



WILLING TO CHANGE

“if anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34, NIV)

The first principle of being a disciple of Jesus is to put Him first in everything. That means denying oneself daily to be His follower. Jesus exemplified what it means to deny oneself as He sacrificed Himself for our good. This became the great lesson that Paul taught the church at Philippi (Philippians 2).

Denying oneself is a hard principle to sell. This is evidenced in our society by the current credit crisis. It can also be seen in how few people would show up for a fasting event versus a banquet.

It can be a humbling experience when we commit ourselves to learn from a knowledgeable person we respect and admire. We have acknowledged there is more we can learn, and we eagerly taken in the knowledge that is shared. We have determined that we don't have all the answers. It is vital to ask in order to grow.

As we daily sit at the Master's feet, we acknowledge that He knows the way we should go. It means trusting and accepting guidance in every area of our lives. It means trusting and accepting guidance in every area of our lives. It means letting go of our will which presumes to know best and allowing His will to govern.

**Who makes us happy when we are sad?
Who so we call when Mom and Dad are mad?
Who do we go to for hugs & kisses, too?
Grandpa & Grandma
That's who! !**



Congratulations! The East Jackson Church Family:
You are warmly invited to join us for the Birthday Celebration of Sis Terri Graham-Chism on Saturday, October 10th @ 5 pm with Dinner at 6 pm. New Southern Hotel 118 E. Baltimore St

Please RSVP by September 18th at 615-423-8804
The Children and Grandchildren



DOING GOOD WITH OUR DEVICES

Here are some “don'ts” for our internet, computer and social media activities.

- Don't “like” anything that is not in keeping with Biblical Christian principles. Don't be a partaker of the evil deeds contrary to the doctrine of Christ (2 John 1:9-11).
- Don't post anything that displeases God. Remember that He is reading your post also. (cf. Matt. 12:36)
- Don't go to sites that promote gambling, pornography and the like. (cf. James 1:13-16)
- Don't join in with negative posts about other people. (cf. Eph. 4:29-32)
- Don't get caught up with the posts, thoughts, podcasts and programs of false teachers, even if they are within the churches of Christ. If you don't know the truth yourself, you will be misled by things that sound good, but are not the wholesome teaching of Christ through His apostles (2 Peter 2:1-2; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 John 1:9-11)

-L.C. Hayes

YOUR WORD

I'll hide Your Word within my heart
To call upon you each day
To calm me when the trials appear,
Or trouble comes my way.

I'll remember how You promised me

That all things work for good
I'll be steadfast in my prayers
And have faith, the way I should.

My very life is in Your hands,
My heart is Yours to mold
Each part of me belongs to You,
(A story to unfold).

Forgive me when I fail to live
The way You want me to
Restore in me, undying faith
And make me more like You



EAST JACKSON JOURNAL

*Consistently about the business of Bridging Across To
Bring Them In, To Build Them Up, To Become Of Benefit
All to the glory of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*

Matthew 28:18-20

Website: www.eastjacksoncofc.org

Lovell C Hayes - Minister

Samuel Jones - Minister

Shobek Dethrow - Minister



September 13, 2026

A friendly, caring congregation ready to serve and teach the bible to East Jackson and beyond the glory of God.

ELDERS

*Richard DePriest
Sonny Phillips
Thomas Pirtle, Jr
Jerry Truelove*

DEACONS

*Culinary Ministry
Senior Saints
Joe Reeves
Thomas Curry*

*Educational Ministry
Bruce Ingram
Cedric Hampton, Sr*

*Inside Facilities Ministry
Blanks Branick*

*Media Ministry
Kenneth Mercer*

*Outside Ministry &
Transportation Ministry
Morris Denwiddie*

*Worship Ministry
Jackie Dodson, Sr.
Terry Smith*

*Young Adult Ministry
Reginald Davis, I*

*Ministry Leaders
Involvement Ministry
Tony Black*

*Compassion Ministry
Middle Adult Ministry
Alexander Smith, III*

*Security Team Ministry
Patrick Willis*



DOING GOOD WITH OUR DEVICES

Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Last week we examined ways that Satan uses devices such as the internet, cell phones, tablets, apps, social media, etc. to devour with his devices of the *lust of the flesh, lusts of the eye, and the pride of life* (1 John 2:16).

