

Praises:
New Members: Don & Joyce Wisely placed their membership to ECC Sunday, July 12th!!! Marilyn Batteau placed her membership to ECC on June 7th!!! Rodney Walker place his membership on 5/31!! Rick & Beverly Wisely placed their membership here May 10th!!! Cliff Davis place his membership to ECC April 19th!!! Welcome to all of you to the ECC Family!!!

Surgery & Recovering: Tom Knight (having serious eye surgery 8/5/26); Faith Zirkelbach (torn ACL-surgery July 28th); AndreaElledge (double mastectomy); Tim Davis (former ECC minister-triple bypass surgery and awaiting a kidney transplant); Melissa Micheals (health issues-surgery); David Havens (surgery to repair collapsed lung); Paxton Dixon (3 year old-hip surgery on 4/15)

Others in Need: Conner Reichert (Friend of Karsen Holder-long recovery after serious accident); Sue Valerius (liver issues); Missy Mae (end of life care); Debbie Collins (vision problems); Stephanie Cralley (new diagnosis of MS); Larry Thompson (health issues); Cheryl Cobin (blood clot in lung); Danny Dunlap (heart issues); John Pruitt (friend of the Dunbar's-serious heart issues); James Taylor (stroke); Melissa Knight (health issues-having several tests); Ashley Jones; Mick Perryman (severe lung problems); Alan Gossett (complications from stroke); Sharon Jordan (Virginia Pabst's sister-in-law-heart issues); 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); 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: Julie Miller (thyroid cancer); Casey Tiomgsom (Rachel Collins' boyfriend-lymphoma); Beth Bowen (new diagnosis of breast cancer-awaiting more test results); Brad Kirk (pancreatic cancer); Sierra Buckles (20 year old with lung cancer); 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); 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); 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) ;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 Pete Kassen; Gene Gray; Denny Elledge; Gene Cochran; Gregory Filetti

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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.

September Wednesday Night Menu

Meal Starts at 5:45 p.m.
Cost is \$8/plate or \$20/family

9/9 Grilled Chicken Breast, Twice Baked
Potatoes, Broccoli, and Dinner Rolls

9/16 Baked Spaghetti, Salad, and Garlic Bread

9/23 Taco & Nacho Bar

9/30 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,
and Potato Salad

The ECC Monthly Minute

Seasons

by Cayla Reiman

I make no apologies for it, but I'm really ready for summer to be over. We've enjoyed the sun and the warm weather but, I'm ready to move on. Fall is my absolute favorite season and September is the threshold! Soon the atmosphere will change. The sound of combines and the hum of dryer systems on grain bins will be the symphony of the season. We will begin to see the soft subtle changes in color as summer gives way to autumn.

I feel fortunate to live in a part of the country that gets to experience all four seasons. Autumn is a way to reflect on all the seasons of life.

If I look back on my years, I'm able to see the seasons. The transitions. Ever since Joe and I started having children, we've been in a constant state of change. We went from it being he and I, to he and I plus 5! Each addition changed our family in the best way but also came with some challenges. Each child had a newborn phase, a toddler phase, potty training, learning to walk, learning to ride a bike, etc., all the while someone else was going through their own unique phase. At one point I was a young twenty-something new mom, and now 40 is just around the corner. Comfort and support weren't nearly as important to me when purchasing shoes or a new mattress as they are now! I'm finding myself using phrases like, "young kids today" and "back in my day" and actually meaning them!

In his song "Time Marches On" the country singer Tracy Lawrence wisely sings "*the only thing that stays the same is everything changes*" Those words ring so true as the years seem to fly by.

Some changes are pleasant, but some are painful. An inevitable side effect of life is the seasons that bring grief. We've seen within our very own church family the passing of loved ones recently and adjusting to new normals while some may be experiencing illness and difficulties. These too, are phases.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 eloquently states, "*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to keep from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear up and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*"

In the midst of all the times, transitions, and changes we experience and endure, our God remains steadfast. Jesus never changes. He never leaves us. Hebrews 13:8 is clear when it says, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*" What a comfort to know we have a Savior who never changes! Let our hearts always be directed towards Jesus and always trusting in His promises.

