

Echo Lake Church of Christ

Saving Souls and Keeping Souls Saved.

April 12, 2026

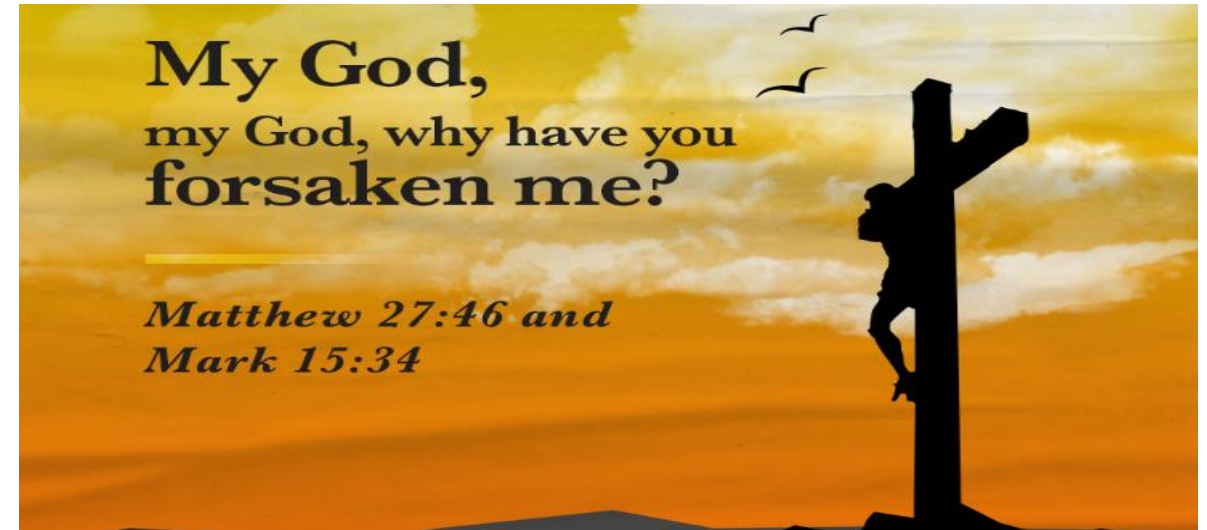
Worship Schedule

April 12, 2026

11 AM Call to Worship & Prayer	Michael Paul
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Phills Emetu
Bible Reading	Jim Griffin
Lord's Supper & Offering	Frank Herrera
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Michael Paul
2:00 PM Call to Worship	Michael Paul
Song Leader	Donn Carr
Opening Prayer	Stanley Robinson
Bible Reading	Jim Petrocy – <i>Psalm 68:1-18</i>
Lord's Supper & Offering	Michael Williams
Sermon	Phills Emetu
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Michael Paul

April 19, 2026

11 AM Call to Worship & Prayer	Quinn Ford
Song Leader	Phills Emetu
Opening Prayer	Winston Redwood
Bible Reading	Jaden Ferguson
Lord's Supper & Offering	Jim Petrocy
Sermon	Gary Cunningham
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Quinn Ford
2:00 PM Call to Worship	Quinn Ford
Song Leader	Phills Emetu
Opening Prayer	Ken Brown
Bible Reading	Jim Petrocy – <i>Psalm 68:19-35</i>
Lord's Supper & Offering	Michael Williams
Sermon	Stanley Robinson
Closing Prayer & Announcements	Quinn Ford



In Matthew 27:46, Jesus cried out from the cross, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" These words were spoken after hours of suffering. Jesus had been betrayed, mocked, beaten, and crucified. From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness covered the land, signaling the seriousness of what was taking place. At that moment, Jesus was bearing the sins of the world.

Jesus' cry is a direct quotation from Psalm 22. While the psalm begins with deep anguish, it ends with confidence in God's deliverance. By quoting it, Jesus revealed that His suffering was not accidental but part of God's redemptive plan.

This moment shows the weight of sin and the depth of Christ's love. Though sin separates humanity from God (Isaiah 59:2), Jesus took our place so that we could be reconciled to Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). Even in His suffering, Jesus addressed God as "My God," demonstrating continued trust and relationship.

