

CHURCH OF CHRIST at East Side

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"We are people of the Book"



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BIG VISION

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

God has a big vision. It's enormous. He wrote the book on vision. He is the original visionary. God's vision is so large that we are unable to wrap our minds around its implications. Even if we had infinite lifetimes to live, we couldn't completely comprehend God's vision. He launched His initial vision with creation. Creation was His baby. God expressed Himself through the creation of the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, plants, animals, sky, water, and most importantly, man.

Man was the crown jewel of God's creation because he was created in the likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Man was the image of God, a mirror of his Maker. Our Lord is an extraordinary visionary. He takes nothing and makes something. He lifts up what seems to be insignificant dirty dirt, and breathes life into it so it becomes a beautiful human being.

God is the expert at taking colorless capability and transforming it into technicolor. His vision is big. He illustrates His creativity and complexity through the creation of earth and all it contains. His vision is also big because He has created no two people the same and each plant and animal is unique in its own special way. Above all else, His vision is personal for every single individual. God has a

vision for our lives that is larger than we think. We tend to limit the Lord's vision with our unbelief and fears. We get so caught up in our day-to-day responsibilities that we forget to focus on the father of big vision – Jesus Christ.

Now what?

Stay extraordinary. Lift your heart and mind to the Lord, and ask Him what His vision is for your life. By faith, do not be afraid to stretch yourself into seeing things as He does. What we see as obstacles, He sees as steppingstones. What we see as limitations, He sees as His provision. What we see as fear, He replaces with faith.

Lift up your eyes from the obvious, and look for the opportunity that stands next to you. Give yourself permission to "think outside the box" of the ordinary, and trust God with the extraordinary. Vision is most effective when updated and stretched. Do more than dust off an old vision. Pray for the Holy Spirit to birth a God-sized vision in your soul. It may mean moving. It may mean changing careers. It may mean more education. It may mean admitting failure, and starting over. Whatever it means for you, focus on God and His vision for your life; He knows how to create a life-changing vision for you. By faith, ratchet-up a more robust vision. Craft your vision around His. Look to Him – He has always had BIG VISION.

Family matters

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Le Marion & Ketema Mitchell, 1/1 ♥ 2 sweet years
 Ernest & De Shondra Booker, 1/2 ♥ 19 wonderful years
 Orlando & Nicole Smith, 1/6 ♥ 11 happy years
 Charles & Cherilyn Wadley, 1/9 ♥ 12 precious years

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2	Heather Johnson
1/5	Gloria Smith Orlando Smith Sterling Smith 8 years old
1/6	Stephanie Williams
1/9	Rendy Gordon
1/10	Walter Shaw
1/11	Amber C. Kelley Michera Moffett 9 years old Shakara Ben 10 Years old
1/19	James Sims
1/21	Lillian Lowe
1/23	Ocie Williams
1/26	Portia Robinson Zion Olivia Moffett 6 years old
1/28	Shirley King
1/30	Willie Sue Anderson

If you would like your anniversary date or birth date listed, please send an email to Sister Maxine or call 477-1647. Please provide your child's birth date and age.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Adell Montgomery, Russell Clemons,
 Jennifer Nwaneri, Jacqueline Francis,
 Stephanie Phillips, the Jermaine Broom family,
 the Anthony Brown family and Archa Rogers.

*"The Lord is watching His children,
 listening to their prayers". 1 Peter 3:12*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Veronica Scott, Eva Davis,
 Robert Dixon, Ella Ray, Marvin Watson
 and Jesse Barnes, Sr.

BIBLE QUESTIONS / BIBLE ANSWERS

Wednesday, January 18th | 7 pm
 Your questions will be answered by
 Brother George Williams.
Please put your questions in the box in the foyer.

The 2012 Austin Area CHURCH OF CHRIST BASKETBALL LEAGUE

will be playing either Thursday or Saturday
 evenings between mid-February
 and the last week of April.
 If you are interested in being a team captain
 or playing on a team, please contact Roger Davis
 512.366.0483 by January 22nd.

"RECLAIMING and REDEDICATING"

Bible Classes | 7 pm (Beginning January 4)
 Evening Worship | 6 pm (Beginning January 8)

January 14 | "We Care"
Care groups meet, pray and go out and visit.

January 21 | "We Care"
Care groups meet, pray and go out and visit.

