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**After**

**THE ECHOES**



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# The Echoes

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## DEADLINES



If you would like to submit articles, events or activities for consideration for the next issue of *The Echoes*, the deadline is **Friday, April 10.**

The deadline for submitting information for the weekly e-newsletter is each **Wednesday at 5:00 pm.**

Please email all submissions to [angelah@eccjax.com](mailto:angelah@eccjax.com) with any coordinating artwork or graphics.



Many things in life are described in relation to other bigger events. For example, we measure our life by our birthday – things that happened before your 25th or after your 25th. Sometimes we use our wedding day – before you were married or after you were married. All of us have moments in life defined by a “Before and After.” In this month’s Echoes we are focusing on the “Before and After” moments of several people from the Bible so we can learn from their experiences. Hope you enjoy.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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## Additions

3/1 Transfer Peggy Groger

## Thank You

Englewood Christian Church,

On behalf of our entire family, we would like to say a very special word of thanks to each of you that have been praying for our family through this tough season of loss in our lives. We could feel the outpouring of warmth and caring each time we were around anyone within the Englewood family. Thank you for the public, private, and one-on-one prayers offered during this time. God's grace has been poured out upon us in a way that we have never before experienced, and grace is the thing that we have needed the very most through this experience.

Thank you to the ladies' circle who hosted the bereavement meal and to Charles Moseley for smoking the meat. The food was delicious and the entire group of family and friends all enjoyed and appreciated it.

The love of the Englewood family has helped us get through this tough time. As John 13:35 says, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (ESV) We are truly blessed to be surrounded by this group of disciples who exhibit the example of Christ through their loving actions.

Thank you.

**Mike and Mandy Butler**  
on behalf of our entire family

## Contributions

### March 22, 2020

### General Fund

Week 43 Budget ..... \$448,146.00  
Week 43 Totals ..... \$411,894.50

### Faith Promise

Week 4 Budget ..... \$14,009.08  
Week 4 Giving ..... \$12,246.00

## ECC Statistics

### Sunday, March 1, 2020

SS	MW	WED	ADD
162	219	103	1

### Sunday, March 8, 2020

SS	MW	WED	ADD
149	208	118	

### Sunday, March 15, 2020

SS	MW	WED	ADD
N/A	N/A	100	

### Sunday, March 22, 2020

MW  
150+ online community

### Sunday, March 29, 2020

MW  
175+ online community

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# WHAT'S IN A NAME?



by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister

**N**ames. They help identify us and differentiate us from others around us. They sometimes are chosen specifically for us. Other times there are strong family ties to particular names that may have been passed on for many generations. Some names are more common than others, like James, John and David for boys or Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah for girls. These names all have ties back to historical figures in the Bible. Ironically, they are all known for outstanding feats of courage, service or valor.

Then there are some names that one scarcely sees or hears outside of the context of Scripture. For example, I don't recall anyone ever having the name Judas. Or Cain. Or Jezabel. Or Lucifer. For obvious reasons, these names just don't quite have the same sense of strength or confidence as those I listed earlier. It really comes down to the legacy of one who once held that name and whether or not that legacy was something worth aspiring to – like the faithfulness of Elizabeth or the zeal of John – or it was something to be ashamed of – like Judas, Jezabel and the like.

There is one other name I have never heard used again, but I'm not quite sure why. We don't really know much about this person, except that he was a man who was a friend and fellow worker with the apostle Paul. Theologians think he may have been from Thessalonica, but history has simply kept that truth from us. There is no specific record of what great wrong he may have done, but needless to say, his name is associated today with unfaithfulness, abandonment and betrayal. His name is Demas.

Demas is only mentioned three times in the entire canon of the New Testament. You can find it in Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24 and 2 Timothy 4:10. All three references are in the final thoughts of Paul's letters. Two give brief descriptions of his actions or character. One reveals a sad fate. Two describe his life BEFORE, while the third reveals his AFTER. Let's explore this man of mystery and see what we can learn from the life of Demas.

From a chronological perspective, the letters to the Colossians and the letter to Philemon were written around the same time, likely from the same prison and delivered by the same person, so the two statements about Demas from those two letters will be very similar and serve as the basis for our BEFORE in the life of Demas.

