**
Sunday, September 20th
At Blanchard. Worship and dinner. Van will leave Eastside at 3:55 PM

► **AREA WIDE**
Sunday, September 27th
At Hydro. Worship, dinner, and corn maze.