

Praises: Joshua Ridgeway has returned home after a two-month long stay in the hospital! Brayden Rogers committed his life to Christ and was baptized in Him Sunday, November 2nd! Praise God!!!

New Members:

Surgery & Recovering:

Others in Need: Jane Chamness (on hospice care), Jeff Collins (on hospice care), Abby Goeke (diagnosed with meningitis); Sue Ferrell; Baby Blaise (newborn son of Elisa Mezo and great-grandson of Don Perryman-born 12 weeks early and in a St. Louis Hospital in NICU. Baby Blaise is still too small and sick to come home); Landon & Ryleigh Buser (pray for healing after loss of pregnancy in 2nd trimester); Tim Ward (Seth Lively’s future father-in-law-injuries and other health issues following fall from roof); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); Kara James (young mother of 2-heart attack-at St. Louis University Hospital); Thelma Viernum (new placement in assisted living); Clifford Bishop (health issues); Patty Manis (continued carotid issues);Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall); Aydan Zoller (16 year old with multiple health issues); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Gavin Barnett (diagnosis on Barreyt’s esophagus); Lonnie Jacobs (health issues); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues); Carol Myers (serious health issues); Nancy Denton (serious heart issues); Nick Fowler (biopsy-testing for possible skin cancer in the stomach)

Those With Cancer: Denny Elledge (lung cancer); Bill Jenkins (lung & kidney cancer); Lori Kelly (Carla Bigham’s– stepdaughter-Kidney cancer-surgery 10/27); Rachel Rider (pancreatic cancer); Robin Frailey (diagnosed with ovarian cancer); Donny Turner (also pray for wife, Donna); Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Lisa Bastien (melanoma); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson’s son-in-law’s brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin(thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer); Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O’dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming);Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizaillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning: Family of Mike Deaton, Kaye Jackson



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Services and Times

Sundays

Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

(September through May)

Meal	5:45 p.m.
Bible Study	6:30-7:30 p.m.

December Wednesday

Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45 p.m.
Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family

12/3 Pizza, Salad, and Breadsticks

12/10 Italian Beef, Hashbrown Casserole, and Baked Beans

12/17 Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, and Rolls

12/24 & 12/31 No Wednesday Night Activities

Birthdays

1st Ellie Yates
1st Savannah Henderson
2nd Finley Cralley
3rd Tina Monroe
3rd Mick Perryman
4th Aaron Dorsey
5th Sue Ferrell
9th Lexi Keith
12th Lyle VanZandt
12th Faith Odom
13th Gaige Cralley
13th Dot Williams
15th Mark Wilson
15th Alec Valerius
16th Mike Stewart
19th Janet Bush
20th Corrine Wilson
21st Max Valerius
21st Larry Hickman
21st Joyce Hickman
21st Andy Burroughs
25th Bruce Ridgeway
27th Cannon Gossett
29th Bonnie Dawe
29th Hannah Lane

29th Abby Keith
30th Kathy Elson
30th Christa Thompson
31st Nyarai Miller

Anniversaries

9th Bruce & Gail Ridgeway
18th Jeremy & Alison Keith
19th Dennis & Joyce Elledge



For More Information

- Guest Services Christmas Card Courier Service. Until December 21st, Guest
- Men's Breakfast-There will be a "mystery speaker" leading the devotion
- Christmas Food Baskets. Every year we provide families in need within the Elverado School District with a large box full of groceries, and we even provide them with a whole turkey. If you'd like to give a monetary donation to this ministry, simply write "Food Baskets" on the memo portion of your check. You can request a food basket or recommend a family to receive one by filling out the form at the Guest Services Table. Basket pick-up will be Thursday, December 18th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Book club Monday, December 8th at Alongi's restaurant in Du Quoin. The book of the month is The Christmas Train by David Baldacci
- Children's Christmas Production of Behind the Manger Scenes will be Sunday, December 21st during regular worship. Families with children in the program! We will have a MANDATORY dress rehearsal Saturday, December 20th starting at 8:30 a.m. If you'd be interested in helping set the stage the week leading up to the program, see Cayla.
- Forever Young Christmas Party December 12th at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Forever Young Bulletin Board and indicate your choice of entree. Cost will be \$12/plate, and there will also be a \$10 gift exchange.
- Women's Breakfast Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a festive morning of good food, great fellowship and friendship tea! If you would like to participate in a favorite things gift exchange, please bring one of your favorite items to gift! It could be a favorite beauty product, self-care item, candle, decadent treat, tea, coffee, delicious snack, etc. Think of anything that brings you joy that you want to share with someone else. Add your favorite scripture on a note card to your item to make it extra special! If you can't bring a gift -- no problem! Do you have two favorites - please share. We will have favorites to cover everyone. Any extras will go to shut-ins or women we can bless with an unexpected gift. Please feel free to invite a guest. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- We will not be having our regular Wednesday Night Fellowship on December 24th or December 31st. We will resume the following Wednesday, January 7th.

