



Sunday, January 18, 2026

The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

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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. 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 or 519-633-4131

ORDER OF SERVICE

Corporate Worship Service

Call to WorshipJohn Hood
Psalm 145:1-4

Worship in SongPraise Band
All Creatures of Our God and King
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Complementary Text ReadingVince Wallman
Matthew 7:24-25

Worship in SongPraise Band
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Pastoral PrayerDave Pentz

Dismiss ChildrenDave Pentz

Scripture ReadingDave Pentz
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Sermon.....Steve Kim

Worship in SongPraise Band
Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

Corporate Confession of Sin.....John Hood
Psalm 32:1-7

Silent Prayer of Confession of Sin.....Congregation

Corporate Word of AssuranceJohn Hood
Micah 7:18-19

Worship in SongPraise Band
His Mercy Is More

Commission.....Steve Kim

BenedictionSteve Kim
1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

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).

Please attend the session you sign up for.

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

Registration closes today. Please sign up at the designated 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 for our Members' Meeting. The agenda will be emailed to members today, and a limited number of printed copies will be available at the Welcome Centre after the service.

SERMON

Title: The Parable of the Weeds

Text: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

1. The Parable Taught (24-30)
 - A. The Sowing of the Sower (24)
 - B. The Sabotage of the Enemy (25-26)
 - C. The Reaction of the Servants (27-28)
 - D. The Plan of the Sower (29-30)

2. The Parable Explained (36-43)

A. The Elements Revealed (35-40)

I. The Sower = _____

II. The Field = _____

III. The Good Seed = _____

IV. The Weeds = _____

V. The Enemy = _____

VI. The Harvest = _____

VII. The Reapers = _____

B. The Future Foretold (41-43)

I. The Gathering of the Wicked (41-42)

II. The Glory of the Righteous (43)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Responsive Reading from Psalm 32:1-7

Leader

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Congregation

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Leader

Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

Congregation

You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*¹

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CORPORATE WORD OF ASSURANCE

Responsive Reading from Micah 7:18-19

Leader

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

Congregation

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.²

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review: What is the definition and purpose of a parable?
2. Is there anything in particular that stood out to you from the sermon?
3. In your own words, what is the main point of this passage?
4. Do you struggle with the existence of evil in the world today? How do you cope with that struggle? How does this parable help? What other biblical truths do you meditate on to help you cope with the existence of evil?
5. There are only two types of people in this world: The wheat and the weeds. Which one are you? What evidence would you point to in your life to confirm your identity?
6. What is the significance of the words “weeping” and “gnashing”? What do those words communicate about the condition of those who will be punished and damned forever? How does this make you feel? What should you do with those feelings?

UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

This Week

- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 AM)
- Moms & Tots (Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM)
- Women's Book Study (Wednesday, 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM (Social Time | 6:30 PM))
- Prayer Meeting (Thursday, 10:00-11:00 AM, in the Chapel)
- Eastwood Youth – Grades 6-12 (Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM)
- Digging Deeper – Grades 6-12 (Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM)
- Corporate Prayer Meeting (Sunday 3:00-4:00 PM)

Membership Class (Sunday, February 15, 3:00-5:00 PM)

This membership class will cover biblical local church membership and what that looks like in practice.

To join, please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

Family Day: Skating, Potluck, & Games (Monday, February 16)

Join us for a fun day of skating, a potluck lunch, and an afternoon of fellowship and board games!

Skating: 10:15-11:45 AM

Location: Joe Thornton Community Centre (Presstran-Formet Ice Rink), 75 Caso Crossing, St. Thomas

Potluck Lunch: 12:30 PM (*bring a dish to share*)

Location: Eastwood Baptist Church (Chapel)

Board Games: Bring your favourite game and stay for games after lunch.

Sign up at the Welcome Centre and let us know what type of dish you'll be bringing.

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.

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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.