9 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME: Bill Clements

SONG LEADER: Robbie Rhodes

PRAYER: Chris Ward

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE: Gary Atkins

SPEAKER: Eric Garner

"A MIND TO WORK"

PRAYER: Logan Petty

CLOSING SONG

6 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME: Bill Clements

SONG LEADER: Mark McKeel

PRAYER: Nathan Barnes

SPEAKER: Eric Garner

"THE WORK OF THE CHURCH"

SONG

CLOSING PRAYER: Paul Baumberger

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 April is Bill Clements (423) 504-7331

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

April 26, 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	Room
21 – Cradle Roll/1 yr. olds	**17** – Kindergarten
20 – Two yr. olds	**15** – 1st & 2nd Grades
19 – Three yr. olds	**2** – 3rd Grade
18 – Pre-K	**3** – 4th & 5th Grades

YOUTH

Room (Fellowship Building)
L2L Rm. – 6th – 8th Grades
Teen Rm. – 9th – 12th Grades

ADULTS

Room	Topic	Teachers
Auditorium	A Chronological Study of The Gospels	Lamar Matherley
6 – (Veterans of Faith)	Esther	Steve Plemmons
8 – (New Converts)	The Fundamentals	Robert Darby/Charles Cochran
22 – (Nest Builders)	Romans	Eric Garner
4 – (Young Adults)	Survey of the New Testament	Austin Fowler
G – (Truth Seekers)	One Word	Steve Grubb

"A MIND TO WORK"
Scripture: Nehemiah 4:4-6
Thesis: Those who choose diligence over complacency display a heart committed to accomplishing the work of the Lord.

INTRODUCTION
Nehemiah had a decision to make.
*** Comfort or discomfort. Convenience or disruption. Complacency or disquiet. Nehemiah displayed a mind to work.**

I. PRAY (1-4)
Nehemiah prayed.
*** Prayer is _____ time with God. (Matt. 6:6; Mark 1:35).**

*** Prayer must be _____. (I Thess. 5:17)**

*** We should approach _____ with diligent prayer. (Phil. 4:6)**

*** Prayers are _____ when they are not _____. (James 4:2)**

II. PLAN (2:9-16)
Nehemiah planned the work.
*** _____ the work, and _____ the plan. (Prov. 21:5; 24:27)**

Nehemiah anticipated obstacles.

*** Jesus addressed this. (Luke 14:28-32)**

Even God planned.

*** _____. (Acts 2:22-23; Ephes. 3:11; I Pet. 1:18-20)**

III. PRODUCE (3:1)
Despite the opposition, they began rebuilding the wall and sheepgate.

*** Procrastination hinders growth: _____, _____, _____.**
(II Cor. 8:10-12)

*** We cannot _____ our responsibilities. (Ephes. 4:16)**

*** _____ is fleeting. (John 9:4)**

*** Procrastination is _____. (James 4:17)**

CONCLUSION
God's work is not accomplished by intention alone, but by hearts committed to praying, planning and acting. If we will choose diligence over complacency, we too can be counted among those who truly have a mind to work.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Chanda Busby** is experiencing serious health issues. **Abigail McDonald** is recuperating from surgery for kidney stones. She will have another procedure soon **4/10. Nelda Twitchell** is experiencing serious eye issues. **Logan Petty** is experiencing health issues. **Don Hayes** will have an MRI of his back soon. **Matt Anthony,** son of Ron & Sherry, is recuperating following a surgical procedure. **Tom Franklin,** a former member at East Ridge, had a surgical procedure last Wed., **4/22**. **Lorraine Curtain** will have thyroid surgery soon. **Greg Hall** is experiencing several health concerns and he is his wife's only caregiver. **Glen Townsend,** husband of Debbie Riemke's cousin, suffered a stroke recently. **Tresa Roth,** our sister in Fairfax, VA, who lost her twin sister, the twin sister's husband and 2 of their 5 children in a plane crash. Tresa has already had the tragedy of losing her husband as a 9/11 related death. Please remember in prayer, Tresa, her own 5 children and the surviving children of her sister. ***Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia!*** ***CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:*** Margaret Brown, Charles Campbell, Lucien Claiborne, Dorris Clark, Gayla Collins, Rose Dawson, Katrina Edgecomb, Bea Elliott, Elisha Grider, Joe Hampton, Eudene Hannah, Don/Pam Hayes, Phillip Hill, Sally Jackson, Wanda Mathews, Rebecca Owens, Don Perry, James Rains, Albert Russell, Tyler Schreck, Jim Tidmore, Charlie Turner, Elijah Walker, Glenn/Luellen Westbrook, Judy Whaley, Michelle (Green) Young.

YOUTH: Graduation Night: 5/3 in the Fellowship Room Sunday after pm worship service. **Recess:** Sat. **5/9** in the Youth Room at 6:30pm. Ages 14 and up.

YOUNG ADULTS: Men of Valor/Soul Sisters Studies: 4/30 Better Monday: Bible study in the Connect Room at 7pm. **Lookouts game: 5/15** Tickets will be $12. Please let Austin know if you want to go.

YOUNG AT HEART: The next meeting will be April 30, 2026 at 10am in the Connect Room and on Zoom. We will continue in the book of Daniel.

SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN: Our next meeting will be **5/5**. We will continue our study of I Corinthians.

COMPASSION CARD MINISTRY: Team **#4** meets today at 5pm in Classroom 6. 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 April are canned foods, cereals and children's clothes.

PANAMA VBS CAMPAIGN: The 2026 Panama VBS Campaign will be June 6-13. Those who are participating from the E. Ridge congregation are: Epifanio, Kalel, Karen, Liam and Nicolai Carranza, Bill Clements, Austin Fowler, Caroline, Charlie, Courtney, Jane, Jared and Jonas Hueter, Garrett Plemons and John Scruggs.

GRADUATION NIGHT: Sunday, May 3 in the Fellowship Room following evening worship service. Graduating teens need to email Epifanio their song, display portrait and pics for the slideshow. His email is epifanio3msop@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION GENTLEMEN!! ***Mark your calendars for the upcoming Men's Retreat at Camp Ney-A-Ti! Dates are May 1 & 2. The following lessons will be presented: "Involvement in the Church", "Involvement with Each Other" and "Involvement in the Home". Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Robbie Rhodes or Ken Moses.***

WELCOME: We are happy to announce that Bobby Hall met with our elders and has expressed his desire to work and worship under their oversight. If you haven't already met Bobby, be sure to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome to the family of God at East Ridge.

BRIDAL SHOWER: Ladies, remember the bridal shower for Camryn Williams today, April 26th, in the Fellowship Room from 3-5pm. Camryn is registered at Amazon and Walmart.