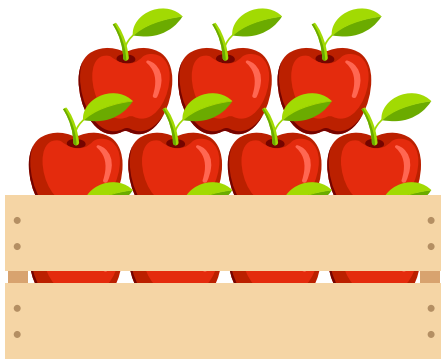
For More Information

- Emma Gibbs-We welcomed young Missionary, Emma Gibbs, to ECC to give us a brief presentation on her mission work on August 16th. Through the generosity of the congregation, Emma made her fundraising goal!
- Men's Breakfast- Bruce Ridgeway will be leading the devotion.
- Women's Breakfast will now pick back up in October.
- Book Club Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. The Book of the Month is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.
- Wednesday Night Fellowship Services starting September 9th! We've got classes for everyone! Meals will cost \$8/plate or \$20/family. Please be sure to sign up to eat at the bulletin board so Donna can know how much to prepare for.
- Youth Volunteer Meeting. If you are planning on volunteering, or would be interested in volunteering to help Ben out in our Youth Ministry, join us for this meeting after church on September 13th!
- It's that time of year to plan for Fall Fest! If you'd like to be involved, please join us for a planning meeting on September 20th after church.
- Outdoor Worship Service at Cochran Campground September 27th with a fellowship meal to follow.
- Regular Sunday Night Youth will begin its fall schedule and meet most Sunday nights beginning September 13th.



Calendar + List of Events

- 9/7 Labor Day-Office Closed
- 9/9 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.
- 9/12 Men’s Meeting and Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 9/13 Guest Services Meeting after church
- 9/13 Youth Group Volunteer Meeting after church
- 9/13 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30
- 9/14 Book Club 6:00 p.m.
- 9/15 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 9/16 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.
- 9/19 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 9/20 Sunday Night Youth Group 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 9/21 Area Men’s Meeting at ECC 6:30 p.m.
- 9/23 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.
- 9/24 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 9/27 Outdoor Worship Service at Cochran Campground
- 9/30 Wednesday Night Fellowship. Meal 5:45. Bible Study 6:30-7:30.



SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
6	7 Office Closed	8	9 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12
13 *Guest Service's Meeting *Youth Group Meeting after church Youth Group	14 Book Club 6 p.m.	15 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon	16 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
20 Fall Fest Planning Meeting After church Youth Group	21 Area Men's Meeting at ECC	22	23 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	24 Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.	25	26
27 Outdoor Worship Service	28	29	30 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.			

Birthdays

1st Shirley Baldridge
2nd Joe Reiman
3rd Lucas Lane
4th Gary Monroe
4th Darrell Dunbar
6th Sabrina Bandur
11th Kaitlin Lively
11th Carolyn Wisely
12th Emma Yates
13th Tryce Stewart
13th Emah Hill
13th Jane Barwick
14th Matt Jones
15th Tim Gossett
16th Maddax Thompson
18th Hayden Dinga
18th Craig Briley
18th Tyler Burroughs
18th Janice Snyder
20th Haylee Reiman
22nd Steve Aken
22nd Warren Yates
23rd Ron Ritter
25th Atlas Buser
25th Virginia Pabst
26th Kia Howell
26th Lacy Brookman
27th Nichole Sewell
28th Hank Stewart
28th Hope Willard
29th Shirley Harsha
29th Julie Briley

Anniversaries

9th Jason & Jamie Walker
14th Lyle & Nancy VanZandt
16th Jason & Heather Will
20th Lenoard & Janice Snyder
27th Rich & Kim Bernardini
28th Jake & Jennie Gibbs



Communion Purchase

Paula Dunlap

Communion Prep

Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krelo

9/6/2026

Brandon Buser
Luke Buser
Rich Bernardini
Doug Gibbs
Jake Gibbs
Gary Monroe
Ron Ritter
Steve Parry

Inside Greeters

9/6 Diane Dunbar & Faye Aken
9/13 Sylvia Krelo & Lisa Stewart
9/20 Kim Buser & Kathy Aldridge
9/27 Outdoor Church Service

Nursery

9/9 Jenni Porter with Paislee Porter
9/13 Christine Snyder with Ginny Reiman
9/20 Clarissa Hill with Emah Hill
9/27 Outdoor Worship Service

Serving Schedule

Sunday School Milk & Juice

9/6 & 9/13 Craig & Julie Briley
9/20 & 9/27 Doug & Amy Gibbs

Communion Servers

9/13/2026
Jim Williamson
Craig Briley
Jeremy Keith
AJ Keith
Dirk Valerius
Tom Scott
Tim Gossett
Dale Odom

9/20/2026
Gary Jones
Maddax Thompson
Mark Wilson
Larry Hickman
Kevin Asbury
Warren Yates
Kathy Yates
Jarrod Kreid

Hall Greeter

9/6 Aaron Thompson & Steve Parry
9/13 Craig Briley & Doug Gibbs
9/20 Larry Hickman & Dale Odom
9/27 Outdoor Church Service

Communion Meditation

9/6 Tim Gossett
9/13 Cayla Reiman
9/20 Kevin Asbury
9/27 Brandon Buser

9/27/2026

Outdoor
Church
Service

Exit Greeter

9/6 Vickie Carter
9/13 Paula Dunlap
9/20 Dale Odom
9/27 Outdoor Service

Opening Prayer

9/6 Lyle Thompson
9/13 Lance Weil
9/20 Gary Pruitt
9/27 Ben Houpt