

Those Serving This Week

Sunday: 10:30AM

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| —Opening Prayer | Bruce Tooley |
| —Lead Singing | Randy Elliott |
| —Lord’s Supper | J. D. Griffin |
| —Lesson | Tim Henderson |
| —Closing Prayer | David Tiffin |
| —Announcements | David Tiffin |

Sunday: 4 PM

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| —Opening Prayer | Richard Hammock |
| —Lead Singing | Jack Elliot |

Wednesday: 7 PM

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| —Lesson | Bruce Tooley |
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This weeks reading: Matthew 24-25

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

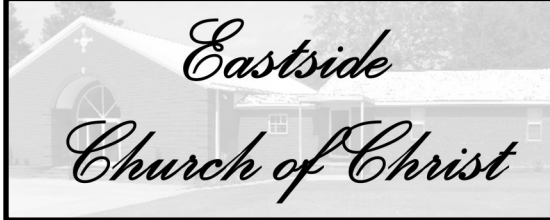
Gospel Meeting

April 3-8

with speaker:
Mitchell Dalrymple

at the
Eastside church of Christ
1201 Hwy 24 E, Red Bay, AL 35582

<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	



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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)

Are We Looking For Automatic Obedience?

By: Gary Henry —Worpoints.com

“Then He said to them all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me”
Luke 9:23

In our effort to live in consistent obedience to our heavenly Father, we sometimes try to make it easier than it can ever be in this life. We suppose there must exist some state of holiness where right conduct has become automatic. Yet no such state exists. As G. Campbell Morgan cleverly put it, “Holiness is not inability to sin, but ability not to sin.” Obedience is never anything less than a choice on our part, and we may as well face the fact that the choice will sometimes be very hard.

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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There are certainly means by which we can minimize the number of hard moments that come our way. It would be foolish not to do all we can to establish godly habits and patterns of obedience in our lives. When we do this, we gain the advantage of a momentum that is going in the right direction. But there will be a certain number of hard moments that still have to be faced, and it's precisely in these moments that we find out how much commitment to God we really have. If we only obey when the momentum is favorable, what kind of commitment is that?

We shouldn't be so foolish as to underestimate the devil's diligence. If we ever did get to the point where we could turn back the common temptations with relative ease, our adversary would simply up the ante and hit us with harder choices. Until we're on the other side and out of his reach, the Evil One is not going to give up on us. It's naive to look for some stage up ahead where saying no to him will have become so easy as to be automatic.

Modern avionics are such that today's aircraft will, for all practical purposes, fly themselves. In the spiritual realm, however, there is no such thing as an autopilot that will take the hard work out of decision-making. Obedience will always require moment-by-moment choices. Even those who live a long time and make much spiritual progress face this reality: there is never anything more than a decision standing between us and disobedience.

“Jesus did not say, ‘Come to me and get it over with.’ He said, ‘If any man would come after me, let him take up his cross daily and follow me.’

Daily is the key word. Our commitment to Christ, however genuine and wholehearted it may be today, must be renewed tomorrow ... and the day after that ... and the day after that ... until the path comes at last to the river”

~Louis Cassels~

The Apostles of Jesus

Matthew 10:2-4

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“² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.”

~ Matthew 10:2-4—ESV ~