



THE PROPER TIME

Paul told the Galatians, “*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up*” (Gal. 6:9). Often, we get so busy “doing good” and “not giving up” that we forget to look for the harvest.

For decades, Eastside poured itself into ministry in Australia. Eastside did good. Eastside did not give up.

So, what was the harvest? Here’s one part of the result.

About sixty years ago Eastside helped start a congregation in Melbourne, Australia, some 10,000 miles from home. Now that congregation, Belmore Road Church of Christ, has grown, has elders, and sends out its own missionaries.

On top of that, about eight years ago, the parent church, Eastside, and the daughter church, Belmore Road, joined hands in a ministry they call Global Christian Studies. It was an effort to help church leaders in Australia, who were native to the area, to be as well educated as most American missionaries.

Because of this joint effort, four Christians (one in Australia and three in Nigeria) are as well trained as missionaries like David Roper and Dale Hartman. In fact, some twenty-two church leaders from Europe, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and the South Pacific are now honing their ministry skills under the sponsorship of Global Christian Studies thanks to Eastside and Belmore Road.

This short article is just to let you know that the “proper time” has come. The seeds you sowed have come to harvest! The churches you started are starting other churches! The people you are helping to train will soon be continuing the effort in twelve nations!

Thank you for not growing weary in doing good. You didn’t give up, and it is making a difference. Now is the proper time.

Through Global Christian Studies (GCS), these two congregations, Eastside and Belmore Road, have an international reach and influence. There is much more to the story. See the GCS website at <https://www.gcspathway.org/>.

-Harold Shank

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December 14, 2025

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Closing Prayer

Song Leader: Tim King

LAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....125

Sunday Morning Worship.....194

Sunday Evening Worship.....45

Wednesday.....98

Budget.....\$9,300

Contribution.....\$9,510

YTD Budget.....\$455,700

YTD Contribution.....\$434,962

Faith Fund.....\$45,786

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

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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

- **Cheryl Bellah & Leslie Loftin** are both having difficulty walking. Continue to pray for them and their families.
- **Johnny Glidewell** back surgery on Friday, December 12th

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

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



(Caroling at Wellington Parke in 2024)

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

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

MONEY TREE

Jessica Hartline has recently become the guardian of her 4 year old nephew. As they settle into this new chapter and grow together, we’d love to support them with both larger needs and smaller essentials such as clothing and everyday items. We are putting together a money tree for Jessica. If you would like to contribute, please give any cash donations or Amazon gift cards to Jessica Bryant or Denise Goff.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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 27th, 1:30 PM
At Wellington Parke. Everyone is welcome to join.



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



- **Huddle**
Sunday, December 14th
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**
Friday, January 2nd
See image to left.



(Family Fun at the Chickasha Area Wide Lights)