



**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 412  
 (In person 325, YouTube 87)  
 Sunday Morning Bible Class 318  
 (In person 272, YouTube 46)  
 Sunday Evening Worship 299  
 (In person 221, YouTube 78)  
 Wed. Night Service 321  
 (In person 222, YouTube 97)  
 Contribution \$23,484

**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 14, 2026**

Announcements & prayer.....Clint Benson  
 Song leader.....Cooper Williams  
 Devotional.....Epifanio Carranza  
 Closing prayer.....Neil Brooks

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 credit card fees).



*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!*

**STIR UP ONE ANOTHER  
 TO LOVE  
 & GOOD WORKS**

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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**

Bill Clements  
 Mike Frost  
 Joe Gass  
 Luke Griffin  
 Jared Hueter  
 Robbie Rhodes  
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[elders@ercoc.com](mailto:elders@ercoc.com)

**MINISTERS**

Epifanio Carranza  
 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



**heart to heart** **A WONDERFUL SERVICE:**  
 This past Sunday night was an uplifting service! Jared Hueter, one of our elders, shared a special devotional. Russell Lively presented the 2026 budget. Luke Griffin, another one of our shepherds, gave the plan of work for 2026! Jared told us of a new “app” called “Lightpost.” After worship we went to the Fellowship Rm. and had a meal together. We also saw the great opportunities for working in various ministries. There were display tables focusing on areas of service. A large number of people came to this time of challenge and opportunity to serve in this congregation. Remember our theme for 2026 is “Stir one another up to love and good works” (Heb. 10:24). We know that Sunday night provided a tremendous encouragement to each of us to look forward with excitement and zeal to 2026! Just imagine what the Lord can do through this congregation this year! To Him Be the Glory!

—Charlie

## 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.

**MATTHEW MOSES** will have his wisdom teeth extracted Friday, January 16.

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

**DAVID EAST**, a former minister of the East Ridge congregation, and later a member here, suffered a stroke in Nashville. Cards may be sent to him at 5031 Hillsboro Pike, Apt. 503, Nashville, TN 37215.

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

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

**CHRIS HOWARD** is recuperating at home following a hospital stay.

**JUDY HILLIS**, mother of Perry, is in Erlanger Hosp. 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.

**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.



*Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, February 7th for the annual Valentine's Banquet which will be held in the Fellowship Room beginning at 5pm.*

## Stuff From Steve

**YOUNG AT HEART:** Meets tomorrow morning (1/15) at 10:00 in the Connect Room (corner classroom on the Northwest hallway) and on Zoom. We will continue in Daniel chapter 2.

**SINGLES/SINGLE AGAIN:** Bible Study will be next Tuesday (1/20) 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.**

- There is a very important meeting following the p.m. service Sun., Jan. 18 for all attending convention. **This is to sign up for meals.**
- Storyline taping is Sat., Jan. 17. The groups below will meet in the Connect room.

3rd-6th grades meet at 2pm

7th-12th grades meet at 4:30pm

*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.”

**STIR UP ONE ANOTHER  
 TO LOVE  
 & GOOD WORKS**



**Team 3** will meet in Classroom 6 Sunday, January 18, 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:

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## 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

⇒ **LOCK-IN January 18.** The lock-in begins at 9pm. We will take the buses from the church building to the gym at Boyd-Buchanan for basketball and dodgeball until midnight. Then we will return to the church building for games. Breakfast will be provided. **WE STILL NEED CHAPERONES. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE SEE EPIFANIO.**

⇒ **TEEN SINGING February 8** hosted by East Ridge congregation.

### ASKING HIM FOR STRENGTH

Are you a person in need of renewal? Jesus certainly understands what it means to be weary and exhausted. Several times in the Gospels we read how He retreated to rest and renew Himself.

Sometimes we feel guilty for being tired, but that is normal. If you are tired and your spirit needs refreshing, first realize that it is okay to be tired and seek rest. Then ask God to give you rest, refreshment, and peace. Take time to renew by spending time with Him.

“The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.”

Psalm 29:11 (NKJV)



**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: False Doctrine – Characteristics and Consequences (2:8-23)

CLIFF GOODWIN

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