

MEETINGS IN THE AREA

The Jackson Street Church of Christ in Nashville invites us to attend a special: **Marshall Keeble Historical Memorabilia & Artifacts Exhibit** on Sunday, Jan 4th. 12:00– 1:00 p.m. (come and go walk through). More information on the bulletin board.



CHRIST CENTERED COMMITMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Make no mistake about it, if you keep harboring a grudge then it will eventually destroy you, if not physically, certainly emotionally and spiritually.

(Adapted from *New Commitments For The New Year* by James Petticrew at sermoncentral.com)



Crosswind Church of Christ in Three Way invites us to attend their Praise & Harmony Weekend Saturday, Jan 10th. Songfest from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Sunday, January 11th 9:00 am class & 10 am worship and luncheon followed by a congregation luncheon.

2026 National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference in Atlanta, GA April 10th-12th.

Theme: Yesterday's Pain Is Not Wasted!
2 Timothy 4:7-8. If you are planning on attending, sign up sheet is available at the senior table.

Please check the bulletin for information and special prices.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Teresa Beard (Zone 1)

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DOB: 12/24/25



Just a reminder to us
PLEASE DO NOT BRING DRINKS ANY SNACKS INTO THE AUDITORIUM !!!

APPRECIATING GRACE

What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son man that You visit him. Psalm 8:4

When we take an honest look at ourselves, it is not difficult to identify with the Psalmist's question. Weakness is a discouraging reality of our human nature.

We are all abundantly aware of our own shortcomings, but what is particularly frustrating, is that the stronger we become in faith, the more aware we become.

Therefore, we find ourselves closer to Christ than ever before, but feeling farther away! This is very likely the struggle Paul expressed when he wrote, "For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do" (Romans 7:15). Like many of us, Paul had grown in maturity to the point that he knew better, and that made his weakness all the more inexcusable.

Nevertheless, there is another understanding that comes with maturity. We realize how very much God has saved us from and how wonderful salvation is! As we grow in our appreciation of the depths of His awesome love, we begin to understand, in a way like never before, what it means to sing, "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound...that saved a wretch like me!" Praise be to God that He loved sinners like you and me. Ask God to help you live your very best in gratitude for His amazing grace!



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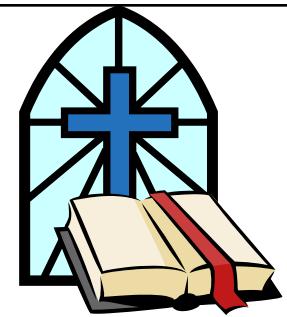
Matthew 28:18-20

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January 04, 2026

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

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Many are making resolutions for the new year. Here is a way of starting the New Year in a way which could significantly change your life. Make four commitments that God in His Word encourages you to make and they will have significant impact on your life.

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Patrick Willis

COMMIT YOURSELF TO FORGET YOUR FAILURES

Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus, Philippians 3:13-

14. All of us have failed in some way in our lives over the last year. We probably won't see our failures recorded for history or on tv, but they are recorded in our hearts and minds. For many of us our failures are painful memories. Maybe for you it is a memory of how you failed in a relationship. You made the wrong decisions, said and did the wrong things and the relationship ended. The start of New Year is a good time for you to rise to the challenge; To say to yourself I am going to, with help of God, forget my past. I am going to stop torturing myself about what I did or didn't do. This New Year is a good time to stop being chained to your past failures. God is saying here in His Word that he doesn't want you to go through your life branding yourself as a failure. On the cross, Jesus died so that He could forgive our greatest failure: sin (1 Corinthians 15:3). When we have received Christ's forgiveness it allows us to forgive ourselves and forget our failures.

COMMIT YOURSELF TO GIVE UP YOUR GRUDGES

Bear with each other and forgive each other whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you, Colossians 3:13. God in those words is challenging you directly and personally to give up your grudges. That is what He means when He says forgive each other whatever grievances you may have against one another.

What's a grudge? A grudge is a deep ongoing resentment that we cultivate in our hearts against someone else. A grudge is an unforgiving spirit that leads to unforgiving attitudes and unforgiving actions. Grudges are not just destructive they are also self-destructive. When you hold a grudge against someone you will hurt yourself as much and perhaps more than you will hurt the person you are holding it against.



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ORDER OF SERVICES**OPENING SERVICE**

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Sunday Evening**Worship Service** at 5:30 p.m.**www.eastjacksoncofc.org****ANNOUNCEMENTS:****Just a Friendly Reminder:**Please get your announcement 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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Please Provide The Following Information!**

1. Updated address, phone, and email (if there has been a change in the past year).
2. Emergency or family contact information. This is especially needed if you are the only one in your family who is a member at EJCOC. We need to know who to contact if something important occurs. Please provide the Name, Phone, and Relationship.

