

March 16, 2025

“Nurturing the Branch through Hardship”

James 1:2-4

Nathan Crowe

**Eastview's Community Garden will be starting up soon.**

If you're interested in getting a garden plot, please contact the church office. We also need volunteers that will help organize the garden. If you'd like to help out, please let the office or one of the elders know.



**Saturday, April 26th- Annual Church Cleanup Day at 9 AM!**

This is a great time to come out in fellowship with others to ‘shine up’ the church and make it a more welcoming place for all. There will be many jobs large and small, inside and out. No experience necessary and all ages welcome. Lunch will be provided.

**WellSpring Center (Local homeless shelter for families) is currently looking to fill a full-time permanent Operations Coordinator position.**

The Operation Coordinator is responsible for much of the day-to-day operations of WellSpring. Interested individuals should email their resume to Jennifer@WellSpring.work.

**WellSpring is looking for volunteers to help during the United Way of Central Indiana's Go All in Day on April 25, 2025.**

Volunteers will be preparing the gardens and raised beds for planting as well as spreading mulch around their playground equipment.

**IDES Golf Outing-**

Join IDES on Saturday, June 7th as they raise money for a water project in Ghana! Pebble Brook Golf Course, Noblesville, IN. Go to [ides.org/golf-2025](https://www.ides.org/golf-2025)

**ECC will be collecting “SPAGETTI SAUCE & PASTA” for the month of March.**



**“Eastview Guest” Wi-Fi password-** Please use **Jesus1st** to log into our guest Wi-Fi.

**Eastview office hours:**

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

**Children & Youth**

**5th Sunday Family Worship– March 30th!**

Elementary age kids (1st—5th) will be joining their families during Worship Service. Sermon bags are available at the Children’s Welcome Center.

**Sunday, March 30th– 4th & 5th Graders are welcome to join Youth Group from 6-8 PM!** Join us for Games, Lesson/Discussion, Food, Worship and Fellowship!

**Next Children’s Ministry Meeting after Worship Service on Sunday, April 6th!**

**Palm Sunday– Easter in Five Letters– Sunday, April 13th–**

Join us right after Worship Service. This sacred experience is for the whole family. The event is geared towards families w/elementary age kids. Sign up at the Children’s Check-in.

**Kountry Kids Preschool Registration Now Open!**

NOW ENROLLING for the fall’s 2025-2026 school year for our PRESCHOOL & PRE-K CLASSES. Contact Preschool Director, Johnna Barker, at 765-342-4483, ext. 5 with any questions or go to the Kountry Kids preschool page on our Eastview website to fill out an inquiry form. [eastviewchristianchurch.org/country-kids-preschool/](https://www.eastviewchristianchurch.org/country-kids-preschool/)



**Camp Allendale “Summer Camp” Registration is now open!**

Go to [allendalepriority.campbrainregistration.com](https://allendalepriority.campbrainregistration.com) to sign-up. Spots Fill Up Fast! Discounted pricing is offered for campers from partner churches through March 31st. See our Children’s Director, Jackie Glass, for more information.

**ECC’s Youth Group’s “Night of Worship” every Sunday from 6-8 PM!**

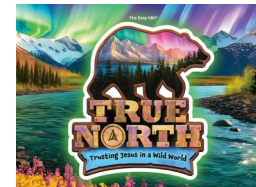
Worship, Lesson (“Drive Thru History” is the video series) and Games. Come join the fun! Parents are welcomed to stay too. See Jackie Glass for more information.

**Children’s Ministry Volunteer Training on April 12th– 9-12 PM!**

This date is for anyone that couldn’t make the March meeting. Jackie will be covering some very important topics and ECC policy & procedures. This is for **ALL youth, children and VBS volunteers**. If we have a background check ran on you, then you need to attend! **Coffee & breakfast foods will be available.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**VBS is Sunday, June 22nd—Thursday, June 26th!  
Volunteers Will Be Needed! More info coming soon!**



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

### Study & Fellowship Opportunities

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| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages<br>(Pick up a list of classes at the Welcome Center)<br>10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 6:15 p.m. "Luke in the Land" women's study   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 6:00 p.m. "Goliath Must Fall" men's study  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 10:00 a.m. "Lose Control" women's study  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | 7:00 p.m. Overcomers- ECC Fellowship Hall  |

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025

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| Sunday Worship Attendance<br>In Person   | 149      |
| * Online Connections   | 19       |
| * Additional Weekly Reached  | 8        |
| * 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  | 49       |
| Offering   | \$ 9,329 |
| Weekly Budget Target   | \$ 8,942 |

### This week...

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| Monday, March 17th    | 5:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting<br>6:00 p.m. Leadership Meeting   |
| Tuesday, March 18th   | 6:15 p.m. "Luke in the Land" women's study  |
| Wednesday, March 19th | 6:00 p.m. "Goliath Must Fall" men's study   |
| Thursday, March 20th  | 10:00 a.m. "Lose Control" women's study   |
| Friday, March 21st    | 7:00 p.m. Overcomers (Fellowship Hall)  |
| Sunday, March 23rd    | 9:00 a.m. Sunday School<br>10:00 a.m. Worship Service<br>6:00 p.m. Middle & High School Youth Group |

# MINISTRY IN MOTION

Reaching People FOR Christ and  
Building People UP IN Christ  
March 16, 2025



Nathan's Notes...

For a few weeks now we've been looking at some things scripture tells us help to "nourish the branch", that is, to help us be stronger and more fruitful followers of Christ. We started by looking at worship and saw that it helps us to put life into perspective so that we are able to fix our attention on serving God. Then we saw how the word of God nurtures us by producing necessary changes in our lives. And last week we talked about the anxiety that so quickly drains us of all energy and motivation and how greater trust in God helps us to grow through it.

This week, our topic is a challenging one. As much as we don't like to face hardship, scripture makes it clear that God uses it to help us grow. Inherently, we all understand that hardships are inevitable, but we often want it to be minimal in our own lives. It reminds me of an old song by the Ink Spots:

"Into each life some rain must fall,

But too much is falling in mine."

But as much as the topic of hardship may seem to be an unpleasant one, it is actually one filled with good news about God's amazing ability to bring great things out of the sufferings we face.