

**MEETINGS IN THE AREA**



**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

**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.

**Old Fulton Road in Martin** invites us to attend their **Annual Friends & Family Day Celebration** on Saturday, April 11th from 1 pm until 3 pm. They are having group singing, food, and fellowship. Come out and have a great time serving the Lord.



**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.

**Peter Pan at The Ned.**

Ryleigh Greer (daughter of Daveeta Greer) will perform in the Peter Pan production on March 26-29th. To purchase tickets, scan the QRcode or contact Daveeta Greer @ 817-235-6400



**DIRECTIONS TO JESUS' HOUSE**



Go through the **Green Light**, which is Jesus Christ (John 14:6; 2 Corinthians 1:20). **Keep straight.**

Make a right turn onto **Believeth Boulevard**, merge onto **Penitence Parkway**, and ford **Baptism River** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

From there you must turn onto the **Bridge of Faith**, which is over trouble water (cf Matthew 4:1-11). When get off the bridge, make a **right turn** and **keep straight** (Hebrews 10:23).

You are on the **King's Highway**-Heaven bound (1 Peter 1:4).

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and one for the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

Exit off onto **Grace Boulevard** (Ephesians 2:8). From there, make a right turn on **Gospel Lane** (1 Corinthians 15:1-3).

Keep straight, **avoiding ditches** (Matthew 15:14), and then make another right on **Prayer Avenue** (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

As you go on you are way, yield not the traffic on **Temptation Boulevard** (James 1:12; 1 Corinthians 10:13). Also, avoid **Sin Street** because it is a **dead end** (Romans 3:23; Proverbs 13:15).

Pass up **Envy Drive** and **Hate Way** (Galatians 5:19-21).

Bypass Hypocrisy Street, **Gossiping Lane**, and **Backbiting Boulevard** (James 3:1-6).

Here you have to go down **Longsuffering Lane**, **Persecution Boulevard**, and **Tribulations Street** (Job 14:1), but that's all right, because **VICTORY BOULEVARD** is straight ahead! (1 John 5:4).



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*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*

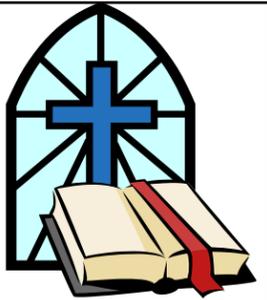
Matthew 28:18-20

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Lovell C Hayes - Minister

Samuel Jones - Minister

Shobek Dethrow - Minister



March 22, 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

**Overcoming Discouragement!**

God had used Elijah's mouth to warn the people and to suppress idol worship. Queen Jezebel placed a death warrant on Elijah's life. He fled in dismay at his own weakness. Elijah felt so alone and was so discouraged: *But he himself went a days journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!*, 1 Kings 19:4.

Have you ever felt like Elijah as his soul was in anguish under the tree? It is no disgrace to be discouraged but it does not make sense to continue in it, for the Bible identifies several ways we can overcome discouragement.

**1. Remember that you are not alone.**

God told Elijah that there were seven thousand people who had not worshiped Baal (1 Kings 19:18). Elijah saw himself as all alone, but God opened his eyes to the fact that he was not alone. God was with him and God had other servants who were on the Lord's side. If you are like Elijah, open your eyes and see things God's way and you will find that you are not alone. There are others who have been through what you are going through. There are others who have suffered as you have suffered. There are others who know the pain and are ready to minister to you. Don't be like Elijah and isolate yourself. Discouragement rarely wants companionship. But you must resist the urge to journey into the wilderness of aloneness. Instead, talk with God and with your fellow Christians; give and receive encouragement.



**2. Know that God is in control.**

When it looks like all creation is breaking loose and chaos runs rampant with its feverish fury, know that God is still on His Throne in Heaven. In the book of Genesis, we see that the flood came because God was in control and the waters subsided because God was in control (Genesis 6:17; 8:1-3). Even when Christ was taken to be crucified, God was in control (Matthew 26:52-54) and certainly God was in control when He raised Jesus from the grave (Ephesians 1:19-23) and set Him at His own right hand in heavenly places. God is in control whether it be day or night; calm or storm; peace or trouble. You must remember that God has not forsaken you or become helpless in the midst of your plight. God was able to protect Elijah and God will protect you. The psalmist said, *I know the Lord will maintain* (Ps. 140:12). Solomon said that the righteous will come through trouble (Prov. 12:13). God said, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*, Hebrews 13:5.



(to be continued . . . L. C. Hayes.)

**ORDER OF SERVICES  
OPENING SERVICE**

Richard DePriest

**SONG DIRECTOR**

Adrian Steele (AM)  
Donnie Lewis (PM)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Bruce Shanks

**PRAYER**

Eric Boyd (AM)

**OFFERING &  
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Cedric Adams, Jr

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ernest Adams, Jr

**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 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

**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.



**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.

**Bible Reading Questions**  
March 22nd- 28th. For this Week's Reading are avail able on the greeter's table .



**Sisters Ministry  
Spring Into Action  
Saturday, April 11th 9  
AM—12PM**

**Fitness for ALL Ages  
with Certified**

**Fitness Coach  
Chair Exercise & Zumba  
for all ages.**

**FREE : Smoothie  
Samples!!**

**FREE : Blood Pressure  
Check!**



**Bring your light Hand Weights  
Ladies Wear Your Bright  
Colored T-Shirts**



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

**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 Sis 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.

**Attention college students/military & parents of college students/military!**



If you are a member of East Jackson Church of Christ, a young adult, and a college student/military please fill out a form to receive a college care card.

Forms are available on the youth & teen table or upstairs in the Young Adult classroom. Forms can be given to Sis Ericka Bingham.



**\*This is for undergraduate students & 4 year active duty military.**

**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.



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

**Bro Leon & Sis Ruth Womack** is in Maplewood Rehab Center, they are asking for prayers for health and strength.

**Bro George Steele** in Jackson General Rm # 958.

**Sis DeAnna Baker** is asking prayers on behalf the Amos Family 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 families members who will be traveling on this weekend. They are asking for traveling grace there and back safely.

**NURSE ON CALL FEBRUARY 2026**



**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**

Carl Kemp 23  
Toni Crockett 25



**Don & Delesea Jackson** will celebrate their **48th Wedding Anniversary on March 23rd.**

**David & Mary Long** will celebrate their **53rd Wedding Anniversary on March 24th.**

**CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 2026**



**Mar. 22nd** Zone #1 will be meeting following Bible Class in the Vance Fellowship Hall

**Mar. 29th** The 5th Sunday Offering Southwestern Christian College

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY**



**Bro. Ira McCullough** was baptized on March 8th. His address is 17 Ivy Hill Drive Jackson, TN 38305



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

