

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday: 10:30AM

—Opening Prayer	Randy Elliott
—Lead Singing	Richard Hammock
—Lord’s Supper	Jack Elliott
	Austin Henderson
—Scripture Reading	<b>Luke 23:13-25</b>
—Lesson	Tim Henderson
—Closing Prayer	David Tiffin
—Announcements	Tim Henderson

### Sunday: 4 PM

—Opening Prayer	Telford Hamm
—Lead Singing	Jack Elliott
—Scripture Reading	<b>Luke 23:44-49</b>

### Wednesday: 7 PM

—Lesson	Bruce Tooley
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This weeks reading:  
**Luke 23**

**Studies  
In  
Mark**

Sunday at 9:30 AM

**Bible  
Survey**

Wednesday 7PM

 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;"><i>Eastside</i> <b>Church of Christ</b></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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## Bearing Burdens For A Long Time

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*“Rejoicing in hope,  
patient in tribulation,  
continuing steadfastly in prayer”*  
Romans 12:12

Many may agree to bear a burden for a while, but not many will bear it indefinitely. Some hardships are short-term, but others last much longer. In the case of these long-lasting difficulties, we must not only accept tribulation, but be “patient in tribulation.” It may be a long time (at least from our perspective) before rest and relief are able to be enjoyed.

Job would be a good example here, wouldn't he? The things he suffered would have been terrible even if only for a short time. But at the worst of his ordeal, he had no idea how long it would go on. It might have lasted the

*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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rest of his life! As we read Job’s story, we know that his burden was eventually lifted, but he did not know that while he was suffering. His steadfastness in the midst of suffering is all the more amazing in that, for all he knew, it could have been indefinite. He was willing to endure whatever was necessary *for however long it took to see God’s face* (Job 19:25–27).

I fear that our dealings with God sometimes involve a bit of bargaining. We say to Him, “Lord, I will deal with this difficulty if You will remove it within a reasonable time.” And, of course, it is we who define what is reasonable. When that time passes and the difficulty is still there, we grow resentful, as if God had somehow fallen down on His end of the bargain. But He never agreed to the bargain. He never said how long the difficulty would last.

I find myself reading Hebrews more often these days. Its message is that we need to accept whatever problems have to be dealt with *for however long it takes to get to heaven*. “Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward,” the writer said. “*For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise*” (Hebrews 10:35,36). The promise will surely come, but it may not come very soon.

*For however long it takes to get to heaven.*

So let us not dictate to God the terms of our service to Him, as if we were only obligated to do what we define as reasonable. He asks of us an unconditional commitment to serve under any circumstances. When our service involves difficulty, as it often will, let us endure. Even when we can’t see the end, let us still endure.

***“Patience: accepting a difficult situation without giving God a deadline to remove it”***

*~Bill Gothard~*

# Luke 23

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 O I X A D A E G N I K B Z R I H N  
 C P T C T S I R H C N T Z H O X E  
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ARIMATHEA  
 BARABBAS  
 CAESAR  
 CENTURION  
 CHRIST  
 CONTEMPT  
 FATHER

FORGIVE  
 GALILEAN  
 HEROD  
 INNOCENT  
 INSCRIPTION  
 JOSEPH  
 KING

MOURNING  
 PARADISE  
 PILATE  
 PREPARATION  
 SABBATH  
 SIGN  
 SIMON

*“And Pilate asked him,  
 ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’  
 And he answered him,  
 ‘You have said so.’”*  
 ~ Luke 23:3—ESV ~