



#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship	9:00 A.M.
Bible Study	10:15 A.M.
Sunday Evening Service	5:00 P.M.
Wed. Night Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

#### THE RECORD

Sunday Morning Worship (In person 312, YouTube 104)	416
Sunday Morning Bible Class (In person 277, YouTube 48)	325
Sunday Evening Worship (In person 235, YouTube 76)	311
Wed. Night Service (In person, YouTube )	N/A
Contribution	\$22,516

#### RADIO AND TV

LIGHT FOR THE WAY (Speaker: Charles Cochran)  
Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
WFLI Channel 53—THE CW or may also be seen at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@LightfortheWay>

#### GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

Website: [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org)  
“Live Stream” available 24/7  
EPB Cable TV Channel 152

#### GOOD NEWS TODAY

WFLI Channel 53—COMCAST 6 & EPB 6  
Sunday 7:30 A.M.  
EPB Channel 152, GBN  
Saturday, 8:00 A.M.; Sunday, 8:00 A.M. & 10 P.M.

#### INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL HOUR

WFLI Channel 53—Comcast 6 & EPB 6  
Sunday, 7:00 A.M.; Hosted by Jeff Archey  
WLMR 1450AM – Chatt. TN  
Sun. 8:30 P.M. M-F @ 7:15 P.M. Sat. 3 P.M.  
WLMR 103.3FM – Chatt. TN  
Sun. 8:30 P.M. M-F @ 7:15 P.M. Sat. 3 P.M.

#### SEARCH

WDEF, Channel 12  
Sunday, 8:00 A.M.

## EAST RIDGE EVENTS

#### WEEKLY: BENEVOLENCE PROGRAM

Tuesdays 8 A.M.-2 P.M.

LADIES' CLASS—Class will resume  
January 27.

Y. A. H. BIBLE STUDY—Class will re-  
sume January 8.

#### CONTACT ELDER:

January—Luke Griffin  
256-614-2367

**WEDNESDAY, January 7, 2026**

Announcements & prayer.....Gary Atkins  
Song leader.....Johnny Jackson  
Devotional.....Steve Plemmons  
Closing prayer.....Tyler Rhodes

#### **ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!**

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Follow the instructions to contribute by  
check/card. *Check* option is preferred (avoids

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TO LOVE &  
& GOOD WORKS**

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Israel  
Kenya  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Russia  
South Africa

##### STATESIDE:

Benevolence Room  
Bible Correspondence  
Gospel Broadcasting  
Network  
Greater Chatt. Christian  
Services  
Lewistown, Montana  
Light for the Way  
Preaching the Gospel  
In Search of the Lord's  
Way  
World Bible School

## **VICTORY SUNDAY SPEAKERS EAST RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**MIKE HIXSON**  
March 29



**MIKE GREEN**  
May 31



**JUSTIN ROGERS**  
August 30



**GLEN HITCHCOCK**  
November 29



*PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERV-  
ING IN THE ARMED FORCES, PROTECTING OUR FREE-  
DOM, FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, AND FOR THE  
LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY!*



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We pray the Lord will bless our work throughout this year. The following is a challenging statement of resolutions of Jonathan Edwards'. While this is "old" it contains some wonderful thoughts that will encourage us in our service to the Lord.

—Charlie

### Jonathan Edwards' New Year Resolutions:

- "Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live."
- Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, to improve it in the most profitable way I can.
- Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge.
- Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."

I am resolved, no longer to linger. Are you waiting to obey the gospel? Are you waiting to commit your life in faithful service? Why not put those resolutions into action, today!

—CFC



A baby shower will be held Sunday, January 25 from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Room for Alex Weldon. Alex is expecting a little girl (Andi) and she is registered at Target and Amazon.

Our theme for 2026 is taken from Hebrews 10:24. Pray about this, study about it, and let's all strive diligently to "Stir up one another to love and good works."

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TO LOVE & GOOD WORKS**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PAM HAYES is experiencing some health issues and is consulting with her doctors regarding these issues.

