

January 14, 2024

"Serve God Where You Are"

(Colossians 3: 22-25)

Nathan Crowe

## The 2024-2025 Annual Congregational Meeting

will be held **Sunday**, **January 28th** during the worship service. We will be voting on the following leadership candidates.

## **Reaffirmation**

Elder (3 yrs.)— Stefan Bathory Deacon (3 yrs.)— Earl Haniford Trustee (3 yrs.)— Earl Haniford





Stefan Bathory

Earl Haniford

#### **Giving Tree Donations-**

"THANKS TO EVERYONE who gave to and prayed for THE GIVING TREE. We raised \$ 1,134 for IDES, The International Disaster Emergency Service. They help people around the world in the name of Jesus. Our Eastview total could buy 2 sewing machines, 2 cleft lip surgeries, 3 goats, and 5 blankets. God can multiply the impact of our gifts in so many ways. God bless you for helping."-The Eastview Mission Team

## **Christmas Greetings-**

LOTS of Christmas cards in the mailboxes across from the office. Please stop by and check if you have any mail. Thanks!!

## **Offering Statements-**

The year end offering statements will be sent electronically this year by email. If you have not received your statement by Jan. 31st or if you would like a paper copy, please contact Robin Day at 765-342-4483 X 14. Thank you!



## Two new small groups will be starting soon:

- "Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts"- a women's small group led by Brianna Crowe. Starting Sunday, January 28th at 9 AM.



-"The Christian Life: a Study of  ${\bf 1}$  John" led by Nathan Crowe.

Starting Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6PM.

Sign up in the lobby. Spaces are limited.

#### Food of the Month-

ECC will be collecting "PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP" for the month of JANUARY. The collection basket is in the foyer by the library.

#### **Adverse Weather Conditions-**

All Sunday services (fellowship time, Sunday School, Worship Service, classes and other activities) will be held as scheduled for those who can attend during adverse weather conditions. **UNLESS the county determines Morgan County is under a snow emergency**.

#### **Children & Youth-**

## **Volunteer Meeting-TODAY!!**

Immediately after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring you ideas for 2024, and your appetite! If you are not a current volunteer, but are considering being more involved please join us! This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Children's Ministry at Eastview!



## Children's Welcome Center Check-in-

All children need to sign in at the Welcome Center, located just down the hall from the Sanctuary (look for the covered porch), before attending Sunday School or Worship classes (infant through 5th grade). \*A new 2024 medical release form needs to be filled out and signed for all children & youth under 21. Thank you!

Watch the MIM for upcoming Winter and Spring events.

Sunday, March 31st—Family Sunday/Easter (Children in Sanctuary).

#### **Eastview Christian Church**

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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- downtown at Lynay Center

#### Sunday, January 7, 2024

## **Sunday Worship Attendance**

In Person 145

\* Online Connections 23

\* Additional Weekly Reached 14

\* 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 58

Offering \$ 12,400

Weekly Budget Target \$ 8,365

#### This Week...

Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King Day/ No KKP
6:00 p.m. Leadership Meeting

Friday, Jan. 19th 7:00 p.m. Overcomers – Lynay Center

Sunday, Jan. 21st 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

#### Eastview office hours:

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

# MINISTRY IN MOTION

Reaching People FOR Christ and Building People UP IN Christ January 14, 2024



Nathan's Notes...

How can I best serve God? A conscientious Christian may ask themselves this question many times around the beginning of the year. But it is a difficult question to answer because the application of a servant's heart is very different from person to person. By that I do not mean that it is not important where you serve or that one avenue of service isn't any better than another for you. What I mean is that your most effective service to God won't always look the same as someone else's.

We are all equal in value before our Heavenly Father, but not necessarily equal in function. In fact His word tells us that we are gifted differently for different types of service. But I would take this idea a step further. Whereas we are all able to serve Him in some WAY, we also are meant to serve Him from some PLACE. The circumstances and life contexts from where we serve God are different from each other, and because of that our individual service to Him is going to look different. How a busy stay-at-home mom best serves God will look very different from how a high-ranking CEO will, and both of those are very different from how an elderly man in a nursing home will.

Here's the point: we don't always have perfect control over our circumstances, but what matters most is that we serve God the best we can in those circumstances. It's really less a matter of what it exactly looks like and more a matter of whether or not we decided to serve. There should be no times in which we say, "I'll serve God when this situation changes" or "I can really do good things for the kingdom when this season of life is over." To explain this point, we'll be looking at Paul's command to live for God addressed to the lowest-ranking person in Greco-Roman society: the household slave.