

What’s in a Name?

I thought someone was pulling a practical joke on me. It was my very first Sunday as a preacher. I was standing in the lobby of the Clark Avenue Church of Christ in Granite City, Illinois greeting the members as they entered. A man walked up and extended his hand to me and asked, “Are you the new preacher?” I said, “Yes, I’m Phillip Treat.” He said, “Nice to meet you. I’m Babe Champion.” My first thought was that it really sounded like a made up name. Then I wondered why someone would do this to a preacher on his first Sunday. But he was serious. That’s when I really began to struggle. Could I walk up to a grown man, shake his hand, look him in the eye and say, “Hi Babe”? Could I see a 5’7’, 225 pound sixty five year old man across a crowded room and shout, “Hey Babe, can you come over here”? As time passed my struggles subsided. Babe Champion was from a baseball family. He played, coached and umpired baseball. So remembering one of the most famous baseball players ever, Babe Ruth, the name made more sense. So for the next nine years every time I saw him I would just smile and say, “Hey Babe.” If you go to Granite City High School today you can visit the Babe Champion Memorial Baseball Stadium.

I believe that must have been the way the other disciples felt about their friend Simon. Simon was about as solid as a puddle of mud. He was more wishy washy than the ocean’s tides. Simon spoke before thinking and had absolutely no filter. That is what makes his first meeting with Jesus so interesting. Simon was introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew. Here is what Jesus said to Simon the first time they met.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). John 1:42

The name Cephas is Aramaic and the name Peter is Greek but they both have the same meaning, ROCK. Simon was anything but a rock. I imagine the other disciples had a hard time looking Simon in the eyes and calling him Peter. But Jesus could see in Simon something that no one else could see. And by the end of his life Simon Peter was as solid as a rock.

How do you see yourself? How do others see you? Both of those answers should pale in comparison to how Jesus sees you. Jesus doesn’t look at your past or your current condition, He looks at your potential. We should strive to see ourselves as Jesus sees us: loved, accepted, worthy, precious, able, a friend of God and a child of God.

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Pearls of Wisdom From the Pew

The very things that I
am insecure in... God
maybe wanting to
USE me in 2026. My
daily goal is to BE
LIGHT and SPEAK LIFE

Marla Caton
64 yrs. wanting to learn
more

February 8, 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

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ONLINE

facebook.com/EASTERNHILLSCOC

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



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Worship	124
Offering	\$ 4,198
Budget	\$ 6,250

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Call to Worship
Prayer
Come Let Us All Unite to Sing
Welcome
I'll Fly Away
Come Share the Lord
Lord's Supper
Offering
Baby Blessing
Sanctuary
There's a Stirring
Scripture Reading
Ephesians 4:29-32
The Pathway to Heaven
"My Own Prison"
I Love to Tell the Story
Family News
They'll Know We are Christians
Prayer

Belated	
Feb 1	Aven Hook
Feb 3	Janie Watson
Feb 8	Robbie Mauldin
Feb 9	Alex Zambrano
Feb 14	Pat George
	Linda Pyle
Feb 15	Whitney Pyle

February 8

Song Leader: Chase Palmer
Call to Worship: Dan Streety
Welcome: Phillip Treat
Communion: Dakota Nowell
Scripture Reading : Carson McNeely
Closing Prayer: Billy Hydrick
A/V: Chris Yarberry & Talitha Barrett
Nursery: Carly Bolick & Donna Lovelace

February 15

Song Leader: Dakota Nowell
Call to Worship: Chase Palmer
Welcome: Phillip Treat
Communion: Brandon Smith
Scripture Reading: Chris Yarberry
Closing Prayer: Brandon Pyle
A/V: Greg Browning & Debbie Ware
Nursery: Sally Crossley & Sheila Little
February Greeters: Marla & Lafe Caton
 & Pat George
February Communion:
EAST: L.C. Turner, Brad Epperson,
Dale Frazier, Billy Hydrick
WEST: Brandon Pyle, Steve Jones,
Ben Mauldin , Ben Puesta
Preparation: Pat George & Jessica Pritchard

Sign up, by February 11,
for the
Young at Heart Banquet
February 15 @ 5:30
Need to know count for food preparation

Becky Sharp is improving daily and is at home

Becky Sharp
Chop Woodruff
Phyllis Hydrick—having some shoulder pain
Donna Lovelace brother in law, Dave, is trying
trial drug for returning cancer
Kayley Laywell is on the transplant list for a
heart
Scotty Ford
Chris Young
Mark Little
Jody George
Lynda Waitts
Sympathy: Shirley George family at the loss
of her niece, Susan, on 02.02.26
The Roy and Carol Fox at the loss of their
grandson, Keaton Condor, on 02.03.26
Home Bound: Glenna Lowe, Jean Spencer,
Sandy Jones, Becky McLendon, Janie Powers .
Dixianna Upton
Arabella of Longview: Lillian Simmons
Marshall Manor: Lynda McConnell

- ◆ Feb 8– Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction
For Missions
- ◆ Feb 13– Date Night 6-8:30
- ◆ Feb 15– Young at Heart Banquet– 5.30
- ◆ Feb 16– Marshall Manor Devo @ 10
- ◆ Feb 25– Songfest w/ Simple Supper @
Reunion Inn
- ◆ MARCH 1 – Baby Shower for Leslie Davis @ 2
Baby girl , Registered at Amazon.com
- ◆ 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