

The Heart of the Matter

My mom taught me a lot of useful life skills. One of my wife’s favorites is that mom taught me to fold fitted sheets. I don’t guess I ever realized that was a difficult task for some. One other thing that my mom taught me was how to wrap a present. As tempting as it is to just toss the present into a gift bag and stuff some tissue on top, I prefer to measure, cut, wrap and tape. I’m not the fastest but it looks pretty good when I am done. The sad thing about taking the time to wrap a present is that in a matter of seconds the paper is ripped and tossed to the side. Occasionally, you will hear an adult comment on the beauty of a gift before they even see what’s on the inside. But I think children have the right perspective, what’s on the outside doesn’t matter; it’s what’s on the inside that counts. “That present is so pretty that I don’t want to open it” said no kid ever!

That may be another reason that Jesus said that unless we change and become like children we will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus understood that what is on the outside is just wrapping paper. What is really important is what is on the inside. When Jesus was pointing out some of the problems with the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, He compared them to dirty dishes and pretty caskets. On the outside, they are clean and beautiful. But on the inside, they are full of bacteria rotting corpses. Not a pretty sight! On the outside these men looked holy and perfect, but on the inside they were full of greed, self-indulgence, hypocrisy and wickedness. The prophet Samuel learned this lesson when he was called to anoint the next King of Israel. Samuel took one look at Eliab and concluded that this is surely the next king.

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

As much as we all concentrate on our outward appearance always remember that it is what’s on the inside that really matters. What good is a beautifully wrapped lump of coal?

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8

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Dakota Nowell ♥ Brandon Pyle ♥ Dan Streety ♥ Richard Yarberry

Pearls of Wisdom From the Pew

“ Jesus was born in a
barn. There was no
room at the Inn, so they
wrapped baby Jesus up
in a blanket and laid him
in a manger. That’s our
RESCUER!”

Diego Nowell
4 yrs wise



December 21, 2025

You are Welcomed Here

Eastern Hills Church of Christ
2705 E Travis St
Marshall, TX

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30,

Worship 10:30,

6PM - Sunday Evenings

Wednesday

Devo & Bible Classes at 6:30

GIVING

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ONLINE

facebook.com/EASTERNHILLSCOC

Watch LIVE on the app or website
at 10:30 Sunday mornings

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Great is the Lord
Call to Worship
Prayer
Away in a Manger
Welcome
Children's Lesson
O, Holy Night
My God and I
Lord's Supper
Offering
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Scripture Reading
Luke 2:8-15
Greatest Gifts
There is Power in the Blood
Family News
O Come All Ye Faithful
Prayer

Dec 21	Morgan Cameron
	Renee Cloud
Dec 24	Tanya Davidson
	Sandy Jones
Dec 26	Damaris Nowell
Dec 27`	Patssy Garcia

	December 14
Worship	146
Offering	\$ 5,568
Budget	\$ 6,250

December 21
Song Leader: Chase Palmer
Call to Worship: Sam Palmer
Welcome: Phillip Treat
Communion: Dakota Nowell
Scripture Reading : Carson McNeely
Closing Prayer: Brad Epperson
A/V: Chris Yarberry & Talitha Barrett
Nursery: Susan Streety & Kristy Puesta

December 28
Song Leader: Dakota Nowell
Call to Worship: Carrell Dennis
Welcome: Phillip Treat
Communion: Dan Streety
Scripture Reading: Camden McNeely
Closing Prayer: Graham Smith
A/V: Chris Yarberry & Talitha Barrett
Nursery: Holly Allen & Kristy Puesta
December Greeters: Phyllis & Phillip Smith
& Wanda Owen
December Communion:
EAST: L.C. Turner, Chris Yarberry,
Cesar Zambrano, Paul Browne
WEST: Greg Browning, Lafe Caton,
Jimmy Crossley, Michael David-
son
Preparation: Sue Bynum & Gwen Christian

The Children of Ray Clement
would
Like to invite you to a special
lunch in his honor on January
4th after services to celebrate
his 90th birthday

BJ Montgomery is recovering from knee surgery
Glena Lowe will have surgery on Dec . 29
Chop Woodruff
Phyllis Hydrick
Donna Lovelace brother in law, Dave, is trying
trial drug for returning cancer
Kayley Laywell is on the transplant list for a
heart
Judy Owen— Steve Owen's sister in law
Scotty Ford
Chris Young
Mark Little
Jody George
Sympathy:
Home Bound: Glena Lowe, Jean Spencer,
Sandy Jones, Becky McLendon, Janie Powers .
Dixianna Upton
Arabella of Longview: Lillian Simmons
Marshall Manor: Lynda McConnell

- ◆ Dec 21– Youth Devo @ 6
- ◆ Dec 24– NO Church Service
- ◆ Dec 31– NO Church Service
- ◆ Jan 4– Catered Lunch honoring Ray Clement
- ◆ Jan 10– Youth & Kidz Cocoa and Carol
- ◆ Jan 11– Ladies Book Club 2:30 @ building
- ◆ Jan 16-18– Winterfest for the youth
- ◆ Jan 24– Art Day with Mrs Kay @ 10 a.m
- ◆ Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m on Tuesday
- ◆ Men's Bible Study @ 9 a.m on Wednesday
- ◆ Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30 on Wednesday night