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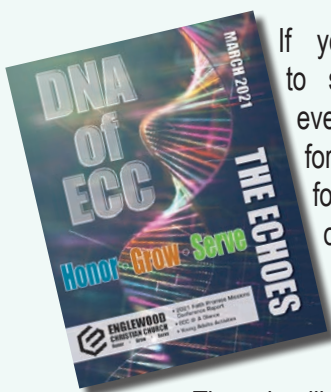


**ENGLEWOOD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
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- Mission Spotlight: Christian & Elisabeth Arnold, New International - Ireland
- Program Updates
- VBS Returns!

1 year. 12 months. 365 days. 57 episodes of *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. 15 losses by the Jaguars and another Super Bowl for Tom Brady. 112 levels of Solitaire. 246 different app uploads to my phone. 241 apps deleted from my phone. Much has changed over the past 12 months, and yet, much has remained the same. Some things have become difficult, while others have become easy. Reflect back with us this month on the past year, and see what new things God has brought into our lives. We hope you are as motivated as we are to move forward boldly under God's faithful guidance.

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 9.**

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 with any coordinating artwork or graphics.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School returns on April 11

9:00am

Worship Service/Children's Programming
10:30am

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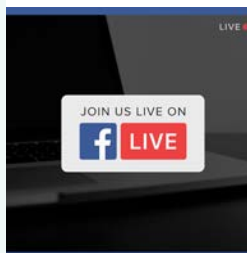


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Every Thursday
@ 7:00pm - Prayer
Gathering (FB LIVE)

Scan the QR code to check in on Sunday mornings – get the bulletin, prayer list, online giving and connection card all in one place!



Contributions March 21, 2021

General Fund

Week 42 Budget\$417,774.00
Week 42 Totals\$384,773.83

Faith Promise

Week 3 Budget\$ 12,919.20
Week 3 Giving\$ 8,805.00

ECC Statistics

Sunday, February 28

159

Sunday, March 7

167

Sunday, March 14

154

Sunday, March 21

165

Totals include estimated
online attendance

ECC Church Staff

Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister

Josh Colvin, Student Minister

Karissa Mead, Worship
Ministry Director

Serena Maerkl, Children's Director

Angela Hastings, Office Manager

Kim Owens, Publications Director

Mary Worth, Bookkeeper

Sherrie Boger, TLC Director

CALENDAR APRIL 2021

GriefShare

Mondays at 6:45pm

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 4

ESM April Showers

Wednesday, April 14

Wednesday Night Youth Group

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

ECC Office Closed

Monday, April 5

CWF Board Meeting

Sunday, April 18

Good Friday Prayer Walk

Friday, April 2

CWF Circle Meetings

Tuesday, April 6/Saturday, April 10

Kickball & Picnic

Sunday, April 18

Community Walk-Thru Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3

Sewing Class

Wednesday, April 7 & 14

e-city kids Spring Bake-off

Saturday, April 24

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

*Thank
You...*

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, cards, food and visits during my broken knee cap recovery. I am truly blessed to be a part of this church family.

Love to all,
Pat Langford

RELATIONSHIPS ONE YEAR LATER

by Angela Hastings, Office Manager



As I sat down to write this article, it was difficult to pinpoint just one area to focus on regarding the changes we have confronted. Is anyone else overwhelmed thinking about how much has changed in our lives over the course of the last year? We've faced many ups and downs, from social distancing to having church, Bible studies and prayer gatherings online. If you had told me at the beginning of 2020 we would have been hurled in to such drastic differences, I don't know if I would have believed you. Regarding some of the changes, I wouldn't want to go through them again. However, others have been for the good.

In general, much can happen in the course of a year. In fact, plenty can happen which you never even see coming. Sure, in some cases, you hope for it, maybe even pray for it. You might set goals and make changes in your actions or attitudes, but some things in life seem to take an act of God to be set in motion.

At the beginning of 2020, two of the things I prayed about were a breakthrough in relationships (work, friendships and dating) and an opportunity to use my home as a place for gathering and community. Enter COVID-19, which complicated matters immensely. Towards the beginning, it felt like seeing the fulfillment of those prayers was impossible. I couldn't even see and spend time with the few people I did have in my life, let alone develop new relationships. And just forget about gathering!

GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX AND CHANGE ANY NEGATIVE ATTITUDES WHICH ARE KEEPING YOU IN A RUT.

However, over the course of time, God changed my perspective and encouraged – okay, convicted – me to get creative about cultivating community. Through a good friend and my mom, He also challenged me to change my perspective and attitude about how I wanted things to be versus how He might want to bring them about. It started with Zoom calls, an online Bible study and

giving something I had given up hope on a chance. It ended in deeper friendships and a greater understanding of God, His word and His love.

In the last year, I have learned several lessons about relationships, and of course, I am still learning. Here are just a few, which I hope will be helpful to you!



God isn't limited by our circumstances. What we see as impossible, God sees as an opportunity to work powerfully in our lives. In a time when we were socially distanced and isolated from one another, by the grace of God, I developed deep friendships. Just because our circumstances seem to be limiting, it doesn't mean God is limited.

Get out of your comfort zone. God gave us faith, but we have to actually use it. Faith requires us to experience things we've never experienced before. Faith doesn't call us to be comfortable. Many times, we have to get out of our

comfort zone to walk in the abundant life God offers, including our relationships with others.

Think outside of the box. Not only did God give us faith, but He also gave us a brain. Use it! We're created in His image, and He is the Creator of the universe, the stars, DNA and the giraffe. Again, He isn't limited by our circumstances and sometimes, we have to think outside the box when it comes to developing and maintaining relationships.

Sometimes it takes an attitude change. Is anyone else stubborn? Is anyone else stuck in their ruts and routines and thoughts of "This is how it's always been, so this is how it's always going to be"? Wrong-o!!!! We are called to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2). We've got to change the way we think. We've got to change our attitudes.

Are you able to look back on some of the positive changes which have occurred in the last year? Can you see how you have grown in the area of personal relationships? If not, remember, no matter what you are facing, God isn't limited. Get out of your comfort zone, think outside the box and change any negative attitudes which are keeping you in a rut. Just think what could change in your life a year from now!



THE IMPOSSIBLE IS POSSIBLE – ADAPTING FOR THE KINGDOM

by Karissa Mead, Worship Ministry Director

This year put us all in an *impossible* situation. On March 14, 2020 I was leading a team rehearsal for Sunday morning, March 15. Every now and then, when Wednesday rehearsals were not possible, we would hold a rehearsal on a Saturday morning. These tend to be very relaxed rehearsals, and we generally have a great time when our schedules are free (like on a Saturday morning). March 14th was one of those days. But in the middle of rehearsal, I got called out to the foyer for a leadership team phone call which changed the rest of the year for Englewood Christian Church. It was during this phone call, the announcement was made to cancel “tomorrow’s” service. Little did we know, we wouldn’t return to in-person services for quite some time.

The following weeks were grueling and difficult, but together the ECC staff pooled our resources, got some help and found a way to adapt a church service to the “big screen” (also known as Facebook). I remember distinctly those first two weeks after we finally figured out how to pre-record services and stream them to Facebook, and each milestone after that as we learned more about online streaming and what we were capable of doing. We spent a lot of time adapting our schedules, resources, time and character over the rest of the year as God shaped our church into a strange conglomerate of digital community we had never experienced first-hand.

Adapting is hard. Adapting to a new reality is really hard. Adapting to a constantly changing reality is even harder. This year has been full of difficult circumstances. I don’t know about you, but I still experience some hesitancy when a new plan is put in place because I have gotten so used to expecting change due to a new procedure, precaution or safety measure. It’s hard to adapt in an environment which changes so quickly. So maybe today you need to confront this question: what do you need to change about your ability to adapt? And more importantly, can you adapt when God asks you to?

“WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”

I would pose to you the key to adapting to a new or difficult circumstance lies in Matthew 19:26: “*With God all things are possible.*”

We have all heard this phrase before. In fact, this may be a phrase you have been holding on to this year. Often, this verse gets generalized into a “catch phrase” and is applied to every circumstance. It gets overused and loses its intended meaning over time. I want to remind you, when Jesus said this, His meaning may have been different than what we have come to understand. So I want to ask you, when Jesus said, “With God all things are possible,” did he mean *all things we ask for, expect or plan for*? Or did he mean something else?

