

9 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME: Russell Lively

SONG LEADER: Johnny Jackson

PRAYER: Jackson Ellis

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE: Jared Hueter

SPEAKER: Eric Garner

“BE PREPARED”

PRAYER: Cooper Williams

CLOSING SONG:

6 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME: Russell Lively

SONG LEADER: Cooper Williams

PRAYER: Nathan Barnes

SPEAKER: Eric Garner

“CAN WE KNOW GOD?”

SONG

CLOSING PRAYER: Lamar Matherley

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Contact elder for the month of September is Russell Lively (423) 316-2824

Out of reverence to our Lord, we ask that you

PLEASE TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES. *Thank you!*

Welcome to *East Ridge church of Christ* September 6, 2026

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come again at every opportunity. If you have questions, or a need in which we can assist you, please contact our office Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:30 and Friday from 8:30-2:30.

Listed below are classes which we offer for all ages. We encourage everyone to stay and participate in one of these classes.

CHILDREN

Room

21 – Cradle Roll/1 yr. olds

20 – Two yr. olds

19 – Three yr. olds

18 – Pre-K

Room

17 – Kindergarten

15 – 1st & 2nd Grades

2 – 3rd Grade

3 – 4th & 5th Grades

ADULTS

Room

Auditorium

6 – (Veterans of Faith)

8 – (New Converts)

22 – (Nest Builders)

4 – (Young Adults)

G – (Truth Seekers)

Topic

The Early Church

James

The Fundamentals

Romans

Survey of the New

Testament

One Word

YOUTH

Room (Fellowship Building)

L2L Rm. – 6th – 8th Grades

Teen Rm. – 9th – 12th Grades



Teachers

Lamar Matherley

Steve Plemmons

Robert Darby/Charles Cochran

Eric Garner

Austin Fowler

Steve Grubb

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

“BE PREPARED”

Scripture: Proverbs 6:6-8

Thesis: When times arise when our faith is challenged or an opportunity to teach the lost presents itself, we must be prepared to give an answer, defend the faith and preach the gospel.

INTRODUCTION

There are natural consequences to being unprepared.

- Fear, stress, anxiety, low self-esteem and doubt.

As Christians, we should always be prepared to ...

I. Give An Answer

Context of 1 Peter 3:13-17: Suffering for Right and Wrong.

- Must set God apart in our _____.

- Our _____ expose our heart. (Matt. 14:18-20)

- It is imperative that we _____ our hearts. (Prov. 4:23)

Answer the unbeliever.

- Satan has _____. (Acts 13:8-10; 1 John 3:1)

- Satan’s children do his _____. (John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8)

- Satan’s will _____ God’s will. (John 10:10)

II. Defend The Faith

Philippians is one of Paul’s “prison epistles”.

- Many were _____ to defend the faith. (Phil. 1:16:17)

There are those that will attack truth.

- Satan has _____. (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

- Satan’s ministers will _____ salvation. (Jude 3-4)

III. Preach The Gospel

Paul’s epistle to Rome.

- Paul was not _____ of the gospel. (Rom. 1:15-16)

We must be ready to evangelize.

- The _____ trickles down. (Matt. 28:19-29; 2 Tim. 2:2)

- We never know when _____ will present itself. (2 Tim. 4:1-2)

- There are still _____ that need the _____ of the gospel. (Col. 1:5-6)

- It may take _____ other words. (Acts 2:40)

- _____ must be coupled with _____. (2 Tim. 2:24-26)

CONCLUSION

If we will sanctify the Lord in our hearts, stand firmly for the truth and remain ready to teach the gospel, we will be prepared to meet every opportunity and challenge with the faithfulness God requires.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Perry Hillis is home following recent shoulder surgery. Nickie Garner is home following a stay at Life Care of East Ridge. Jerico Fowler is struggling with chronic migraines. Please keep him in your prayers as he and his doctors seek answers and an effective course of treatment. Nelda Twitchell is confined at home and would love visitors. Please call (423) 413-9170 before visiting. Francis Jane Everett, mother of Carla Scruggs, fractured her wrist and pelvis in a recent fall. She is in Soddy Daisy Healthcare Center. Prayers and cards are appreciated: 9009 Hixson Pike, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379. **Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia!** **CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Alma Ashmore, Margaret Brown, Chanda Busby, Charles Campbell, Lucien Claiborne, Rose Dawson, Katrina Edgecomb, Bea Elliott, Larry Foy, Joe Hampton, Eudene Hannah, Don/Pam Hayes, Phillip Hill, Sally Jackson, Benita Lakey, Matt Lane, Wanda Mathews, Isabella Orman, Rebecca Owens, Don Perry, James Rains, Richard/Sara Rogers, Albert Russell, Tyler Schreck, Jim Tidmore, Elijah West, Glenn/Luellen Westbrook, Judy Whaley, Allen Womack, Michelle (Green) Young.

YOUTH: This evening we welcome back all those who participated in the Ney-A-Ti retreat.

YOUNG ADULTS: *No Better Monday on the 7th due to Labor Day.* **Dinner & a Mentor: 9/21** at the Millers’ house.

YOUNG AT HEART: Weekly Bible study resumes on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10am in the Connect Room and on Zoom. On Tuesday, September 15 at 2pm, we’ll host the monthly birthday party at Martin-Boyd Christian Home. Details will be discussed when the class resumes.

SENIOR MEMBERS DAY TRIP: Friday, September 25, we’ll travel to Petros, TN to tour Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary. If you’ve never been to the big house, but always wanted to go, here’s your chance to visit without having violated the law. We’ll depart the building at 8:30am and return at approximately 5pm. We’ll have lunch on the premises at the Warden’s Table restaurant. Estimated admission for the prison tour is \$33.79 for those under 65 and \$27.90 for those 65 and up. You’ll carry your admission money and money for lunch with you. The tour does involve some stairs and uneven terrain; however, you tour at your own pace and you shouldn’t find it to be too strenuous. A sign-up sheet is on the table beneath the video monitor in the foyer. Sign-up deadline is September 21.

SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN: Weekly Bible studies will resume this Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6pm in Classroom 7.

LADIES TUESDAY NIGHT CLASS: Class meets Tuesdays in the Connect Room at 6pm. We are studying of the book of Luke.

COMPASSION CARD MINISTRY: Team #1 will meet today at 5pm in Classroom 7. 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**.

BENEVOLENCE: Needs for September are canned vegetables, tuna & chicken (cans or pouches), cereal, bar soap, deodorant, travel size shampoo and dishes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Congregation-wide Door-Knocking Day is Saturday, Sept. 19.

SYMPATHY: We are saddened to announce that Angi O’Neal Lee, former E. Ridge member, passed away last Monday following a brief battle with cancer. Please remember her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one.