



The new Covid variant is JN1 (also known as Pirola). This new strain is considered to be more contagious than the previous Omicron variant but is not currently leading to increased hospitalization. But emergency room visits are increasing to the same rate that was seen in January 2023.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) states that the recent family holidays gathering and travel have contributed to the increase infection rates and their recommendations are:

- COVID and FLU vaccinations as soon as possible
 - Mask wearing in public places
 - Frequent hand washing and/ or the use of hand sanitizer
- We care about our East Jackson Family and want to make sure that you are informed about the current conditions and recommendations to protect you health.



(19) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, And surely I am with you always to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

WORDS WELL USED...

Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.
George Herman (Babe) Ruth

Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can.
Lowell Thomas

*If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves. **Thomas Edison***



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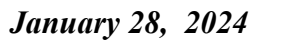
Matthew 28:18-20

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Samuel Jones - *Minister*

Gordon Newsome, Sr *Retired*



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

Our theme on last year was Embracing Excellence in 2023 And Beyond. Under that theme we focused on excellence in edification (building one another); in engagement (getting involved in ministry); in evangelism (bringing the lost to Christ); and in elation (praising God with lips and lives). As you will hear in detail in our annual presentation

on today, we continue the theme of Embracing Excellence. The focus for this year is on discipleship.

We have seen that every Christian is a disciple and every disciple has to be a Christian. Acts 11:26 says that *the **disciples** were called **Christians** first at Antioch*. Jesus spoke in John 8:31-32 about us being not just disciples, but *disciples indeed*. Therefore, we concluded that Jesus wants us to be His disciples to the superlative degree. He wants us to Embrace Excellence In Our Discipleship.

We will focus on excellence in discipleship from four aspects throughout the year. We will begin with the **Deepening of Discipleship**. The goal is to understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ and to grow in our level of commitment to Christ as His disciple.

One of the tools that we will use to accomplish this goal is a special study in our adult Sunday School classes entitled: Following Jesus. The young adult, middle adult and auditorium classes will engage in this study for 13 weeks beginning on Sunday, February 4th.

Afterwards, we will add a focus of the **Duties of Discipleship**. We will move from information into application. James teaches us to not just be hearers of the word, but doers. If we are hearers, but not doers, we deceive ourselves. If we are hearers and doers: *this one will be blessed in what he does* (James 1:22-25).

After adding the aspect of “duties” to our understanding of “deepening”, we will focus on the **Declaration of Discipleship**. Jesus teaches us the aspect of declaration when He told us to *go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations*, Matthew 28:18-20.

Finally, we will take a look at **Decisions of Discipleship**. We will learn to evaluate our person strengths and growth areas as disciples, in keeping with the admonition of 2 Corinthians 13:5. Therefore, we have an exciting year ahead in 2024!

-- L. C. Hayes

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Richard DePriest
Sonny Phillips
Thomas Pirtle, Jr
Jerry Truelove

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Michael Johnson

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Cedric Hampton, Sr

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Blanks Branick

Media Ministry
Kenneth Mercer

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Transportation Ministry
Morris Denwiddie***

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Terry Smith

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Reginald Davis, I

*Ministry Leaders
Involvement Ministry
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Sunday Evening

Worship Service
at 5:30 pm.

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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.

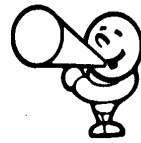
If a member deems announcement as important enough to be stressed in the public service, he or she should contact one of the elders.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANNUAL BUDGET & PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The budget and program presentation for **year 2024** will be presented after the morning services on **TODAY**. Start praying and working now for the victories God has in store for us in this year!



OFFERING STATEMENT

If you want to receive your 2023 Offering Statement, please call the church office(731) 422-6341 with correct mailing address. They will be mailed to you.

URGENT: Please make sure that you have updated your phone number, cell number and email address in order to receive notice from our Notify system. Make corrections on the back of your **Attendance Card**.



