



CHURCH OF CHRIST AT EAST SIDE

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Welcome
Guests

*Thank you for visiting our site. 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 guests!***

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

It Is What It Is!

"It is what it is." Usually said with a glum face and a voice of discouragement, this little saying means things cannot be changed. How wrong! It is true that some things, such as our age, cannot be changed, but most things in life are not static.

"That's how he or she is" implies that the person cannot or will not change. It negates the ability of God to change someone through the power of His Word. It denies that in the future, the person may make an effort to better himself or his circumstances.

The Bible encourages Christians to grow in the knowledge of God and Christ so that we may be filled with the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19). By studying the Bible and praying, we augment our faith and bring our lives into harmony with God's will. God created each of us for the purpose of serving Him and bringing Him glory.

We cannot serve God by looking at people and situations and saying, "It is what it is. I cannot do anything to change it." That fatalistic attitude hinders us from making changes in ourselves and keeps us from trying to help others and making their lives better.

With God's help and the power He gives us, we can see the possibilities of making our world a better place. Let us not give in to feeling overwhelmed and defeated, but lean on God and His power to accomplish the goals He has set before us. May we not forget that we are soldiers in His army. The battle belongs to the Lord, and through Him, we will win many victories.

~By Donna Wittlif

2022 CHURCH THEME

My Eyes Are Fixed on Jesus.

^{1,2}Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV



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

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO
William Lyons & the Mack, Brooks, & Lyons families
on the loss of nephew, Carlton Mack; travel
Tova Charles & family on the loss of her dad,
Mr. Donald Ray Charles



REPENTANCE & ENCOURAGEMENT

Novic
Shalanda Saulsberry
Melody Nelson
Barbara Humphrey
Eyvonne Johnson
Stephanie Cain
Herbert Patridge
Ravon Davis
Peggy Henry-Watters

HEALTH

Marilyn Hall
Brandon Brown
Patsy Grant
Felisha Hooks
Renee Richie
Yolanda I. Alvarez
Cedric Lightner

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gail Abron & Valerie Joiner - Annie Lois Tellis
Angela Daniels - mom
Alicia Jackson - family
Amy Reid - Gihvon, Jahdeya, self, & family
Tracy Burkhalter - mom, self, & family
Susan Smith - nephews, stepfather, & family
Anthony B. Ross, Sr. - my daughter & her husband, my son
Loretta Carter - nephew
Isidra K. Bonner - son, Amani Bonner; family



SICK & SHUT-IN
Nyoka Davis, Ruby Lewis, Alma Wright

Mark Your
CALENDAR 

JAN2022

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study, 10-11 am
3rd Tuesday Mobile Food Pantry, 9:30 am
Wednesday Bible Class, 7-8 pm

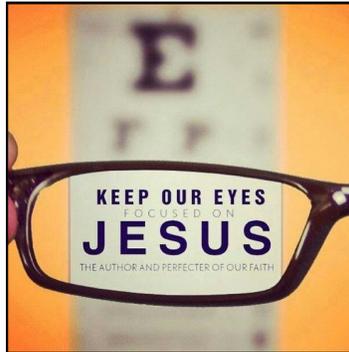
- 4 Men's Bible Class, 7 pm
- 8 All Teachers Mtg, 11 am-12 pm
Seasoned Saints Kickoff, 1-2:30 pm
Singles Ministry 2022 Orientation, 2-4 pm
- 9 All Ladies Virtual Mtg, 4:30-5:30 pm
- 11 FSBS Steering Committee Mtg, 7:15 pm
Men's Rap Session, 7 pm
- 15 Singles Kickoff, 4-6 pm
- 16 Marriage Ministry Rollout, 12-12:30 pm
Winter Contact
- 18 Men's Bible Class, 7 pm
- 23 CG2 Monthly Virtual Fellowship, 3 pm
- 25 Men's Rap Session, 7 pm
- 28 WINGS, 7-9 pm



Floyd Fresch will be driving the church van to pick up riders
for 10 am Sunday worship January-April.

Van riders, please call and/or text the van driver at least
three hours prior to worship service at 512.919.2905.

Theme for 2022: “My Eyes Are Fixed on Jesus.”



