



March 26, 2023

“The Gift of Disillusionment”

Psalm 121: 1-2

Rick Miller

Leadership Link

We want to keep the congregation up date on all the recent improvements and upcoming activities at ECC. This is a list of some of the items that the ECC leadership team is currently working on.

- We will be starting a **sermon series on prayer in May, accompanied by a mid-week study.**
- We will be having some **new small group Bible studies this summer.**
- Repairs are being made to the **exterior soffits and facias** that were recently damaged by high winds.
- Repairs to the **baptistry** are completed.
- Improvements to the **stage lighting** will be made soon to improve the video of those joining our worship services online along with enhancing light quality for preschool and other events.
- **HVAC**–Phase 1 of 3 is completed– the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall are the updated spots. Phase 2 would be Foyer & downstairs classrooms once approved to move forward. Phase 3 would be Offices, Nursery & down stairs expansion classrooms. Setback temps are being utilized during off hours for energy savings.

Eastview Community Garden

If your family or organization is interested in planting a garden this year or if you would like to help volunteer, please sign up in the foyer or contact Michael Edwards at 765-342-1655.



Communion Preparers Needed for June & July-

Small but important opportunity (ministry). Great opportunity for you and your family to serve together. Can be prepared during the week or weekend. Only takes about 30 minutes to prepare and about 15 minutes after service. Kids will enjoy helping out while learning to serve others. We will gladly answer questions and show you how to prepare communion! Sign up sheet in the foyer or call the office for more information at 765-342-4483.

Eastview office hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9-4 , Friday 9-1. Closed Tuesdays.



Resurrection Service Times

Sunday, April 9th

Breakfast– 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School– 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service– 10:00 a.m.

Resurrection Breakfast -

If you would like to help the Fellowship Team with this event, they are in need of **egg breakfast casseroles**. If you would be interested in making one for the Resurrection Breakfast, please sign up at the table in the foyer. Thank you!

Nazarene Food Bank-

ECC will be collecting “SPAGHETTI SAUCE AND PASTA” for the month of MARCH. The collection basket is in the foyer by the library.

Children & Youth

Church Camp Scholarships-

A big **THANK YOU** to our generous Eastview congregation... all of our Eastview kids have been covered by your Camp Allendale scholarship donation money!



Children’s Ministries Pitch-In Easter Luncheon NEXT Sunday, April 2nd-

Easter in Five Letters. A family experience—simple, slow, sacred. Take your family on a multi-sensory journey to the boundless love of God. Light lunch provided. **Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP by TODAY at the Children’s Ministry Check-In. Thank you!**

ECC VBS is Sunday, June 25th– Friday, June 30th-

ECC Keepers of the Kingdom, Learning to use the Full Armor of God.

Kountry Kids Preschool-

KKP is currently accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Preschool Director, Johnna Barker, at 765-342-4483, ext. 16 with any questions.

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*You may also contact any of the staff via
e-mail:firstname@eastviewchristianchurch.org

Study & Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts in the Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Scripture Searchers Online B.S.
Friday: 7:00 p.m. Overcomers- downtown at Lynay Center

Sunday March 19, 2023

Sunday Worship Attendance

In Person	149
* Online Connections	27
* Additional Weekly Reached	23

* Please note the online numbers are conservatively estimated based on number of views per device. It does not directly reflect the number of those watching and being reached on those devices.

Sunday School	61
Offering 3/12 & 3/19	\$ 20,064
Weekly Budget Target	\$ 8,365

This week...

Tuesday, March 28th	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Scripture Searchers Online B.S. (Contact Sam Willard 317-270-2005) 6:30 p.m. Passover Meal- F. Hall 7:00 p.m. Overcomers
Friday, March 31st	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday, April 2nd	10:00 a.m. Worship Service Children's Ministry Easter Pitch-In

MINISTRY IN MOTION

Reaching People FOR Christ and
Building People UP IN Christ
March 26, 2023



Rick's Reflections...

It is not often that we take a deeper look into the book of Jeremiah. Not in context anyway. In this day and age it brings a very relevant message. If ever there was a message to a people who were in a bad way as a nation and need a new perspective, (which ironically is a very old message) we are that people. Our cultural mindset is so self-focused that we have forgotten how to trust and depend on God alone, in spite of our circumstances. The people of Judah & Israel had turned away from God to serve their own desires. It led to disaster. But even in the midst of that breakdown God sent His messenger to encourage the people to take their medicine but remember who He is and the promises He has made. There is hope even in the midst of disappointment.

Enduring hope, rooted in faith, produces patience. (II Cor. 4:17-18) As we look at where we are as a nation it is very clear that culturally we have drifted far from our founding principles. We have pushed God out of the picture and replaced Him with the "wisdom" of man! This has and will continue to lead to the deterioration of society and the removal of the blessings that come from honoring God. It will be up to the people of faith to both hold true to the Scriptures and represent God with a real and loving message.

Discipline comes for the purpose of correction and strengthening. It comes because we are loved and because we need it. Just like in the days of Jeremiah, we must recognize what is happening around us, why it is happening and what the God honoring response must be. Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet because the bad news that he carried broke his heart. But with the bad news came a message of hope for those who would turn back to God. May we, see the truth, tell the truth, and live the truth in our generation. God is the God of restoration and He is always waiting with arms wide open for those who will return to Him. May our hope lead us to a life of trust and obedience no matter what the circumstances.

Blessings