

**For OCTOBER 2024**

Alina Price 14  
 Richard DePriest 15  
 Alberta Northern  
 Stalita Rivers  
 Gayle Morgan 17  
 Robie Gause 18  
 France Turner 19



**Blanks & Blenda Branick will celebrate their 54th Wedding Anniversary on October 17th.**



It's that time of the year. **The 77th Annual, Toys for Tots Campaign** has begun. Last year we served 850 children, and this year is estimated to be even more. With your help, we can complete our mission.

Toys are needed, and monetary donations are welcomed. For more information, please see or contact Bro. Anthony Truelove. He is the coordinator for Capt. Jack Holland, Detachment 735 Toys for Tots.



**HE HAD NO SERVANTS**

Jesus has no servants, yet they called Him Master.  
 He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.  
 He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.  
 He had no army, yet kings feared Him  
 He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.  
 He committed no crime, but they crucified Him.  
 He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.



*Author Unknown*



**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE**

*Your commandment makes me wiser than any enemies, for it is ever with me. (99) I have more understanding them all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. Psalm 119:98-99 (ESV)*

**2024 CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 2024**



- Oct. 26th** Sister Ministry - Fall Workshop  
RePack Your Backpack 9:30 am
- Oct. 26th** Youth Ministry Fellowship  
Trunk-N-Treat Activity
- Oct. 30th** Zone Meeting at 6:30 pm



Thursday Morning Bible Class meets at 10 am in the Vance Fellowship Hall. Zoom Meeting ID # 845 419 1034 or call in number is 1 (301) 715 – 8592 Meeting ID 845 419 1034 . YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE FOR MEETING ID and PASSCODE.



**WE ARE BACK NURSES ON CALL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

- 6th** Angelina Brown & Kim Whitmore
  - 13th** Janice Cole & Debra Reed
  - 20th** Zipporah Woods & Kennedy Johnson
  - 27th** Debranna Johnson & Johnna Johnson
- If you are unable to serve please give Sis Judy Williams a call at 731-616-2621.



**EAST JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Every U.S household is now eligible to order 4 free at home Covid-19 test kits beginning the week of Sept. 30th*  
*The order can be placed at COVIDTests.gov website or by calling 1 800-232-0233 (TTY 1-800-720-7489).*  
**Mask wearing continues to be voluntary.**

Due to the current covid infection rates we will resume monitoring infrared (forehead) temperatures for all our church attendees beginning Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>. If your temperature registers 100 degrees, we will request that you please return home and follow up with your health care provider.

We care about our East Jackson family and want to make sure that you are informed about the current conditions and recommendations to protect your health.

**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](http://www.eastjacksoncofc.org)

**Lovell C Hayes - Minister**

**Samuel Jones - Minister**

**Gordon Newsome, Sr Retired**

*October 13, 2024*



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

**Religious Affiliation and Belief in God in the U. S.**

**ELDERS**

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

**DEACONS**

*Compassion Ministry  
 Culinary Ministry  
 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*

**Security Team Ministry**

*Patrick Willis*

Religious trends in America are changing and the changes are not positive but discouraging. The **Pew Research Center** is a reliable publication on religious research. Recently, I was reviewing several religious trends in the U. S., and as I observed the findings the words of **Judges 2:10** came to mind. The text says, **“when all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.”** Below the two studies report that America is increasingly getting closer to raising a generation of people who don't know or believe in God.

The **Pew Research Center** conducted a study that compared **religious affiliation in 2007** with **religious affiliation in 2023**. Below are the results:

In 2007, **78%** of the U. S. population identified themselves as belonging to Christianity. In 2023, **63%** of the U. S. population identified themselves as belonging to Christianity. In 2007, **16%** of the U. S. population identified themselves as having no religious affiliation. In 2023, **29%** of the U. S. population identified themselves as having no religious affiliations.

Nearly **one-third** of the U. S. adult population in America has no religious affiliation. More and more people are turning from God; this result conveys both a troublesome concern and a wonderful opportunity for Christians to share their faith in God.