However, our electronic devices are not an evil in and of themselves. Some things are only evil if they are used that way. The internet, social media, cell phones, computers, etc. can be useful tools in the work of the kingdom and in the purpose of Christ. Through the internet, we can reach people that we would not have previously reached with the gospel of Christ. Through social media, we can be a testimony for Jesus in the lives of our friends and people that we have never met personally. It just behooves us to apply Philippians 1:27 to how we use these devices. In all that we do on the internet and social media, we as the people of God must *let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ*. We must be godly salt and heavenly lights (Matthew 5:13-16) in every area of life, even on our social media presence.

Here are some “do's” for our internet, computer and social media activities.

- Do post only those pictures and comments that are godly and in keeping with Christian principles.
- Do speak for Jesus and encourage our “friends” to seek the Lord and save their souls.
- Do speak well of the East Jackson Church of Christ. If you are on social media on a regular basis, make a positive comment about our congregation or about something in the sermon that blessed your life. This may cause those outside of Christ to come and visit the congregation. Post news about and invite others to upcoming revivals and activities at our congregation.

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ORDER OF SERVICES

OPENING SERVICE

Morris Denwiddie

SONG DIRECTOR

Joe Reeves (AM)
Donnie Lewis (PM)

SCRIPTURE READING

Eric Boyd

PRAYER

Kameron Boyd (AM)

OFFERING & COMMUNION

Derrick Temple

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Ingram

CLOSING SERVICE

Reginald Davis, I

BAPTISMAL WORKER

Joe Reeves

USHER

Keith L'
Minor Reed
Marion Williams
James Hurt, Jr

Sunday Evening
Worship Service
at 5:30 p.m.



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On-line Giving



QR code

Or [https://
giving.servantkeeper.com/
ejcofc.2328](https://giving.servantkeeper.com/ejcofc.2328)

Or Website:
www.eastjacksoncofc.org

Please remember to set your
cell phone to vibrate or
silent during the
worship services.



Announcements and Upcoming Events



**Our MINISTERS
APPRECIATION DAY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 20th**

*We are giving honor to
men who stand Firmly on
the Word of God. Bro Lovell Hayes has
been with us since June 1994 &
Bro Samuel Jones with us since February
2016 and Bro Shobek Dethrow has been
with since March 2025.*

*We are planning a meal on that day.
What we need YOU to do is sign-up, if you
are planning on attending this event..
Deadline will be Sunday, Sept. 13th*



FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREEN- ING

*is free for men age 50
and older and is being
provided through West Tennessee Medi-
cal Group Urology and the Alice and
Carl Kirkland Cancer Center, a
service of Jackson-Madison County
General Hospital.*

Date: Monday, September 21, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: West Tennessee Medical
Group – Urology

700 West Forest Avenue, Floor 4,
Suite B, Jackson, TN

Appointment Phone: 731-541-1742



**SEASONED SAINTS
Trip To Paduch, KY
BARBECUE ON
THE RIVER**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25th

*Bus will be leaving
at 9 am-*

First come first serve 12 seat are
available



We Need You To Get Involved!

*As we work toward our goal
of Bridging Across to Bring
Them In,*

*We are going to have an event to
serve our community. It is called A
National Night Out. We will have
representatives from law enforcement,
fire department, and other first
responders to participate. We will
invite the community to come for a
cook-out and activities. We need all
members of East Jackson to get
involved. You can assist with set-up,
clean up, food preparation, advertise-
ment, activities (such as monitoring
the “jump house”) and other
committees. We will need your presence
as well, as we strive to introduce our
congregation to our immediate commu-
nity. Contact Bro. Jerry Truelove or
Joe Reeves to get signed up.
Date: Tuesday, October 6th.
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
Place: here on our site.*



IN THE QUIET OF THE MORNING

*In the quiet of the morning
Oh, how sweet it is to come
Just to talk a bit with Jesus
Ere the crowding duties come.*

