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Youth Sunday
May 19th AM Service
Give Me Jesus
May 19th at 7 PM

Bridal Shower
honoring
Kylie Trapp
Sunday May 19th 2-4 PM in FLC
Registered at Amazon, Belk, and Walmart

Deacons' Meeting May 5th @ 5:30 PM
Church Council TBD
Family Night Supper
May 8th & 22nd @5:45 PM

Congratulations to our Class of 2024 Graduates

<p>Kaid Layman</p> <hr/> <p>McMinn County High School</p>		<p>Will Offutt</p> <hr/> <p>Home Life Academy</p>	
	<p>Emma Kate Trapp</p> <hr/> <p>McMinn County High School</p>		<p>Jacob Whaley</p> <hr/> <p>McMinn County High School</p>

EABC MINISTRIES-IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Church Activities

SUNDAY

Library Open.....9-9:30 A

Sunday School 9:30 A

Morning Worship10:45 A

Youth Choir5:30 P

WEDNESDAY

Children's Ministry6:30 P

IMPACT Student Ministry..... 6:30 P

Bible Study / Prayer 7 P

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ... 7:50 P

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY:

9 AM - 3:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://eastathens.org/livestream>

(Livestream of the Sunday Morning Service and Previous Services)

<https://eastathens.org/calendar>

(Happenings at the Church)

<https://eastathens.org/contact>

(Guest Information)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nVw1a3wrtc8ZKG7dqV4Xw>

(YouTube Channel)

MAY

5—Deacons' Meeting

6—WMU

8—Family Night Supper

12—Mother's Day Finance Meeting

13—Brotherhood

15—L.I.G.H.T. Business Meeting

19—Youth Sunday Bridal Shower Kylie Trapp Missions

22—Family Night Supper

27—Memorial Day



Psalm 96:1-3: "Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples."

Why do we sing in worship? This may be a question you've asked yourself but haven't heard discussed within the church. Singing in congregational settings has been a widely accepted practice amongst various denominations, age groups, and even cultures. So why is that? Why do we sing? Here are five reasons that we sing in worship.

- God commands us to sing. There are hundreds of references to singing within the Bible. Jesus Himself sang songs of praise after the Last Supper. If we are called to replicate the character of Christ, I'm confident that singing should always be involved.
- Christians have sung throughout history. The earliest Christians put their community beliefs in songs, which is why Christian hymnody as a whole began. Songs are recorded in scripture and other historical texts. The book of Psalms in the Bible is a great resource for reading the songs of believers who have gone before us.
- Songs can give us theology. As you may know, hymns and other Christian songs are full of rich, theological text. The act of singing uses both parts of the brain; therefore, it can educate us and teach us about the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Singing connects us emotionally. Songs of celebrations can lift our hearts to joy. Songs of lament can lead us to tears. Music has a way of piercing into the deep parts of our soul, that assists in our expression and response to God and the church.
- Singing helps unite us to the church. The gospel alone unites believers to one another. However, music is a tool that allows us to do so.

As we gather together each Sunday, we join as one body and praise God with one voice. We recognize that God gives each of us different gifts. But at the end of the day, we all are called, wanted, and expected to sing.

My hope for all of us comes from the proclamation found in Psalm 96. *"Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord! Bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day."*

Mike (excerpts from Anima. Samford, edu)

Music News

Sanctuary Choir :

Thank you for leading out in worship this year, especially during these special weeks of continued Easter anthems. What a wonderful time of praise and thanksgiving to our Risen Lord. We have two more Sundays to complete our special 7 weeks of Easter praise. I will be absent on the 5th of May and am currently working on that service. On May 12th we will conclude these 7 weeks of praise with singing about our Lord's return. "Midnight Cry!"

May the 19th the Youth will be leading in worship services both AM and PM. so we will not be singing that morning. We will sing again on Sunday the 26th of May. Beginning Wednesday, May 29th we will start our summer 30-minute rehearsal schedule. Even during the summertime, when you are in town, please be found faithful to both rehearsal and Sunday morning worship service. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the Lord.

Youth Choir:

I have been pleased with your dedication to rehearsals each Sunday evening. You have worked hard this season, and I am looking forward to Youth Sunday. The remaining rehearsals are very important.

Upcoming Youth Choir rehearsal schedule

- Sunday, April 28th from 5:30 to 7 pm.
- Sunday, May 5th from 6 pm till 7 pm.
- No rehearsal on Mother's Day (May 12th).
- **The ALL-IMPORTANT DRESS REHEARSAL will be on Monday, May 13th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We MUST have everyone present this evening.**
- Youth Sunday is May 19th .

Warm-up for morning service begins at 9:30 am. We will lead out in worship during the morning worship service. That evening, May 19th warm-up begins at 6 pm.

- Musical starts at 7 pm, May 19th .
- No choir on May 26th .

Handbells

Amazing and impressive presentations this season. You have worked hard to give your best to the Lord. The 2 Sundays you rang in April were truly a blessing to all. What a wonderful musical statement about our Resurrected Lord.

Due to several scheduling issues, we will take our summer break a little early. No rehearsals from May through August. We will start back in September. Again, thank you for your commitment and wonderful presentations this season.

RICHARD HARRILL
Youth Director

YOUTH SUMMER RETREAT

GALILEE BIBLE CAMP

May 24th - 26th

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

YOUTH FALL RETREAT
SNOWBIRD
WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS
OCTOBER 4TH-6TH

***MORE DETAILS COMING**



GIVE ME JESUS

Youth Sunday
May 19th AM Service

Give Me Jesus
May 19th at 7 PM

- 4- Donny Anderson
4- Michele Clunie
6- Brett Miller
7- Vesta Melton
9- Kristti Bush
12- Colton Brown
14- Kelley Akins
15- Jacob Whaley



- 16- Mike Dannel
18- Jade Wilson
18- Denise Patterson
19- Loretta Smith
19- Austin Tallent
24- LeAnne Harrill Presley
25- Peggy Morris
26- James Offutt

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 5- GARY/CANDY LANKDORD
19- A.G./LORETTA SMITH
21- JOE/JEANNINE KNOX
29- RON/NAN MILLER
29- DONNY/JANICE ANDERSON

Deacons of the Week and Hospitality Team

<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u>
Stacey Wade	Rodney Scarbrough	Steve Bridges	Brett Miller
Sue McDonald (Front Entrance)	Rodney Ammons (Front Entrance)	Debo Toomey (Front Entrance)	Jamie McConkey (Front Entrance)
*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	*Need Volunteer (Nursery)	Phil Hadorn (Nursery)
Steve Bridges (Family Life Center)	Darrell McCormick (Family Life Center)	Donny Anderson (Family Life Center)	Nathan Odom (Family Life Center)