In the passage (Matt. 19:16-26), Jesus asks a rich man to give up all his possessions, surrender them to the poor, then to go and follow Him. After this interaction, Jesus explained to His disciples how hard it was for the rich to be a part of the Kingdom of God. Now, maybe you’re not rich, but there’s something bigger going on here which everyone, rich or poor, can learn a lesson from: Jesus asked the rich man to give up something important to him. He asked the man to do something a) he did not expect, and b) he was uncomfortable with. And all this for the purpose of prioritizing the Kingdom. Now, I can’t relate to a rich man, but I can identify with the struggle to willingly change and sacrifice my own wants and needs in order to obey God when He asks me to do something. And God asked me to do that a lot this year.

So, I want to encourage you to do this: every time you say, “With God all things are possible,” remember it means a little more than God being *able* to do anything. We already know this is true. Rather, in this passage it means *I can do anything God asks of me because He gives me the strength to do it*. Go back to the task Jesus gave to the rich man: it was never an impossible decision for him to do as Jesus asked. The only thing standing in between this man and the Kingdom of God was himself. I believe what Matthew communicated here is that no choice to follow God is an impossible choice; in fact, it is more than possible. So, next time God puts you in a situation where you need to adapt your life in favor of the Kingdom, know it is never impossible. If God asks you to help someone, *it is possible*. If God asks you to be patient with Him in a difficult time, *it is possible*. If God convicts you to be flexible, adapt and overcome, *it is possible*. If God asks you to surrender everything that’s valuable to you in order to further the Kingdom, *it is possible* because *nothing* is impossible with God.

PATIENCE IN THE UNKNOWN

by Serena Maerkl, Children's Director



Whether we love them or hate them, calendars and schedules are a necessary tool for keeping our lives in order. Everyone has to use them to some degree. For example, we use a calendar for keeping track of constants like birthdays and anniversaries, as well as less predictable things like work schedules and soccer games. They are tools which help us, but they have the ability to hurt us as well. Have you ever gotten so wrapped up in the anticipation of an event, it overwhelmed you? We can build up excitement during the “counting down” period, but we can also let it make us more anxious as the day approaches. For me personally, this manifests itself the most when I’m trying to fall asleep. I have so much difficulty shutting off my brain. I have this annoying habit of looking at the clock and calculating how much sleep I could potentially get before my alarm goes off. My mind just won’t stop asking why I’m not asleep yet. The worst is if I wake up at any point in the night. I constantly have to talk myself out of checking the time because I know if it’s within two hours of that alarm, I’m not going back to sleep. I can try all kinds of tricks, but I can’t change the knowledge of my rest time coming to an end. I’m impatient with my body which just won’t relax, allowing time to slip away (time I could be blissfully sleeping, I might add).

AT SOME POINT DURING THE YEAR, OUR “WHEN WE GET BACK TO NORMAL” STATEMENTS TURNED INTO PROCLAMATIONS OF “OUR NEW NORMAL.”

When I was looking back at the last year, I chuckled at just how much we didn’t know then. In the beginning, we were given these timelines which seemed so believable at the time. We started with two weeks to “flatten the curve.” My kids got an extra week of spring break, and church was going to be online for at most a month. But then as time went on, our end dates kept being pushed back. Our kids switched to virtual school for the entire school year, summer camps were canceled, and those rescheduled concerts were nixed completely. At some point during the year,

our “when we get back to normal” statements turned into proclamations of “our new normal.” Focusing on the finish line was what helped keep us going, but I found myself feeling more and more defeated when those dates passed and new ones took their place. Eventually I had to take a similar approach to my calendar, as I do my alarm clock. I stopped looking at the dates altogether. I focused more on being in the moment and learned how to be more patient with God’s timing. Even though I still don’t know when this will all be over, the one thing I can be sure of is God surely does. I don’t have to have the day circled in the calendar to know it is coming.

IT’S EASY TO FINISH A RACE WHEN YOU CAN SEE THE FINISH LINE, BUT IT’S MUCH HARDER WHEN YOU DON’T KNOW HOW MANY MILES YOU HAVE TO RUN.

