

Praises: Larry Thompson's latest CT scan showed no more brain bleed!

New Members: Marsha Coffey place her membership at ECC on February 8th!!!

Surgery & Recovering: Paxton Dixon (3 year old-hip surgery on 4/15); Larry Thompson (surgery in May); Jeanette Thompson (knee replacement 4/6/26); Lynn Cobin (emergency surgery); Tim Davis (former ECC minister-requiring quadruple bypass before kidney transplant); Bobbie Starr (elbow surgery in 4/14)

Others in Need: Ashely Jones; Mick Perryman (in Carbondale hospital, severe lung problems); Nick Mitchell (serious injuries after accident); Alan Gossett (complications from stroke); Gene Gray; Sharon Jordan (Virginia Pabst's sister-in-law-heart issues); Jess Brooks (car accident); Mary Lydia Jenkins (heart trouble); Scott Chapman (heart issues); Rita Richardson (health issues); John Proz (requiring 24 hour care) Shawun & Brenda Hamley (providing John Proz with 24 hour care-pray for strength and stamina as they provide a caring home for John); Larry White; Blake & Cori Moon (lost young son in house fire); Ashlee Murry; Clifford Whittington (Serious health issues from a recent fall); Kayla Wilson (Liver issues will need a transplant in the future); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); 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); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis); Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health)

Those With Cancer: Teresa Phillips; Maven Cole (12 year old with bone cancer); Carlie Lane (breast cancer); Nikki Gerald's (Breast Cancer); Heather Bookstaver (teacher at Du Quoin); Paula Ellis; Sara Hinde (Lung Cancer); Mehgan Russell (39 years old with cervical cancer); Denny Elledge (lung 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; 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 Leroy Newton; Ellen Rath; Bill Jenkins



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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.

May Wednesday Night

Menu

Meal starts at 5:45 p.m.

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

5/6 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, and
Baked Beans

5/13 Pizza, Salad, and Breadsticks

5/20 Italian Beef, Cheesy Potatoes, and Green
Beans

The ECC Monthly Minute

The Divine Design of Motherhood: God's Sacred Calling for Moms By Lauren Carter from Daughter of Delight

Have you ever noticed that the last chapter of Proverbs says it was “inspired by utterance his mother taught him”? (Proverbs 31:1, NIV)

One of the most quoted books of the Bible—filled with wisdom that has guided generations for thousands of years—ends by acknowledging the influence of a mother. That isn't a coincidence. It's divine design.

From the very beginning, God has woven maternal influence into His redemptive story.

The caring, comforting, and nurturing nature of a mother reflects the heart of God Himself. In Isaiah 66:13, He says, “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.” The Lord intentionally uses the tenderness of a mother's love to illustrate His own compassion toward His people.

Motherhood: A Divine Calling, Not a Lesser Role

It's in the DNA of a mom to end a long, messy day of wiping tears, teaching lessons, and mending hearts only to wonder, Was it enough? Yet in the Kingdom of God, nothing done in faith is wasted.

God's Word is rich with examples of mothers who shaped history through quiet faithfulness—Mary, Elizabeth, Jochebed, Hannah, Naomi. Each of these women played an irreplaceable role in God's story simply by walking in obedience to their callings as mothers.

Motherhood is not a secondary calling; it's a sacred stewardship. Through your daily faithfulness, you're equipping the next generation of servants for the good works God has prepared for them. As 2 Timothy 3:16–17 reminds us, Scripture equips us “for every good work.” And as mothers, we participate in that equipping—teaching truth, modeling grace, and training in righteousness.

When Motherhood Feels Ordinary

There will be days when you feel like you're repeating yourself endlessly, spinning your wheels, or correcting the same behaviors over and over again. But don't lose heart. Growth—both spiritual and emotional—takes time.

In Ephesians 2:10, Paul reminds us that “we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” That includes motherhood. You are doing eternal work in the seemingly ordinary moments—planting seeds that God will water in His time.

So, keep the faith, moms. You're not just raising children; you're raising disciples. You're shaping hearts for eternity, one act of patience and one whispered prayer at a time.

Let the Father handle the harvest—He alone knows how your faithfulness will bear fruit for decades to come.

Reflection

“The first and most important job of a parent is to fall in love with the worship of God.”

— John Piper

For More Information

- Men's Breakfast- Dale Odom is leading the devotional
- Women's Breakfast-Dot Williams is leading the devotion.
- Book Club Monday, April 13th. - Our Book of the Month is *Book One of the Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.
- Graduation Video Sunday, May 17th. During worship service, we'd like to feature the class of 2026 in our annual graduation video. If you or your child is graduating Jr. High, High School, or College, please submit 3-5 photos to the office no later than Monday, May 11th. Congratulations to the class of 2026!!!
- Families in Need Pulled Pork Lunch!! We're excited to bring back a fundraiser to our Families in Need ministry! Families in Need provides funds to families going through sudden and tragic losses or needs. On May 17th after church, we're offering a pulled pork lunch with sides of baked beans, potato salad, chips, and a dessert. What's even better is you can order it to-go or eat at the church. Watch for a sign-up sheet to come soon.
- Serving opportunity in the nursery! If you love babies and toddlers and are searching for a way to serve, you're invited to join our rotation of nursery volunteers. If interested, see Cayla. Those interested will have to pass a background check.
- Last REGULAR Wednesday Night. May 20th will be the last regular Wednesday night fellowship until after Labor Day. Kevin's Adult Bible Study will continue weekly from 6:30-7:30 through July.

