

**MEETINGS IN THE AREA**



**Booneville Church of Christ** in Booneville, MS invites us to attend their Ladies' Day Program on Saturday, March 28th 9am– 12 pm. Theme: **Run To the Great I AM.**

Guest speaker will be Debbie Dupuy. Door will open at 8:30 am and breakfast food will be available. We will serve brunch during break in place of lunch.

**Henderson Church of Christ in Henderson** invites us to attend their **Senior Adult Rally on Saturday, March 28th.**

Theme: **“Living in Grace and Glory”.**

9:15 Registration & Refreshment Program at 10 am. Lunch will be provided. Speaker will be Jeff Jenkins.

Sign up sheet is available at the Senior Saints Table.



**Cornerstone Church of Christ in Byhalia, MS** invited us to attend the **Spring Revival on March 22-25th.** Guest Speaker will be Bro. Shobek Dethrow of the East Jackson Ch of Ch.

**On Sunday, March 22nd Friends & Family Day** Services at 10:45 am followed by fellowship meal and evening worship at 2:30 pm. Spring Revival will be Monday thru Wednesday night 7 pm

**Jefferson Street Church of Christ in Brownsville, TN** invites us to attend their meeting on **April 12-14th.** Theme: **“One Accord Together In Christ.”**



Guest Speakers will be Sunday-AM/PM Bro. Larry Price: Monday– Bro Allen Hess; Tuesday– Bro Herman Williamson. Sunday lunch will be served 1 pm, with a 3 pm worship service. Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM



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.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2nd**  
**YOUTH & TEEN MINISTRY**  
**YEAR END BANQUET**



**PARENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

It's now time for us to gather information on our 2026 graduating seniors. This year, we are aspiring to complete a yearbook. We are requesting information about you, your plans, and what's new in your chapter after high school. Please contact Sister Audrey Bray, Tilda Pearson, or Valerie Dodson with your information. Parents and teens, we need your help!

For those who are in **Kindergarten, 5th grade, and 8th grade, YOU will receive a special presentation.** So please sign up at the Youth & Teen Table.

**PUT-OFF TOWN**

Did you ever go to Put-Off town,  
Where the houses are old and tumble-down,  
And everything taries and everything drags,  
With dirty streets and people in rags?  
On the street of Slow lives Old Man Wait,  
And his two little boys named Linger and Late;  
With unclean hands and tousled hair,  
And a naughty little sister named I Don't Care.  
Grandmother Growl lives in this town,  
With her two daughters called Fret and Frown;  
And Old Man Lazy lives all alone  
Around the corner on Street Postpone.  
Did you ever go to Put Off town  
To play with the little girls, Fret and Frown,  
Or to the home of Old Man Wait,  
And whistle for his boys to come to the gate?  
To play all day on Tarry Street  
Leaving your errands for the other feet?  
To stop or shirk, or linger, or frown, Is the nearest way to this old town.



Author Unknown



Just a gentle 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

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

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



March 18, 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

**THE JOY OF FAITH**

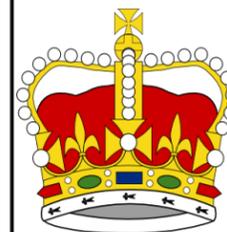
Biblical joy is a deep, God-centered experience of gladness and contentment that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit yielding its fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) in our hearts. Biblical joy is independent of external circumstances because of the internal blessings and eternal hope. The joy of serving the Lord is unmatched in this world. So much so that we can do what Paul said in Philippians 4:4, Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.



As we look at the man whom God inspired to write to the Philippians about rejoicing and the joy of faith, let us consider what the joy of faith involved for him from Philippians 1:21.

**A personal faith.** For to ME to live is Christ and to die is gain. When Saul (Paul) was converted to Christ, he considered it a personal conversion (Acts 9:6). Paul had been personally crucified with the Lord (Galatians 2:20). He knew the Lord personally (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul rejoiced that his protégé, Timothy, had grown into a personal faith (2 Timothy 1:3-5). Our faith must be personal in that Christ is sanctified as Lord in our own heart (1 Peter 3:15). Only a Christian with a personal faith can truly and sincerely say, The Lord is **MY Shepherd, I shall not want**, Psalm 23:1.

**A purposeful faith.** For to me to **LIVE IS CHRIST** and to die is gain. Like Paul, we must have the right purpose which is living for Christ. We cannot serve or live for two masters (Matthew 6:24). Too many people are “double-minded” (James 1:8). Christians must focus on seeking first God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness (Matthew 6:33), because we are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28) to participate in His purpose (Ephesians 3:8-11). Joshua exemplified a purposeful faith by saying, *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*, Joshua 24:15.



**A profitable faith.** For to me to live is Christ and to die is **GAIN**. The word “gain” is a financial term: profit, return, reward, dividend. It speaks of the blessings and benefits of serving the Lord. Moses found gain according to Hebrews 11:26 when *he considered the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward*. We, too, must understand that gaining the world gains nothing (Matthew 16:26), but gaining eternity with Christ is everything (Matthew 16:24-25; Philippians 3:8, 14) Faithful living benefits us in this life and in the life to come (1 Timothy 4:8).

