

December 7, 2025

"The Nativity: Unwrapping the Story"

Matthew 1:18-23

Rick Miller

**Today immediately after Worship Service
in the Fellowship Hall!**

If you visited or began attending in 2025, we want to invite you to join us today for an informal, free meal! This is a chance to meet church leaders, learn about the ministry of ECC, and ask any questions you have about us. Our goal is to be an open book. We would love to have you join us!



New Eastview Cookbooks have arrived!!

Great gift idea for the holidays! 300 recipes from some of our amazing cooks in our congregation! **\$15 per book. (Prewrapped books available!)** See the table in the foyer. Cash and check accepted. See Tina Elliott or Karen Luther for more details.

*** They will be announcing a winner for a FREE COOKBOOK this Sunday!**
(selected from those who submitted a recipe for the cookbook).

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24th @ 6:00 PM.

Celebrate the Joy of Jesus with Carols, Message & Candlelight

Tithing at Eastview-

There are 3 easy ways to give-

There are **two brown donations boxes** in the back of the Sanctuary (for cash/checks).

Scan this QR code with your cellphone camera to go directly to our online "Breeze" giving site.

Text the amount you would like to give to our text-to-give number: 765-248-3131.

Contact Robin Day at 765-342-4483 x 6 with any questions.



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Overcomers Holiday Schedule as follows:

Dec. 12, 2025 - OPEN Meeting

Dec. 19, 2025 - OPEN Meeting

Dec. 26, 2025 - Meeting CANCELED

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and we are still available for individual assistance on a needed basis, by calling us or the church office.

Blessings - Lee and Deby Mahon (765-318-6093)

ECC's Food of the Month is "Condiments & Peanut Butter"-

You can drop donations off in the basket by the library.

Donations go to the M1 Nazarene Food Pantry.



Thank you Eastview!

Thanks to you, over **100 children** will receive the blessing of a Christmas gift box and hear the Gospel— maybe for the first time!

(Of the 100, 40 were filled by our ECC kids... plus a few donated online).

Please pray for the workers who will deliver the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, the teachers who will disciple the children and especially for the Lord to open the hearts and minds of the children who will receive your box.



Communion Preparers Needed for 2026!

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.**

December Advent Readings-

Advent is a season of expectant hope where together we can reflect on the restoration we have in Jesus' birth. From Sunday, Nov. 30th until the week of Christmas an individual or family from our congregation will be doing an advent reading at the beginning of Worship Service.

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 e-mail: firstname@eastviewchristianchurch.org



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Study & Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages
 (Pick up a list of classes at the Welcome Center)
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Overcomers- ECC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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| Sunday Worship Attendance | |
| In Person | 136 |
| * Online Connections | 52 |
| * Additional Weekly Reached | 20 |
| * 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 | 60 |
| Offering 11/23 | \$ 5,885 |
| Offering 11/30 | \$ 6,219 |
| Weekly Budget Target | \$ 8,942 |

This week...

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| Monday, December 8th | 5:00 p.m. Elders Meeting 7:00 p.m. KKP Christmas Party |
| Tuesday, December 9th | 6:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting |
| Thursday, December 11th | 6:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting |
| Friday, December 12th | 7:00 p.m. Overcomer's Meeting |
| Sunday, December 14th | 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service |

MINISTRY IN MOTION

Reaching People FOR Christ and
 Building People UP IN Christ
 December 7, 2025



Rick's Reflections...

As Christmas nears, Nativity scenes will suddenly be everywhere you look. They are beautiful reminders of the greatest "Birthday party" in the history of the world! You could say it was the first "Reveal party" as well, although it had nothing to do with gender. What was revealed was God. The incarnation, God becoming flesh! (John 1:14)

According to Wikipedia, the majority of contemporary scholars do not see the two gospel Nativity stories as historically factual since they present clashing accounts and irreconcilable genealogies.

According to Scripture, the majority of contemporary scholars are ignorant of the truth and cannot grasp the concept of what inspiration means. When you are bold enough to say I can't figure this out, so God's word must be wrong, you are in dangerous territory. I wonder how Christianity survived without these scholars' great knowledge over the last 2,000 years. End of rant!

This morning, we are going to attempt to put the two narratives side by side and sort out the differences, and more importantly, understand why they are there.

Blessings,