Last month in Children’s Church, the kids learned about Simeon and how he showed extreme patience in waiting for the Lord. He was promised he would not die before seeing the Messiah. In Luke 2 we read he was righteous and devout, but we don’t read anything about how long he actually waited to meet Jesus. It could have been days, or it could have been years; we just don’t know. More important than the amount of time he waited was the faith he displayed by having the patience to do so. It’s easy to finish a race when you can see the finish line, but it’s much harder when you don’t know how many miles you have to run. A year ago it was hard to keep myself going, but I’ve also grown so much more than I could have anticipated. When you reflect on this last year, have you found yourself being more patient in God’s presence? Are you able to “*be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him*,” as we’re advised to do in Psalm 37:7, or are you struggling to get through each day while counting down the hours you still have left to go? If you’re struggling with the latter, stop looking at the clock or calendar. We can never change the passage of time, but we can change our attitude about it.



LOGISTICS OF IT ALL

by Josh Colvin, Student Minister

The year was 2020. The day was Saturday, March 14. It started just like any other day. My kids ran into my room and woke Julie and me up at 7:30am. We laid in bed for a while until we were ready to get up and take on the kids and the day. We got out of bed, got ready for the day, and ate breakfast together. Because it was a Saturday and I didn't have to go into the office, we decided it would be a great day to clean the house. The girls tackled their rooms, Julie tackled the living room and kitchen, and I tackled our bedroom and bathrooms.

So, there we were, cleaning away, when I got a text from Charles Moseley around 11:00am, asking if I could join a conference call with the other elders, deacons, and ministerial staff to discuss the plans for Sunday service because this thing called the Coronavirus, or COVID-19, had just been declared a pandemic. After being on the call for 45 minutes, it was decided Sunday School would be canceled, Friendship Time (remember that?) would not happen, communion would be done differently, but church service was still happening, which meant I was still preaching because Pete was on vacation.

“PEOPLE CHANGE. SEASONS CHANGE. RELATIONSHIPS CHANGE. BUT GOD REMAINS THE SAME.”

That night my family and I went over to our friends, the Toppings' house, to hang out, play games, and eat dinner together. We were about to sit down to eat when I was asked to join another conference call with the same people. Because of some new information which had come out during the day, the leadership decided it would be in the best interest of everyone to cancel church service. Who would have thought this decision would have been the first of many weeks we were not going to be meeting in person? Little did we know how many things were about to change.

Fast forward to one year later on March 14, 2021. On this day the people of ECC were meeting together for service, but it looked different than the Sunday before COVID-19. Masks

were being worn, Friendship Time and Sunday School were still not happening, and prefilled communion cups were being used, but we were able to meet together.

The logistics of, not only Sunday Service, but being together in general has changed this year. There in the beginning, Zoom was a widely popular tool people used. Their stock went through the roof. Still Zoom is used for meetings or seeing people face-to-face. Friends and family are quarantining because they don't want to take any chances, and the only way to see them is through video messaging or outside. I remember in the beginning weeks of social distancing, we decided to get together with the Toppings again. However, when they came over, we sat outside, ate dinner, played games six feet apart, and James and I watched a dirt track racing PPV on a TV we set up outside. We wanted to hang out together, but the logistics of that had changed. Whenever you go out into public now, it is strongly recommended masks be worn. The logistics of going grocery shopping, going out to eat, or going out in general has changed. Whether you are for or against the logistics of it all changing, the truth is, no matter what has happened so far or will happen in the future, God is still in control and still ruler over all.

EVEN THOUGH OUR SEASONS OR LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, GOD'S FAITHFULNESS REMAINS TRUE. HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER!

I recently read a quote that said, "People change. Seasons change. Relationships change. But God remains the same." This quote is very true. The COVID-19 season of life we have been in seems like it continues to change every day, but God never changes and will never change. Hold fast to the words in Psalm 119:90 that say, "Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast." Even though our seasons or life circumstances change, God's faithfulness remains true. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

ONE YEAR LATER – DIFFERENT WORLD, SAME GOD

by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister



My how things have changed over the past twelve months. Our shopping habits have changed – nowadays you buy toilet paper every time you go to the store, NO MATTER WHAT. Our hygiene habits have most certainly changes – hand sanitizer at every corner and in every pocket. Our medical habits have changed – how many of you have been on a video “virtual” appointment during the last twelve months? Our waistlines have changed – the COVID “19” is worse than the Freshman “15,” if you know what I mean! Our recreational habits have changed dramatically – I haven’t been to a sporting event or movie theater in more than a year! Man, I’m dying for some live baseball with a hot dog in one hand and my baseball glove on my other, ready to catch a foul ball. And I don’t think we’ll ever eat chips and dip the same way again – pass me the cheese sauce, will ya?

