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Thank you for visiting. To those who visited with us via livestream or in person, we're glad you chose to worship with us. You all are our honored quests!

We invite you to read further to find additional ways to connect with us.

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THE SHELTER OF GOD

Psalm 91 speaks of a special place. Notice the readings of Psalm 91:1–2 from both the NIV and the KJV versions of the Bible to catch the power of the words. First, the King James Version reads, He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Second, the New International Version reads, He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

God wants us to come to Him and abide under His shadow because it is a place of expectation and eternal peace. It is a place ripe with the potential of hope and promise. It is an inward retreat from outward disappointments. The secret place of shelter is a place of safety from spiritual evil. Satan has dubbed many people into taking the wrong definition of full-life. People spend their lifetimes lunging for the gold which they think will bring fulfillment and purpose only to find when they get there, they are empty. Gusto living is abiding in the shadow of the Almighty. Gusto living can only be found in Jesus and in His church.

~Clark Tatum

2024 CHURCH THEME

A God for All Times, All Seasons, and All Generations "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

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Please pray, along with East Side's leadership, for the following individuals:

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Victoria Moriole & family on the loss of her mother, Marjorie Moriole.

Jacqueline Francis & family on the loss of her aunt; family travel & spiritual strength.



ENCOURAGEMENT, REPENTANCE, TRAVEL

Nicole Whetstone - repent; medical; family illness; children Malik Crowder - to lead UT students in a big & positive way Patricia McKinzie - repent; prayers for complete healing Frank Moya - finances; children/grandchildren/grandparents; stay focused on God

Danny Phagans - prayers of thanksgiving/had a close call Lori Bledsoe - repent; travel; medical; family illness; job; Bledsoe family

Francine Matthews - travel for seasoned saints Caren Billingsley - well-being; family

Jennifer Williams - travel; my family's mental & physical health Jacqueline Francis - prayers of thanksgiving to God for His answered prayers

Lacy Jones - thanks for prayers on my job situation; best friend's mother's health, as well as my brother's friend & family Stephanie Gupton - homeless/looking for a house to rent; job

HEALTH

Andre Gladney - medical/speedy recovery/hospitalized Anne Roberson - health

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Curtis Brown - continued prayers for my children & their endeavors & that they grow closer to God

Karen Tribue - prayers for successful & speedy recovery for son, James Dunn

Bernadette Vargas - husband's sister, Rita Mohammed's health Anthony B. Ross - medical procedure; children/grandchildren; family illness: RoyAnn, Gilda, Angela, Haywood, Linda, Anthony Jr., & Ed Jones; job search for Dr. Linda Ross Roderick Blair - the family of Bryan Johnson & the East Austin school system on his passing

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Mishane Hightower - prayers for the teams battling the
wildfires in the Texas Panhandle & the families affected

Bill Lyons - son, Jared, as he goes through life's situations;
for grandson to get the help & guidance he needs so he can
battle life's issues; Elaine City's health; continued prayers
for Matt Johnson, Jr. & Charles Murphy

Michael Williams, Jr. - his student who is going through life's challenges; for me & my family as I travel for reservist duty Kenneth Richie - for son, Kenneth Jr., to make good decisions Portia Robinson - thanks for prayers for my family; my classmate's health

Renee Richie - mother's health

Gloria Ellis - family

Gail Abron - continued prayers for Jessie Thomas' health & his wife, Dean

Renee Miles - travel for self & colleague; husband & his family; my parents, finances, health, well-being, & provision





MAR2024

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study, 10–11 am East Side Tech Support, 6–6:45 pm Every Wednesday 3rd Tuesday Mobile Food Pantry, 8:30–11 am

- 2 Youth Service Project, 9am-1 pm
- 2–3 March Madness Concert in Houston (Seasoned Saints)
- 3 EM Leaders & Lead Teachers Meeting, 4:30–5:45 pm
- 5 Men's Rap Session, 7 pm
- 9 FSBS Ladies Brunch, 10 am-1 pm
- 10 Greeters Meeting/Training, 12 pm Ladies Monthly Bible Study, 4:30–5:45 pm
- 12 Men's Bible Class, 7 pm
- 16 Youth Huddle (hosted by Singles), 6:30–9 pm
- 19 Men's Rap Session, 7 pm
- 20 Blood Pressure Screening, 6-6:45 pm
- **22** WINGS, 7 pm
- 23–24 San Antonio Spurs Basketball Game (Married Couples)
 - 26 Men's Bible Class, 7 pm



Please send announcements for the weekly bulletin to announcements@eastsidecoc.com no later than TUESDAYS AT NOON.

