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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School
 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service
 10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Dinner
 6:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Studies
 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group (6th-12th Grades)
 7:00 p.m.

Children's Classes (K-5th Grade)
 7:00 p.m.

Child care is provided during all services.

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Contributions July 21, 2019

General Fund

Week 8 Budget.....\$83,376.00

Week 8 Totals.....\$67,161.67

Faith Promise

Week 21 Budget.....\$70,132.23

Week 21 Giving.....\$63,783.00

ECC Statistics

Sunday, June 30, 2108

SS	MW	WED	ADD
160	241	106	

Sunday, July 7, 2019

SS	MW	WED	ADD
162	251	93	1

Sunday, July 14, 2019

SS	MW	WED	ADD
193	252	102	

Sunday, July 21, 2019

SS	MW	WED	ADD
168	218	118	1

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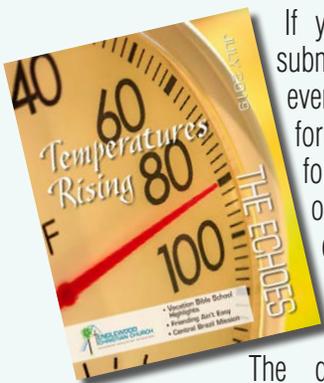
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DEADLINES

If you would like to submit pictures, articles, events or activities for consideration for the next issue of *The Echoes*, the deadline is **Friday, August 16**.



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



Please email all submissions to angela-ecc@att.net with any coordinating artwork, graphics, or photo captions.

WOW! Can you believe summer is almost over? Most schools will be back in by the second week of August and families will slowly mold and conform themselves to the rigors of the school year schedule. A new year of learning begins with new challenges, new friends, new routines and new adventures! It's also a time when one of the main influences in the lives of our kids are introduced to them – their teachers! This month we'll center on the theme of teaching, teachers and the ministry potential which can happen when we work together. See you in the afternoon pick-up line!

What's in a Name?

by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister



Miss Atty. Mrs. Gingras. Mrs. Hamlin. Mr. Allen. Ms. Jaeger. Mrs. Aumiller. Those names may not mean anything to you. They may not even trigger any memories of years long ago when you were in school. In fact, you may even be thinking, “Who are these people?”, “Are they visitors?”, “Are they speaking at the next women’s event?” To me, however, they are people of great influence on my life. They are people who believed in me. They are people who taught me to work hard, to never settle, to see things differently, to push myself and to laugh at myself.

These are some of the many teachers who played a huge role in my life as I grew up. Miss Atty (1st grade) and Mrs. Gingrass (2nd grade) helped me to develop a love for reading and a desire to always keep learning (Miss Atty was also who marked me down for “talks too much” in my conduct grade all year long, but that’s another story for another day!). Mrs. Hamlin (4th grade) taught me to never settle and always push myself to learn more. Ms. Jaeger (3rd and 4th grade) taught me how to have fun while learning and Mr. Allen (10th grade Am. Lit.) helped me to see Christ through literature and reading. Mrs. Aumiller somehow managed to make Chemistry interesting and fun enough to willingly sign up for a second year (Chem II Honors!!) and even on to Physics!



I can’t even begin to think about what I would say to them today to show my full appreciation for their commitment to teaching me and partnering with my parents in my education. I honestly don’t know if all of them are (or were) believers, but I’m confident most of them were. Their love, patience, compassion, discipline, kindness, joy and wisdom were all conveyed to me with a firm foundation in Jesus Christ. They may have never spoken the gospel to me in all those years, but I most certainly saw Jesus in their eyes, words, smiles and acts of love.

This month brings about the end of summer and the beginning of another school year. It also brings up one of the most anxious and nervous times for many children – meeting their new teacher(s) for the first time. More times than not, though, after that initial meeting, nerves are calmed down and a month into the school year, you can’t imagine your child

being in any other classroom setting (most of the time 😊).

Psalm 25:4 says, “Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.” It is interesting to note how often the Psalms record the writers seeking to better understand God’s ways, laws, decrees, teachings, precepts and more. The one thing we are never really told about is how this teaching is accomplished. Think about it. How often have you asked for the Lord to give you direction, guidance and wisdom? And when you received your answer, was it in the form of a vision or dream from God? Or was it most likely in the form of some teaching, instruction, testimony or correction given by another believer? God works through all those around us to teach us all the things we desire to know as well as all the things we need to know. We learn of our love for Him as well as the fundamentals of life such as reading, writing and ‘rithmetic! Those are just as important in our faith journey as hearing the stories of Jesus as a little one. They allow us to independently learn and discover for ourselves the greatness of God and His love for us.

I believe this carries over into the early years of our life in a classroom setting. I believe part of the way we fully accomplish God’s will and desire for our life is to learn... continuously. Learn how to read, learn how to count, learn how to comprehend, learn how to serve, learn how to be kind, learn how to... You get my point.