ZONE MEETING



The first one of the **new year 2024** meeting will be **Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm**. Zone leaders and members: Mark the dates on your calendars. All Members will attend Zone meeting on the scheduled Wednesday night as we continue to grow in the "one anothers." Meeting places as follows:

Zone 1 - Auditorium

Zone 2 - Room 207-208

Zone 4 - Room -212-213

Zone 3 - Will be meeting in the Vance Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm.

Come one, come all see what you have been missing.

Join in the fellowship with YOUR ZONE for the this Year 2024

Schedule of Bible Class Lessons For February

The young adult, middle adult and auditorium classes will engage in the study Following Jesus for 13 weeks beginning on **Sunday**, February 4th. Each of these classes, on Sunday morning, will study Lesson 1 on February 4th; Lesson 2 on the 11th; Lesson 3 on the 18th; and Lesson 4 on the 25th.

The auditorium class will use the Foundations series (Esther) in the **Wednesday evening** class in February. **Lesson 10**, Wednesday, Feb. 7th; **Lesson 11**, Wed—14th; **Lesson 12**, Wed—21st; and **Lesson 13**, Wed - 28th.



For FEBRUARY 2024

Byron McGoughy 01
Bernice Thompson
LaTodd Robinson 02
Richard McClain 03



Morris & Janette Denwiddie will celebrate their **34th Wedding Anniversary on February 3rd**.

Eastern Tennessee Churches of Christ
present

2024 Tennessee State Youth Conference
April 19-21, 2024



Park Vista Hotel in
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Theme: LOVE IS.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

Cost will be \$195.00 per person

Deadline for Registration will February 29th.

Kahoot Bible Trivia – Book of Matthew

Groups: 6th and under &
7th - 12th Grade



Spelling Bee Rules

Promoted to Grade 1st—4th

Promoted to Grade 5th—8th

Words are available at the youth & teen table.

Pageant Guide is available at the
youth & teen table.

Bro. Ray Thomas lost his mother,
Mrs. Lucille Mabry of Trenton. Service
was on this past Saturday.



To the Rayner and Garrett Family in the loss of
Mr. Charles Garrett of Atlanta, GA.

Bro Jessie Baker lost a cousin, Ms. Jori Baker of
Chicago, ILL. Service was this past week.



East Jackson Church Family

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

PRAYER LIST



Sis. Mathenia Barbour, Jesse
Anderson, Louvenia Walker,
Terry Ragland, Janice Cole, Bernice Chatman, Lula Clark,
Eunice Exum, Jennette Gladney, Ruth Ann Gray,
Francheska Grimes, Angela Harvey, Lillie Hines,
Elizabeth Harrison, Hattie Johns, Betty Jones,
Shirley Jones, Paula Kirk, D. Jean Morris, LaGween McDonald, Everjean Parson, Brenda Pearson, Farris Phillips, Helen Pirtle, Earline Ramson, Barbara Reeves, Loustisha Richardson, Corene Steele, Rosie Trice, Vanessa Truelove Jacqueline Waller, Barbara Warlick, Alice Williams, Bro. Ernest Adams, Jr, Roger Bowles, David Greer, Julian Graham, William Branick, Samuel Glenn, Richard McClain, Julius McHaney, Ozie Pearson, Charles Person, James Ragland, 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 and Sis Ruth Womack, Bro William & Sis Rose Branick are asking for prayers for health and strength.



Updates:

Bro Travis Franklin's wife, LaVerne is now home resting well. Please pray for health and strength as she starts on the road to recovery.

Sis Farris Phillips is recovering from surgery, please keep her in our prayers for health and strength.

Sis Paula Kirk is JMCGH in RM 692. Please pray for health and strength.

Sis Brenda Triplett's mother is now home resting well. **Sis Telisha Truelove** is now home rest well. They are asking prayer for health and strength.

Bro. Craig Pearson is asking for prayer on behalf of his sister, who is very ill in Chicago, Ill.

Special Prayer Request for those who are traveling on this weekend. Please pray for safe travel there and back.

