

Those Serving This Week

Sunday: 10:30AM

- Opening Prayer Randy Elliott
- Lead Singing Jack Elliott
- Lord’s Supper
- Lesson Tim Henderson
- Closing Prayer Raymond Poston
- Announcements David Tiffin

Sunday: 4 PM

- Opening Prayer Woody Edwards
- Lead Singing Telford Hamm

Wednesday: 7 PM

- Lesson David Tiffin

This weeks reading: Matthew 22-23

We would like you to join us as we spread the Good News during our ...

Gospel Meeting

April 3-8

with speaker:

Mitchell Dalrymple

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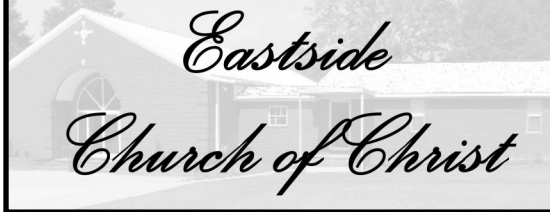
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| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:30 AM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain Bible Preaching • No Nightly Collections • Simple, Biblical Worship |
| | 10:30 AM | |
| | 4:00 PM | |
| <i>Mon.—Fri.</i> | 7:00 PM | |

Bring your Bibles and join us as we study from the Word of God

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“whatever is true, ... honorable, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things”
Phil. 4:8 (ESV)

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How Much Does Heaven Mean To Us?

By: Gary Henry —Worpoints.com

“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light”
Romans 13:11,12

The human race suffered through the horrible environment created by sin in the world for a long, long time before the Savior appeared, but now that He has come, the darkness has begun to disappear. The dawn is breaking.

The word “kingdom” is used in

We appreciate your presence here today. We extend an invitation for you to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Classes 7:00 PM

If you have any questions regarding what we teach and practice, feel free to ask

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow;...” -Isa. 1:18

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more than one way in the New Testament. Sometimes it refers to the reign of God that began on Pentecost shortly after Jesus went back to heaven. The Book of Acts describes the inauguration and spread of that kingdom. It is a present reality, and it is the fulfillment of many prophecies made long before, such as the one recorded in Daniel 2:39-44.

But “kingdom” can also refer to a reign of God that is still future, one for which we are taught to hope. For example, when Paul was faced with possible martyrdom, he expressed confidence that even if he had to die, God would still be with him. There would be a “kingdom” that no human court of law could keep him out of. *“The Lord will deliver me from every evil work,”* he said, *“and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom”* (2 Timothy 4:18).

So what are we to make of this? Does the “kingdom of God” exist right now or must we wait until we get to heaven to experience it? Both answers are correct, depending on how the word “kingdom” is being used. The last of God’s enemies will not be subjugated until the end of the world (1 Corinthians 15:24-26), and so in that sense, the fullness of God’s kingdom is not yet a reality. But on Pentecost, the rightful King began to reign. And that means the darkness is no longer in total control. The dawn is breaking.

So the world is still in darkness, but the power of the darkness has been broken. Its days are numbered. The church still sojourns in a hard, painful place, but with every day that passes, the saints are nearer home. And personally? I still hurt. I still weep. My heart aches with an emptiness that nearly kills me. But this I know: the rightful King is reigning, and one day every bit of this darkness will be sent back to the hell from whence it came. Dark night once had me in its grip, but it has me no more. The dawn is breaking.

*“Christ has turned all our sunsets
into dawns”
~Clement of Alexandria~*

The Armor of God

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F R F A I T H P Z W S Y S L J

Armor	Helmet	Spirit
Belt	Peace	Spiritual
Breastplate	Pray	Stand
Darkness	Resist	Strength
Faith	Righteousness	Sword
God	Salvation	Truth
Gospel	Shield	Word

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” — Ephesians 6:10-11—ESV