## Upcoming

You can find additional info on Facebook, Instagram and Eaststreet.church

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Discipleship Hour – New Series – Under Pressure April 30<sup>th</sup> – Family Sunday – Miller Family Celebration April 30<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group - Strength Through Difficult Times: A Study through the book of 1st Thessalonians - Ch 3

May 5th - Last Day to Preregister for the zoo

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Zoo Day (Children's Ministry on up)

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Discipleship Hour – New Series – Under Pressure May 7<sup>th</sup> – VBS Leader Meeting 12:30 - 2 May 7<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group - Strength Through Difficult Times: A Study through the book of 1st Thessalonians - Ch 4

May 17th - Preregister for Summit Lake

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Summit Lake Day trip – Hiking, Fishing, Picnic and more!

May 21<sup>st</sup> – VBS Leader Meeting 12:30 – 2

May 21<sup>st</sup> – 4pm Youth Leader Meeting

June - Pool Party/Summer Kick off

June 5-9 VBS

Looking for those interested in helping: Construction/Decorating Crew Leader Games Tech Nursery-Kindergarten

June 18-23 Summer Camp Save the Date! We are back at Western Buckeye!



## **Strength Through Difficult Times:** A Study through the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians Week 3: Walking with others

## April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

3 Finally, when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay alone in Athens, <sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's coworker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith, <sup>3</sup> and to keep you from being shaken by the troubles you were going through. But you know that we are destined for such troubles. <sup>4</sup> Even while we were with you, we warned you that troubles would soon come—and they did, as you well know. <sup>5</sup> That is why, when I could bear it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out whether your faith was still strong. I was afraid that the tempter had gotten the best of you and that our work had been useless.
<sup>6</sup> But now Timothy has just returned, bringing us good news about your faith and love. He reports that you always remember our visit with joy and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. <sup>7</sup> So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. <sup>8</sup> It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. <sup>13</sup> May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Service – 8:30 am Discipleship Hour – 10 am Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Service – 11 am Youth Group -5-7pm Open Gym – 4:30-5:30 Wed and Thurs Strength Through Difficult Times: A Study Through The Book of 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians Week 3: Walking with Others Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

We may have days where we just want to be alone.

God may send others.

For<u>Strength</u> For<u>Encouragement</u>

We may need to reach out.

We can get better over time.

God desires to give you More than Enough.

We are part of the Answer.

## **Small Group Questions**

What is a high/Low from this past week?

Who are some people you can go to for help? Encouragement? prayer?

How often do you connect with them?

Do you find yourself giving more, receiving more or about even?

What keeps you from asking for help?

Would you prefer for people to encourage, or help?

Is it easier to help or encourage? Why?

What keeps you from reaching out to others?

Who is someone in your life who needs encouragement or help? What is something that you can do this week?

How might the group keep you in prayer? (What are some things you might want to ask God to help you with? Family? Friends? School? Sports?)