



## WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024



We are so excited you are  
visiting with us today!  
Be sure to visit the Connect  
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[www.firstevan.org/connect](http://www.firstevan.org/connect).



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**Pictured above:** We love having a multi-generational church! We have several resources for people of all ages, such as clipboards with fidget toys, sermon notes, and children's books for FEC Kids. Calming Rooms are available in the Chapel or D102 (basement) if you need to step out of Worship Service with your child. A live stream of the service is available in the Calming Rooms and online. We now have our Prime Time Express six-passenger golf cart that is driven by deacon monitors each Sunday morning in the east parking lot before and after Sunday School and the Worship Service. We will pick people up at their parked cars and return them. Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex should you need them. Friendly greeters are at the Connect Centers in the Fellowship Hall Foyer and Narthex before and after the service to help you get connected! The Connect Centers have iPads available to help you register for events and electives.

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# COMMENDING HIS WORKS

*"One generation shall commend Your works to another,  
and shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4*

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Welcome Taylor Park, *Executive Pastor*

Responsive Reading Psalm 145:1–13

Songs of Worship Jesus Shall Reign (Hymn #745)  
Living Hope

Scripture Reading Psalm 73:25–26

Choral Meditation Day by Day

Elder Prayer Robert Seay

Prayer for Josh Raspberry, *Pastor of Family Ministry* Taylor Park  
and family: Jane, Chloe, Lydia, and Caleb JP Hickey

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:9–12; Hebrews 11:13–16 Sally Jones

Sermon Kevin Weaver, *Chairman of the Session*

*"Keep Your Confidence"*  
1 Peter 2:9–12, Hebrews 11:13–16

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response O Praise the Name

Benediction

*Musicians: Olivia Grace Atkinson, Jeremy Conner, Trent England, Andy Holler, Kathryn LaVire, Jamie Scholik, Ryan Wiley. Choir Director: Twyla Dixon. Worship Leader: Caleb Park.*

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# **“Keep Your Confidence”**

*1 Peter 2:9–12; Hebrews 11:13–16*

*Kevin Weaver, Chairman of the Session*

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**Life Choices: Bottles for life** — Each January, Life Choices invites churches and individuals to participate in their Bottles For Life campaign to raise awareness and funds for the sanctity of life. Pick up and return bottles to the Connect Center filled with change, cash, or check by January 28. This is a great opportunity to get involved with Life Choices and help empower women to choose and cherish life! Next Sunday, come see **Director, Rachel Davis in Fellowship Hall** who will share what's happening at Life Choices.



**Everyday CoJourney: Step 3, Saturday, January 20 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**  
Gabor Gresz is back to lead us through discipling a new believer and creating a personal evangelism plan. Refreshments provided. Childcare available (register by Sunday, January 14). Register at: [www.firstevan.org/cojourner3](http://www.firstevan.org/cojourner3).



**Men's Fish Fry, Tuesday, January 23, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall | Speaker: Josh Raspberry, Pastor of Family Ministry**  
Join us for an evening of fish, food, and fellowship with a message from Josh Raspberry. Table or individual tickets can be purchased in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday beginning today. Contact John Dawson, 901-485-0859, Sammy Bell, 901-210-7958 or email [men@firstevan.org](mailto:men@firstevan.org) for tickets or additional information. Cost: \$7/person or \$50/table. [www.firstevan.org/mens-fish-fry](http://www.firstevan.org/mens-fish-fry)

**Midweek at First Evan BEGINS THIS Wednesday, January 10, 5:00–6:00 p.m. Dinner, Fellowship Hall; 6:15–8:00 p.m. Electives for all ages.** Enrich your spiritual walk and deepen your relationships in our fellowship. Full details in the brochure or [www.firstevan.org/midweek](http://www.firstevan.org/midweek). Menu: Beef Stew with Tortellini served with a fall salad, homemade applesauce, and baguette OR Beef Stew with Tortellini and Salad Bar. We offer a kid-friendly version of the same. Dessert: Chocolate brownie with ice cream.

## NATIONAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK

**Nadim Costa, NEO, Middle East**

### Praise

- For another year of ministry growth despite wars and other challenges.
- For God revealing Himself to many in all "creative" ways of visions and dreams.
- For ministry ventures and trips, like the medical trip Jeri led into North Iraq to serve in camps and Yazidi communities.

### Pray

- For peace in the greater Middle East so we can continue life and ministry.
- For resources to sustain continued operations and growth.
- For deeper engagement with the local churches and communities in the regions we serve.

## MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

**RedZone Ministries**

### Praise

- For the level of support for our ministry from families and the Orange Mound community.
- For the level of generosity shown by the giving community toward our ministry.
- For the networking in our city that has been developed and sustained through the years.

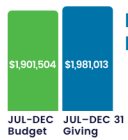
### Pray

- For spirit-filled young men and women who desire to lead more like Jesus to lead more to Jesus.
- For resources—human, financial, and in-kind goods and services that will lead to a full equipping of the saints.
- For vision, that the Lord will make it plain and simple.

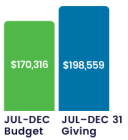
## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**Thank you for your generous giving in 2023!**  
The Ministry Fund exceeded its need by \$79,000 and the Missions Fund by \$28,000. Through your generous giving, God has richly blessed First Evan.

### Ministry Fund



### Missions Fund



## FAMILY MATTERS

[www.firstevan.org/prayer](http://www.firstevan.org/prayer)

### Birth

**Jubilee Karis Yeo, December 31, 2023**  
Parents: Cammie and Steven Yeo

### Hospital

**Jim Henry, Methodist Germantown**  
(No visitors at this time, please.)

### Deaths

**Todd Vanderpool, December 27, 2023**  
**Brian Davies, December 30, 2023**  
JP Hickey's brother-in-law

Nomination forms for elders and deacons are available on the tables outside the Sanctuary. The submission of nominations is limited to First Evan members and is due Sunday, January 21.