Another study conducted by the **Pew Research Center** examined **belief in God by generational group**. Below are the results:

<b>Generations</b>	<b>Believe in God</b>	<b>Not Certain</b>	<b>Don't Know/Do Not Believe in God</b>
1. <b>Baby Boomers</b> [1946-1964]	69%	25%	6%
2. <b>Generation X</b> [1965-1976]	64%	25%	9%
3. <b>Generation Y</b> [1977-1995]	54%	29%	17%
4. <b>Generation Z</b> [1996-Present]	<b>50%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>

**One-half** of **Generation Z** reports that they are not certain, don't know or do not believe in God. We should be extremely concerned about this trend in our nation religiously.

-Samuel Jones -

**ORDER OF SERVICES**

**SONG DIRECTOR**  
Alvis Black (AM)  
Weldon Phelps (PM)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

George Steele

**PRAYER**

Ivory Hardville

**OFFERING & COMMUNION**

Alexander Smith, III

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bobby Gray

**BAPTISMAL WORKER**

Joe Reeves



**Sunday Evening**

**Worship Service at 5:30 p.m.**

[www.eastjacksoncofc.org](http://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.

# Upcoming EVENTS

**MEET OUR SPEAKER**

Bro. Shobek Dethrow is the ministering evangelist of the Forrest Hill Church of Christ in Selmer, TN. He and his lovely wife, Veleda, have been married for 17 years.

He was trained to preach the gospel by his father, Charles Dethrow, who preached for some 50 years prior to his death. Other family members who served in the ministry and influenced his training were Albert Dethrow, Floyd Dethrow and Jimmie C. Steele.



He is also the assistant principal at Bolivar Central High School

**NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Next photos will be taken on **Sunday, October 13th** following the am worship and evening worship services. The **first twenty-five families or individuals** must be ready upon arrival at the **Vance Fellowship Hall Rm #4.** We will need correct spelling of names and current address, phone number or cell number and email (if possible). Please look for the sign up sheets at the lobby table.



**WE WILL ONLY TAKE PICTURE FOR DIRECTORY !!**

**DEADLINE FOR PICTURE WIL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th**



**Veterans Day Power Point Pictures**  
**PowerPoint Slides on Sunday-11/10/2024**

Immediate Family Members of EJCOC –Self, Spouse, Parent, Children & Grandchildren. Information and pictures to be received **ONLY** through E-mail. **E-mail address: plicesher@yahoo.com**

Contact: Ada Thaxter (731) 499-0102 Information needed— Photos (Preferrable in military uniform) max 2, Branch of Service(s), Highest Rank Achieved, Entry Year Service and End Year of Service, War Time Service (if available), and Active, Retired or Deceased.



**Southwestern Christian College 2024 Fall Songfest**

You are invited to be blessed by great gospel singing and the opportunity to support **SWCC**

When: **Friday, November 1st at 6:00 pm (cst)**

How: Go to **ZOOM** Link ID: 256 503 2407 Password :529552

See bulletin board for more information



**2024 TENNESSEE STATE LECTURESHIP**

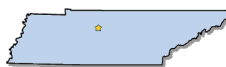
hosted by the Peyton Road Church of Christ in Lebanon, TN.

**November 7th-9th, @ The Inn at Opryland, A Gaylord Hotel**

**2401 Music Valley Drive in Nashville, TN.** Theme: "Trends,

Traditions, or Truth." Registration to attend the lectureship is **FREE**, but you need to register before the October 8th. Register Now at [www.tnstatelectureship.org](http://www.tnstatelectureship.org).

Check out the bulletin board for more information.



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

**MEETINGS IN THE AREA**



**2024 Five Congregation Five Day Gospel Meeting October 13th –17th, 2024. Theme: Treasures of Heaven and In Heaven.**  
**October 13** with the Madison County Church of Christ  
**October 14th** with Bargerton Church of Christ  
**October 15th** with Law Church of Christ  
**October 16th** at the Independence Church of Christ  
**October 17th** at the Madison Church of Christ.  
Each evening with congregation singing at 6:30 pm and speaker at 7 pm. Different speaker each night. Check out the board for more information.

