

Praises: Congratulations to the Gibbs family on the birth of Nathan (5 lb 11 oz, 19.8 in) and Wade (5 lb, 13 oz 19.5 in), born on November 27th!! 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: Larry White; Blake & Cori Moon (loss young son in house fire);Larry Thompson (multiple health issues); Ashlee Murry; Clifford Whittington (Serious health issues from a recent fall); Kayla Wilson (Liver issues will need a transplant in the future); Jeff Collins (on hospice care), Abby Goeke (diagnosed with epilepsy); 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);); 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: Sara Hinde (Lung Cancer); Mehgan Russell (39 years old with cervical 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 Fralley (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 Ted Harsha; Conner Shaw; Jane Chamness; Mike Deaton

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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.

January Wednesday

Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45 p.m.

Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family

1/7 Potato Soup, and Ham n’ Cheese Sliders

1/14 Cavatini, Salad, Garlic Bread

1/21 Chicken & Dumpling Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Roll

1/28 Chicken & Rice Burrito Bowl and Nachos

Birthdays

4th Dustin Dobill
4th Andrew Martin
5th Lyle Thompson
5th Wes Wilt
8th Stephanie Cralley
9th Anniston Thompson
9th Harold Zoller
10th Dewey Reiman
14th Lisa Stewart
16th Kathy Yates
16th Ricky Baldrige
17th Darell Bosecker
18th Pat Shimkus
22nd Travis Williams
26th Maggie Elson
27th Gabrielle Cobin
28th Trevor Dinkins
30th Gail Ridgeway
31st Thelma Viernum
31st Kevin Hicks

Anniversaries

1st Steve & Vickie Parry
6th David & Kathy Elson

For More Information

- Men's Breakfast- Gary Pruitt is leading the devotional
- Women's Breakfast-Vickie Parry will be leading the devotional
- Book Club- Our Book of the Month is The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods.
- Baby Dedication. Our annual recognition of babies born in our ECC family will be on Sunday, January 18th. We'll feature all of our 2025 babies in a video and then the entire church will participate in a dedication ceremony. If you'd like to make a submission, please have 3-5 photos to Cayla no later than Monday, January 12th.
- Elder, Deacon, and Deaconess Recommendations. We will be taking recommendations for Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses for the entire month of January. If you would like to nominate a member of the church for one of these positions, you may do so at the Guest Services Table starting Sunday, January 4th. You must submit a signed recommendation slip to be reviewed by the Board.
- Blood Drive January 26th. Call 1-800- RED CROSS or to go redcrossblood.org and enter:ChristianElkville to schedule your appointment. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood so every donation is greatly appreciated!



Calendar + List of Events

- 1/1 New Year's Day-Office Closed
- 1/3 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 1/4 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 1/7 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 1/10 Women's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- 1/11 Guest Services Meeting
- 1/11 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 1/12 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- 1/14 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 1/17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 1/18 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 1/19 Area Men's Meeting at Marion
- 1/20 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 1/21 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 1/22 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 1/25 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 1/26 Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 p.m.
- 1/28 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
4 Youth Group	5	6	7 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	8	9	10 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
11 Guest Services Meeting Youth Group	12 Book Club 6 p.m.	13	14 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
18 Baby Dedication Youth Group	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Area Men's Meeting at Marion	20 Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 noon	21 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	22 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	23	24
25 Youth Group	26 Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 	27	28 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	29	30	31

The ECC Monthly Minute

A New Year, A Constant God

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19

Happy New Year! As we turn the calendar from 2025 to 2026, it is natural to look at the "blank slate" ahead with a mix of excitement and perhaps a little uncertainty. While the world around us shifts rapidly, we find our greatest comfort in a simple, powerful truth: New Year, Same God.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever". Even as we set new goals and embrace new opportunities, we do so anchored in His unchanging grace.

Reflecting and Renewing

The start of a new year is a sacred time for reassessment. It is an invitation to:

- Reflect on God's Blessings: Take a moment to look back at the past 12 months. Where did you see God's hand? Even in challenges, His presence remained constant.
- Set Godly Goals: Rather than temporary resolutions, consider "stewardship resolutions"—habits that deepen your faith. This might include committing to daily Bible reading, more consistent prayer, or finding a new way to serve our local community.
- Let Go of the Former Things: Isaiah 43:18 encourages us to "remember not the former things." The new year is a chance to leave behind old burdens and step forward into the hope and future God has planned for us.

May this year be one where your faith strengthens your spirit, and may you navigate 2026 with the inner strength that only Christ can provide.

Communion Purchase

Larry Hickman

Communion Prep

Jim Williamson

Sunday School Milk & Juice

1/4/ & 1/11 Craig & Julie Briley

1/18 & 1/25 Doug & Amy Gibbs

1/4/2026

Lyle Thompson
Aaron Thompson
Maddax Thompson
Don Garver
Mark Wilson
Larry Hickman
Joyce Hickman
Warren Yates

Inside Greeters

1/4 Becky Burroughs & Marilyn Piper
1/11 Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krel
1/18 Gary Jones & Craig Briley
1/25 Kathy Aldridge & Kim Buser

Nursery

1/4 Emily Evans with Ginny Reiman
1/11 Jenni Porter with Paislee Porter
1/18 Julie Miller with Amani Miller
1/25 Carla Bigham with Ginny Reiman
& Sabrina Bandur

Serving Schedule

CommunionMeditation

1/4 Kevin Asbury

1/11 Brandon Buser

1/18 Gary Pruitt

1/25 Lyle Thompson

Communion Servers

1/11/2026

Jordan Evans
Kevin Asbury
Kathy Yates
Jarrod Kreid
Tom Scott
Kathy Elson
Dennis Bastien
Bruce Ridgeway

Hall Greeter

1/4/26 Jordan Evans & Gordon Burroughs
1/11 Randy Manis & Steve Parry
1/18 Mark Wilson & Doug Gibbs
1/25 Aaron Thompson & Dale Odom

Communion to Shut-Ins

1/4 Gary Pruitt

1/11 Brandon Buser

1/18 Dale Odom

1/25 Paula Dunlap

1/25/2026

Doug Gibbs
Lisa Bastien
Steve Parry
Jim Williamson
Craig Briley
Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith
AJ Keith

Exit Greeter

1/4/26 Vickie Carter
1/11 Paula Dunlap
1/18 Dale Odom
1/25 Vickie Carter

Opening Prayer

1/4 Lance Weil
1/11 Gary Pruitt
1/18 Tom Bailey
1/25 Gordon Burroughs