Sharing, Serving, and Growing in the Love of Christ to the Glory of God

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Josh Coleman Steve Delaney John McDavid Rudy Peoples Michael Williams

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Josh Manning Ethan Schulte

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Craig Brown Phillip Brown Troy Buttrey Bob Comer Jon Davidson Philip Davidson Levi Dodd Brian Foster Billy Hensley Adam Killion Will Little Mike McDaniel Jason Smith Lance Winders

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am Worship-10:30am Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm Wednesday AM Adult Bible Study10:00

Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00

Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am AM 1000, 97.5 FM

> Spectrum-Channel 195 Sunday @ 9:00am

Live Streaming Youtube.com Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM, Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Youth Group: www.ewyg.org Closed Group

#### HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE TV AND SATELLITE EACH SUNDAY

#### **Charter / Spectrum Cable:**

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-Channel 15 7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-Channel 13 7:30am Preaching the Gospel-Channel 13

#### WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

7:00am A Bible Answer

#### Dish TV 58 & Direct TV-Channel 30:

7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way 7:30am Preaching the Gospel 8:00am Good News Today

#### THEME FOR 2024: DISCIPLESHIP ON DISPLAY

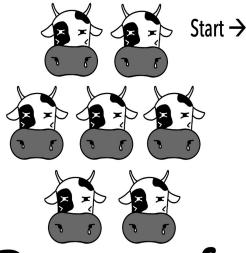
### BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES by Josh Manning

We are exploring the relationship between *knowing* and *loving*. What role, if any, does knowledge play in our ability to form loving relationships and then grow in our love for one another? We will answer this question in two ways: first by identifying the foundational truth upon which the Christian idea of *knowledge* and *love* is built; and second, by looking at an extremely practical empowering principle contained within the Bible's teaching on love.

The biblical "love ethic" flows out of the way in which God has made Himself known. The Lord God self identifies as Being Love. John said, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). His actions are both good and expressions of His love. Just consider how Genesis 1 focuses on God's "good" creation (cf. 1:4, 31; 2:18-22). When you begin reading the Bible, God seeks to condition you to an understanding of His character—He is a good God. If we miss this aspect of scripture, we will misread, misunderstand, and miss out on the story of the Bible. God does good because He loves. The biblical theme of love reaches its pinnacle in the "good news" of Jesus. This is the love of God in its purest and most powerful form: redeeming, sacrificial love. Paul writes, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength...Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:5-8). God does good and creates good because He is Love. How can we be assured of the fact that God is Love? We come to know the loving nature of God through the message of Jesus Christ. Herein lies the foundational truth upon which the Christian idea of knowledge and love is built: it is only through the knowledge of God's love that we humans receive the ability to love as we were created to love. In other words, God's love redeems our hearts. And this love is something about which we need to know in order for it to transform us.

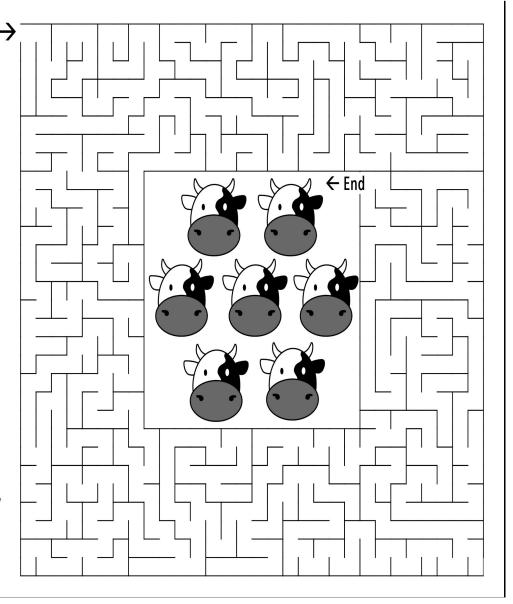
Now, how can the knowledge of God's love practically empower us to fulfill God's command to be loving people? There are several ways that God's love equips us to live loving lives. First, God's love is given without needing a reason. In fact, God's saving love was given when we were undeserving of it (Romans 5:6-8). When I *know* that, I begin to see that God wants me to *love* regardless of how deserving people are of my love. Second, when I *know* that I have God's love, the idea of losing someone else's love is no longer paralyzing. What if I take a stand for God's truth (which is a loving action) and my friends or family treat me differently? The pain that comes from that rejection will be healed by God's favor. Third, *knowing* that I have God's love enables me to practically behave toward others in a loving way without needing that love reciprocated. This knowledge of God's love empowers us as ministers. I can serve lovingly regardless of how much appreciation I receive in return if I know that God sees my service as an expression of my love for Him. God's love strengthens us to love one another.