**Easthaven Church of Christ in Memphis** invites us to attend their **Annual Boys to Men Conference on Saturday, October 19th at 9 am.**



Also they will be celebrating **their 154th Annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting on October 20-23rd.** This year's theme: **"A New Life In Christ" Hebrews 8:7-13.** Fellowship Meal following morning worship; 2 pm afternoon worship. Guest speaker will **Dr. Jerry Houston of Dellcrest Church of Christ in San Antonio, Tx.** Monday thru Wednesday 7pm.



**Pinson Church of Christ. on Hwy 45 South**

in Pinson invites us to attend their **Gospel Meeting on October 20-23rd.** Speaker **Andy Brewer of Phillips St Church of Christ.** Theme: **Being a Better You.** Monday thru Wednesday at 7pm. Check out the bulletin board for more information.



**Quince Road in Memphis** invites to attend their **Fall Gospel Meeting/Revival Weekend Saturday, October 26th. Songfest at 4 pm . Featuring : The Quince Ensemble , Tumeka Hicks, Dawn (Dallas, TX) Blessed (Birmingham,AL) Born Again (New Albany, Ms) and other special guests.**

Also on **Sunday, Oct 27th thru Wednesday, Oct, 30th** Guest speaker: **Minister Marcus Watkins of Simpson Street Church of Christ from Atlanta, Ga.** Lunch will be served following the morning worship service. Monday thru Wednesday 7:15pm.



**Exercise Your Right To Vote**

To find voter information or registration, go to <https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>

**PRAYER LIST**



Sis. Tamara Ragland-Henning, Barbara Reeves , Terry Ragland, Jesse Anderson, Marthenia Barbour, Ann Cole, Lula Clark, Brenda DePriest, Eunice Exum, Jennette Gladney, Ruth Ann Gray, Francheska Grimes, Angela Harvey, Lillie Hines, Elizabeth Harrison, Hattie Johns, Betty Jones, Shirley Jones, D. Jean Morris, LaGween McDonald, Everjean Parson, Brenda Pearson, Farris Phillips, Helen Pirtle, Nella Ray, Earline Ramson, Barbara Reeves, Loustisha Richardson, Corene Steele, Rosie Trice, Vanessa Truelove, Louvenia Walker, Jacqueline Waller, Barbara Warlick, Alice Williams, Bro. Lloyd Johnson, Alberts Jeffries, Sr, Roger Bowles, David Greer, Willian Branick, Richard McClain, Ozie Pearson, George Steele, Daniel Terry, William Kirk are asking for prayers for health, strength and good test results.



Bro Gordon & Sis Mary Newsome , Sr.  
Bro. Emmett & Sis Bobbie Guess.

Bro. Leon & Sis Ruth Womack. Bro William & Sis Rose Branick, Bro James & Sis Hazel Ragland are asking for prayers for health and strength.

**Sis Terry Ragland** is in back in Jackson resting well. She is in West Tennessee Healthcare Rehabilitation Hospital Jackson.

**Sis Lillie Hines** is in Jackson General Rm 715.  
**Bro. Oize Person** in Jackson General Rm 689.]

**East Jackson Church Family**

Please keep our family members in prayers. Plus those ask for prayers on behalf of their family and friends who are dealing with health and medical issues.

Service for **Bro Samuel Glenn** will be on Thursday, Oct. 17th here at the church building at 11 am.

Bledsoe Funeral Home is in charge of services.

**Sis Joyce Jarmon and Patricia Owen** lost a sister, Ms. Gentry Kendrick of Milwaukee, Wis. Service is incomplete.

**THANKS and GRATITUDE**

Be thankful if your job is a little harder than you like. A razor cannot be sharpened on a piece of velvet.

Be grateful for the doors of opportunity and for friends who oil the hinges.

If you cannot be content with what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped.

