

Echo Lake Church of Christ

Saving Souls and Keeping Souls Saved.

March 23, 2025

Worship Schedule

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11 AM Call to Worship & Prayer	Winston Redwood
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Quinn Ford
Bible Reading	Jim Griffin
Lord's Supper & Offering	Greg Duncan
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Winston Redwood

2:00 PM Call to Worship	Winston Redwood
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Ken Brown
Bible Reading	Michael Paul – <i>Psalm 24</i>
Lord's Supper & Offering	Quinn Ford
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Winston Redwood

March 30, 2025

11 AM Call to Worship & Prayer	Michael Paul
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Ken Brown
Bible Reading	Jim Petrocy
Lord's Supper & Offering	Michael Williams
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Michael Paul

2:00 PM Call to Worship	Michael Paul
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Winston Redwood
Bible Reading	Ken Brown – <i>Psalm 25</i>
Lord's Supper & Offering	Dwight Cunningham
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Michael Paul



Commitment in practice is more than a pledge of allegiance; it requires sacrifice. Commitment isn't cheap. It costs something—sometimes everything. Paul had every reason to boast: status, knowledge, success. He had built a life that others admired. However, when he encountered Jesus, everything he once valued became worthless compared to the treasure of knowing Christ. In Philippians 3:7-8 Paul says, *"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things."*

That's the reality of commitment; it demands sacrifice. You can't hold onto the old while fully embracing the new. Following Jesus isn't about adding Him to your life like an accessory—it's about surrendering your life entirely. Paul didn't just believe in Jesus; he *gave up everything* for Him. He traded reputation for rejection, comfort for suffering, and control for trust. Paul called it gain.

Sacrifice isn't loss when it's for something greater. The world teaches us to hold on, to accumulate, to chase success. Jesus calls us to let go, to trust, to follow—no matter the cost. The question isn't whether commitment requires sacrifice. The question is: are we willing?

What's one thing in your life that you struggle to surrender? Is it comfort, ambition, fear, or control? True commitment to Christ means putting everything on the altar and trusting Him with the outcome.

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Sunday

Bible Class.....10:00 am

Worship.....11:00 am & 2:00 pm

Contact the church for Zoom Link

Wednesday

Bible Class.....11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Contact the church for Zoom information.

New Christians Class – Tuesdays 6 pm via WhatsApp.

Ladies Bible Class – every 3rd Saturday @ 12:00 pm via Zoom & In-person.

Daily Bible Reading

March 2025

Day 75 - Deuteronomy 14-16

Day 76 - Deuteronomy 17-20

Day 77 - Deuteronomy 21-23

Day 78 - Deuteronomy 24-27

Day 79 - Deuteronomy 28-29

Day 80 - Deuteronomy 30-31

Day 81 - Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91

Biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.htm

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CHURCH & AREA-WIDE EVENTS

- ❖ Dudley House donation list: Paper towels, tide laundry detergent pods, 13-gallon garbage bags, bleach, toilet paper, and dishwashing detergent. See **Sisters Terri and Clara**.
- ❖ Community Food Bank Hillside, New Jersey - May 10, 2025
- ❖ Track Distribution- April **10, 2025**
- ❖ Mission Trip to Belize – **June 13-21, 2025** – **Contact Bro Ken Brown for more details**
- ❖ The Ladies Group meets every third Saturday, in person and via Zoom, at 12:00 noon.
- ❖ Youth Group Meets every 1st Friday @ 7 pm

Please remember to turn off your phones or put them on silent mode.

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