



Sunday, August 23, 2026

Do Not Lose Heart In Your Evangelism!

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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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.

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

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Welcome & AnnouncementsJohn Hood
Backyard Bible Camps ReportJohn Hood
Opening Prayer.....John Hood

Corporate Worship Service

Corporate Call to WorshipJohn Hood
Select Verses from Psalm 103

Worship in SongPraise Band
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And Can It Be

Complementary Text ReadingHelen Broadbent
John 16:33

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All Hail the Power
How Firm a Foundation

Pastoral PrayerVince Wallman
Dismiss ChildrenVince Wallman
Scripture Reading.....Vince Wallman
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SermonJohn Hood

Worship in SongPraise Band
As You Go

CommissionJohn Hood
BenedictionJohn Hood
Numbers 6:24-26

Post-Service

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. No Class for Grades 2-5 (August 2-30)

There will be no Sunday morning Grade 2-5 class during August. The Grade 2-5 class will resume on Sunday, September 6.

Activity packages are available at the Welcome Centre.

2. No Corporate Prayer Meeting

There will be no Corporate Prayer Meeting next Sunday, August 30.

Although we will not be gathering together, we encourage you to set aside some time at home to pray for our church family, our ministries, our missionaries, and the needs of our community.

CORPORATE CALL TO WORSHIP

Select Verses from Psalm 103

*(Congregation to read the portions in **bold** font. Leader to read the portion in regular font.)*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**

**Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!**

**Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!¹

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COMPLEMENTARY TEXT READING

JOHN 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

SERMON

Title: Do Not Lose Heart In Your Evangelism!

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1. Take heart: God has given you His mercy and His new covenant ministry (1)

2. Take heart: God's role for you is simple: preach the gospel openly! (2,5)

3. Take heart: God is responsible for the results, not you (3-4)

4. Take heart: God can illuminate the darkest hearts with the light of Christ (6)

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?
5. What is the true gospel? What are some common false gospels that you know of?
6. What disheartens you the most about evangelism: the fear of losing man's approval; a lack of training; a lack of love; or something else?
7. Which reason that Paul gives in 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 encourages you the most to share the gospel?
8. Can you describe any current ways and practices of evangelism that Paul would say are underhanded, deceitful, or watered-down? Explain. Do you need to renounce any of these practices?
9. How does knowing the results of evangelism are not up to you help you to evangelize?
10. Have you given up hope that God can save someone you know? How does focusing on God's power restore that hope?

UPCOMING EVENTS & MINISTRY UPDATES

This Week

- Women of Power (Tuesday, 9:30–11:00 AM)
- Prayer Meeting (Thursday, 10:00–11:00 AM)
- Worship Service (Sunday, 10:30 AM)

Please note there will be no Corporate Prayer Meeting this month.

Digging Deeper–Youth Grades 6–12 (Returning Sunday, September 13, 9:00–10:15 AM)

Join us Sunday mornings as we study *Defending Your Faith: An Introduction to Apologetics* by R.C. Sproul. We'll explore how Scripture, reason, and logic help us understand and confidently defend the truth of the Christian faith.

Come ready to ask questions, think deeply, and grow in your faith.

Eastwood Youth–Grades 6–12 (Returning Thursday, September 17, 7:00–8:30 PM)

Join us Thursday evenings for gym games, a Bible lesson, and time to connect and have fun together. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Centre to register.

Free Food and Clothing

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

Corporate Prayer Meeting

There will be no Corporate Prayer Meeting this month. Please join us for our next meeting on Sunday, September 27.

Eastwood Youth Car Rally (Saturday, September 26, 1:00-4:00 PM)

All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to an exciting car rally around St. Thomas! Participants will work in teams to complete a variety of challenges throughout the city.

The rally will begin and end at Eastwood Baptist Church, 400 Wellington Street, St. Thomas.

To register, pick up a flyer at the Welcome Centre and scan the QR code to complete the registration form. The registration deadline is Sunday, September 20.

For more information, text Emily at (902) 225-1430.