

MEETINGS IN THE AREA

**Ross Road Church of Christ in Memphis** invites us to attend their Ladies Program on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 9:00 am (8:30 am Check-In & Pictures) Red Dress Tea. Speaker will be Sis Matilda Gibson of the Johnston Street Church of Christ in Brunswick, Ga. We will have a bountiful Brunch, check out the bulletin board for registration information.



**Meigg St Church of Christ in Corinth, MS** invites us to attend their Celebration of Installation of New Minister Bro. Bradley Pettis. On Sunday, February 22, 2025 Theme: Keeping Jesus in the Mix in 2026 Dinner will be served at 12:30—2:00 pm with program at 2:30 pm.



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

**Information is at the youth & teen Table:**  
Registration Packet, Medical Forms,  
Conference Rules for Attendance  
Spelling Bee Words Grades 1-4th & 5th - 8th  
**Scholarship Form for High Senior ONLY !!**  
**DEADLINE IS SET FOR Sunday February. 15th.**



**2026 National Association of Celebrated Seniors Conference** in Atlanta, GA April 10th-12th. Theme: Yesterday's Pain Is Not Wasted! 2 Tim. 4:7-8  
If you are planning on attending, sign up sheet is available at the senior table.

THE GOLDEN RULE

*“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the LAW and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:112)*



*Be what you want others to be .  
Say what you want others to say about you.  
Love like you want to be loved.  
Live like you want others to live around you.  
Be faithful, because you want others to be faithful to you.  
Sing like you want to our singing to be.  
Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.  
Serve like you want to be served.  
Smiled like you want others to smile around you.  
Forgive others, because you need others to forgive you.  
Be there for others because some day you will need others to be there for you.  
Compliment others, and those around you will become a comfort to you.  
Strengthen others, and those around you will become your strength.  
Be like Christ, and those around you will be Christ like too.  
Rejoice in the Lord, and those around you will rejoice.*

Author Unknown

*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*



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

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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**Lovell C Hayes - Minister**      **Samuel Jones - Minister**  
**Shobek Dethrow –Minister**



January 25, 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

HOLY HUNGER



*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled, Matthew 5:6 (nkjv)*

We know that our survival in the physical life depends, among other things, on our being fed and nourished on a daily basis. Yes, in extreme circumstances, individuals have survived for days and even weeks without food. But eventually, without food, a person will die. Our bodies have a natural desire for nourishment. We call that desire “hunger”. Additionally, a couple of facts about hunger should be noted.

- 1) When the hunger is satisfied, it impacts all parts of the body, even the brain. Our thinking can be impaired if we are not properly nourished. Conversely, we perform and think better when properly nourished.
- 2) What we are hungry for is subject to training and teaching. There may be food that we enjoy and others that we have no appetite for. One person truly enjoys catfish, while another longs for crab legs. One person likes scrambled eggs while another may be lactose intolerant.

**Every Christian should have a holy hunger for righteousness.** We must have a savoring or taste for the things of God, rather than the things of men, Matthew 16:22-23. Jesus said that we should hunger and thirst after righteousness, or all that in concluded in God’s will. A very important part of the righteousness of God that we should seek is a healthy appetite for the word of God. Peter tells us that we should desire the word of God like a babe desires milk (1 Peter 2:2-3).

**Every Christian should “eat in” and “eat out”.** As much as we have a choice to prepare meals at home or to eat out at our favorite restaurant, so also we need spiritual “home cooking” by way of daily meditation on the word of God personally and with our family (Psalm 1:2). However, we must also come to the feast prepared for the collective body of Christ, assembled as the church (Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 4:13). I am referring to the worship services and Bible classes we have available each Sunday and Wednesday.

**Every Christian should end their meal with dessert.** It is customary to end our meals with some sweet commodity like cake or pie. Well, in a way, those who hunger and thirst for God’s righteousness will enjoy something sweet after the main meal of serving God in this life. In Revelation 2:7 (see also 22:14), the saints of God were encouraged to be faithful and strong in striving to overcome the trials of this life so that they would be able to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. After fighting the good fight and finishing our course in this life, receiving a crown (2 Timothy 4:6-) and eating of the tree of life: that will be like having spiritual dessert!  
— L. C. Hayes



Judging Others

When I’m busy blaming others, looking for a fault or two, Then it’s time I started counting, All the petty things I do. There ‘s a lot of good in others, And a lot of bad in me. So I have no right in judging, Faults of others that I see. Thus, before I look for failings, I have found a better plan. Tis to keep my own house cleaner Before I judge another man.