#### STATE OF THE YOUTH



## Dreams of Pharaoh

Now Pharaoh has had dreams and tells them to Joseph. In the first one, 7 ugly, skinny cows eat up 7 healthy, fat cows. Can you help the 7 skinny cows find the 7 healthy ones hiding in the middle of this maze?



#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**Youth Devotional:** April 28th, at the home of Will and Kayla Little; 55 Old Paris Lane / McKenzie. Guys bring drinks / Girls Bring desserts

**High School Graduation 2024:** To all high school seniors and their parents / guardians who attend East Wood church of Christ, please prepare the following things: a statement regarding your plans after high school, your preferred translation of the Bible & how you would like your name to appear on the Bible, and at least 20-25 pictures of yourself through the years. <u>Please send these things to Ethan no later</u>

than April 21st to ensure your inclusion in our Graduation Program on May 19th. (email: ethan.schulte94@gmail.com)

**Spring Formal:** Saturday May 4th. Cost \$40.

**Graduation Banquet**: May 19th immediately following Evening Services in the auditorium. Refreshments to follow in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Youth Devotional:** May 26th. Guys bring drinks/Girls Bring desserts.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ally Morton
Jack McCollum
Sophie Taylor

April 7th April 22nd May 3rd Tucker McCollum Eva Coleman Logan Davidson

May 7th May 9th

May 17th

# OUR ATTITUDESunday AM Bible Study159Sunday AM Worship200Sunday PM Worship103Wednesday PM Bible Study100This week's contribution\$8,267Weekly Budget\$8,480

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

Jelly, Cranberry Sauce, Spaghetti Sauce (no pasta), Canned Roast Beef

| SUNDAY A.M. Announcements Opening Prayer Scripture Reading Closing Prayer Preside West Side                | APRIL 14 Rudy Peoples Brian Foster Max Henry Steve Delaney Michael Williams Adam Killion Eddie Lane | APRIL 21 John McDavid Adam Killion Patrick Peale Josh Coleman Mark Brown Dave Perry Micah Sutton |
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| East Side  | Will Little  Blake Morton Daniel Belisle Hunter Bethune Craig Brown                                 | Stan Wilson  Gavin Wynn  Bobby Barton  Stephen Blackwell  Donald Drinkard                        |
| SUNDAY P.M. Opening Prayer Scripture Reading Communion & Contribution Closing Prayer WEDNESDAY Song Leader | APRIL 14 Troy Buttrey Bob Comer  Philip Davidson Edwin Carrington APRIL 17 Troy Buttrey             | APRIL 21 Lance Winders Logan Davidson  Jerry Peale Rick Moody APRIL 24 Logan Davidson            |
| Invitation Closing Prayer  | Will Little<br>Donald Drinkard  | Josh Manning<br>Charles Clark  |

#### **APRIL**

USHERS: Jon Davidson / Brad Smith BENEVOLENCE: Troy Buttrey / Bob Comer CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Javan Winders EAST SIDE DOOR: Mike McDaniel

#### KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

**David Webb:** (brother of Jack Webb) Liver and Pancreas Cancer. Would love cards; 1925 Beechwood Drive / Florence, Alabama 35630

