

Neighbors

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39

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OUR MISSION

The Eastwood Church of Christ is a family of believers in Jesus Christ as God's Son and our Savior. We are Christians only, and we believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. We seek to worship Him and serve Him in the example set forth in the Bible and practiced by the first-century church. It is our mission to preach the gospel to all creation. Jesus said, **"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."** *Matthew 28:19.*

OUR LEADERS

Elders:

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday:

Bible study - 9 a.m.

Worship - 10 a.m.
and 5 p.m.

Late service - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible study - 7 p.m.

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Words to live by

Through the Bible,
God provides sure
answers about life



Certainty in Uncertain Times

FIRST IN A SERIES

This world is an interesting place. Do you notice that nothing stays the same? The one constancy with which we are continually confronted is that of uncertainty ... especially in this day and age. Uncertainty breeds fear and anxiety. Fear and anxiety can make your life miserable. Many even try to foster fear and uncertainty where none, in fact, exists.

Suppose you had something that you could use that endured the test of time. If you had a book that took 16 centuries to write, authored by 40 people in three different languages and yet demonstrated unity, consistency and harmony, don't you think that book would at least merit consideration? That book is what we today call the Bible.

We often refer to the Bible as the scriptures. Webster defines the word scripture as from the Latin, scriptura, meaning "In its primary sense, a writing; any thing written." Christians regard the scriptures as being God's writings, being executed by inspired men.

The apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote to a young minister, Timothy, and said, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for



reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17 – ESV)

The Bible gives us God's standard for righteousness. We have the certainty in knowing that we have a measure not made by men, but the one set forth by God himself. His Word provides instruction for all mankind that is above the opinions of men.

We can have certainty in our lives by understanding the Word of God. Jesus told his apostles, shortly before his crucifixion, "Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:32-33 – ESV)

God's writings can teach us how to overcome the world, just as Jesus has overcome the world. In a world where everything is uncertain, why not consider the study of something that has not changed and something that produces good.

- Written by Steve Daniel

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Series gives parents keys to raising kids

Gospel meeting begins March 14 at Eastwood

Many parents wish their children came with an instructional manual, especially once they become teenagers.

Adolescence can bring emotional, physical, social, and spiritual changes for children, sometimes leading to frustration and strained family relationships.

Just as in all facets of life, God has given us, through His Word, the right ways to help families cope with these life changes.

Everyone is invited to a series of lessons at Eastwood Church of Christ designed to help families understand today's youth culture. The six-lesson gospel meeting will begin the morning of Sunday, March 14, and continue Sunday night through Wednesday night.

Eli Harper, the youth and family minister for Tuscumbia Church of Christ, will be the guest speaker.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

"What do you do when your child grows up to be a teenager? Our job as parents is to lead children in the right direction," Harper said.

In the Bible we read that children are gifts from God, and Scripture offers everything that parents need to raise their children in ways that are pleasing to the Lord, he said.

The pressures of the world can be intense for teens especially, and they need godly parents and grandparents to guide them away from the ways of the world and into the life of joy and peace that can be theirs in Christ.

"No one ever said it would be easy," Harper said. "The world will be more than happy to raise our children for us."

- Written by Sandy Faires



Eli Harper, shown here with his wife, Jordan.

YOU'RE INVITED

- * **What:** Series of 6 lessons on Understanding Today's Youth Culture
- * **Where:** Eastwood Church of Christ
- * **When:** Sunday at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday nights, 7 p.m.



Mark Your Calendar

March 19
Family Game Night, 6 p.m., church activity building

March 21
Youth group will go to Winter Youth Series at Rogersville Church of Christ

March 22
The Eastwood Singers will go to Montreat Apartments.

NEED A RIDE?

Eastwood Church of Christ offers transportation to and from services. Call 766-4514.

Eastwood offers foundation of faith, fun activities, fellowship for 'close-knit' youth group participants

Hello, our name is Eastwood.

Our youth group at Eastwood Church of Christ consists of roughly 15 kids ranging in ages from 10-22, plus that many or more younger ones.

Though smaller than some other area youth groups, we are close-knit and very active in youth activities. Some of these activities include the Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, Tenn., TITUS Camp, Maywood and Wiregrass Christian Camps, Summer and Winter Youth Series, as well as group devotionals, lock-ins, and other fun fellowship activities.

We are also very active in mission work, having taken several



Eastwood Church of Christ offers many activities for young people, including Bible classes, Vacation Bible School, camps, devotionals, and mission trips.

mission trips to Florida, south Alabama, and the Gulf Coast of Mississippi and Louisiana.

We are a very diverse group, having kids from public, private, and home school.

Here at Eastwood, we

may be different in some ways, but we all share the same love for Christ and each other.

We are always looking for new ways to grow.

- Written by Amanda Daniel, age 16