Calendar + List of Events

- 5/2 Men's Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 5/3 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 5/6 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 5/9 Women's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/11 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- 5/13 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 5/14 Forever Young History Trip
- 5/16 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 5/17 Gradution Video
- 5/17 Guest Services Meeting after church
- 5/17 Families in Need pulled pork lunch after church.
- 5/17 Elverado Bacaluareate at ECC
- 5/18 Area Men's Meeting at Johnston City
- 5/19 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 5/20 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- 5/25 Memorial Day- Office Closed
- 5/28 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 5/31 5th Sunday FUNday
- 5/31 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.



May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
3 Youth Group	4	5	6 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
10 Happy Mother's Day	11 Book Club 6 p.m.	12	13 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	14 Forever Young History Trip	15	16 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
17 *Graduation Video *Guest Services Mtg *Families in Need Pulled pork lunch	18 Area Men's Meeting at Johnston City	19 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon	20 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial DAY Office Closed	26	27	28 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	29	30
31 5th Sunday FUNday Youth Group						

Birthdays

1st Justin Kreid
1st Mason Martin
1st Eden Fager
4th Dax Piper
4th Nolan Waller
5th Jordan Evans
7th Patti Evans
7th Philip Hill
8th Opie Piper
12th Lynn Cobin
12th Steve Tuthill
12th Ryan Tuthill
12th Brooke Burroughs
13th Gary Pruitt
13th Roger Waller
14th Kallahan Piper
14th Shawnie Porter
16th John Monroe
17th Madison Jones
19th Kelsey Tuthill
20th Dennis Bastien
21st Gerald Sanders
21st Sadie Dobill
21st Jake Gibbs
22nd Cindy Deleon
22nd Zoey Swenson
23rd Hadley Lane
26th Johnnie Halstead
27th Aldo Bombardo
27th Amy Gibbs
27th Tori Bailey
29th Kim Buser
31st Joyce Bailey

Anniversaries

12th Jason & Jane Cobin
13th Dirk & Sharon Valerius
18th Anthony & Lauren Kirk
20th Tim & Myra Gossett
24th Craig & Julie Briley
29th Steve & Crystal Keller
29th Raymond & Virginia Pabst

Communion Purchase

Communion Prep

Marilyn Thompson

5/3/2026

Gary Jones
Craig Briley
Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith
AJ Keith
Dirk Valerius
Christian Kistner
Mike Stewart

5/10/2026

Dale Odom
Jason Will
Heather Will
Erin Carter
Grace Godoyo
Mark Wilson
Jordan Evans
Larry Hickman

Inside Greeters

5/3 Tim & Myra Gossett
5/10 Jim Williamson & Craig Briley
5/17 Jason & Heather Will
5/24 Faye Aken & Beth Alongi
5/31 Joyce Elledge & Vickie Parry

Nursery

5/3 Gail Ridgeway with Brilynn Hughes
5/10 No Nursery Volunteer
5/17 Ashli Clifton with Ginny Reiman
5/24 Emily Evans
5/31 Abby Keith and Laney Keith

Serving Schedule

Sunday School Milk & Juice

5/3 Joe and Cayla Reiman
5/10 & 5/17 Craig & Julie Briley
5/24 & 5/31 Doug & Amy Gibbs

Communion Servers

5/17/2026

Joyce Hickman
Warren Yates
Kathy Yates
Jarrod Kreid
Tom Scott
Kathy Elson
Bruce Ridgeway
Rich Bernardini

5/24/2026

Kevin Asbury
Gordon Burroughs
Andy Burroughs
Tyler Burroughs
Doug Gibbs
Jake Gibbs
Gary Monroe
Ron Ritter

5/31/2026

Brandon Buser
Luke Buser
Lisa Bastien
Steve Parry
Jim Williamson
Craig Briley
Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith

Communion Meditation

5/3 Tim Gossett
5/10 Cayla Reiman
5/17 Kevin Asbury
5/24 Brandon Buser
5/31 Lyle Thompson

Hall Greeter

5/3 Larry Hickman & Dale Odom
5/10 Brandon Buser & Jake Gibbs
5/17 Gary Jones & Gordon Burroughs
5/24 Jordan Evans & Steve Parry
5/31 Mark Wilson & Doug Gibbs

Exit Greeter

5/3 Dale Odom
5/10 Vickie Carter
5/17 Paula Dunlap
5/24 Dale Odom
5/31 Vickie Carter

Opening Prayer

5/3 Lyle Thompson
5/10 Lance Weil
5/17 Gary Pruitt
5/24 Tom Bailey
5/31 Gordon Burroughs