Colossians 4:14 - <sup>14</sup> *Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings.*

Philemon 24 - <sup>24</sup> *And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.*

Here, our fine subject, Demas, is in good company. The Luke mentioned is the New Testament doctor and author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts. Mark is the John Mark from early in Acts who had once failed Paul, but was now held as highly esteemed and a dear friend. He is also the author of the Gospel of Mark. Aristarchus was a seasoned companion of Paul's, and church tradition says he was martyred by Nero in Rome – faithful to the end. To be listed with these great “legends” of church history and Kingdom expansion must surely convey the level of trust and love Paul had for Demas.

Fast forward several years, and the picture painted regarding Demas has changed dramatically. He is described in 2 Timothy 4:14 as *“Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica.”* Boom. Mic drop. Game Over. Demas is now somewhere in the land of AFTER.

What a contrast. Demas went from being a “fellow worker” of the apostle Paul to leaving Paul high and dry because he loved the world over Christ. He chose to pursue the temporary pleasures and treasures of the world rather than pursue the eternal love and indescribable joy of Christ. He traded the eternal crown of life for the temporary “excellent achievement” ribbon of the world. Where there once was hope, there is hopelessness, fed daily by the disappointments of this world. Where there once was joy, there now resides the never ending pursuit of the addictive drug known as happiness – often attained, but never maintained.

Demas. No one knows for certain what “IT” specifically was that made him change his mind about Christ, but his life BEFORE and his life AFTER are far from similar. Maybe it was the pursuit of wealth. Or maybe it was pressure from family and friends. Maybe it was fear of Rome and what was at stake. Or maybe we'll never know. Maybe we don't know because the message the Lord wants us to learn is **it doesn't matter what it is that distracts you from Christ, just don't be distracted!**

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# Trusting God's Vision

by *Serena Maerkl, Children's Director*

As a parent, I'm expected to take on various roles throughout the day. I flip through the rolodex of job titles as different situations come up. What will I be today? Will I have to be their manager, disciplinarian, therapist, nurse, comforter, or as current events have directed us, their teacher. Our children need so much from us as they grow, and at times, it can be overwhelming. We often wish we had extra hands (or let's be real, a whole extra person) to help us take care of everything. One role I find myself in daily is that of encourager. I praise them when they do well, and I act as their cheerleader when they feel like they are ready to give up. Sometimes my kids feel like they're asked to do the impossible, and it's my job to come in and give them what they need to persevere like words of wisdom, high fives, or "You can do it!" When I look at my children, I see their potential, and I want them to feel empowered enough to put in the effort to reach it, even when they doubt whether or not they've got what it takes to do so.

The Bible is filled with stories of people who thought they weren't enough and doubted their ability to carry out God's plan. One of the first ones who came to mind was the story of Gideon. I'm also not ashamed to admit that it's actually one of my favorite Veggie Tales videos. Maybe it's my inner band nerd coming out, but what's not to love about a "tuba warrior?" When we meet Gideon in Judges 6, the Israelites had been terrorized by the Midianites for seven straight years. They were just about as beaten down as it gets. They were full of fear, self-doubt, and out of hope. The real Gideon wasn't a "low brass playing geek," like Larry the Cucumber, but he wasn't that far off. In fact, when the angel of the Lord came to Gideon, he was threshing wheat in a winepress in secret to keep the Midianites from getting to it. Even knowing these things about Gideon, he is called in Judges 6:12 a "mighty warrior." The same guy who is hiding out from the enemy is being asked to lead his people into battle. Gideon responded with nothing but doubt. Just like my kids respond when the task gets too hard or their feelings become too much for them to handle. Why even try when you can't succeed?

God isn't interested in our doubts or our "I can't" statements. He is capable of turning the most impossible of situations into the smoothest of circumstances and showing us things about our character we don't see in ourselves. He saw the warrior Gideon could be, even though he set out to

question God at every turn. Gideon asked God to prove Himself throughout the entire story. It reminds me of teaching kids to swim. You stretch your arms under them and lift them up to the water line. They can see you standing there, but their little hand keeps seeking you out to make sure you haven't abandoned them. They keep turning their head to see you as you talk to them and give them those words of encouragement. God stuck with Gideon and stayed patient while continually giving him the proof he needed. Then when it came time to recruit his fellow warriors, God reduced the amount of backup needed a little at a time. He was showing Gideon he didn't need an army, just his faith and confidence in God. Who else but a warrior could lead such a small army into battle and win? Who else but God could give him the power?