There are times when we may feel that God is distant, particularly during periods of pain or when our prayers go unanswered. However, the cross serves as a reminder that our feelings do not dictate God's presence. Jesus enduring this moment reassures believers of God's promise: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

We must thank the Lord for the sacrifice of Jesus and learn to trust Him even when we do not understand our circumstances. Remind ourselves that through Christ, we are never alone.

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Sunday

Bible Class.....10:00 am

Worship.....11:00 am & 2:00 pm

Contact the church for the Zoom link.

Wednesday

Bible Class.....11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Contact the church for Zoom information.

New Christians Class – Tuesdays 6 pm via WhatsApp.

Ladies Bible Class – every 3rd Saturday @ 12:00 pm via Zoom & In-person.

Youth Group – Every 1st Friday in the Month @ 7 pm

Daily Bible Reading

April 2026

[Day 92 - Judges 8-9](#)

[Day 93 - Judges 10-12](#)

[Day 94 - Judges 13-15](#)

[Day 95 - Judges 16-18](#)

[Day 96 - Judges 19-21](#)

[Day 97 - Ruth 1-4](#)

[Day 98 - 1 Samuel 1-3](#)

Biblestudvtools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.htm

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- Pray for **Larry's mom, Isabell Washington**, for a full recovery.
- **Sis. Lisa Salazar** - for healing, also, keep Kayla and the rest of her family in prayer as well.
- **Sis. Diana Cunningham** – Prayer for herself and her family. Also, for Lloyd Campbell and his family on the passing of his sister, Sandra Campbell. For Lillian Valentine and her family, especially their son Brandon, and a full and speedy recovery for her husband Willie.
- **Sis. Jannean Parana** – healing for her niece, **Rosemarie, Joey, and Joyette**.
- **Sis. Charmaine Thomas** – Prayer of Thanksgiving, her husband, **Tony**, had a successful surgery. Pray for his full and speedy recovery.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 2026: Saniya Alim April 12th; Lois Redwood – 19th

April Greeters: Sis. Tanya Small 12th, Sis. Alecia Seales 19th, Bro. Kenneth Vasquez 26th

CHURCH & AREA-WIDE EVENTS

- ❖ **Newark CoC – NE Youth Conference April 10-12**
- ❖ **Echo Lake CoC Men's Luncheon – April 25th**
- ❖ **Echo Lake - Movie Evening May 2nd**
- ❖ **Echo Lake CoC Clean-up Saturday – May 9th**
- ❖ **Freehold - Areawide Singing - May 17**
- ❖ **Newark - Teachers Workshop - May 30-31st**
- ❖ **Echo Lake - Family & Friends (Games)- May 24th**
- ❖ **Echo Lake - Visitor Follow-up - 23rd**
- ❖ **Sight & Sound (Joshua) – October 24th, 1st deposit \$60 by May 3rd**
- ❖ **Ladies Group** meets every third Saturday in person & via Zoom at 12 pm.
- ❖ **Youth Group** Meets every 1st Friday @ 7 pm

Please remember to turn off your phones or put them on silent mode.

SPECIAL PRAYERS:

Ann & Tom Turnbull, Michael Leslie, Sonia Wright, Maxine Campbell, Bro. Spratley and his family, Bro. Clifton Thomas.

Prayer Continually

- **Adrian Douglas** & family. Barbara and Palmer Anderson
- Linda Sexton, Dorothy Day, and Bubba. Sis Dorothy is in Rehab, a special prayer for her.
- **Kym Fox:** for her grandchildren, her daughter, her dad, Nelson, Yolanda, and Phillip.
- **Bro. Ken and Sis. Renae Brown:** for their granddaughter Anicia and her family, Caroline, and their son Ken Jr.
- **Sis Bibi:** for healing from her pains and God's continued guidance over their family. Also, for the healing of her dad's foot.
- **Sis Charla Ward:** for health, protection, and healing over the Ward's family and full recovery for Sis. Janice Ward.
- **Sis Karen Petrocy:** for Gerry Floyd's healing, strength for her daughter/caregiver, Christine. Also, Mishanda.
- **Sis Theresa Willis** - pray for her and her family. Healing for her husband and the return of her voice.
- Pray for **Sis. Janeen Ford's mom** and **Sis. Burnie**
- Pray for **Sis. Olive Walker** for her full recovery.
- Pray for **Sis. Bernadette** and her family.
- **Tanya Small** – Prayer for healing from pain, and for her family, especially her son and granddaughter.

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