As I contemplated all the things we are confronted with as we embark upon a new year, it became blatantly obvious to me that we are inundated with a myriad of distractions. We are dealing with COVID-19, supply shortages, inflation, partisan political divisiveness on an unprecedented level, international tensions with China and Russia, heightened racial tensions, and a plethora of other issues in each of our lives on a personal level. Consequently, it is easy to become spiritually distracted and discouraged. It is easy to become so fixated on the problems in this world and in our own personal lives that we lose sight of our ultimate goal and purpose for living.

The author of the Book of Hebrews wrote a word of exhortation (Heb. 13:22) to a group of Hebrew Christians who had become discouraged by the troubles, trials, and tribulations they were confronted with. Christians were hated and persecuted by the Jewish religious leaders because they did not follow the Mosaic law, and taught that Jesus was the crucified Son of God. They were persecuted and abused by the Romans because they worshiped Jesus as Lord instead of Caesar as Lord. They existed in a hostile, antagonistic, intimidating environment. Consequently, their solution to the problem was to forsake Jesus and Christianity, and return to the Mosaic law and Judaism. However, the Hebrews' author encouraged them to hold on to their confession of Christ (i.e., their faith in Christ) no matter what they had to endure – because the reward is worth it. Listen to the following verses:

- Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession” (NKJV).
- Heb. 10:23, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful”

The Greek word for the expression “let us hold fast” is *katecho* – which means to keep secure, and to keep possession of. In other words, no matter your circumstances, hold on to your faith in Christ because He is your only source of salvation. However, the author not only tells them **WHAT TO DO** (*hold on to your faith*), he also tells them **HOW TO DO IT**. He said the key to holding on to your faith is to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Listen to Hebrews 12:1–3:

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls” (NKJV).

The verb “**looking**” means to turn your eyes away from other things and fix them on one specific thing. In this case, our eyes are to be fixed on, locked on, and glued on the Lord Jesus Christ. Because He is the ultimate and supreme example of One who endured the worst of the worst – yet He never lost sight of His goal and purpose for coming into this world. He was born to die on the cross for our sins, and that is exactly what He did. How was He able to successfully complete His mission, purpose, and goal? According to V 2, He disregarded the agony of the cross by looking beyond the cross to the prize – which was exaltation to the right hand of the Father. He was able to endure His sufferings because His eyes were fixed on the goal. He understood that the cross was not the end of His story, it was only a part of His story, and the end of His story would be glory with the Father forever.

Brothers and sisters, as we are confronted with the various vicissitudes of life in 2022, let us not be distracted from our goal of completing the course set before us by God, so that at the end of our journey, we will hear Him say, “well done thou good and faithful servant.” But the only way we can achieve that is by refusing to be distracted by our trials, our problems, our challenges, our fears, our foes, our failures, and the world and its allurements. Let us stay focused on Jesus in 2022. And when life gets rough, do what the author said in V3, “**consider Him.**” I.e., look intently at what Jesus endured – and lay His sufferings next to our sufferings, and we will see that in truth, we have very little room to complain. The key to successfully running this Christian race is to stay focused on Jesus, who is the originator and finisher of our faith.” I.e., He showed us how it is done!

~George Williams

Announcements

Welcome
New Members

Ryan Brown

Placed Membership Sunday, December 12th
Care Group 5

Tiahna Brown

Placed Membership Sunday, December 19th
Care Group 1

Violet Burkhalter

Baptized Tuesday, December 28th
Care Group 1



Please check Shelby for directory information.

SPRING ALL LADIES MEETING

The FSBS Ladies Ministry will host the 2022 Spring All Ladies Meeting virtually on Sunday, January 9th, at 4:30 p.m. See your email for the Zoom link so that you can join.

In the meeting, we will provide information about this year's theme and activities. We will also share how you can sign up and get involved. We look forward to seeing you there. You don't want to miss it!

*In Sisterly Love,
FSBS Ladies Ministry Steering Committee*



The **2022 Austin-Area Church of Christ Basketball League** starts Saturday, January 15th, in the Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ Family Life Center (also called "FLC" or "Old Gym") located at [11908 North Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78753](#).

If you are interested in playing, please contact either Roderick Blair at [REDACTED] for Eastside Team# 1 or Derwood Kirby at [REDACTED] for Eastside Team# 2. If you are interested in either earning \$5 or \$10 per game doing the scoreclock and/or scorebook, please contact Roger Davis at [REDACTED].

HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY

Don't wait, vaccinate! Learn about Shingles

Shingles (also called herpes zoster, or just zoster) is a painful skin rash, often with blisters. Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus, the same virus that causes **chickenpox**. After you have chickenpox the virus stays in your body and cause shingles later in life.

Know your risk of getting shingles and complications

- About 1 out of every 3 people in the United States will develop shingles during their lifetime.
- If you've had chickenpox, you are at risk for shingles. More than 99% of Americans born before 1980 have had chickenpox, even if they don't remember it.
- Your risk of getting shingles and having serious complications increases as you get older.
- About 1 in 10 people who get shingles develop nerve pain that lasts for months or years after the rash goes away. This is called **post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN)** and is the most common complication of shingles.
- Shingles may lead to other serious complications involving the eye, including blindness. Very rarely, it can also lead to pneumonia, hearing problems, brain inflammation (encephalitis) or death.

Shingles Symptoms: What to Expect

- A shingles rash usually appears on one side of the face or body and heals within 2 to 4 weeks. Its main symptom is pain, which can be severe. Other symptoms can include fever, headache, chills, and upset stomach. Shingles is more common in people **50 years of age and older** and people whose immune system is weakened because of cancer, or by drugs such as steroids or chemotherapy.
- Most people who develop shingles have only one episode during their lifetime. However, you can have shingles more than once.
- **You can't catch shingles from another person. However, a person who has never had chickenpox (or chickenpox vaccine) could get chickenpox from someone with shingles.**
- **Two dosages of the shingles vaccine, 2 to 6 months apart are recommended for adults 50 and older.**

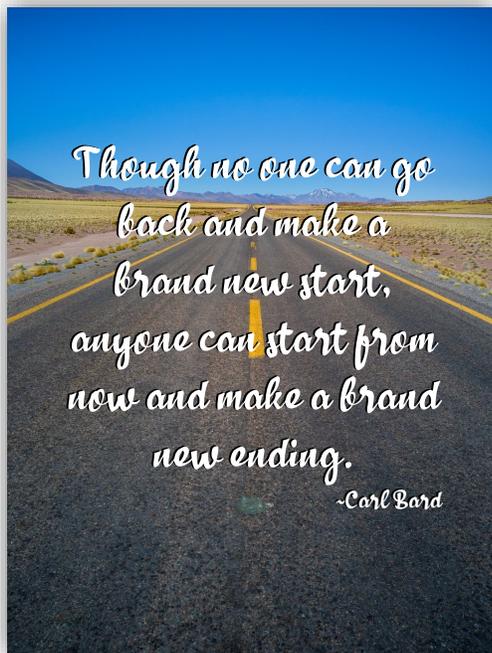
Contact your doctor with questions or concerns about your risk for shingles.

(Source: www.cdc.gov)

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE
Match the subject with the correct passage:

~By Jay Launius

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| 1. | Matthew 7:1-2 | Faith |
| 2. | Colossians 3:16 | Good Works |
| 3. | 2 Corinthians 9:7 | The Lord's Supper |
| 4. | John 4:24 | Singing |
| 5. | Galatians 3:27 | The Word |
| 6. | Romans 10:17 | Judgement |
| 7. | John 1:1 | Heaven |
| 8. | 1 Corinthians 13:13 | Giving |
| 9. | James 3:5-6 | The Tongue |
| 10. | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | Baptism |
| 11. | Revelation 21:4 | Worship |
| 12. | Galatians 6:10 | Love |



January Birthdays

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| 2 Deshar Davis
Heather Johnson | 15 Bethany Davis |
| 5 Taliyah Promise Ehigie Wright
Orlando Smith
Sterling Smith | 19 Makiya Carter
Preston Loving
Kymiah Rogers |
| 6 Stephaine Williams | 21 Lillian Lowe |
| 8 Henry Eke
Brycen McQueen | 22 Alisia Hardison |
| 9 Rendy Gordon
Willie Williams | 26 Carolyn Chamberlain Pennick
Zion Olivia Moffett
David (D.J.) Randolph
Portia Robinson
Samuel Williby |
| 10 Walter Shaw | 27 Savion Moses
Alexis Shaver |
| 11 Amber Kelley
Michera Moffett
Ralph Watson | 28 Velma May |
| 14 Dashya Moore
Quinton Smith, Jr. | 30 Willie Sue Anderson
Zambria Randolph |