January 29 | 10 am , Crown Plaza Hotel
 GUEST SPEAKER
 "Return unto the Lord and He Will Have Mercy"
 (Isaiah 55:7)
 "Rekindling the Fire"
 (Revelations 2:4)
 Evening worship | 6 pm, East Side Building

HOME BOUND VISITATION Sunday, January 8, 2012

Ella Ray
 Michael & Crystal Wiltz, Andrea Banks

Jesse Barnes, Sr.
 Theodore & Jackie Smith, Debra Cunningham

Other congregational matters

23rd Annual Ladies Day Program
 Saturday, January 14, 2012 | 8 am - Noon
 Russell Road Church of Christ | Shreveport, LA

Theme: *A Spiritual Makeover-for God's woman*
 Keynote Speaker: Sister Mikki Taylor.
 Ladies, we would like for you to be guest.

Welcome Visitors! You are our honored guests!

Church ministries

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

ATTENTION VAN RIDERS,
starting in January 2012, the vans will pick-up members attending Sunday Bible classes, 11 am worship and Wednesday night Bible classes only.

The will be no van pick-ups for worship 8 am Sunday morning or 6 pm Sunday evening.

Thoughts for the week

God Gives Us All We Need

*And they who know your name [who have experience and acquaintance with Your mercy] will lean on and confidently put their trust in You, for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.
Psalm 9:10*

In His Word, God has given us the tools to help us through each new day. He has given us "the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:3). So, when you wake up in the morning, decide that no matter what happens, you will not be depressed today.

Put on the garment of praise first thing in the morning. Listen to worshipful music, read the Word, and renew your thoughts to bring them into line with what God says you are – *righteous and blessed*. You can think right, talk right, and act right all day, if you spend time with God before trials come your way.

From Starting Your Day Right

JANUARY 7-18, 2012 MINISTRY CALENDAR	
January 7	
Youth Ministry	Youth Meeting @ Bldg., 7-9 pm
January 8	
Ladies Ministry	All Ladies Meeting after evening worship
January 11, 18 and 25	
Health Awareness Ministry	8-Week Weight Mgt, 6:15-6:45 pm @ bldg.
January 13	
Ladies Ministry	SIS Meeting (Time, Place TBD)
January 14	
New Member Ministry	House 2 House Fellowship hosted by CG1, 2-4 pm
Singles Ministry	New Year Kickoff, 2-4 pm @ bldg.
January 18	
New Member Ministry	New Member Orientation 6:30-8 pm @ bldg.
KFC Ministry	Bible Quest, 7 pm @ bldg.

The Apostle Paul says,
"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
*We fight our spiritual battles with the power found in scripture and from the faith growing inside us. Praying this scripture and its spiritual truth strengthens you .
Meditate on Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)*

Sunday, January 8, 2012



Communion Preparers

Sharon McGhee, Brittany Blair
Gail Williams & Cory Jackson

Greeters

8:00 am Latoya Preyer & Janra Powell
11:00 am Sherry Hickman & Cassandra Williams
6:00 pm Janra Powell & Sherry Hickman



Calling Committee

Cynthia Robinson, Debra Cunningham
Frank Haynes & Sharon Crowder
"Am I my brother's Keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)





2012 Church Theme
 "DON'T TROUBLE THE CAMP"
 Joshua 6:18, 19

Happy NEW YEAR!

**2012 WORSHIP SERVICES,
 BIBLE CLASSES & RADIO BROADCAST**

Sunday Morning Worship	8 am & 11 am
Sunday Bible Classes	9:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 pm

**HOW TO BE SAVED
 ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**

Hear the Gospel, Acts 15:7
 Believe in Jesus, John 8:21, 24
 Repent of Sins, Acts 17:30, 31
 Confess Christ, Acts 8:36-38
 Be Baptized, Acts 2:38

SUNDAY, January 8, 2012

**Men Privileged
 to Serve**

	8:00 am	11:00 am	6:00 pm
Opening Hymn	R. McClarron	E. Davis	M. McGhee
Invocation	C. May	S. Watson	C. Nwaneri
Song Service	R. McClarron	E. Davis	M. McGhee
Prayer	C. Hardeman	M. Deen	W. Shaw
Lord's Table	R. Wright	D. Ehigie	H. Patridge
Passion Reader	R. Laing	R. Mosby	R. Laing
Sermon	G. Williams	G. Williams	G. Williams
Announcements	F. Boozer	M. Crowder	F. Boozer
Benediction	R. Mouton	F. Fresch	R. Sells

USHERS: Ervin, Randle, Baker, Hardy, Haynes, King, Matthews, Mouton,