

Dark Valleys

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

I honestly believe that this may be one of the most misunderstood and misapplied verses in the entire bible. Maybe it is because the 23rd Psalm is always read at funerals. As we are grieving the loss of our friend or loved one while staring at the casket we hear this passage. So as we are thinking about the one who has passed and we assume that the “darkest valley” must mean the end of our lives and passing on to eternity. But this verse is written for the living, not the dead. Eternity is not mentioned until the last half of the final verse in this psalm. So what is David talking about when he says the “darkest valley”?

Over the last couple of weeks Krista and I received some difficult news. Our son Brandyn and his wife Emily are expecting their first child. Early test results revealed that there may be some serious problems with their son who is due in September. So for now they just have to wait until more tests can be run and then wait some more until the results come back. They are truly walking through a dark valley. We will all have some dark valleys we have to walk through during our lifetime. It may be the loss of a loved one, a bad diagnosis, a lost job, a broken relationship... at some point in time we will all experience dark valleys.

Before David mentions the dark valley he gives us words of strength to get us through these difficult times. First and foremost David tells us that the Lord, our Shepherd, is always with us. We are never alone especially in the dark valleys. With the Lord as our Shepherd we are always provided for, He will give us rest for our bodies, food to sustain us and peace for our soul. And while we are walking down life’s difficult paths our Shepherd is there to guide and protect us. His power will defeat the enemies that would overtake us if we try to face them alone. The psalm ends with hope. The hope that on the other side of valley lies God’s abundant blessings. And the hope that someday all the struggles of this world will be behind us and we will simply dwell in the presence of God.

If you find yourself in a dark valley today stay close to the Shepherd. He will see you through.

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Dakota Nowell ♥ Brandon Pyle ♥ Dan Streety ♥ Richard Yarberry

Welcome

This week commit to praying for our church leaders

March 08, 2026

You are Welcomed Here

*Eastern Hills Church of Christ
2705 E Travis St
Marshall, TX*

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30,

Worship 10:30,

6PM - Sunday Evenings

Wednesday

Devo & Bible Classes at 6:30

GIVING

We appreciate your giving. Did you know that you can also give online? Go to our website and click on the giving tab on our homepage. You can also use the app on your phone or tablet.

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Scan the QR code to go to your

app store, download the app, then

click in the top corner of the app to

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ONLINE

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Watch LIVE on the app or website
at 10:30 Sunday mornings



Sermon Notes

Order of Worship

Ancient Words
 Call to Worship
 Prayer
Send the Light
 Welcome
What a Friend We have in Jesus
How Beautiful
 Lord's Supper
 Offering
Jesus Loves the Little Children
 Children's Lesson
Wonderful Words of Light
 Scripture Reading
 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
 Making the Impossible Possible
 "God's Math"
There's a Fountain Free
 Family News
Ring Out the Message

Celebrating This Week

March 16	Rae Pyle
March 17	Jason Petersen
March 18	Freddie Waits
March 20	Brenda Petersen
March 21	Amelia Bradbury Jase Bradbury Madeleine Smith

For the Record

	March 08
Worship	145
Offering	\$
Budget	\$ 6,250

Serving in Worship

March 15

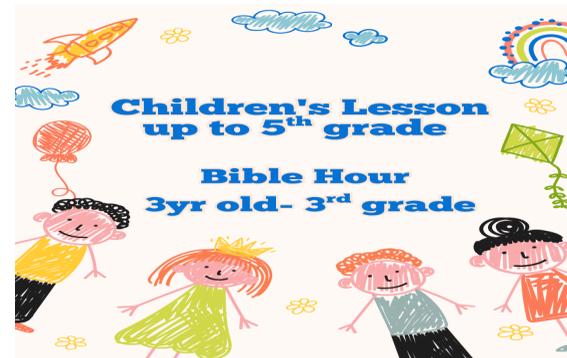
Song Leader: Dakota Nowell
 Call to Worship: John Grubbs
 Welcome: Phillip Treat
 Communion: Chase Palmer
 Scripture Reading : Carson McNeely
 Closing Prayer: Graham Smith
 A/V: Terry Cloud & Sheila Little
 Nursery: Holly Allen & Kristy Puesta
 Bible Hour : Whitney & Brandon Pyle

March 22

Song Leader: Chase Palmer
 Call to Worship: Greg Browning
 Welcome: Phillip Treat
 Communion: DW McLendon
 Scripture Reading: Jimmy Crossley
 Closing Prayer: Terry Cloud
 A/V: Terry Cloud & Sheila Little
 Nursery: Sally Crossley & Carly Bolick
 Bible Hour: Robbi Mauldin & Carol Browne
 March Greeters: Carol & Paul Browne,
 Sheila Little

March Communion:

EAST: Brandon Pyle, David Little, Dan Streety
 Steve Jones
 WEST: Phillip Smith, Aiden Ponder, Jonathon
 Ponder, Tre Turner
 Preparation: Pat George & Jessica Pritchard



Praise Report

In Our Prayers

Emily, Brandon and baby Treat
 Becky Sharp-Regional w/ pneumonia
 Chop Woodruff
 Chris Young— hip surgery on March 18
 Mark Little
 Jody George

Sympathy:

Home Bound: Glena Lowe, Jean Spencer,
 Sandy Jones, Becky McLendon, Janie Powers .
 Dixianna Upton, Lynda Waitts

Arabella of Longview: Lillian Simmons

Marshall Manor: Lynda McConnell

Ladies Spring Tea Party

12 March , Saturday

11-2

At the Yarberry's



Happenings

- ◆ March 11– turn in cards for card shower for Glena Lowe
- ◆ March 16– Marshall Manor Devo @ 10
- ◆ March 19– JOY Luncheon @ 11:30
- ◆ March 21– Winter Jam—youth Ladies Tea
- ◆ March 25 Songfest w/ Simple Supper @ Reunion Inn
- ◆ March 29– Potluck
- ◆ April 5– Easter Egg Hunt after A>M services
- ◆ Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m on Tuesday
- ◆ Men's Bible Study @ 9 a.m on Wednesday
- ◆ Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30 on Wednesday night