Calendar + List of Events

- 12/3 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 12/6 Men’s Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 12/7 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 12/8 Book Club at Alongi’s Restaurant 6:00 p.m.
- 12/10 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 12/12 Forever Young Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.
- 12/13 Women’s Christmas Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- 12/14 Guest Services Meeting
- 12/14 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 12/17 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 12/18 Christmas Food Basket pickup 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 12/21 Children’s Christmas Production of “Behind the Manger Scenes” during worship service.
- 12/21 Sunday Night Youth Christmas Party 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 p.m.
- 12/25 Christmas Day (office closed)
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve (No Wednesday Night Fellowship)



DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:00-900 a.m.
7 Youth Group	8 Book Club 6 p.m. @ Alongi's	9	10 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	11	12 Forever Young Christmas Parry	13 Women's Christmas Breakfast 9:00
14 Youth Group Guest Services	15	16	17 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	18 Christmas Food Basket Pickup 9-11 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	19	20
21 Children's Christmas Program Youth Group	22	23	24 Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

The ECC Monthly Minute

Make Room

It's Christmastime at ECC! Not to overuse the phrase, but it really is the most wonderful time of year! Calendars are FULL with Christmas activities for all ages, not just the kids. The lights twinkle, the music plays, the air is just more ..."festive." This season can be full of joy, peace on earth, and even goodwill to men. It can also be full of chaos and clutter. We all somehow struggle to manage all of these obligations, and I believe it's easy to allow that to be a distraction from what is at the center of it, and what this season is truly about.

Several years ago the Christian music group, Casting Crowns, released a Christmas song with Matt Maher called "Make Room". It's a slow, simple melody with a very clear point, "make room in your heart." But when we say we are celebrating Christmas, be sure to truly celebrate the birth of THE SAVIOR of the entire world. This Baby was born to bear your sins on the cross and save you from the punishment you deserve. When you make room for your nativity displays, do so not only to check a dutiful box, but also make room in your heart. I encourage you to read the Christmas story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Take time in your schedule to celebrate who Jesus is in your heart. Let Him in.

Look up the song for yourself and take a listen. Here are just a few of the lyrics that I wanted to highlight. Merry Christmas from all of us at ECC!!!

*"A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a Child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow*

*Mother holds the Promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight, the burden's light
For in His hands, He holds tomorrow*

*Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story?
You can come as you are
But it may set you apart
When you make room in your heart
And trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart"*

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Communion Purchase

Donna Waller

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Sunday School Milk & Juice

12/7 & 12/14 Steve & Vickie Parry

12/21 & 12/28 Joe & Cayla Reiman

12/7/2025

Kathy Yates

Jarrold Kreid

Tom Scott

Kathy Elson

Dennis Bastien

Bruce Ridgeway

Gordon Burroughs

Andy Burroughs

Inside Greeters

12/7 Joyce Elledge & Vicky Parry

12/14 Kathy & Maggie Elson

12/21 Diane Dunbar & Paula Dunlap

12/28 Sabrina Bandur & Dale Odom

Nursery

12/7 Christy Stewart with Zoey Swenson

12/14 Alison Keith with Laney Keith

12/21 No Nursery Volunteer

12/28 Gail Ridgeway with Colton Ridgeway

Serving Schedule

CommunionMeditation

12/7 Joyce Hickman

12/14 Lance Weil

12/21 Tim Gossett

12/28 Emma Yates

Communion Servers

12/14/2025

Brandon Buser

Luke Buser

Rich Bernardini

Jake Gibbs

Gary Monroe

Ron Ritter

Lisa Bastien

Steve Parry

12/21/2025

Doug Gibbs

Jim Williamson

Craig Briley

Paula Dunlap

Jeremy Keith

AJ Keith

Dirk Valerius

Christian Kistner

12/28/2025

Tim Gossett

Dale Odom

Gary Jones

Jason Will

Heather Will

Mike Stewart

Erin Carter

Grace Godoyo

Hall Greeter

12/7 Larry Hickman & Steve Parry

12/14 Aaron Thompson & Doug Gibbs

12/21 Brandon Buser & Dale Odom

12/28 Gary Jones & Jake Gibbs

Exit Greeter

12/7 Dale Odom

12/14 Vickie Carter

12/21 Paula Dunlap

12/28 Dale Odom

Opening Prayer

12/7 Alan Evans

12/14 Doug Gibbs

12/21 Larry Hickman

12/28 Lyle Thompson