Men Privileged to Serve March 3rd			
	10 am	6 pm	
Song Service	Ronny McClarron	Ronny McClarron	
Invocation	Jermaine Broom	Curtis Brown	
Prayer	Demarron Berkley	Anthony James	
Sermon	George Williams	Quinton Smith	
Confessions	Cranston Hardeman	Max Hargrove	
Com/Off	Russell Laing	Cleo May	
Benediction	Jamie Miller	Brannon Pennick	

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

March 3rd & 10th

Alaina Edwards LaKeya Lewis

March 17th

Ariana Edwards Megan Toliver

March 24th

Ariana Edwards De'Ana Williams

BAPTISMAL ROOM CARE AND GARMENTS

March

Brittany Hines René Armstrong

April

Crystal Brinkley Samara Hargrove Allegra Alexander

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to the family!

Terrance (TJ) & Lakeshia (Keshia) Jenkins | Care Group 10
Placed Membership February 25th

Demont McNeil | Care Group 7

Baptized February 25th



Please check Shelby for directory information.



SINGLES MINISTRY MEETING

Sunday, March 3rd | After morning worship | Library

Bro. Leonard Fillmore would like to meet with East Side members who are single. We will be discussing what you would like to see happening in the Singles Ministry/Committee. We will also be appointing two leaders for the ministry. Please text or call Bro. Fillmore (deacon over the Singles Ministry) if you have any questions.

GREETER MEETING/TRAINING

Sunday, March 10th | After morning worship | Library

There will be a Greeter Meeting/Training Sunday, March 10th. This meeting is also for those interested in becoming a greeter. Refreshments will be served.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



UP TO FIFTY PERCENT TUITION DISCOUNT TO INCOMING STUDENTS FROM CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Oklahoma Christian announces the Heritage Scholarship - 50% off tuition for first-time college students who are active in a Church of Christ when coordinated with other OC scholarships. This scholarship is for students entering school in the Fall of 2024 and is renewable for up to eight semesters.

OC's Church Match Scholarship matches the student's church scholarship up to \$1,000 per year for each full-time student from your congregation who maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. This is a fantastic opportunity for a church family to support young people in their pursuit of a university degree.

"Your story, God's purpose" is the mission of our institution. We want students to find their place in God's kingdom, making a difference where they live. OC is all about academic excellence, personal growth, and a vibrant community. We offer a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs led by top-notch Christian faculty. OC, located in a major metropolitan area, offers plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in service projects, internships, and leadership development programs. We encourage your interested students to apply for free today at www.oc.edu/apply.

Thanks for considering my request and supporting OC within your school community. Together, we can empower the next generation towards an incredible future. Feel free to contact me at rick.odell@oc.edu or 479.597.8300 if you have any questions or need more info.

IN THE BROTHERHOOD

CEDAR CREST CHURCH OF CHRIST Dallas, TX Celebrating a Century of Ministry

March 2nd — Community Day Festival
March 9th — Celebration Luncheon
March 10th — Minister & Family Appreciation
March 17th — Legacy Sunday/Past & Present Elders
March 23rd — Celebration Musical
March 24th — 100th Homecoming Celebration
March 31st — Family & Friends Day
Guest speaker every Wednesday night at 7 pm

MARSALIS AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST Dallas, TX

2024 Metroplex Bible Teachers Workshop

Saturday, April 20th | 7:30 am-12:15 pm
Theme: Building a Closer Relationship with God (James 4:8)
*Find more details on the flyer in the display case in the foyer.

BRYAN CHURCH OF CHRIST Bryan, TX Friends & Family Day

Sunday, April 28th Guest Speaker: Bro. Jerrel Moore, Evangelist Southside Church of Christ, Houston, TX



HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY

MARCH: National Nutrition Month

This health observance focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Let's focus on sodium intake and health.

Did you know:

- Your body needs a small amount of sodium to work properly, but too much sodium is bad for your health.
- While sodium has many forms, most sodium we consume is from salt.
- Most Americans consume too much salt.
- Most sodium comes from processed and restaurant foods.
- Eating too much sodium can increase your blood pressure and risk for heart disease and stroke. Together, heart disease and stroke kill more Americans each year than any other cause. Reducing your sodium intake can help lower your blood pressure and improve the health of your heart.