It’s been difficult to find any sense of normalcy or consistency in many areas of our lives and for many of us, it has put us completely out of our comfort zones. But that is where God thrives – in the midst of chaos, in the center of the storm, in the insanity of pandemic – that is where He does His best work. For instance, how many times in the last year did you wonder if God would still hear your prayers? Or how many times did you wonder if you would be fortunate enough to find some wisdom while searching the Scriptures? Or how often did you have your anxieties and nerves brought to a calming level by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? In all of those circumstances, God was present. While you may have had trouble finding a six pack of Charmin, you never even questioned whether or not your Father in heaven would hear your prayers. While you may have missed out on the amazing aroma and salty flavor of overpriced movie theater popcorn, you never missed a step when you spent time in His Word discovering wisdom, truth and guidance on every page you turned.

I’ve come back to a common verse several times during the past month, which I first discovered while reading the weekly section for our Immerse Bible reading program. It is from Exodus and is shared by Moses to the people of Israel in the middle of their panic and anxiety while being surrounded and blocked in by the mighty Red Sea on one side and the seemingly insurmountable forces of Egypt on the other. Death was the apparent only option. The end of their lives was near. To quote the old song from *Hee Haw* by the late great Buck Owens, “Gloom, despair and agony on me!”

They felt helpless and hopeless, and there was no way out of their circumstances. Then Moses said to them, “*Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.*” (Exodus 14:13-14)

I have a feeling each and every one of us have had to listen to the Lord tell us this exact same thing sometime during the last year. When everything else was changing, when everything else seemed uncertain, and when everything else was completely out of your control, God whispered in your ear, “Just be still. I’ve got you right where I want you and I’ll rescue you. You just need to sit still and trust.”



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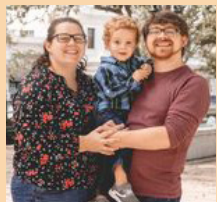
WHERE HE DOES HIS BEST WORK.

Through all my life, the Lord has always been there. All throughout the past year, even when my family and I contracted COVID-19, I knew I could trust Him to lead me through it to accomplish His will. All throughout the last year, when it seemed like no one could plan anything more than a few days ahead of time, God was in control. When political unrest rocked our nation last fall, God was in control. When breaking news of a quick spreading “super flu” first hit the airwaves, God was in control. When store shelves were empty, God was in control. When wearing a mask into a bank was the proper thing to do, God was in control. So many things changed, so many things are different, so many things may never return to the way they were before, but God is still the same, and He will be for all eternity. I hope you have been able to “flex your faith” during this time and develop a deeper trust in Him and His ways. And ten years from now, when you look back at this particular period of time, you’ll know God was with you every step of the way, just like He has always been.

My what a difference a year makes.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Christian & Elisabeth Arnold,
New International - Ireland



Coming out of our very own church, Christian Arnold and his wife Elisabeth (along with their son Caspian) are Kingdom partners we support through our Faith Promise giving. They are working with New International toward their ultimate goal of moving to Ireland to work in the ripe harvest fields of that country as soon as they can. Here is a brief Q & A with them about some recent updates:

1. Work status: Any updates on your departure dates and/or reasons for delay right now? We are finishing raising the last 23% of our monthly support needed for moving to Ireland. The Republic of Ireland's visa department is closed because of the lockdown and will consider reopening again in the first few weeks of April. Once the offices have reopened, and we are 90% funded, we will be able submit our application to relocate overseas.

2. Training updates: What's the latest training and advancements you have made towards your work? At the beginning of this year, we completed our month-long cross-cultural training in North Carolina. It was the last major pre-field task that will set us up for success in long-term ministry. At the end of training, Christian was able to take a few additional courses to become a certified trauma healing facilitator.

3. Prayer needs: What can we specifically pray for during the month of April? Pray for Ireland to open their borders quickly so we can transition over as smoothly and safely as possible. Pray for endurance to finish raising the last 23% of monthly support, and for ministry partners who will pray for our work.

For more info and updates about the Arnolds, please check them out on social media (Christian Arnold or Elisabeth Arnold) or their page through New International (newinternational.org).

