
Joining Christ's Body

When one *actively* believes by turning away from sin and being immersed in water, God adds that person to the saved body of Christ (Acts 2:36-41). The Bible describes the true church as being "*one body*" (Ephesians 4:4). "*For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body*" (I Corinthians 12:13).

We believe and teach that the true church consists of every redeemed sinner who has been gracefully added to the one body of Christ through total submission to God's Word.

Are you part of the *one body* that Scripture describes? Do you realize your role in putting Christ to death? Are you determined to turn away from sin and submit fully to God's Word? Have you been baptized into water for the forgiveness of your sins? If not, then you have yet to *actively* believe. We know that *inactive* belief does not lead to salvation, "*for even the demons believe*" (James 2:19).

If you truly believe the Bible is God's Message for you, then your attention and submission that Message is *crucial!* Only when you submit your life to God will He add you to the church His Son died to claim. Our prayer is that **you** will *actively* believe and become part of Christ's *one body!*



Service Times

We would love for you to visit us! Our church family finds great strength in diversity and consists of all ages, personalities, talents and professions. When you visit, you will find friendly Christians engaged in uplifting worship.

Sunday

9:00 am — Worship
10:15 am — Bible Class
6:00 pm — Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm — Devotional & Bible Class

About Our Services

It is our desire to worship in harmony with God's Word. Visitors are always impressed by the unique beauty of Scriptural worship. Our purely vocal singing emphasizes the heart, mirroring the careful practice of the early church (Ephesians 5:19). A weekly observance of the Lord's Supper centers our focus on the Gospel every Sunday. Freewill offerings allow us to contribute to the cause of the Lord's church without making visitors feel compelled to give (I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 9:7).

Bible classes are offered for all ages and cover a variety of topics. Children and adults alike will grow as they open God's Word and interact with others.

We hope that you will become part of the church family at East Ridge!

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Our church family welcomes you!

Whether you are actively searching for a church home or simply visiting the Chattanooga area, we are glad that you have chosen to be with us! We hope that your experience has been uplifting. We believe that you will find East Ridge to be a warm and friendly church home with plenty of opportunities for involvement and growth.

Allow us to share with you some of our exciting ministry programs and mission efforts. We are confident that you will come to appreciate our church family's focus. Most of all, we hope that you will seek to take part yourself and share in our vision of Christianity.

If you are exploring and simply wish to learn more about the Churches of Christ, this brochure also offers some information which is aimed at helping you understand who we are and what we believe.

Regardless of where you are today, we pray that your interaction with our church family will help you come to know Christ more fully!



Ministry Groups

Ministry groups connect those who are at similar points in life so they can relate and share together in their faith. Our goal is for everyone to find a close support group offering opportunities for social and spiritual growth.

Youth: Children of all ages can take part in our active youth program. We offer age-specific Bible classes and a balance of group activities. Many of our youth are involved in the Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes program, aimed at developing their spiritual talents.

Young Professionals: Our young adults group (includes those in college) gets together nearly every Thursday for Bible study or visitation.

Singles: Regular events are planned for our singles, including biweekly Bible studies, weekend trips, and our annual Singles Lectureship.

Couples: Many enjoyable events are offered for "Homebuilders" and "Empty Nesters" alike.

Senior Members: Our active Young at Heart group enjoys spending time together in fellowship and service. Events offered include a Bible class and luncheon every Thursday.

Care Groups: Our church family is divided into teams which help address the needs of each member. Each Care Group periodically hosts a luncheon.

Mission Efforts

East Ridge is widely recognized for its heavy involvement in mission work, both locally and abroad.

Benevolence: Every week, several of our members volunteer many hours in service to our community. Thanks to their ongoing effort, we are able to offer one of the most respected benevolence programs in the Chattanooga area. Stocked with food, clothing, furniture and household items, the Benevolent Room opens every Tuesday to share the love of Christ with those in need.

Foreign Missions: In addition to supporting numerous missionaries, many of our members take part every year in the campaigns we organize to Central America and Russia.

Library: Our church library fulfills a unique mission of spiritual education. Many great resources are conveniently available for Christian nourishment. The Library is staffed every Tuesday and regularly opens one hour prior to each worship service.

Media: We support many forms of media evangelism, including radio and TV efforts. Many of our members are also involved in World Bible School, teaching the lost from a distance through email correspondence.



Church Leadership

Our church family follows the guide of Scripture, operating independent of any outside organization. Since we aim to be the body of Christ, we hold only him as our body's head and authority (Ephesians 4:12-16). Qualified men are appointed to fill roles of leadership and service (see I Timothy 3).

The responsibility of elders is to shepherd God's flock under Scripture's guidance and authority. Our elders are respected men who have accepted the task of overseeing the church family at East Ridge.

Deacons have also been appointed as servants who help fulfill the various needs of our church family. Each of our deacons has been assigned to a specific area of work.

Our church family employs ministers who work under the guidance of our elders to fulfill perceived spiritual needs (see I Corinthians 9:11-14). While these men are able to devote extra time and energy to the work of the church, every member shares the great responsibility of evangelism.

All true church leaders work humbly in the shadow of Christ. In all things, He deserves the glory.