



WHAT UNITES US

In multiple places throughout the New Testament, there is a tension that exists between the Jewish converts to Christianity and the Gentiles who became Christians.

- In Acts 13-14, Paul preaches the gospel to both groups causing the Jewish audience, who previously responded favorably to the message, to riot (Acts 13:42-52).
- In Galatians, Paul addresses those who are “troubling” the Galatian Christians sense of security in the gospel message (Galatians 1:6-9). We later find out that the trouble is being caused by Jewish teachers telling the Gentile Christians that they need to continue the practice of circumcision and other commands of the Law in order to truly be Christians (Galatians 5:1-12).
- In Ephesians, we read of the various religious and social reasons the Jews and Gentiles were fragmented (Ephesians 2:11-12).

As we read our New Testament, there is a temptation to take for granted the work that was done to unite these very divided groups. The early church did not have an easy task ahead of them.

What ultimately united these groups? Paul answers it best in Ephesians 2.

The death of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-16). Paul begins addressing the division with the phrase “*but now in Christ*” (2:13). The old covenant formed a barrier between the two groups, creating “*hostility*” (2:14,16), but the death of Jesus has moved that barrier out of the way and allowed for the creation of something “*new*” (2:15).

The message of the gospel (Ephesians 2:17-18). Paul uses the word “*access*” in talking about our new relationship with God. Christians are all able to equally approach God.

The organization of the church (Ephesians 2:19-22). Finally, Paul describes the formation and growth of the church, the body of Christ (see Ephesians 1:22-23). Jesus unites us into one new family where God dwells among us.

The death of Jesus, the teaching of His gospel, and the organization of His body, the church, make it possible for us to be united as one. I say “able”, because, at the end of the day, it remains a choice. May we walk down the path Jesus has made possible, and be united as one.

-Jack Dodgen

Order of Worship March 15, 2026

Servant SongScreen
Greeting / Opening Prayer
 Seeking the Lost571
 Let the Lower Lights Be Burning397
 CalvaryScreen
Table Talk
Mark 14:17-26 (pg. 1092) / Lord’s Supper
 StillScreen
Prayer
 All To UsScreen
Ephesians 4:4-6 (pg. 1253)
Sermon: Jack Dodgen



Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)Screen
 The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me638
Offering
Announcements
 Hard Fightin’ SoldierScreen
Closing Prayer
Song Leader: David Holt

LAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	120
Sunday Morning Worship	193
Sunday Evening Worship	104
Wednesday	86
Budget	\$9,615
Contribution	\$9,803
YTD Budget	\$76,902
YTD Contribution	\$69,560
Faith Fund	\$46,386

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:

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW REQUESTS AND UPDATES

- **Mary Phillips** has pneumonia
- **BJ Hartsburg** is in room 4052 at St. Anthony's downtown, recovering from bypass surgery.
- **Joann Farley** had heart surgery last Thursday.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Patsy Ausburn, Connie Barney, Cheryl Bellah, Stephanie Brewer, Larry Broudrick, Chuck Bryant, 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

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Saturday, March 21, 1-3 PM

Thank you to all who have provided baby item donations and donations of monetary value. Due to your generosity we have the donations covered for the Community Baby Shower. However, if you have something already ordered to donate please feel free to bring it.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is now on the Family Matters table in the foyer.

LADIES DAY AT HARRAH CHURCH OF CHRIST

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM

See Family Matters Board for more information

ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 29th. 2 PM

It's time to gather candy for the plastic eggs. Please bring your donations of individually wrapped candies.

1. MUST FIT in a plastic egg
2. NO chocolate
3. NO nuts

We will stuff eggs after evening service on March 22nd.



Saturday, March 28, 8:30 AM

The Southwest Church of Christ in OKC. Get more info at <https://swcoc.org/momentum/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



BABY SHOWER

Sunday, March 15th, 2 PM

For Chance & Anna Pickett, in the Family Center. See registry at

<https://tinyurl.com/pickett-baby>



CLOTHING ROOM WORKDAY

Monday, March 16th, 9 AM to Noon

Volunteers sort clothing, assist referrals, and prepare the clothing room for the monthly giveaway, each Monday morning.



LADIES CLASS

Wednesday, March 18th, 10 AM

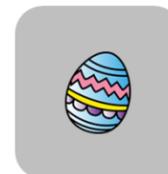
"God's People and Their Calling". The class meets each Wednesday morning through April 22nd.



COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Saturday, March 21st, 1-3 PM

Gifts and Resource Fair for community families in the Family Center.



ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 29th, 2 PM

Kids 0-5 & Kids 6-UP

Bring your kids, and bring their baskets.



CHURCH GAME NIGHT

Sunday, March 29th, 6 PM

Everyone is invited to join in an evening of food and fun in the Fellowship Hall.



► LTC Practices

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

► 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



► Area Wide

Sunday, April 19th
Highland Church of Christ
in Tecumseh.