What doubts do you have that God proves time and again to be false? Are you accepting His love and encouragement when you want to give up, or are you trapped in your fear like Gideon was? My hope for my kids, and you, is that we trust the vision God sees in us, and let go of the doubts that hold us back.



# Following to Forsaking



by Josh Colvin, Student Minister

**Chip and Joanna Gaines.** Those two names have come to strike fear in the hearts of every husband around the world. For those of you who don't know, Chip and Joanna Gaines are owners of Magnolia Homes and Magnolia Market, and stars of HGTV's *Fixer Upper*. On this show, of which you can now watch reruns, they meet with potential homebuyer clients about finding the right home that would be the perfect fixer upper, meaning it needs a lot of work done to it. Chip and Joanna show the clients three different houses from which they could choose. Once the decision has been made, and the house has been purchased, Joanna designs the house, which generally involves shiplap and knocking out a wall or four, Chip goes in and works on the construction of the house based off of Joanna's specifications, and once completed Joanna decorates it to show to the clients. They do a big reveal to the clients, showing a gigantic before picture of house and then rolling it away to reveal the newly updated home. The clients cry, and Chip and Joanna are happy with their reaction.

Some of the things we usually incorporate with before and after are weight loss, haircuts or hair color, new house renovation, like in *Fixer Upper*, makeovers, etc. When it comes to before and after, we generally associate them with the good things. But here is the thing when it comes to before and after; it's not always a good thing. We've all seen before and after pictures after a natural disaster. Or the before and after picture of a loved one who is suffering from a health issue. It's hard to look at those types of before and after because we don't like to see things getting destroyed and people's lives being uprooted. However, this idea of before and after as a bad thing is something that, I believe, needs to be looked at periodically.

Back in biblical times there was a guy who was in the inner circle of Jesus. He was hand chosen by Jesus to be one of His twelve disciples. He was someone who, by all intents and purposes, should have been changed for the better after he followed Jesus closely for three years. Not much is known

about Judas Iscariot. The gospels do not say where he was born or how Jesus called him to be one of his disciples. What we know about Judas is he was the one who betrayed Jesus with a simple kiss, eventually to have him arrested, tried and crucified.

What could have led Judas to turn on Jesus and betray Him the way he did? If you look at scripture, it's pretty easy to see it was greed. Judas agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. In today's world that would equal about \$3000. Judas betrayed Jesus for \$3000. He betrayed Jesus for instant gratification, only to have severe negative effects in the long run. Scripture says after he was paid, he had so much guilt in betraying Jesus, he tried to return the silver, but to no avail. He had so much guilt, here's what he did next:

*"With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood" (Acts 1:18-19).*

Here is a guy who, BEFORE his betrayal, was a follower and disciple of Jesus. He witnessed His miracles and saw everything Jesus did for everyone else. And AFTER his betrayal of Jesus, he went into a field and hung himself. This before and after is one that is hard to read about.

What is your before and after? Do you feel yourself falling into your own desires and falling into the traps Satan is laying out before you? We can't let Satan win this battle within us. He wants us to fall. He wants us to give in to that instant gratification which only leads to negative long-term effects. Don't let him win. Be a better person, a better follower of Jesus after you have shut Satan out and let Jesus in.

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).*



# Allowing God to Use the Unexpected

by Karissa Hardin, Worship Ministry Director

During my time at Johnson Florida and UCF, I was living in Kissimmee. My junior year of college, I purchased my first car. In hindsight, it was a great car for that season of my life. But this little devil broke down for major repairs... five times. Two of those times I was still in my undergrad program at Johnson, and the remaining three were back and forth from UCF. All three of those times I was on FL-417. All in a span of three years, the radiator, cooling system, transmission, computer board and finally a cooling problem my Ford MasterTech mechanic *could not* figure out all broke. All that to say, I had a love-hate relationship with my 2002 Ford Taurus. This thing caused me so much stress, emotional turmoil and financial pain. But hindsight is always 20/20. The reality is this: I broke down on the side of the highway five times. I was by myself in each of those circumstances, and God provided safety for me *every time*. I learned even though I was independent, I could still lean on the people around me and let them take care of me. The Taurus got me where I needed to go and lasted for *exactly* the amount of time I needed it. When I didn't need it anymore, it broke down for good. You know when that was? Two weeks before I moved to Jacksonville.

Sometimes we can't see the whole picture. Bad things happen to us and around us. Often we don't know why. Sound familiar?