**Rebecca Thomason:** (former member) last Sunday, admitted to St. Thomas West. with chest pains and low blood pressure. Discharged Tuesday after changing meds; 501 Franklin Drive / Paris

#### CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zora Adams Leon and Carolyn Bumpus **Buddy Goad** Ellen McNatt Ann Patterson **Bob Perry** Peggy Shepherd Ray Tucker Valerie Wynn Wendy Wynn Karen Frederick Clint Graff Molly Harris Darlene Humphreys Jason Judd Dale & Kathy McCant Joy Russell Marcia Wimberley

#### **SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lacy Hensley and family with the passing of her Uncle, Garry Gene Boles. He passed away, Monday, April 8th, 2024. Funeral Services were conducted at Hall Funeral Home in Livingston, TN. April 11th, 2024.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the wonderful room, great meals, and sweet fellowship. But, most of all thank you for your love, support, and prayers! We really enjoyed being with you all! Love & Prayers, Robert and Kim Taylor

#### MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING CLOTHING

Dress and Casual Dress Men's Clothes are still being accepted.

Call Jason Smith before bringing.

#### **BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS**

Wednesday, April 17th: Owen Smith and James Wilson Wednesday, April 24th: Clint Wynn and Gavin Wynn

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Return Service Requested

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FIA Captains Needed to work from May through the end of August. Please let an elder know as soon as possible.

FIA Team 2: will meet, in the Multi-Purpose Room, Sunday afternoon, after AM Service for Potluck. If you are unable to attend, please see Stephen Blackwell.

TN Children's Home Spring Food and Supply Drive: We will be collecting food and supplies through Tomorrow, April 15th, until 2:30 PM. These items can be placed in the library behind the desk. It is also asked that each family consider giving \$25.00 or more in cash/check for the purchase of perishable foods. Please Make checks out to "TN Children's Home" and give them to

**Game Night:**Friday, April 19th at 6:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring Games, Mexican foods and drinks.

an elder. Lists are at the exits.

**Eiffel Gardens Singing:** at 2:00, Sunday, April 21st.

**Family Committee Meeting:** will meet Sunday, April 21st, in the small auditorium, at 5:15 PM.

Office Closed: Friday, April 26th for Fish Fry.

PM at the Park: Eiffel Tower Park Picnic and Sunday PM Services. April 28th starting at 4:00 PM / Meal at 5:00 PM / Worship at 6:00 PM. There will be provided: Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments and drinks. Individuals are to bring: sides, desserts and chairs.

**Baby Blankets Program:** If you can crochet or sew or would like to learn, we really need you to help with the baby blanket program. Please join us on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 2:00. See Marty Olive with questions.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 14:** FIA Team 2 potluck meal in MPR after

AM Service

**April 16:** TN Children's Home Food Truck Spring

Food and Supply Drive Pick up early AM

**April 17:** Wednesday Night Meal Team B

**April 19:** Game Night at 6:30 PM in the MPR,

Mexican food theme (Bring games, food,

drinks)

**April 21:** FIA Team 3

Eiffel Gardens Singing

Family Committee Meeting at 5:15 PM in

the small auditorium

High School Graduates last day to submit

information needed to participate in

Graduation Banquet Program

**April 26**: Fish Fry Office Closed

**April 28**: FIA Team 4 will hand out assignments

Youth Devotional, Guys bring drinks/ Girls Bring desserts at the home of Will

and Kayla Little

"PM at the Park" Eiffel Tower Park picnic and Sunday PM Services/ Starting at 4:00 PM/ Meal at 5:00 PM/ Worship at

6:00 PM

**May 1**: Wednesday Night Meal Team C

May 4: Youth Spring Formal

May 5: FIA Team 1
May 12: FIA Team 2

**May 15:** Wednesday Night Meal Team D

#### **ELDER'S CORNER**

**REMINDER**: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.