Write this information on the back of your attendance card.

Take Note: Our annual presentation of the year's budget and theme will be made on Sunday, January 18 after the morning worship.

**Youth & Teen Ministry T-Shirt Order Forms** are at the Youth table.

Deadline for T-shirt January 18th.

PARENTS: we need you to fill out these forms. **One Form per Family.**

You can placed form in the blue basket; we will contact you when we are ready to place the order.



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

TENNESSEE STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE NASHVILLE, TN APRIL 17-19, 2025Ezell Harding Christian School
Theme: **STILL STRONG**
Mark 11: 22-24

More information coming

**Please remember to set your cell phone to vibrate or silent during the worship services.****Mobile App Access:**
Download app from
Play Store: Instant Church Directory

The church **MUST** already have your email address in our database, in order to create an account to access the directory. Online Access:
<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>



HELP WANTED !
The Media Ministry is looking for a few good people to work within this ministry. Computer experience is helpful but not needed.

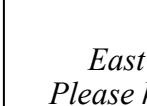
**PRAYER LIST**

Sis Robbie Gause, Phyllis Staten, Mary Newsome, Acquanetta Collier, Patricia Kirk, Teriyaki Anderson, Diane Awatt, Janice Cole, Lue Helen Martin, Betty Jones, Terry Ragland, Marthenia Barbour, Lula Clark, Acquanetta Collier, Alsenia Conner, Ann Cole, Eunice Exum, Jennette Gladney, Ruth Ann Gray, Franceska Grimes, Angela Harvey, Elizabeth Harrison, Hattie Johns, Betty Jones, D. Jean Morris, LaGween McDonald, Jacqueline Long, Everjean Parson, Brenda Pearson, Farris Phillips, Helen Pirtle, Nella Ray, Terry Ragland, Hazel Ragland, Earline Ramson, Barbara Reeves, Loustona Richardson, Corene Steele, Rosie Trice, Vanessa Truelove, Frances Turner, Louvenia Walker, Jacqueline Waller, Barbara Warlick, Viennese Yarbrough, Bro. JC Cockrell, Lloyd Johnson, Albert Jeffries, Sr, Roger Bowles, David Greer, Richard McClain, Thomas Pirtle, Jr, George Steele, Daniel Terry, Ray Thomas, William Kirk, Paul Young are asking for prayers for health, strength and good test results.



Bro. Emmett & Sis Bobbie Guess,
Bro William & Sis Rose Branick,
Bro James & Sis Hazel Ragland
Bro William & Sis Patricia Kirk

Bro. George & Sis Ruth Ann Gray
are asking for prayers for health and strength.



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 have a few family members who will be traveling on this weekend. They are asking for traveling grace there and back safely.



Sis. Cyd Reed lost her mother, Ms. Wilma Mabins. Service will be Jan. 9th in St. Louis, MO.

Sis. Helen Dixson lost her son, Mr. Terry Dixson. Service is incomplete. Mercer Brothers are in charge.

Service for Sis. Lula Clark—Visitation, Friday, Jan. 9th from noon to 5pm. Family hour 4 pm to 5 pm. Funeral service, Saturday, Jan. 10th at 11 am (Viewing at 10 am) at EJCOC. Bledsoe in charge.

NURSE ON CALL JANUARY 2026

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| 11th | Gwen Ragland & Rita Gray |
| 18th | Angelina Brown & Michelle Johnson |
| 25th | Debranna Johnson & Brenda Triplett |

If you are unable to serve please give Sis Judy Williams a call at 731-616-2621.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS 2026

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| Farris Phillips | 04 |
| Luke Stegar | 05 |
| Ruth Jones | 06 |
| Luster (Ree) Pirtle | 08 |
| John Cole | 09 |
| Bruce Shanks | 10 |
| Tomakoa Dixson | |
| David Greer | |
| Lorerela Overton | |
| Tiffany Pirtle | |

**Unsung Heroes**

We have many in this congregation who do good works, but are "behind the scenes. Yet, we thank God for their service to the Lord in His church. Take a moment to say "Thank You for your service" to these sisters who assist in the Card Sending Ministry when you submit the name of a non-member to be encouraged.

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| Debra Anderson | Precilia Curry |
| Carolyn Ewing | Patricia Hayes |
| Nettie Houston | Carol Jones |
| Carla Lewis | Jacqueline Long |
| Mary Long | Nancy Luton |
| Monica Ray | Bobbie Rayner |
| Cyd Reed | Barbara Reeves |
| Tina Smith | Phyllis Staten |
| Brandi Sykes | Mildred Sykes |
| Melanie Temple, | Beverly VanDyke |

Lillie Hines (posthumously)

A special Thank You to Ada Thaxter who also keeps up with the database of names that cards are sent to.