The life of Joseph is a good example of this: early in the story we know Joseph had tension in his family relationships. We know he was eventually sold into slavery by his brothers as a result of their own jealousy. During his time in slavery, he was able to rise through the ranks and earn the respect of his master Potiphar. Yet even that was ruined when Potiphar's wife accused him of seducing her, and as a result Joseph was imprisoned. However, even when he was in jail, Joseph used that time of his life to interpret dreams and yet again rise through the ranks. He caught the attention of Pharaoh by interpreting his dream and foretelling the seven years of good harvest and seven years of famine. Finally, Joseph was put in charge of the whole land of Egypt and was able to be a good steward of the seven years of abundance Egypt had.

In hindsight, this story makes complete and total sense. We are able to see with absolute clarity that God was preparing the nation for a difficult time. But in the moment, it's hard to see it with that kind of clarity. It's hard to trust God will work all things out for our good when we can't see what He sees. But I am encouraged by Joseph's response to all of this:

*"I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. **But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God**" (Gen. 45:4-8a).*

Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, and he suffered without knowing what the result was going to be. He waited, and he did his best to honor God through it all. The final outcome was protection from a seven-year famine for himself and his family. Additionally, he realized later it was not a circumstance caused by his brothers selling him into slavery, but God was working to rescue Egypt and His people from a famine that would starve the nation.

It's okay to be uncertain about God's plan for you. We can recognize those feelings are natural. For example, in Psalm 77 we see David questioning whether God will keep His promise, whether He will continue in mercy and grant compassion. However, in David's conversation with the Lord, we see him come *back* to the conclusion that his personal appeal would be to *remember* the works and deeds of the Lord, and that he would meditate on them.

My prayer this month is that we reflect on what "before and after" moments we've had with God. Moments that upon further reflection, direct us back to His sovereignty and His power over every situation, so that we don't remain in despair or longing for Him, but recognize that He has worked successfully over every situation, and all we need to do is trust in Him.

# Relationships Restored

by Guest Contributor, Angela Hastings



I haven't yet reached the age of "I'd rather not celebrate my birthday this year." I love my birthday. Maybe it's the cake. Maybe it's the presents. Maybe it's being with the people I love. It's probably all three. My fortieth birthday was my best birthday ever – maybe even one of my best days

ever. It started early – 6:30am early – when a dear out-of-town friend showed up at my door with Starbucks in hand. We visited for a while, had breakfast at Metro Diner (helloooo biscuits and gravy) and then went to see a movie. Later on, we headed to another friend's to have dinner with family and a few close friends. Or so I thought. When I arrived, I was informed it was a surprise party, and people

would be dropping in all night long. So all night long, I raced down the stairs every time the doorbell rang to see who it might be because I had no idea who was invited. What made that birthday so special is all my people were all in the same room. Friends and family and coworkers from the last ten years of my life or longer had gathered to show their love and support.

People. Family. Friends. Community. Connection. Relationships. Alongside our relationship with Jesus, they are the most important part of our lives. It's been said that social

isolation and loneliness can be as harmful to your health as smoking fifteen cigarettes a day. Healthy relationships are a necessity. However, in our broken world, broken relationships and loss can create deep wounds. Sometimes we face difficult circumstances that lead to isolation and loneliness. But Jesus came to return us to relationships, to restore what was lost and to heal what was hopeless.

In Luke 8:26-56, we meet three individuals – a demon-possessed man, a chronically ill woman and the father of a deathly-ill daughter. Before their encounters with Jesus, each faced loss of relationship.

The demon-possessed man had not lived at home for a long time, but *"had been driven by the demon into solitary places."* He was literally out of his mind. However, after meeting Jesus, he was in his right mind and was cured. He was so grateful he begged Jesus to let him tag along, but Jesus told him, *"Return home and tell how much God has done for you."* Return home. Go back to your family. Go back to your friends. One encounter with Jesus and the man was able to return to relationships.

Next, we meet the father of a deathly-ill daughter. He pleads with Jesus to come to his house to heal his daughter, and while they are on their way, someone informs him, *"Your daughter is dead."* It was too late. The situation had changed from bad to worse. The possibility for healing was lost. Or was it? Before Jesus walked on the scene, the chance of the daughter's restoration to her family was non-existent. Yet with the touch of a hand and a few simple words, the girl stood up. Jesus restored what had been lost as He restored the little girl back to her parents.

