



WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

"We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify His gospel in all of life until He comes."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023



We are so excited you are visiting with us today! Be sure to visit the Connect Center, fill out a connect card in the pews, or visit www.firstevan.org/connect.



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Pictured: Women's Christmas Dinner, "Prepare Him Room" A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols Worship Service, FEC Kids Emmanuel: A Live Nativity, and International Brunch.

LOVE CAME TO EARTH

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10

Welcome	Taylor Park, <i>Executive Pastor</i>
Fourth Candle of Advent: 1 Jn 4:9–12, Jn 3:16–17	The Riggs Family
Songs of Worship	Angels from the Realms of Glory (#174) Angels We Have Heard on High
Scripture Reading	Micah 5:2, 4–5
Song of Comfort	God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Scripture Reading	Psalms 117
Song of Worship	Go Tell It on the Mountain
Elder Prayer	Steve Atkins
Choral Meditation	When Love Came Down to Earth
Sermon	Taylor Park "By Faith: Christmas!"
Song of Worship	O Holy Night
Benediction	

Musicians: The Worship Choir, Trent England, Jake Ferwerda, Andy Holler, Joelle Marino, Tori Martin, John Rawlinson, McKayla Rawlinson, Jamie Scholik, Phil Thompson. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" by James Montgomery (1816) and Henry T. Smart (1866). "Angels We Have Heard on High," French Carol. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," English Carol. "Go Tell it on the Mountain," African-American Spiritual. "When Love Came Down" by Stuart Townend, arr. Tom Fettke © 2006, 2014 Thankyou Music. "O Holy Night" by John S. Dwight and Adolphe C. Adam. CCLI #47316.

“By Faith: Christmas!”

Taylor Park, Executive Pastor



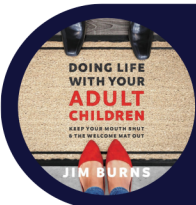
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Choir and Children's Nativity TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m.*, Sanctuary

Come worship with us! We will have special music, congregational singing, and a message from Pastor Taylor Park. This is a family service – no childcare. *Children arrive at 4:00 p.m. to dress up and prepare for their song! www.firstevan.org/christmas



Midweek at First Evan, Wednesdays, January 10–April 24

5:00–6:00 p.m. Dinner, Fellowship Hall; 6:15–8:00 p.m. Electives
There is something for everyone on Wednesday nights! Enrich your spiritual walk and deepen your relationships in our fellowship. Full details in the brochure or at www.firstevan.org/midweek.



"Doing Life With Your Adult Children" facilitated by Taylor Park Wednesdays, January 10–April 24, 6:15–8:00 p.m., C210

If you have an adult child, you know that parenting doesn't stop when a child reaches age 18. Join us in a support group format as we study this insightful book, learn from and encourage each other. We'll cover things like healthy and gracious boundaries, the difference between helping and enabling, and much more. Please purchase the book through Amazon or other retailer prior to the class beginning. A study/discussion guide will be provided.

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31. Worship Service at 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. No Sunday School. Message by Seth Stevens. Childcare for ages 2 and under.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK Roger & Abi Lowther, MTW, Japan

Praise

- For God using the ministry of the worship team to raise up new leaders.
- For Aidan's healing and maturity gained since accident exactly two years ago this week.
- That Roger's next book "A Taste of Grace" will be coming out early next year.

Pray

- For non-Christians in our music circles to accept God's love.
- For deep gospel community among core church member.
- For direction for Eastin, our high school senior, as he applies to colleges and for continued spiritual growth for Coen (14) and Kaizen (10).

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK Arise2Read Balmoral Ridgeway Bible Club

Praise

- For Principal Lowe for encouraging students to attend Bible Club and for members of Cross Generations to visit the school to attend fun events.
- For the leadership of Bible Club and for the library to hold it each week.
- For the 17 faithful 1st–5th grade students who come each week.

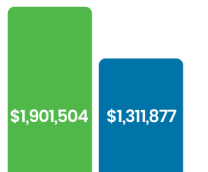
Pray

- For God to give us ways to grow Bible Club.
- For leadership to continue to be yielded to the Holy Spirit.
- That students will be convicted to receive Christ as their Savior.

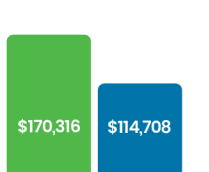
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Historically we receive 21% of our budget in December. Will you pray, seeking our Lord's guidance for your year-end giving?

Ministry Fund



Missions Fund



FAMILY MATTERS www.firstevan.org/prayer

Hospice

Ken Meador, Baptist Memphis
Please call Jo Meador before visiting.
Todd Vanderpool, at home on hospice

Deaths

Thomas Pittman, December 15, 2023
Mickey (Cheryl) Bowdon's nephew
Allen Bashour, December 17, 2023
Sally Klinke's brother
Ann Hale, December 17, 2023
Barbara Paullus, December 17, 2023