Sodium or Salt?

Salt and sodium are not the same. Salt is sodium chloride which is table salt. Sodium chloride is 40% sodium and 60% chloride. One teaspoon of table salt contains about 2,400 mg of sodium.

What's Sea Salt?

Sea salt is obtained directly through the evaporation of seawater. It is usually not processed, or undergoes minimal processing, and may retain an uneven or darker color, as well as trace levels of minerals like magnesium, potassium, calcium and other nutrients. Table salt, on the other hand, is mined from salt deposits and then processed to give it a fine texture so it's easier to mix and use in recipes. This processing strips table salt of other minerals, and additives may be used to prevent clumping.

Himalayan pink salt is harvested from mines in Pakistan. Similar to sea salt, it is less processed, having larger crystals and some trace minerals.

Is there a health advantage to eating sea salt?

Most sea salts don't offer any real health advantages.

The minute amounts of trace minerals found in sea salt are easily obtained from other healthy foods. Sea salt also generally contains less iodine (added to prevent goiter) than table salt. Because sea salt is not processed, it may contain some impurities found in the ocean such as lead.

Top Ten Sources of Sodium: cold cuts and cured meats, soups, burritos and tacos, savory snacks, chicken, cheese, eggs and omelets (tenth leading source of sodium), breads and rolls, plain milk, poultry.

Sources: https:/www.cdc.gov/salt/

https://www.fda.gov

https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating/eatsmart/sodium/sea-salt-vs-table-salt

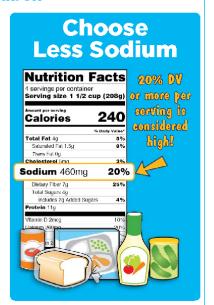
Sodium: Look at the Label

Over 70% of dietary sodium comes from eating packaged and prepared foods

Use the Nutrition Facts Label!

Packaged and prepared foods can contain high levels of sodium, whether or not they taste salty. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is working with the food industry to make reasonable reductions in sodium across a wide variety of foods so Americans have an easier time consuming less sodium if they want to. Even though sodium may already be in these foods, you can follow these steps to lower your daily sodium intake.

- Limit sodium to less than 2,300 milligrams (mg)* per day for adults that's equal to about 1 teaspoon of table salt! Recommended limits are even lower for children under age 14.
- Use % Daily Value (%DV) to see if a serving of food is high or low in sodium and to compare food products. As a general guide: 5% DV or less per serving of sodium is considered low, and 20% DV or more per serving of sodium is considered high.
- Pay attention to the serving size and the number of servings you eat or drink to determine how much sodium you are consuming.



Sodium and Health

Diets higher in sodium are associated with an increased risk of developing **high blood pressure** (also known as **hypertension**). Uncontrolled high blood pressure can raise the risk of heart attacks, heart failure, stroke, kidney disease, and blindness. Consuming less sodium can help reduce your risk of developing these health conditions.

 $^{\,\star}\,$ The Daily Value (100% DV) for sodium—reference amount not to exceed each day





FOLLOW FIVE STEPS TO WASH YOUR HANDS THE RIGHT WAY

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Clean hands can help stop germs from spreading from one person to another and in our communities. Follow these five steps every time:

- 1. **Wet** your hands with clean running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- 2. **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- 3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- 4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
- 5. **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or an air dryer.



East Side Tech Support

Time:

Wednesdays, 6:00p – 6:45p (Starting Jan. 17th, 2024)

Location:

Education Building, rm 104

. Services:

- ShelbyNext Help
- Anti-Virus Check (Windows)
- Network Connection Troubleshooting
- Digital Hygiene Recommendations
- General Question and Answer

Contact Timothy Arnold

with Questions

MEN'S MINISTRY



The Men's Ministry has a weekly call via WebEx taking place at 7 pm Tuesdays. We invite all men to join the call.

We have now been going strong with our call for three years, it has had a significant impact on the brothers who have attended.

There are great topics covered, such as personalities, cohesiveness, and Men's Health issues, along with many more.

