

Those Serving This Week

Sunday: 10:30AM

—Opening Prayer	David Tiffin
—Lead Singing	Richard Hammock
—Lord’s Supper	Bruce Tooley
	Austin Henderson
—Scripture Reading	John 2:23-25
—Lesson	Tim Henderson
—Closing Prayer	Jack Elliott
—Announcements	Bruce Tooley

Sunday: 4 PM

—Opening Prayer	Tim Henderson
—Lead Singing	Randy Elliott
—Scripture Reading	John 3:16-17

Wednesday: 7 PM

—Lesson	Trey Haskett
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This weeks reading:
John 2-3

Studies
In
Luke
Part 1
Chapters 1-8

Sunday at 9:30 AM

*Bible
Survey*

Wednesday 7PM

 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;"><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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*Are The Faithful
Never In Darkness?*

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“Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God”
1 Samuel 30:6

In a way, it is encouraging to me to read that “David was greatly distressed.” If a man of his character could be distressed, then when I am frightened and discouraged, I shouldn’t assume that such feelings represent a failure of faith on my part. Distress may mean a failure of faith, but then again, it may not. David’s faith didn’t mean he was never discouraged; it meant he responded to discouragement by *refusing to give up.*

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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As long as we live in this world, there are going to be some dark days for us. Satan will see to that. Being a Christian does not insulate us from hardship and heartache. And only a robot could experience the sadness of this world without emotional distress. So the mere presence of certain *feelings* shouldn't surprise us.

Faith doesn't mean always feeling confident. If I believe the gospel of Christ is true, I believe it for the same reason that I believe my next door neighbor is trustworthy: the evidence for it is stronger than the evidence against it. But that doesn't mean that a doubt may not arise now and then, either as to the gospel's truth or my neighbor's trustworthiness. When a doubt arises, faith is not taken aback. It simply asks, "Has anything about the evidence changed?"

Hope doesn't mean always feeling hopeful. Hope is based on faith, and so, like faith, it can sometimes be buffeted by the distresses of daily events. Even with the strongest possible reasons to believe and to hope, we find that short-term happenings can make it seem that our hopes are not going to be realized. In this respect, religious hope is no different than any other kind of hope. Those who conquer, whether in spiritual or temporal affairs, are those who hang on to their hopes with an "it ain't over till it's over" attitude.

Hope ... the active exercise of faith

I like to think of hope as the active exercise of faith. It doesn't mean never being in darkness or doubt. It means that in darkness or doubt we choose to look at the bigger picture, and based on the bigger picture, we decide to keep going forward. And let me tell you: *deciding to go forward when you're discouraged is as fine a thing as you'll ever do.* "Hope is grief's best music" (Henry George Bohn).

"Hope is faith holding out its hands in the dark"

~George Iles~

John 2-3

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 JESUS
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LOVED
 MONEY-CHANGERS
 NICODEMUS
 PASSOVER
 PHARISEES
 RABBI
 SIGNS

SPIRIT
 TEMPLE
 WATER
 WATER
 WEDDING
 WINE
 WITNESS

"And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil."

~ John 3:19—ESV