

## Larry Bird is Calling

Most people today have absolutely no concept of a long distance phone call. We all carry a phone with us that has hundreds of phone numbers stored. With the push of a button, we are in contact with someone regardless of their area code or current location. This story will sound strange today, but it was common practice back in 1985. I was leaving Oklahoma City and driving to York, Nebraska to start my freshman year of college. Before I left, I hugged my mom and she said, "I love you. Call me when you get there." I knew what that last part meant. When I arrived at school, I needed to find a pay phone and call mom to let her know that I had arrived safely. I feel a need to stop here and clarify a few things. At this time, we had never heard of cell phones. That meant that I was going to be completely off the grid for about 7 hours. Also, pay phones were everywhere because they were the only way to make a call unless you were at your house. So, when I arrived at school, I found a pay phone and called mom. But remember, this is 1985 and long distance phone calls were expensive. So, here is how the phone call went down. I called the operator and told her that I needed to place a collect phone call and gave her my home phone number. The operator asked who she should say is calling. I responded, "Larry Bird". That way, when my mom answered the phone and was asked if she would accept a collect phone call from Larry Bird she would refuse. Phone call over, no charges, but message received. A collect phone call from Larry Bird meant that I had arrived at school safely.

Today is so different. Today, if we sent our kids across several states to school, we could track their movements every step of the way. Not only that, we can track their spending as they travel, we can text them and get an instant response and call them if we need to hear their voice. All of that with no extra charges to our phone bill.

*God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:27*

God has got a cell phone plan that is greater than we can even imagine. He travels with us regardless of where we go. And at any time we can just speak to the creator of all things and He can hear us. No matter where we go He is with us, no extra charges.

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**Eastern Hills Church of Christ**

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**Elders:** Carrell Dennis ♥ Chase Palmer ♥ Brandon Smith

**Pulpit Minister:** Phillip Treat ♥ **Childrens' Director:** Marla Caton

**Deacons:** Lafe Caton ♥ Terry Cloud ♥ John Grubbs ♥ David Little  
Dakota Nowell ♥ Brandon Pyle ♥ Dan Streety ♥ Richard Yarberry

**Welcome**  
**This week,**  
**commit to**  
**praying**  
**that God**  
**sends you**  
**someone**  
**to invite to**  
**service**

March 29, 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.

**DOWNLOAD THE APP**

Scan the QR code to go to your

app store, download the app, then

click in the top corner of the app to

create your account

**ONLINE**

facebook.com/EASTERNHILLSCOC

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



## Sermon Notes

## Order of Worship

*He Has Made Me Glad*

Call to Worship

Prayer

*Master the Tempest is Raging*

Welcome

*Hilltops of Glory*

*There is a Fountain*

Lord's Supper

Offering

Children's Lesson

*Heavenly Sunlight*

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

Making the Impossible Possible

"From Darkness to Light"

*O, They Tell Me of a Home*

Family News

*Beautiful Isle of Somewhere*

Prayer

## Serving in Worship

### March 29

Song Leader: David Little

Call to Worship: Mason Hite

Welcome: Phillip Treat

Communion: Lafe Caton

Scripture Reading : Parker Grubbs

Closing Prayer: Scott Quinn

A/V: Chris Yarberry & Talitha Barrett

Nursery: Wanda Owen & Marla Caton

### April 5

Song Leader: Chase Palmer

Call to Worship: Ben Mauldin

Welcome: Phillip Treat

Communion: Dakota Nowell

Scripture Reading: Eddie Hall

Closing Prayer: Jack Baldwin

A/V: Chris Yarberry & Tailitha Barrett

Nursery: Sheila Little & Sally Crossley

Bible Hour: Renee Cloud & Patsy Garcia

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

Justin and Leslie Davis had a healthy baby girl on March 20– all are doing well

## In Our Prayers

Lola Smith, Phyllis Smiths mom

Emily, Brandyn and baby Treat

Becky Sharp-

Chop Woodruff

Chris Young– recovering from hip surgery

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



## Celebrating This Week

March 29 Sadie McDonald

April 1 Wanda Owen

## For the Record

March 15

Worship 135

Offering \$ 4,979

Budget \$ 6,250

## State of the Church

Sunday  
March 29



After  
Potluck

You are encouraged to stay to hear  
next steps as we move forward in our  
renovations and what will be asked of you.



## Happenings

- ◆ March 29– Potluck—Set up-A-M  
Clean up– N-Z
- ◆ April 5– Easter Egg Hunt after A>M services
- ◆ April 6– Marshall Manor Devo @ 10
- ◆ April 25- Craft Day with Mrs. Sylvia and  
Mrs. Kay @ 10
- ◆ April 29– Songfest w/ Simple Supper @  
Reunion Inn @ 5
- ◆ 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