ORDER OF SERVICES

OPENING SERVICE  
Tommy Curry

SONG DIRECTOR  
J Dodson/R Whitmore  
(AM)  
Joe Reeves (PM)

SCRIPTURE READING  
Johnnathan Monroe

PRAYER  
Alexander Smith, III (AM)  
(PM)

OFFERING &  
COMMUNION  
Donnie Lewis

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Bruce Ingram

BAPTISMAL WORKER  
Alexander Smith, III

CLOSING  
Tony Black


USHER  
Tagen Transou  
Kendis Transou  
Anthony Johnson  
Derrick Britt

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



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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



**EJCOC**  
**Young Adult Ministry**  
**18-39 yrs**  
**The 2026 Kickoff**  
**Lunch for Sunday has been reschedule d for later date.**

**Middle Adults Ministry**  
will be meeting on Saturday,  
Jan 31st at **HAS BEEN**  
**CANCELLED Fellowship**  
**Breakfast & Planning Session**



**Sisters Ministry will Celebrate Our 13th Anniversary on Saturday, Jan 31st 9:00 am**  
Theme: Rising Into Tomorrow  
Kick Off - Hebrews 6:19  
Specially Designed for East Jackson Sisters  
Breakfast Served by Our Brothers 9:00 am.  
Check out the Sister Table for sign up sheets and activities:  
Grab Your Rope, Sisters Table Talk ,  
Take Some Grace Home,  
Never Stand Alone: God's Spotlight  
Anchored & Secure in Christ




**NEW YEAR NEW DIRECTION FOR ZONE MEETING FEBRAURY 2026**  
**Zone #2 will be meeting on Sunday, February 8th** following the morning worship service.

**Zone #3 will be meeting on Sunday, Feb 16th** following the morning worship service.



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

OFFERING STATEMENT

 If you want to receive your 2025 Offering Statement, please call the church office (731) 422-6341 with correct mailing address. They will be mailed to you.

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.



**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, Francheska 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, Loustisha Richardson, Corene Steele, Rosie Trice, Vanessa Truelove, Frances Turner, Louvenia Walker, Jacqueline Waller, Barbara Warlick, Viennese Yarbrough , Bro. Walter Bonds, Sr. , 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. Geroge & 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.



 **The family of Sis Robbie Gause** who passed away on last week, services are incomplete.

**Sis Mary Kemp** lost her nephew in Springfield, Ill.

**Sis Alberta Northen** lost her brother in law, Mr. Murry Fintress, Sr of Michigan . Service will be on Thursday, Jan. 29th in Michigan.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

**Bro. Andrew Johnson (Zone #2)** was baptized on Jan 18th. His address is 20 Briar Cove, Jackson, TN 38301.



**Sis Akelia McGaughy** was baptized on Jan. 19th. Her address is 38 Garden crest Cove Jackson, TN 38301.

**Sis TaNyah Robinson (Zone #3)** was baptized on Jan. 21st. Her address is 18 Stone Spring Circle Jackson, TN 38305.



**NURSE ON CALL JANUARY 2026**  
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

Thomas Love	26
Stella Williams	
Annette Anderson	27
Deloris Jean Morris	29



**E J C O C YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE & HISTORY**

The young Adult Ministry would like for the congregation to join us in Celebrating Our Culture and History! We ask that you participate and wear different attire each Sunday during the month of February!

**Feb 1st**  
Wear African colors  
i.e. Red Green, Yellow or Black



**Feb 8th**  
Represent your HBCU  
Historically Black College/University  
i.e. SwCC, Lane College, TSU etc.

**Feb. 15th**  
Represent your Divine 9  
Sorority/Fraternity Organization



**Feb. 22nd**  
Wear attire with African prints

Please keep in mind appropriateness for modesty and Christian principles.