



Sunday, January 11, 2026

## The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1-23

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# WELCOME TO EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

We're so glad you are here to join us in our corporate worship of God this morning. Below is some information about our church.

## **Washrooms**

Washrooms are located down the hall (towards the gym). Please accompany all children who need to leave during the service. Please note our main washrooms now have handicap access.

## **Children's Ministry**

Nursery (0-24 months) and Preschool (2s and 3s) are open before the service. Children can be signed in at their respective rooms opposite the washrooms. Kindergarten (JK to Grade 1) and Children's Sunday School (Grades 2 to 5) are dismissed partway through the service. Children must be registered at the Welcome Centre prior to the service.

## **Nursing Mothers' Room**

There is a private room in the nursery for nursing mothers where you can listen to the service. If you'd like to use this room, please ask one of the nursery workers.

## **Gymnasium**

The gym will be open for fellowship and play following the morning service. There is no childcare provided during this time, so please keep an eye on your children to ensure their safety.

## **Financial Support**

The members of Eastwood happily support the work of this church. If you would like to give, you may leave cash or a cheque donation in the mail slot next to the office door or send an e-transfer to [tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca](mailto:tithe@eastwoodchurch.ca). All donations are tax receiptable provided your name and address are included on the donation.

**Questions?** Contact Rita Charron (Office Administrator) at [office@eastwoodchurch.ca](mailto:office@eastwoodchurch.ca) or 519-633-4131

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Pre-Service

Welcome.....John Hood  
Announcements .....John Hood  
Opening Prayer.....John Hood

## Corporate Worship Service

Call to Worship .....John Hood  
*Psalm 63:1-4*

Worship in Song .....Praise Band  
*Holy Holy Holy*  
*Across the Lands*

Complementary Text Reading.....Paul Lundie  
*Colossians 1:16*

Corporate Prayer of Adoration.....

Worship in Song .....Praise Band  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Pastoral Prayer .....Vince Wallman

Dismiss Children .....Vince Wallman

Scripture Reading.....Vince Wallman  
*Matthew 13:1-23*  
*Pew Bible Page 768*

Sermon.....Steve Kim

Worship in Song .....Praise Band  
*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Commission.....Steve Kim

Benediction .....Steve Kim  
*2 Thessalonians 3:5*

## Post-Service

Please join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the foyer.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1. Midweek Book Studies

### Women's Book Study

**Book:** *Jude*, by Jackie Hill Perry

**Start Date:** Wednesday, January 21

**Option 1–Morning:** 10:00 AM

**Option 2–Evening:** Social Time 6:30 PM | Study 7:00 PM

**Duration:** 7 weeks, meeting bi-weekly

**Cost:** Free

Sign up for only one study (morning or evening).

Morning study space is limited. Please attend the session you sign up for; we cannot accommodate switching between morning and evening sessions.

### Men's Book Study

**Book:** *Deeper*, by Dane Ortlund

**Start Date:** Wednesday, January 28

**Time:** 7:00–9:00 PM

**Duration:** 9 weeks, meeting bi-weekly

**Cost:** Free

Register at the sign-up table in the foyer to reserve your spot.

## 2. Corporate Prayer Meeting (Sunday, January 25, 3:00-4:00 PM)

All church members and guests are welcome to join us in the Chapel for a time of prayer.

## 3. Members' Meeting (Sunday, February 1)

Following a short break for refreshments after the morning worship service, we will gather in the Auditorium. The agenda will be emailed to members on Sunday, January 18, at noon, and a limited number of printed copies will be available at the Welcome Centre after the service.

# CORPORATE PRAYER OF ADORATION

From Valley of Vision (Puritan Prayers, 17th century)

You are the great and mighty God,  
who is worthy of the highest praise.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory;  
angels and saints adore you;  
and we, the creatures of your hand,  
bless you for your goodness and grace.

We rejoice that you are God alone—  
sovereign, eternal, unchangeable,  
working all things according to the counsel of your will.

Be exalted in our worship,  
and receive the honour due to your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Mediator. Amen.

# SERMON

Title: The Parable of the Sower

Text: Matthew 13:1-23

## 1. Introduction to Parables

A. The Definition of a Parable: A contemporary \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus throws \_\_\_\_\_ a spiritual truth.

B. The Purpose of Parables (10-17): Parables are used to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truths to the saved and \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truth to the condemned.

2. The Parable of the Sower (1-9; 18-23)

A. Packed Soil = \_\_\_\_\_ Heart (4; 19)

B. Rocky Soil = \_\_\_\_\_ Heart (5-6; 20-21)

C. Thorny Soil = \_\_\_\_\_ Heart (7; 22)

D. Good Soil = \_\_\_\_\_ Heart (8; 23)

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there anything in particular that stood out to you from the sermon?
2. In your own words, what is the main point of this passage?
3. What is a parable?
4. According to Jesus, what is the purpose of the parables?
5. What kind of soil most resonates with your life? Explain?

# UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

## This Week

- Men's Floor Hockey (Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM)
- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Moms & Tots (Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM)
- 55 Plus (Thursday, 10:00 AM, in the Chapel)
- Eastwood Youth – Grades 6-12 (Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM)
- Free Food and Clothing (Saturday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Digging Deeper – Grades 6-12 (Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM)

## 55 Plus (Thursday, January 15, at 10:00 AM)

Join us for a time of fellowship and a devotional shared by Noel McMaster.

After our time at the church, we'll head to Stacked (1063 Talbot St, St Thomas) for lunch.

## Eastwood Youth: Ask Pastor Steve (Thursday, January 15, 7:00-8:30 PM)

Got questions? Here's your chance to ask Pastor Steve! Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and conversation, and get your questions answered.

## Camp Scholarship Applications Available

If you're considering summer camp, \$200 camp scholarships are available through the London and District Association of Fellowship Baptist Churches (L&DA) Cann Memorial Fund for children in Grades 1-8 who regularly attend our church.

Scholarships are for one-week overnight Christian camps only (day camps not included) and will be granted to the first 50 qualified applicants.

Applications are available at the Welcome Centre. The application window is from January 15-February 28.

### **Free Food and Clothing**

The first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:00 PM.

### **Men's Floor Hockey**

The second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM. Participants must be 13 years or older. All participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **55 Plus**

The third Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM.

### **Adult Volleyball**

The third Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. Participants must be 18 years or older.

### **Corporate Prayer Meeting**

The last Sunday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.