

# 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

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Samuel Jones, Family Life Minister

September 25, 2022



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

## ORDER OF SERVICES

### SONG DIRECTOR

Jackie Dodson, Sr.

### SCRIPTURE

Carlos Roberson

### PRAYER

Derrick Temple

### OFFERING & COMMUNION

Alvis Black

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bobby Gray



**Sunday Evening  
Worship Service at  
5:30 pm.**

**Live Streaming Service  
5:30 PM**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Just a Friendly  
Reminder:**



Please get your announcements in to the **CHURCH OFFICE** by **Thursday noon**. Those who make the announcements on Sunday find it very difficult to review and organize their paper work when several members are coming up handing them information that should be have been turned in during the course of the week. If a member deems announcement as important enough to be stressed in the public service, he or she should contact one of the elders.

Please be safe.  
Please contact other members to encourage them.  
**Stay Prayerful!**



## **WHEN LOVE DIES**

(or when it aint' what it used to be)

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, Revelation 2:4 - 5 NKJV

**Can love die?** I suppose that in one sense, love can die. However, the cause of death needs to be examined. To me, love is like the plant in my office: it can live or die but much of the responsibility is in my hands. God said that the saints at Ephesus had left their first love. His admonition to them was to repent and do the first works. Evidently, whatever it was that caused the love to live in the first place was no longer present.

### **A. Divided Love Dies.**

In Matthew 6:24, Jesus spoke about divided loyalties. No man can serve two masters. The Lord says that though we try to love both, we will eventually grow in love for one and grow out of love with the other. Sometimes, people allow their attention to get distracted from their "first love", be it our mate or our Master. Eventually, the distraction becomes the fatal attraction and the original love dies.

### **B. Neglected Love Dies.**

I could neglect the plants in my office — neglect to water, feed or prune them — and they will die. Living in marriage and living for the Master requires that we continue to cultivate love for it to remain and grow. The bible warns us against neglect in Hebrews 2:1-4. Rather than neglect we have to continually cultivate the love in marriage (Proverbs 5:15-10) and for the Master (2 Peter 3:18). God told the saints at Ephesus to do the first works. Go back to the time when you were making an investment in the relationship with the Lord. Go back and pick up the attitude and actions that first brought love to life.

### **C. Restricted Love Dies.**

Sometimes marriages fail because couples restrict their time together because of the pursuits of life. At other times, the relationship is restricted because of conflict. Time together is minimal or unmanageable. The same is true for Christian who restrict their time with the Master in worship (Hebrews 10:24-30); in Bible study, prayer and fellowship (Acts 2:42). The pursuits of life or problems in life restrict the flow of positive interaction needed to keep the love living and breathing. Don't let your love die!

### **D. Divine Love Never Dies.**

God is love, 1 John 4:16. Love is His very essence and the center of His divine attributes. God loves us even when we were unloveable (Romans 5:6-8). Even in His justice, God still loves. The love of God for us motivates us to *love one another as I have loved you*, John 13:34-35.

L. C. Hayes



## PRAYER LIST

Sis. Norma Bundy, Lula Clark, Eunice Exum, Jennett Gladney, Ruth Ann Gray, Bobbie Guess, Elizabeth Harrison, Hattie Johns, Shirley Jones, Paula Kirk, Billie Sue Luster, D. Jean Morris, Everjean Parson, Brenda Pearson, Farris Phillips, Helen Pirtle, Earline Ramson, Loustisha Richardson, Corene Steele, Barbara Warlick, Helen, Bro. Ernest Adams, Jr, John Louis Clark, Bobby Edwards, Richard McClain, Julius McHaney, Gordon L Newsome, Sr, Ozie Pearson, Charles Person, M.C. Rayner, Daniel Terry, William Kirk are asking for prayers for health, strength and good test results.

Bro Gordon & Mary Newsome, Sr, Bro. Emmett & Sis Bobbie Guess, Bro MC Rayner, Julius McHaney and Samuel Glenn are asking for prayers for health and strength.

Sis Ruth Womack is doing well following surgery last Monday, Requesting prayers for continual healing.

Bro. Cedric Hampton and Sis. Melanie Temple request prayers for their father, Bro. Melvin Hampton for healing from health issues. He is in rehabilitation at NHC Healthcare in Milan.

Sis Valerie Dodson, Bro Ferdie and Sis. Jacqueline Waller, and Bro Raymond and Sis. Brenda Boles are asking for traveling grace this weekend.

**Continue to pray for those who lost loved ones.**

**Sis. Linda Ingram**

**Bro. & Sis. Richard McClain and Bro. & Sis. Frank Van-Dyke** lost their niece, Felisa Byars Kendall. Service was held on Friday, 9/23/22.

The **McHaney family** as they grieve the death of Mr. Randy McHaney (the brother of Carroll McHaney).



**From the eldership:**

Please mark your calendar for **October 16th**. After evening service stay and meet our new members in Christ and those who have placed membership from 2019 to present. Refreshments will be served. Look for the sign up sheet in the foyer and sign up if you are planning on attending.

**MEET & GREET**



## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EJCOC

During the pandemic we lost several members of our East Jackson Church of Christ family. In memory of those we lost a Memorial Service is being planning for Sunday, November 13, 2022, during our bible study time with a meal being served following the service. A list of those members has been compiled. To ensure no one is missed, if you lost a family member who was also an East Jackson Member, please call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the Elders.

**Bible Reading Class** is now on Thursday, our next class October 6th at 10:00 am 11:30 am. For those who are unable to attend the class you can listen on Zoom Call. Call the office for number and passcodes.



North Jackson Church of Christ invites us to attend their Meeting on September 25-28. Theme: "We Wish TO See Jesus." Speaker will be Billy Smith. Each night at 7pm.

If you are interested in helping this church fulfill the mission of Christ in evangelizing the world, then this appeal is to you. Come, be a part of the evangelism ministry by participating with the **Evangelism Planning Team**. This team will discuss and recommend ways that we can reach out to our visitors, contacts from our community activities, and the surrounding community to advertise this congregation and open doors to teach the gospel. Give your name, email address and phone number to Bro. Hayes if you would like to participate.



**Membership (Attendance) Cards & Communion Packets** are available at the lobby tables. Please make sure you have **the correct packet: Single, Family of 2, Family of 3 or if you have a visitor**. If you need more please contact one of the usher or the office. Offering envelopes are available too. **SUPPLIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE BALCONY.** We have placed a brown basket on the lobby table for you disposal of your bag. **Please place them in the brown basket and NOT IN THE BLACK OR WHITE BASKET.**

Bro Morris Denwiddie - Outside Facilities Ministry is taking bids on the Lawn Care Services for the church ground. If you are needing more information feel free to contact him.

