



**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 280, YouTube 137)	417
Sunday Morning Bible Class (In person 251, YouTube 38)	289
Sunday Evening Worship (In person 221, YouTube 138)	359
Wed. Night Service (In person 215, YouTube 88)	303
Contribution	\$20,677

**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 meets each Thursday at 10am in the Connect Room

**CONTACT ELDER:**

January—Luke Griffin  
256-614-2367

**WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2026**

Announcements & prayer.....Paul Hughes  
Song leader.....Tyler Townsend  
Devotional.....Zachary Moses  
Closing prayer.....Gerald Presley

**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!**

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**YOU ARE INVITED**

*TO OUR ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 BEGINNING AT 5PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM. COST WILL BE \$15 TO COVER THE COST OF FOOD.*

*PLEASE SIGN UP ON ONE OF THE SHEETS POSTED AROUND THE BUILDING.*

**ELDERS**

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Charles Cochran  
Austin Fowler  
Eric Garner  
Steve Plemmons

**MISSIONS**

**FOREIGN:**

Haiti  
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



*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!*



**heart to heart** We are so blessed to be part of a wonderful congregation of the Lord's people. I love and appreciate my elders. I am thankful for deacons who faithfully serve. I am blessed to work with good fellow gospel preachers. I am encouraged by this body of Christians! The following article should be read and remembered by each of us.

- Charlie

### WHAT I OWE MY HOME CONGREGATION

Unto the Church of the Lord in every locality, I am under solemn obligation to the extent of my ability, but unto my home congregation, I am under special obligation.

- ⇒ **I want my home congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community.** Therefore, I owe it the example of a good life. For it I must "live soberly, righteously and godly" (Matt. 5:13-16).
- ⇒ **I want the strangers who enter the door of the meeting house to feel at home, to learn to love us, to return from time to time.** They are our guests; I must entertain them. I owe it to them, and to the church to show myself friendly. I must not stand back and wait for others to greet them; this I must do (Heb. 13:2).
- ⇒ **No congregation can make progress without faithful and efficient leaders.** To a certain extent, the members of the church make or break their leaders. To the end that our leaders may be stronger and more efficient, I must give them my support. I must pray for them. As long as they are true men, I must not embarrass them in the work (1 Tim. 5:19).
- ⇒ **My home congregation has financial obligations which are due at regular intervals.** Whether I give or do not give, these obligations must be paid. If it is right for my congregation to pay its obligations each week, it is right for me to give each week. Though circumstances may force me to be absent at times, my contributions should find their way to the treasure of the church (1 Cor. 16:1, 2).
- ⇒ **I know that the very existence of my congregation depends upon the attendance of its members.** In fact, the attendance is the life of the church (Heb. 10:25). For this reason, I must attend the services...all services I can. For all that I have, I would not have said that my congregation perished because I would not attend the meetings.
- ⇒ **I want my home congregation to grow, to multiply in members.** Therefore, I must set to the noble work of winning souls for Christ (Lk. 19:10). This I can do by preaching and persuading; this I can do by persistent effort; this I can do by bringing them to our meetings.
- ⇒ **My home congregation cannot thrive in a frigid atmosphere.** I must not by my carelessness allow the church to become a place where hearts are chilled. I must make it a place where hearts are warmed. Therefore, I owe it to my heart, the warmth of my life, I must forgive and forget (Mt. 6:14, 15).

Wishing to be honest, I must meet my obligations to the best of my ability. I must with the help that God gives, play my part in the incomparable work of building up the body of Christ.

- Frank L. Cox

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**DON AND PAM HAYES** are both experiencing some health problems. Pam will be consulting with her physicians soon.

**LINDA PERRY** is recuperating at home following back surgery January 5.

**DOUG & RHONDA MCVEY** are both sick at home.

**RICHARD ROGERS** home following a stay in the hospital with heart issues.

**EUGENE CORDELL**, uncle of Leslie Weaver & Melissa Frost, is struggling with cancer.

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

**JUDY HILLIS**, mother of Perry, is recuperating at East Ridge Life Care following surgery for a broken leg.

**ROSE DAWSON**, mother of Teresa Brooks, will have a procedure February 17.

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

**TIFFANY BICE**, niece of Linda Griffin, is seriously ill.

**MISSY WARD** will have a procedure on her neck January 30.

## 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, Glenn/Louellen Westbrook, Miranda Wright.



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear brother, David East. Bro. East was a former minister of the East Ridge congregation and in later years a regular member. His service will be Saturday, February 7th at the Hillsboro church of Christ in Nashville. Visitation will be at 11am and the service will

be at 2pm. If you would like to go to the service, please let Charlie Cochran or Steve Grubb know so plans can be made.

Also, we are sorry to inform you that one of our sweet sisters, Martha Pitts, passed away Monday, January 19. Arrangements will be available soon.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this difficult time of the loss of their loved ones.

### YOUNG ADULTS "BETTER MONDAY"

We will go to the Riverbend congregation in Dalton Monday, January 25 to hear Eric Lyons speak. We will be leaving the church building at 6:15pm.

## Stuff From Steve

### Young at Heart:

Meets tomorrow morning (1/22) at 10:00 in the Connect Room (corner classroom on the Northwest hallway) and on Zoom. We will continue in Daniel chapter 2.

### Single/Single Again:

The next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in classroom 7. We will be continuing our study of 1 Corinthians.

*Till Next Time -- Steve*



**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.

- If you missed the meeting Sun., 1/18 to turn in your meal choices for convention, please see Brian or Susan Robinson immediately. They must be turned in by January 28.
- There are sheets in the foyer with a list of upcoming important dates. Please be sure to pick one up if you haven't already.

The flower closet in the attic has been cleaned out and the items are in the balcony hallway. Anyone is welcome to get whatever they would like. We will slowly start throwing them away since there is not enough room in the trash cans for all of them.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELF!



**Team 4** will meet in Classroom 6 Sunday, January 25, 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** February 8. The E.Ridge congregation will be hosting. Kyle Moses will conduct the devo. *We need volunteers to help serve food and refreshments.*

⇒ **"THE CHALLENGE" WINTER RETREAT** February 14-15 The Lodge in Sevierville, TN. The address is 475 Apple Valley Rd. **Application deadline is tonight.** There is a fee of \$60/person, but this includes all meals, snacks and t-shirts. This event is hosted by the Pleasant Grove church of Christ.

**VALEN-FRIENDS BAGS:** Valenfriends bags to encourage our shut-ins will be in the foyer soon, along with a sign-up sheet for deliveries. There will be 18 bags. Please be thinking about what you would like to give each one (small things). Cards are the best so you can let them know you miss them and are praying for them. Bags will be delivered the week of Valentine's



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.



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

Christ's Supremacy and Sufficiency - Studies in Colossians - The Effects of Being Risen with Christ (3:1-4:6) - Cliff Goodwin

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