Lastly, we encounter a chronically ill woman *"who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her."* For twelve years she would have been considered "unclean" according to the Levitical Law (Leviticus 15). Anything she touched would be considered unclean. Anyone who touched anything she touched would be considered unclean until evening. If that doesn't wreak havoc on relationships, I don't know what would! However, in faith she reached out to Jesus

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# A Baby Changes Everything

**Brittany Kellar, Community & Connections Director**

**N**ine years ago, this month, Chris and I were expecting our first little girl, Addison. We had been married almost three years; we thought we knew each other pretty well. We both felt comfortable around babies, as I used to babysit often, and he had a younger sister and younger cousins he occasionally cared for.

When we found out we were going to have a baby, we were so excited. We bought the necessary baby books, we stockpiled diapers, we decorated the nurse, and we thought we were ready for this little bundle of joy. Little did we know, our life was about to be changed dramatically. Yes, we expected to experience some changes, like a little less sleep and a little less “extra money” at the end of the month. We knew that we would love her but we had no clue how much our hearts would grow in a moment. However, from my experience as a mom of three, you get a deeper and fuller understand of God’s love for us when you become a parent. You see His love so differently.

Babies change everything, and Mary, Jesus’ mother, learned a few lessons soon after the angel came to visit her in the first chapter of Luke.

## 1. The news of a baby can be frightening and confusing.

In Luke 1:28-34 when the angel came to visit Mary, she was frightened by the angel’s appearance and confused by his message. She asked the question, “How will this be...?” Babies and big changes can leave us with questions of how things are going to work out.

## 2. The news of a baby can be overwhelming.

Impossible, life-altering news can feel devastating. In

verses 35-38, Mary had two options: pitch a fit, cry and complain, as this was not her plan to have a baby before getting married or choose to trust God’s plan.

## 3. Babies bring joy.

In verse 44, we see the unborn baby Jesus bring joy to others; “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” In fact, there are many places in scripture that talk about children as a delight.

Through all these experiences Mary had, beginning with the announcement of her unexpected pregnancy, followed by the almost divorce between Joseph and herself, the bumpy road to the manger in Bethlehem, and finally the cross in Jerusalem, I would imagine her love for the Lord Jesus grew stronger each and every day.

Today, when faced with unexpected circumstances, maybe a baby, a new job, a loss of a job, an illness, or whatever it is, we have two options. We can be frightened, confused, overwhelmed and run and hide, or we can praise the Lord.



Luke 1: 46-49

<sup>46</sup> “My soul glorifies the Lord

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

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## **“Before & After – Demas” by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister**

May our lives be the opposite of Demas. May our BEFORE and AFTER have Christ at the center, and may the days after Him and the blessings from Him guide and sustain us for all eternity.

What steps can we take to make sure our AFTER is rooted in Christ instead of the world? What things from our BEFORE can we use to remind us of why we needed Christ to provide for us an AFTER?

I'll leave you with this: AFTER much thought and BEFORE anything drastic happens, let me stress to you the urgency of knowing Christ BEFORE the AFTERlife. Don't get distracted. Keep your eyes on Christ.

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## **“Relationships Restored” by Angela Hastings, Guest Contributor**

and *“touched the edge of his cloak.”* In that very instant, her hopeless condition was healed.

In the lives of these people, Jesus not only healed them physically and spiritually, but He also returned them to relationships. He stepped into their hopeless and lonely situations and brought them family and community. We can see all throughout Scripture that relationships are important to God. From the very beginning, He said, *“It is not good for man to be alone”* (Genesis 3:18).

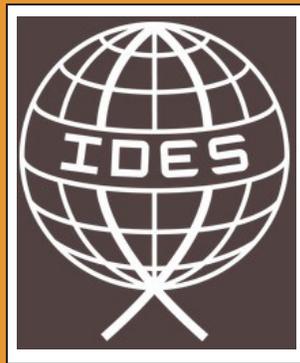
*I chose this topic and wrote this article more than a week before we were dealing with COVID-19 and its personal repercussions, like social distancing, self-isolating, and everything closed including church. In my opinion, we're facing the possibility of loneliness and isolation more than any other time in the last 100 years. We have to be vigilant and intentional in our pursuit of Jesus and community. This may require getting creative for the sake of encouraging one another daily.*

*Remember, we are created for relationships, and when Jesus came, He restored relationships. What can you do to connect with others in this season when so many are isolated and lonely?*

# MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Serving **ONE** World

Global Support



## **International Disaster Emergency Services**

This month's spotlight from our amazing group of Kingdom partners is IDES. IDES was founded in 1973 and has supported Kingdom work through assisting areas of great need, both during and after disaster and emergency situations. They help around the world in regions most heavily damaged by these events as they provide temporary housing, food, medication, counseling and more. IDES serves in five main Focus Areas around the world: evangelism, disaster response, hunger relief, community development, and medical care. With the support of many churches and thousands of volunteers around the world, IDES is able to be the hands and feet of Jesus in some of the worst circumstances imaginable.

