



### 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	453
(In person 291, YouTube 162)	
Sunday Morning Bible Class	326
(In person 246, YouTube 80)	
Sunday Evening Worship	313
(In person 200, YouTube 113)	
Wed. Night Service	385
(In person 206, YouTube 179)	
Contribution	\$20,080

### 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.  
(Closed December 23 and December 30.  
Will reopen January 6)

LADIES' CLASS—Class will resume  
January 27.

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

### CONTACT ELDER:

December—Joe Gass  
423-508-5284

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WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2025

Announcements & prayer.....Adam Vaughn

Song leader.....Kyle Moses

Devotional.....Austin Fowler

Closing prayer.....Austin Fowler

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card. Check option is preferred (avoids credit  
card fees).



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR  
THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE  
ARMED FORCES, PROTECTING  
OUR FREEDOM, FOR OUR FIRST  
RESPONDERS, AND FOR THE LEADERS OF OUR  
COUNTRY!

# HOLD FAST THE PATTERN

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

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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







There is a beautiful song entitled “To Christ Be Loyal and Be True.” We give our loyalty to so many things. Think of our being loyal to Jesus as you consider the following:

#### LOYALTY TO CHRIST

“The world I thought belonged to me—  
Goods, gold, and people, land and sea;  
Where ‘er I walked beneath God’s sky,  
In those olde days, my word was ‘I.’  
Years passed: there flashed my pathway near  
The fragment of a vision dear;  
My former word no more sufficed,  
And what I said was, —‘I and Christ.’  
But, O, the more I looked on him,  
His glory grew, while mine grew dim;  
I shrank so small, he towered so high,  
All I dared say was,— ‘Christ and I.’  
Years more the vision held its place,  
And looked me steadily in the face;  
I speak now in humbler tone,  
And what I say is, — ‘Christ alone.’  
(— Selected)

Truly, the vision we see of Jesus, found only in the wonderful Gospel accounts, helps us to focus on the One who deserves our loyalty and love! May our hearts be dedicated to nothing above our Lord!

—Charlie

*This will be the last bulletin published for 2025. We will resume publishing January 7th. Thank you to all who read the information in the bulletin! We appreciate your support!*

#### REMINDER:

- **Our Benevolence Room will be closed Tuesday, December 23 & 30.**

*Thanks so much to all who contributed to GCCS this year. East Ridge responded in its usual sacrificial way and the organization exceeded our budgeted expectations. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.*

— Steve Grubb

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSY WARD underwent a procedure December 9 for an issue with her neck. She will possibly need surgery at some point on her neck.

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

JUDY MALONE recently suffered a broken shoulder from a fall.

GUS STONE is now recuperating at home!

ALBERT RUSSELL, father of Teresa Brooks, is recuperating at the home of Neil and Teresa following a hospital stay.

ELISHA GRIDER underwent a fourth surgery on her ankle December 16.

LINDA PERRY will have surgery January 5.

ROSE DAWSON, is recuperating at home following a hospital stay. She will also have a heart cath December 30.

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

## LONGTERM PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Brown, Charles Campbell, Lucien Claiborne, D.A. Clark, Gayla Collins, Ann Cooley, Teresa Cozart, Katrina Edgecomb, Bea Elliott, Sue Ford, 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.



Our hearts rejoice with Jacob Slaton upon his recent baptism into Christ. Jacob was baptized Wednesday, December 3. Jacob also expressed the desire to work and worship under the oversight of the E.Ridge elders.

Also, Karen Newton met with the elders and desires to work and worship here at E.Ridge. Karen is Chris Wehman’s mother. We want to welcome these two who are now part of the family of God that worships at East Ridge!

## Stuff From Steve

### Young at Heart:

Class will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026 in the Connect Room (corner classroom on the Northwest hallway). We will begin Daniel chapter 2.

### Single/Single Again:

Due to scheduling conflicts during the holiday season, there will be no Tuesday evening Bible Studies in the month of December. Studies will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in classroom 7. The group will gather in the Connect Room after classes on New Year’s Eve for a period of fellowship.

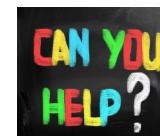
### Closing Thoughts:

As we are approaching the Christmas holiday and the close of 2025, my family and I pray you all have a joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

*Till next year, Steve*



**December 20—Holiday party 5 PM**  
at Austin Fowler’s home.



### BENEVOLENCE NEEDS

Canned meats, soups, vegetables,  
peanut butter  
Towels/wash cloths/blankets  
Pots & Pans  
Boys’ clothes sizes 3, 7, 8, 12 & 16  
Girls’ clothes sizes 4, 5, 8 & 12



Team 3 will meet in Classroom 6 Sunday, December 21 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](https://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](https://ercoc.com/youth).

### ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FOR GRADES 7-12

⇒ **LOCK-IN has been postponed until January 18. More details will be given next week.**



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.)

- ⇒ **January 2—New Year’s Chili Bowl at the Robinson’s**
- ⇒ **February 7—Super Bowl at the Rhodes’**
- ⇒ **March 7—Leprechaun Bowl at the Frost’s**
- ⇒ **Great new tool! Go to [biblebowl.app](https://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 –  
Thanking God for Gospel Fruit (1:1-14)

Cliff Goodwin

<https://bit.ly/3MB3SZ6>