January Anniversaries

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| 2 Ernest & De Shondra Booker | 29 years |
| 4 Cranston & Linda Hardeman | 8 years |
| 6 Orlando & Nicole Smith | 21 years |
| 9 Charles & Cherilyn Wadley | 21 years |
| 17 Charles & Mary Alexander | 7 years |
| 19 Michael & Felicia Williams | 9 years |

*May God continue to bless
your marriage.* 



46th Texas State Lectureship 2022
January 23-26, 2022
"Light Shinning in a Dark Place"
2 Peter 1:1-9

2022 Lectureship Times

Sunday, January 23rd @ 5:00pm (In-Person & YouTube Live)

Monday - Wednesday @ 9am (Registration Required)

Monday - Wednesday Evening @ 7pm (No Registration Needed) (In-Person & YouTube Live)

(Mask are required at all times at any MACC events)

The Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ, in partnership with the Cedar Crest Church of Christ, invites you to join us for the 46th Texas State Lectureship, January 23-26, 2022. The theme is "*Light Shinning in a Dark Place*" (2 Peter 1:19), Illuminating Studies from 1st and 2nd Peter. The 2022 Texas State Lectureship will feature dynamic speakers, edifying workshops, in-depth panels, an incredible ladies' program, and an inspiring concert.

Registration will be \$75.00 if you register by December 31, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2022, registration will be \$85.00. Registration includes access to all lectureship sessions, continental breakfast and lunch Monday-Wednesday, and a souvenir booklet.

Payment can be made online. Checks should be made payable to Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ

Mail Payments to:

Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ

Attention: Lectureship

2431 South Marsalis Avenue

Dallas, TX 75216

CashApp Payments

To: SMarsalisAveCOC

For: Name, Congregation, Lectureship Payment

To register or for more information, visit marsalisavenuecoc.org.





Bible Classes for All Ages

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Education Ministry Director

Children

Children's Bible Class lessons are available weekly by email, designed to assist families with holding Bible Class in your home. If you are not receiving this weekly email and would like to, please contact Sis. Ychacka Sells at ychacka@eastsidecoc.com and give her your email address.

Preteens & Teens

There are also classes for our Preteens (grades 5th–6th) and Teens (grades 7th–9th and grades 10th–12th) held via WebEx. For details, contact Bro. Floyd Boozer at floyd.boozer@eastsidecoc.com.

Teens & Young Adults

Teens and Young Adults Bible classes will be held online as Bible lessons will be available on the WebEx link provided by Bro. Jermaine Broom.

Adults

Please remember the Wednesday Night Bible Study streamed over the [Eastside COC YouTube Channel](#) at 7:00 pm every Wednesday evening.

Men's Bible Study and RAP Session

There is also a biweekly Men's Bible Study and biweekly Men's RAP Session held on Tuesdays via WebEx, each at 7 pm. The WebEx link is emailed weekly from the Eastside COC Men's Ministry.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, please remember the FSBS weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study from 10–11 am.

Ladies New Converts

Ladies New Converts Sunday Bible classes are at 1:15 pm. Teleconference call [REDACTED], access code [REDACTED].

1 Timothy 4:6

“Nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine.”

Let's Stay **CONNECTED**

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 online, go to www.eastsidecoc.com, use your mouse to hover over Church Information, then click on Online Giving or click [here](#).

If you would prefer to mail your offering to the church:

- Mail a check or money order to:
PO Box 15595
Austin, TX 78761
- Do not mail your offering to the church building.
- DO NOT SEND CASH.

East Side YouTube Channel

Our livestream and many past sermons can be viewed on [East Side's YouTube channel](#).

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 In-Person & Livestream Worship Service ~ 10 am
Wednesday Livestream Bible Class ~ 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

Have
questions
or need to
talk?



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

PLEASE
NOTE...

Please send announcements
for the biweekly bulletin to
announcements@eastsidecoc.com
no later than **Wednesdays at noon.**

Resumption of In-Person Worship in Our Facility

Due to extensive damages to our building caused by flooding due to burst pipes during Winter Storm Uri, we have been unable to assemble at our facility.

In-person **Sunday morning worship services in our facility will resume at 10 am January 16th.**

Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night Bible study will continue to be streamed on YouTube. Information is forthcoming on the resumption of Sunday evening services.