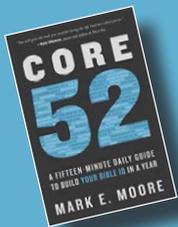


Here in the United States, they are most often called upon to help with relief from storms like tornados and hurricanes. Recently they have had teams in the central part of Tennessee helping with recovery from the tornadoes that tore up the region.

Around the world, IDES has recently helped with a response to their partners in the initial outbreak areas of China with the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the health concerns, travel restrictions and limitations in place now related to the current situation, IDES has turned to their local community to continue to fulfill their mission. Director for Church Relations, Jeff Green, said, “We have partnered with teachers in local schools to provide meals to children in the area with anywhere between 300 and 500 families per day.”

Even though IDES might be limited in their reach due to the current health restrictions, they are not letting that stop them from being the hands and feet of Jesus, even if it is right outside their own front door.

Please continue to pray for IDES as their leadership meets to plan on the next step in helping the world begin to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to be faithful in your Faith Promise giving as we support IDES both prayerfully and financially.



# Core52 Schedule

- Week of March 29 – Chapter 30 – Leadership**
- Week of April 5 – Chapter 31 – The Greatest Command**
- Week of April 12 – Chapter 32 – The Incarnation**
- Week April 19 – Chapter 33 – Love**
- Week of April 26 – Chapter 34 – Worship**

# ECC VISION

WORSHIP LIFESTYLE HONORING ONE GOD SACRIFICIAL STEWARDSHIP

CONSISTENT DISCIPLESHIP GROWING ONE FAITH PERSONAL EVANGELISM

LOCAL SERVICE SERVING ONE WORLD GLOBAL SUPPORT

Dear ECC Faith Community,

What a strange past few weeks it has been. So many things so many of us were so accustomed to were quickly taken away from us. Simple tasks like picking up a loaf of bread on the way home after picking up your kids from school or having a work meeting over lunch with coworkers or grabbing a quick dinner for the family on the way home from soccer practice were briskly removed from our list of options of how to cram our daily calendar full of events and activities. Instead, we are now strategic in our planning of getting all our necessary (emphasize NECESSARY) tasks accomplished with one trip out of the house.

Along with this change in our daily routine, the ability for us to physically gather together as a faith family in our usual location – 4316 Barnes Road – has been temporarily suspended, and we can no longer engage in one of our faith community's favorite activities – fellowship and more specifically FRIENDSHIP TIME!

But we will persevere! We will not let anything stop us from coming together as the body of Christ. We are exploring as many methods and techniques as we can to make the most of the "virtual" world. We are making every effort to keep our faith community connected during this time.

The decisions made by our leadership to suspend all our public meetings, programs and activities was not an easy one to make, but in an effort to show a willingness to cooperate with our local authorities, a humble submission to seek out what is best for some from our faith community and an overall desire to submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ, this difficult time apart had to be implemented. Please be in prayer for our leaders, our staff and all our members, especially those who are older or are health compromised, as we journey together through these uncharted paths of life. May we look forward to the day, very soon, in which we will once again fill up the church "building" with the ones who are the church.