LINDA PERRY is recuperating in Memorial Hosp. following back surgery January 5.

ELIZABETH (McBRAAYER) COOK will undergo surgery for breast cancer January 29.

JUDY HILLIS, mother of Perry, is in SICU following surgery for a broken leg.

ROSE DAWSON, mother of Teresa Brooks, had a heart cath recently and will undergo another procedure later this month.

HEYDI BLANCO, wife of one of the preachers in Nicaragua, has been diagnosed with a rare form of ALS.

LILY GUNN, Glynda Turner's sister's granddaughter was able to leave the hospital after 26 days. She and her parents will remain at the Ronald McDonald House for a few weeks until it is safe for her to fly home to Wetumpka, AL.

TIFFANY BICE, niece of Linda Griffin, is seriously ill in ICU.

## LONGTERM PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Brown, Charles Campbell, Lucien Claiborne, D.A. Clark, Gayla Collins, Teresa Cozart, Katrina Edgecomb, Bea Elliott, Sue Ford, Elisha Grider, Yvonne Griffith, Joe Hampton, Eudene Hannah, Phillip Hill, Sally Jackson, Asonia Martin, Wanda Mathews, Don Perry, James Rains, Richard Rogers, Jim Tidmore, Charlie Turner, Glenn/Louellen Westbrook, Miranda Wright.

### PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING NEW ADDRESSES:

Daniel Rhodes  
2536 Crosswinds Lane  
Chattanooga, TN  
37421

Tyler Rhodes  
615 Larry Drive  
Ringgold, GA  
30736

## Stuff From Steve

### YOUNG AT HEART:

Meets tomorrow morning (1/8) at 10:00 in the Connect Room (corner classroom on the Northwest hallway).

We will begin Daniel chapter 2.

### SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN:

The next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in classroom 7. We will be continuing our study of 1 Corinthians.

Till Next Time -- Steve



WE WANT TO WISH JIM TIDMORE A VERY HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY! HE CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY TUESDAY, JANUARY 6! JIM, WE HOPE IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR YOU! WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!

## FROM THE ELDERS

We will have a special presentation of the work planned for 2026 Sunday, January 11 in the Fellowship Rm. Immediately following the evening worship service. Deacons will have a tables set up for service work available in their areas of work. We will hand out a program of work book for 2026 and also a book of the Summer Series lessons that were conducted in 2025. Food will be provided. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Rm.



Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, February 7th for the annual Valentine's Banquet which will be held in the Fellowship Room



Team 2 will meet in Classroom 6 Sunday, January 11, one hour prior (4pm) to our evening worship service. If you would like to participate in writing encouragement cards, please join us!

## COMPASSION CARD MINISTRY

If you have a local family member, neighbor, co-worker or friend that you would like to add to our Card Ministry mailing list, go to:

[ercoc.com/cards](http://ercoc.com/cards)



## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Reminders are posted on Facebook and Instagram. Join the Facebook group "ercoc youth" and/or follow "youth.ercoc" on Instagram. The youth calendar and event info is available at: [ercoc.com/youth](http://ercoc.com/youth).

### ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FOR GRADES 7-12

- ⇒ TEEN SINGING January 11 hosted by the Bethel congregation.
- ⇒ LOCK-IN January 18 at the church building. More details coming soon.



Good Samaritan: Please make sure you are current with turning in your Good Samaritan logs to Carey Lane or Brian/Susan Robinson.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR BIBLE BOWL EVENTS.

(ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FROM 6-8pm.)

- ⇒ February 6—Super Bowl at the Rhodes'
- ⇒ March 7—Leprechaun Bowl at the Frost's
- ⇒ Great new tool! Go to [biblebowl.app](http://biblebowl.app) to download 2026 L2L Bible Bowl questions.

The shepherds want to encourage you to have an additional spiritual meal each week by finding the time to listen to a chosen lesson.



Studies in Colossians—  
Jesus Christ, the Preeminent One (1:15-2:7)

CLIFF GOODWIN

<https://bit.ly/443x6pL>