Please feel free to join at the following link:

Meeting link:





March Birthdays

- 1 Curtis Brown Nathan Haley Debra Watson
- 3 Casandra Williams
- **7** Kanaan Brown
- 8 Ed Davis
- 9 Alice Watson
- 10 Coleen Azeez
- 11 Bryan McClarron
- 12 Montique Davis
- **13** Eugene Hardeman
- 15 Althea Adams Evelyn Baker Jordan Julius Drew Manor
- 16 Lillie Arnold

- 20 Darryl Manor
- 21 Debra Preyer Kelvin Sideboard
- 23 Bonnie Loving
- 24 Tatyana Archie Sharon Jackson Ronald Price
- 25 Samara Hargrove
- 26 Tamika Estes
- 27 Braeden DeAngelo Blair
- 28 Stevie D. Smith, II
- 29 Zhane Estes Ben Parks Delores Spears
- 30 Karrah Alivia Sells

March Anniversaries

10	Curtis & Ychacka Sells	23 years
11	Ed & Carolyn Davis	47 years
21	Roderick & Brittany Blair	15 years
	Raynal & Tonia Gooden	37 years
28	Glen & Tay Miller	8 years

May God continue to bless your marriage.



Bible Classes for All Ages

Winter | Spring 2024

Sundays | 9 am * Wednesdays | 7 pm

Mission:

The East Side Program provides quality Christian education to Bible students, enabling them to learn Bible facts and principles to encourage a desire to study God's Word and live a Christian life.

Purpose:

To provide a set of guidelines and spiritual foundations upon which children, youth and adults will build a lasting relationship with Jesus, and to develop disciples for Christ within an environment built on love, encouragement, and support.

March 2024 Lessons/Topics

Ages 2&3 | Room 101

A to Z Thru the Bible – E Is For Elijah, F Is For Fish

Ages 4&5 | Room 102

Glow In the Dark – A Series On Jesus Has Risen

Grades 1&2 | Room 110

Glow In the Dark – A Series On Jesus Has Risen

Grades 3&4 | Room 206

Glow In the Dark - A Series On Jesus Has Risen

Grades 5&6 | Room 209

Glow In the Dark – A Series On Jesus Has Risen

Grades 7-9 | Room 203

Reasonable Doubt – A Study From the Gospels On Doubt & Questions

Grades 10-12 | Room 212

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Young Adults | Room 211

Survival Kit: Five Keys To Spiritual Growth

Adults | Room 108

Solving Problems God's Way – A Study of 1 Corinthians

Adults | Room 111

Gospels On Jesus' Parables

Adults | Room 113

New Testament On the Early Church

New Converts Men | Room 107

Successful Living In Today's World - A Study of James and 1&2 Peter

New Converts Women | Room 105

After Baptism, What Then?





"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." ~ Deuteronomy 6:7



Email Communication

The Church of Christ at East Side sometimes uses email to communicate with the congregation.

If you're not receiving emails from the church:

• Check for church emails in your email client's Spam folder.

If there are no East Side emails in your Spam folder:

- Use ShelbyNext to verify your contact information.
- Send an email to info@eastsidecoc.com to request to be added to the East Side mailing list.

If there are East Side emails in your Spam folder:

• Add the sender to your address book and/or report that the email is not spam.

Online Prayer Requests

To make a prayer request, go to www.eastsidecoc.com, use your mouse to hover over Church Information, then click on Prayer Request or click here.

Giving

To give through ShelbyNext, download the app from your device's App Store.

To give online, go to www.eastsidecoc.com, use your mouse to hover over Church Information, then click on Online Giving or click here.

East Side YouTube Channel

Our livestream and many past sermons can be viewed on <u>East Side's YouTube channel</u>.

To receive a notification when East Side begins a livestream, click the Subscribe button, then click the notification bell icon and select All.

RADIO BROADCAST, BIBLE CLASS, & WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Radio Broadcast,
101.1 FM and 1120 AM ~ 8:30 – 9 am
Sunday Bible Classes ~ 9 am
Sunday Worship Services ~ 10 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Classes ~ 7 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

You are saved by grace and the Lord adds you to the church of Christ.

Acts 2:47 | Matthew 16:18 | Romans 16:16

REMAIN FAITHFUL

Hebrews 3:12-14 | 1 Corinthians 10:12



If you need to speak with Brothers George Williams, Mike Deen, or Russell Clemons, please feel free to make appointments with them for a telephone conference to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or spiritual counseling needs.

NEED A RIDE?



Floyd Fresch will be driving the church van to pick up riders for 9 am Bible class and 10 am Sunday worship in March.

Van riders, please call and/or text the van driver at least three hours prior to worship service at