Be good, be God's,  
*Pete Ramsey*  
 Senior Minister, ECC

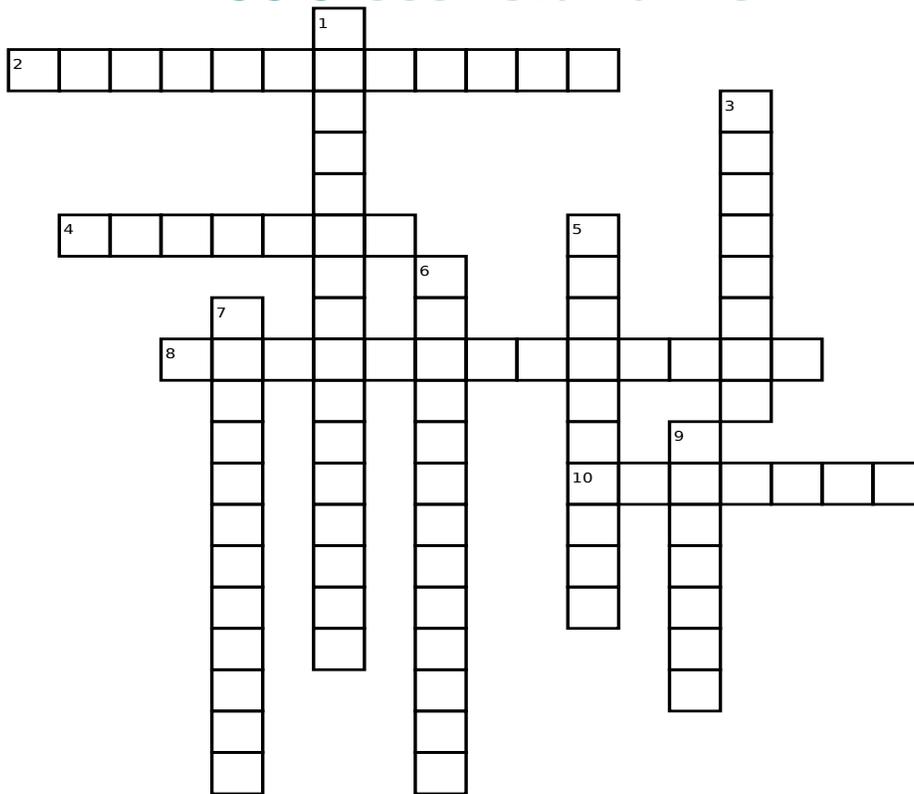


2nd & 3rd Grade Sunday School



Prime Timers Trip to Savannah

# ECC Crossword Puzzle



**Down:**

1. "OH YEAH!" BRAND BREAKING BREAD
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ONE GOD
5. \_\_\_\_\_ TIME
6. REMOTE MEETING OF BELIEVERS
7. TITHING THROUGH THE WEB
9. \_\_\_\_\_ ONE FAITH

**Across:**

2. SOCIAL MEDIA IN REAL TIME
4. REVERENCE AND ADORATION
8. GIVING SUPPORT, CONFIDENCE OR HOPE
10. \_\_\_\_\_ ONE WORLD

# Social Distancing in the Bible

L M Y P U J Q V P N U Y Q K J M L G B I H E D B A  
 J O H N T H E B A P T I S T E R A V A N H L A Y X  
 J L N J S B R L C J C R I X R Z I D L A I I V K I  
 Q A W J I W O T V B A B N E E Q Y D A P Y J I U T  
 S E S O M V H C I L I U V B M M H N X P E A D P G  
 M I R I A M R A A M N R E Y I D A N I E L H A X S  
 W R L W F J K A O J H J X B A Y X Y M H F U L W T  
 J Q N A X E T E H N D K L H H P C I Z S L J E U R  
 T L A V O D S A S A T J O S E P H X H J T E V G D  
 S U S E J L E X C U B T O G C L T B C S O J O H N

**WORD BANK**

- ADAM
- CAIN
- DANIEL
- DAVID
- ELIJAH
- JACOB
- JEREMIAH
- JESUS
- JOHN
- JOHN THE BAPTIST
- JOSEPH
- MIRIAM
- NOAH
- PAUL
- RAHAB

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**virtual community opportunities**



**ONLINE SCHEDULE**

**ALL**



Every Sunday @ 10:15am (FB LIVE) Worship  
Every Tuesday @ noon - Tuesday Chapel (FB LIVE)  
Every Thursday @ 7pm - Prayer Gathering (FB LIVE)  
Various Times & Days - Adult LIFE Groups on Zoom –  
contact your group leader for specific meeting details



**Student Ministry Events on ZOOM** (*online conferencing app*)

Small Groups: April 5th & 19th @ 6:30pm  
Sunday School: Every Sunday @ 9:30am  
Youth Group: Every Thursday @ 7:00pm



**E-city Kids Events on Facebook:**

Every Monday @ noon (LIVE): Story Time with Ms. Serena  
Every Wednesday @ noon (LIVE): What's Up Wednesday?  
Every Friday @ noon on Zoom: Find It Friday Scavenger Hunt

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