IMMERSE

The Bible Reading Experience™

Clean or Dirty? – During the month of April, our *Immerse: Beginnings* reading journey takes us through the second half of Leviticus and all of the book of Numbers. This section of our reading goes into great detail about knowing the difference between what is clean and what is unclean. It also includes several examples of when Israel failed to maintain their sanctity and purity in the eyes of God, and yet God still remained faithful, even through times of discipline and correction. Remember, as you read through Leviticus and Numbers this month, context is the key. This was the moral and social code for an ancient culture with hopes of settling in their new land. The biggest takeaway is to see what it takes to be faithful, see what God does with that faith and put those skills and traits to work in your own daily walk with Christ.



Immerse: Beginnings

APRIL SCHEDULE

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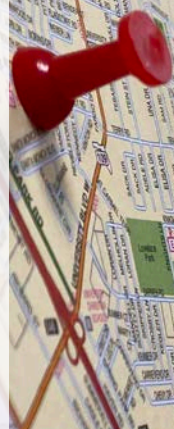
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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - 32207

In Acts 1, Jesus tells the disciples they will be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth," communicating the idea of the Kingdom of God being a global entity and a worldwide community of faith. Before going to the ends of the earth, they had to go to Jerusalem, Judea and even Samaria. In other words, they started where they were. Or maybe we could say it like this, "Every nation begins with every neighbor." Join us during the month of April as we examine the divine command to go to the ends of the earth by starting with our own zip code, and see what steps we need to take to make that happen in our faith community.



ECC VISION

WORSHIP
LIFESTYLE

HONORING ONE GOD

SACRIFICIAL
STEWARDSHIP

CONSISTENT
DISCIPLESHIP

GROWING ONE FAITH

PERSONAL
EVANGELISM

LOCAL
SERVICE

SERVING ONE WORLD

GLOBAL
SUPPORT

from the *cross*

Good Friday Prayer Walk

On **Friday, April 2**, our Worship Center will be open for a self-guided prayer walk, which will take you through the last week of the life of Christ – beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with the Resurrection. The prayer walk will be open from **9:00am until 3:00pm**. Be sure to use the office door entrance off of Betty Ann Lane to access the prayer walk. We'll follow all social distancing guidelines and keep space between those who participate. Family and household groups can go through together, while other parties will be asked to maintain a "two station" distance between them and the next group. Sign-ups are not necessary, and all are welcome to participate. Make plans to join us that day.

Community Walk-Thru Egg Hunt

Our Egg Hunt this year will be a Walk-Thru Scavenger Hunt. On **Saturday, April 3, from 10:00am-12:00pm**, we will have a path set up throughout our campus. When the children arrive, they will be given a card with pictures of all the items they will need to look for along the path. Once they are through, all the children will trade in their card for a goody bag filled with treats. Each child will also get a bagged lunch to take home with them or eat on the front lawn.

If you would like to volunteer, please let us know by registering online using the QR code.



Easter Services

Sunday, April 4

7:00am – Sunrise Easter Service – Join us on the front lawn (Barnes Road) for a sunrise service. This will be a condensed service of about 45 minutes. You can bring your own lawn chair or one will be provided for you. Watch for specific details relating to parking and seating arrangements, as weather may influence this decision. The fellowship hall and courtyard will be open for any who want to stay on campus between services.

10:30am – Join us for this Resurrection Sunday celebration, as our e-city Kids will be singing in our service and special messages in music, song and the glorious hope of the Gospel will be shared with all who attend.

Note: Due to seating limitations, we are asking all our regular members who attend the sunrise service NOT to attend both services so we can have plenty of room and maintain all the social distancing guidelines we have in place.

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Saturday, April 3
10am-12pm



WALK-THRU EGG HUNT



ENGLEWOOD
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Scavenger hunt style egg hunt!
Prizes, candy, & bag lunches
for all kids who participate.

KICKBALL+ PICNIC

SUNDAY,
APRIL 18TH
@ 12:30PM
AT EHS
EVERYONE
IS INVITED.
BRING
YOUR
LUNCH.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH
AFTER 10:30AM
CHURCH SERVICE



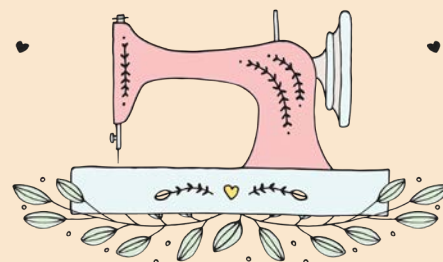
APRIL 24

CUPCAKE CHALLENGE!

