

Those Serving This Week

Sunday: 10:30AM

—Opening Prayer Bruce Tooley
—Lead Singing Richard Hammock
—Lord's Supper J. D. Griffin
 Austin Henderson
—Lesson Tim Henderson
—Closing Prayer Telford Hamm
—Announcements Randy Elliott

Sunday: 4 PM

—Opening Prayer Randy Elliott
—Lead Singing Jack Elliott

Wednesday: 7 PM

—Lesson Tim Henderson

This weeks reading:

Luke 1-2

Studies
In
Mark

Sunday at 9:30 AM

Bible
Survey

Wednesday 7PM

 <p><i>Eastside</i> <i>Church of Christ</i></p>	<p><i>"whatever is true, ... honorable, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"</i> Phil. 4:8 (ESV)</p>
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The Gift of God

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"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God'"

Revelation 21:3

Whatever secondary blessings flow from God, we ought to seek none of these as diligently as we seek God Himself. We must be those who seek God primarily for His sake, because He is our God and we long to give ourselves to Him.

Selfishness and manipulation are nowhere more out of place than in our relationship with God. And selfishness here would be quite self-defeating, as it always is. If we're concerned only

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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with the other things God can give us, we'll miss the greatest Gift of all. "God's chief gift to those who seek him is himself" (E. B. Pusey).

When we speak of "the gift of God," we should think of God as both the Giver and the Gift. Jesus, for example, said to the Samaritan woman at the well, "If you knew the *gift of God*, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10). What is the living water which only God can give? Paul would later write that "*the gift of God* is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). But concerning eternal life, Jesus had gone to the heart of the matter on the night of His betrayal when He prayed: "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3). God gives us life by giving us Himself. Other blessings may flow from a right relationship with God, but that relationship itself is God's greatest gift to us. If we have God and His Son, we have the highest thing to which we can aspire. "He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9).

Even when we try to appreciate what God should mean to us, we can hardly grasp the glory and grace of a God who would give Himself to such people as we are. But it would take a hard heart indeed not to be moved by Jesus' simple words: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him" (John 14:23). This seems much too good to be true. Only God could make it true.

*"God, of your goodness, give me yourself
for you are sufficient for me. I cannot
properly ask anything less, to be worthy of
you. If I were to ask less, I should always
be in want. In you alone do I have all"*

~Julian of Norwich~

Luke 1 & 2

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O Q M E C T W O O E Y Z A M M R H
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H J J L E I R B A G I O X S M Y B
E O R O K J B N A O N T E O E P N
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E O P L T E V G E T C C Q E E A U
S T R S H A P H T E B A Z I L E G
S E O S E V P H V C O J N F H I U
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ANNA
AUGUSTUS
BETHLEHEM
BLAMELESSLY
ELIZABETH
GABRIEL
HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN
JOSEPH
MARY
PRESENCE
PROPHETESS
REPROACH
SALVATION

SAVIOR
SHEPHERDS
SILENT
SIMEON
TEMPLE
THEOPHILUS
ZACHARIAH

*"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this
day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

~ Luke 2:10-11—ESV ~