*Just to kneel there for a moment,
With your head upon His breast,
All your problems laid before Him.
Every Human need confessed.*

*Oh, the loving strength that surges
From His heart to
yours all day;
Like a bright and
shinning armor,
Just because you
knelt to pray.*



PRAYER LIST

Sis Jacqueline Waller, Ann Cole,
Joyce Jarmon, Audrey Bray, Nella
Ray, Judy Williams. Tamara
Ragland-Henning, Alice Farough, Bobbie Guess, Ruth
Womack, Phyllis Staten, Diane Awatt, Acquanetta
Collier, Patricia Kirk, Lue Helen Martin, Betty Jones,
Terry Ragland, Marthenia Barbour, Alsenia Conner,
Eunice Exum, Jennette Gladney, Francheska Grimes,
Angela Harvey, Elizabeth Harrison, Hattie Johns,
D. Jean Morris, Everjean Parson, Brenda Pearson,
Farris Phillips, Helen Pirtle, Terry Ragland, Hazel
Ragland, Earline Ransom, Loustisha Richardson,
Corene Steele, Rosie Trice, Vanessa Truelove, Frances
Turner, Louvenia Walker, Barbara Warlick, Viennese
Yarbrough, Bro. Charles Kemp George Gray, Ferdie
Waller, JC Cockrell, Lloyd Johnson, Albert Jeffries,
Sr, Roger Bowles, David Greer, Richard McClain,
Thomas Pirtle, Jr, Daniel Terry, William Kirk, are
asking for prayers for health, strength and good test
results.

Bro William & Sis Rose Branick,

Bro James & Sis Hazel Ragland

Bro William & Sis Patricia Kirk

Bro Jesse & Sis Bernice Thompson

Bro LJ & Joycine Britt

*Sis Elaine Haynes is AHC Nursing Home in Rm 219 B.
Sis Earline Mckinney is in Maplewood Center Rm 208.
Sis Betty Jones is in Northbrook Health Center RM #406
Sis Jacqueline Waller is now home.
Bro L.J Britt is in now home resting well.*



East Jackson Church Family
*Please keep our family members in
prayers. Plus those asking for prayers
on behalf of their family and friends who are dealing
with health and medical issues*

WE LOVE VISITORS

*We're glad you chose to come & worship
with us today. Feel free to attend any and
all of our services, classes and events.
Please take a moment to fill out a blue
visitors card and turn in to one of our usher*



*We need each member to follow, like,
view and engage with our videos on our
East Jackson Church of Christ Face-
book page if possible. This is another
tool to get the word out to the masses.*

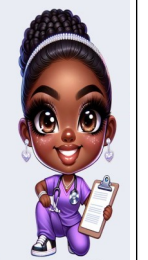
NURSE ON CALL SEPTEMBER 2026

13th Brenda Triplett & Michelle Johnson

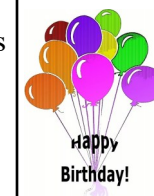
20th Kim Whitmore & Angelina Brown

27th Stalita Rivers & Kenndy Johnson

*If you are unable to serve please give
Sis Brenda Triplett a call at 731-267-0818.*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2026



Patricia Hayes	15
Robert Cottrell	17
Earline McKinney	
Mozella Greer	19
Nytowonta Vinson	



Bobby & Nytowonta Vinson will celebrate their
36th Wedding Anniversary on September 15th.

Larry & Mary Davis will celebrate their
16th Wedding Anniversary on September 18th

CHURCH CALENDAR September 2026



Sept. 20th Revival Sunday—
Ministers Appreciation Program

Sept 25th Senior Saints Outing -
Barbecue On The River

October 2026

Oct. 3 Sisters Ministry
More information coming soon !!

SOME HUMOR

*On a recent flight, an elderly passenger kept peering
out the window. Since it was dark, all she could see
the blinking light on the tip of the wing. Finally, she
rang for the flight attendant.*



*“I’m sorry to bother you,” she
said, “but I think you should
inform the pilot that his left-turn
signal has been on ever since
we took off.”*