

# Echo Lake Church of Christ

## *Saving Souls and Keeping Souls Saved.*

May 25, 2025

### Worship Schedule

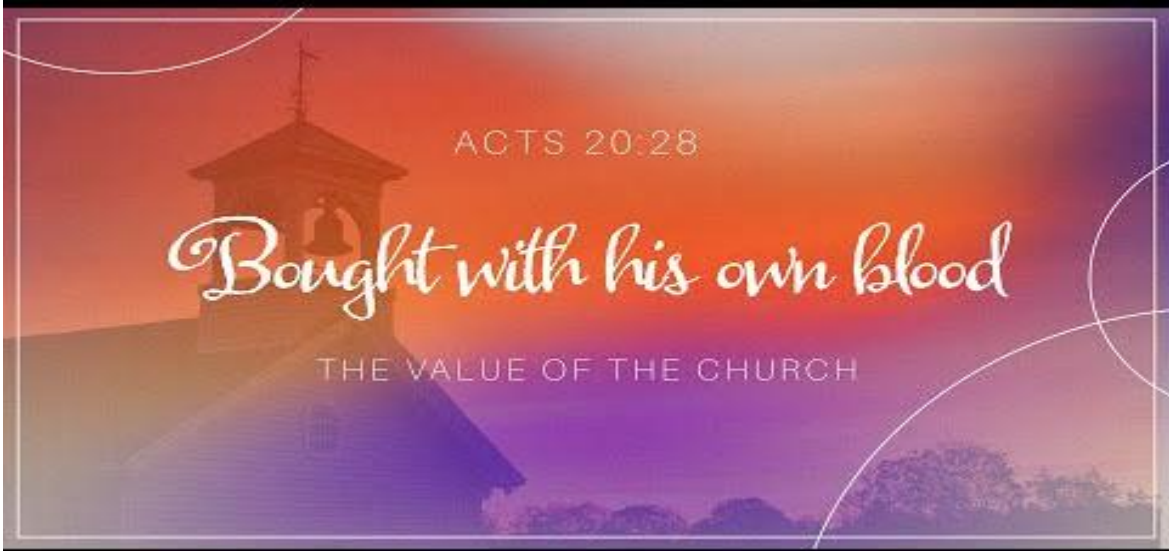
May 25, 2025

11 AM Call to Worship & Prayer	Quinn Ford
Song Leader	Phills Emetu
Opening Prayer	Colin Telsford
Bible Reading	Stanley Robinson
Lord's Supper & Offering	Jim Griffin
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Quinn Ford

1:00 PM Friends and Family Potluck

June 1, 2025

11 AM Call to Worship & Prayer	Michael Paul
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Ken Brown
Bible Reading	Frank Herrera
Lord's Supper & Offering	Jim Petrocy
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Michael Paul
2:00 PM Call to Worship	Michael Paul
Song Leader	Phills Emetu
Opening Prayer	Michael Williams
Bible Reading	Donn Carr – <i>Psalms 31:15-24</i>
Lord's Supper & Offering	Quinn Ford
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Michael Paul



The church isn't just a gathering place or a spiritual pit stop; it's the blood-bought bride of Christ. Its value doesn't lie in its architecture, programs, or popularity, but in the infinite worth of the One who paid for it.

In *Acts 20:28*, Paul charges the Ephesian elders to "shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." What a staggering thought: the church was bought, not with silver or gold, but with the sinless, crimson blood of the Son of God. That's not just sacrifice; that's divine love in its highest form.

Jesus didn't come to earth to build monuments or movements. He came to build *His* church. In *Matthew 16:18*, Jesus said, "*I will build My church.*" It is therefore clear that the church does not belong to Peter, or Paul, or anyone else. It belonged to Christ, and He would secure it at great cost.

Paul echoes this in *Ephesians 5:25*, where he says, "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her." He didn't just die for individuals, He died to create a community, a body, a family marked by unity and truth.

So when we speak of "the church," let's not think lightly. It cost Jesus everything. It should cost us something, too: our loyalty, our love, and our service.

Let the cross remind you of the price that was paid, and let that price compel you to cherish, honor, and commit yourself to the church that Jesus built.

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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**

**May 2025**

Day 131 -2 Sam10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20

Day 132 - Psalm 65-67, 69-70

Day 133 - 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20

Day 134 - Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122

Day 135 - 2 Samuel 13-15

Day 136 - Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55

Day 137 - 2 Samuel 16-18

[Biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.htm](http://Biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.htm)

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**CHURCH & AREA-WIDE EVENTS**

- ❖ **Friends and Family Potluck (Indoors)** – Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **General Church building cleaning** – Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM
- ❖ **Men’s Retreat** – June 13- 14<sup>th</sup>. See Br. Ken, for more information. The church covers the registration cost.
- ❖ **Track Distribution** – June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10 am in Roselle, NJ
- ❖ **Youth Trip** – June 28<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Toms River CoC Vacation Bible** – Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 3 PM.
- ❖ **Friends and Family Potluck outdoors** – June 29<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Nature’s Walk** – Liberty State Park – July 26<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Ladies Group** meets every third Saturday in person and via Zoom at 12:00 noon
- ❖ **Youth Group** Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday @ 7 pm