@2:00 PM FOR K-5TH GRADE
MYSTERY INGREDIENTS-PRIZES
GUEST JUDGES & LOTS OF FUN!
\$5.00 TO REGISTER

If your child would like to attend, please register by **April 19!**
See the e-newsletter for more details!

If you would like to know how to operate your sewing machine, Pat Underwood will be facilitating a two-week class on April 7 & 14 at 1:00pm in Room 209.



Additionally, there is a group who meets each week at this time to complete different quilting, crochet, knitting and sewing projects throughout the year. They have a great time! Contact Pat [(904) 318-8693] for more details or to join the group.



VBS 2021

June 6-10 • 6:30-8:15pm

VBS is a GO this summer! We are making changes to make sure we keep our volunteers and attendees safe. To register your child or to volunteer to help, scan the QR code.

First volunteer meeting – Sunday, April 11
See the e-newsletter for more details!





Prayer night at youth group was successful!



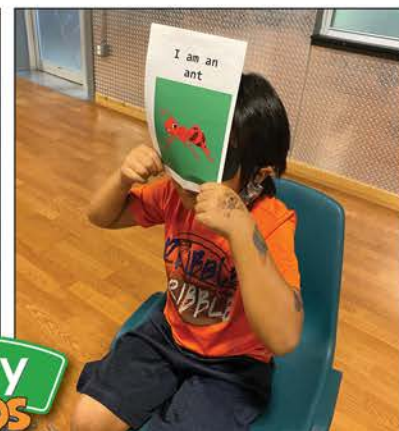
Boy Scout Troop #159 helped us with workday



Karissa Mead works on adding to our "wind" section



Ready?! Dodgeball!!!



Elementary game night shenanigans!



Nathan scoping out the competition – who to get out next?!



Prayer Room gets a redesign



PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Phase 4 – The Return of Sunday School

The leadership team of Englewood Christian Church is excited to announce the return of our Sunday School programming. We will begin meeting for Sunday School for all ages again on Sunday, April 11. Classes will meet at 9:00am, and meet prior to our morning worship services at 10:30am. Online services will continue to be available for those who are still practicing at the higher levels of social distancing. There will be fewer class options than previously offered, and details are being finalized at this time. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks. Please be in prayer as we move forward and yet maintain the highest levels of safety and precaution necessary to create a warm and welcoming Christian environment.

Adult SS Class Schedule (beginning April 11)

Young Adults – Room 208
Converge – Room 209
Philathea – Warehouse
Seekers/Homebuilders – Fellowship Hall

If your regular class is not listed, please feel free to attend any of these options during the month of April. Any adjustments to this schedule will be made and implemented in May.

All regular Sunday morning programming for children (birth-5th grade) will resume on April 11 for both program hours. MS/HS class will resume, also.

We are still in need of a few more volunteers to commit to at least one Sunday a month in the nursery and toddler area. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office or Julie Topping, our nursery coordinator.



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April 2021

PACK THE PANTRY

ECC is collecting **paper towels** and **sugar** for North Florida Christian Camp! You can drop off these items in the designated box in the back-storage hallway behind the church offices any time this month, and we will take them to camp on Family Day. Deadline is **Wednesday, April 28**.



NORTH FLORIDA CHRISTIAN CAMP:

Registration for Summer Camp 2021 is now OPEN! If your child is a rising 3rd or older and is interested in learning more about Summer Camp, please see Serena Maerkl or Josh Colvin. This year Englewood will have staff on site as deans during the following weeks:

- **June 27-July 2: Middle School Week 2**
- **July 11-July 14: Elementary Camp**

Visit <http://nfcsc.org/> for more details and to register your child for camp. We will be offering discount codes for our church members, so please contact Serena or Josh for the code. If you or your 8-12th grader would like to be a volunteer, we'd love to talk to you about that as well!

If you'd like to see the camp for yourself be sure to come out for their annual Family Day on May 1, from 10am-2pm. If you've never had the opportunity to visit, it's a great chance to really see the camp in action, as well as a great day of fun for the whole family.