(adapted) -- L. C. Hayes

**ORDER OF SERVICES  
OPENING SERVICE**

Cedric Hampton, Jr

**SONG DIRECTOR**

ALL SONG LEADER

Adrian Steele (PM)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Raymond Boles

**PRAYER**

Jerry Truelove, Sr (AM)

**OFFERING &  
COMMUNION**

Tony Black

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Burce Ingram

**CLOSING**

Sonny Phillips

**BAPTISMAL WORKER**

Tony Black

**USHER**

Tagen Transou  
Kendis Transou  
Carlos Roberson, Jr  
Kameron Boyd

**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



**Meet our Speaker**

**Wesley T. Leonard**, born in Tallahassee, Florida, has been preaching the gospel since 1985. He currently serves as Senior Minister of the Southside Church of Christ in Orlando, Florida. This congregation exists and thrives because years ago, Bro. Leonard stepped out in faith to plant this work by converting souls and building up the saints who were being added to the Lord. He Brother Leonard's many accomplishments include:

- B.A. from Colorado Theological Seminary School of Family Christian Counseling
  - Professional Clinical Member of NCCA
  - He has preached numerous gospel meetings and spoken at lectureships across the globe.
  - Author of two books: *Unmasking The Satanic Attack Against Masculinity: What Both Women and Men Need to Know* and *Bad Girls Are In The Church Too*.
- Bro. Leonard has a commitment to growing his abilities in the areas of public speaking and community service; for providing for the foundation on which he steadfastly and eagerly stands in service as a gospel preacher, minister, and counselor in the Lord's Church.

**ZONE # 1**

Will have the zone meeting on

**Sunday, March 22nd**

**ALL ZONE MEMBERS** are encouraged to attend following the Bible Class Hour. If you are not sure of your zone please check the Zone Books at the greeter's table.



**Bible Reading Questions**

March 15th-21st. For this Week's Reading are available on the greeter's table.



"I am the living bread which come down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever; and he bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:51

**THINK ABOUT IT...**

"Don't preach to make friends or so we will be loved don't do that. Preach so God will be loved and souls will saved."



**The Fifth (5th) Sunday Offering in Support of Southwestern Christian**

**College is on Sunday, March 29th.** There will be an offering box on each of the greeter's tables in the foyer to collect your donation. Thanking you in advance for your support. The supporters of Southwestern Christian College. Please make checks to: Supporters of Southwestern Christian or Supporters of Swcc.



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

**PRAYER LIST**



Sis Ruth Womack, Julia Cotton, Rita Gray, Barbara Steele, Phyllis Staten, Mary Newsome, Acquanetta Collier, Patricia Kirk, Teriyaki Anderson, Diane Awatt, Janice Cole, Lue Helen Martin, Betty Jones, Terry Ragland, Marthenia Barbour, 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. Bonnie Ray, Ferdie Waller, JC Cockrell, Lloyd Johnson, Albert Jeffries, Sr, Roger Bowles, David Greer, Richard McClain, Thomas Pirtle, Jr, George Steele, Daniel Terry, 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. Gerge & Sis Ruth Ann Gray

**Sis Virginia Reed** is in AHC Rehab Cent formerly Forest Cove Nursing Home R-123.

**Sis Elaine Haynes** is AHC Nursing Home in Rm 219 B

**Sis Ruth Womack** is in Maplewood Rehab Center, she is asking for prayers for health and strength.

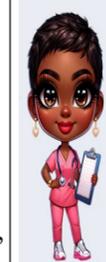
**Bro. Leon Womack** is in Maplewood Rehab Center.

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.



To the family of **Bro Emmett Guess** who passed away on Thursday. Services are incomplete. Stephenson & Shaw Funeral Home in charge

**NURSE ON CALL FEBRUARY 2026**



**15th** Brenda Triplett & Johnna Johnson

**22st** Kennedy Johnson & Judy Williams

**29th** Stalita Rivers & Debra Reed

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

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS 2026**

Teresa Beard	15
Bravian McGoughy	17
Terry Ragland	
Felicia Brown	21



**Sonny & Farris Phillips** will celebrate their **48th Wedding Anniversary** on **March 18th**.

**CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 2026**

<b>Mar. 15th</b>	<b>Revival Sunday</b>
<b>Mar. 22nd</b>	<b>Zone #1</b> will be meeting following Bible Class in the Vance Fellowship Hall
<b>Mar. 29th</b>	<b>The 5th Sunday Offering</b> Southwestern Christian College

**A LOOK AT TIME**

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift; That's why they call it the present.

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeared for a little time, and then vanished away." James 4:14

When you're up against a trouble. Meet it squarely, face to face. Lift your chin, and set your shoulders. Plant your feet and take a brace. When it's vain to try to dodge it, Do the best that you can do. You may fail, but you may conquer