Here is another list of names that might not mean anything to you, but mean the world to me... Mrs. Linda Marshall, Mrs. Ruth Dufuss, Mr. Alden Jones, Mrs. Anne Duff, Mr. Bill Meagher, Mrs. Roseanne Withers, Mr. Bruce Henry, Mrs. Carol Minnick... just to name a few. These are only a few of the great adults who “taught” me – either through Bible stories, Sunday school class lessons, youth group conversations, van trip discussions, late night camp dorm chats or even in a canoe going down a river. They taught me about God and his ways. They taught me about kindness. They taught me about compassion. They taught me about obedience. They even taught me how to turn a canoe around when a gator is coming

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Teaching as a Ministry

by Guest Contributor, Sarah Krzaczkowski

Teaching was far from my first choice, as far as professions are concerned. Since almost every female on both sides of my family was a teacher, I was destined to swim against the current (that's Sarah-talk for "rebel"). But while I attended Johnson University (where I intended to go into full time ministry or missions), I worked at an aftercare facility in inner-city Knoxville, where I formed great relationships with students who needed love in the most desperate of ways. I realized I was being called to a ministry I hadn't considered before: public schools.

I might not be able to start class with a prayer, but I can tell a student who is going through a hard time I am praying for them. I might not be able to read scriptures in my morning meeting, but I can use quippy pieces of wisdom from Proverbs. I might not be able to sing songs of praise, but I can play instrumental Lecrae (a Christian hip hop artist) and tell the students exactly who he is when they ask about the catchy beat. I might not be able to tell my students they should go to church, but I can tell them funny stories about my youth group and tell them I know of a really positive, encouraging community of kids their age if they feel like they need one. I might not be able to tell them Jesus is kind, compassionate, and fair, but I can be kind, compassionate, and fair. I might not be able to **tell** them about Jesus, but I sure can **show** them Jesus.

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I've been asked on more than one occasion, "How can you minister to your students when God has been taken out of schools?" To answer that, I need to address the question itself: God has **not** been taken out of schools. He's been taken out of curriculum. He's been taken out of textbooks. He's been taken out of academic conversations. But He is still there. You know how I know that? Because **I'm there**. They can't take Him out of me.

I'm entering my 6th year teaching this year. In the past 5 years, I have experienced every spectrum of emotion with my students, from pure elation to unspeakable hurt. Each year this job gets tougher: physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially. But every time I think of quitting, I remember I might be the only reflection of Jesus those students see all year. Somewhere between the test scores, grading, and lunch duty, lies a great ministry: to teach children like the great Teacher would want them to be taught. It is my prayer every year that not only do my students know I love them, but they know the source of that love.



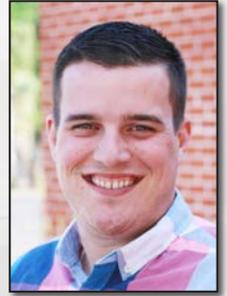
"Let the message of

Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:16

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

Are you treating your career like a mission field? If not, you may be missing out on your ministry!

Mentor or Mentee: Which Are You?



by Josh Colvin, Student Minister

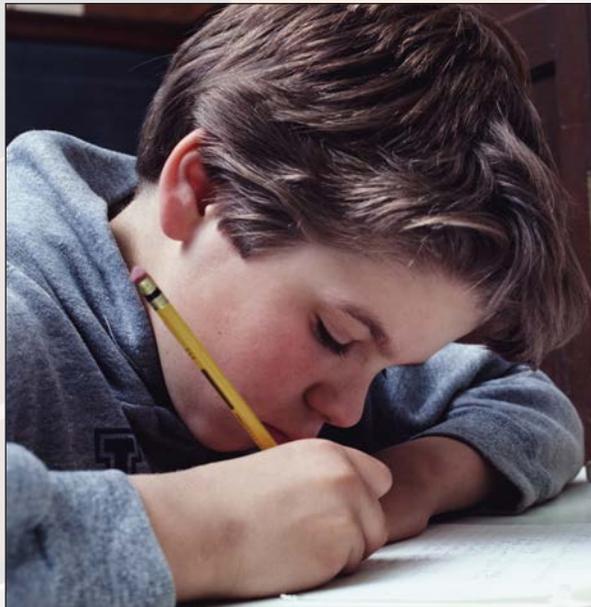
“Learning something new every day.” I have found myself saying this more often than not recently. With the way things are changing around us and the new lingo kids are saying nowadays, I am learning something new every day. I also love the new meme which is circling Facebook: “I was today years old when I found out...” For example, “I was today years old when I found out that a coyote can actually run twice as fast as a road runner.” I always catch myself laughing out loud because I usually am learning this fact on that day when I am reading the meme.

As much as we joke about learning something new every day or being “today years old” when I learned this, we should be learning something new every single day of our lives. This is something I wish I would have applied to my life when I was younger. I really wasn’t a fan of reading or studying. I was not a fan of learning new things at all. And I’m ashamed to say, this has carried on to my adult life. I really have to force myself into studying, reading, and learning on a regular basis. Just like with a lot of things in life, it’s far easier to learn and retain information at a younger age.

Recently my wife started planning and prepping to write a curriculum and e-book entitled *Trust the Training*. She recently launched her brand on Facebook and Instagram to share what is on her heart and what Scripture has to say. (Shameless plug: go follow her *Trust the Training* page on those two platforms). She is writing this to help seasoned women lead and encourage not-so-seasoned women to be whom God created them to be. She is doing this for Christian women to be able to mentor other women of like faith and

to trust the training they received from their mentors. The foundation for her curriculum comes from 2 Timothy 2.

Although Julie is working out this philosophy for women, the same can be used for everyone. It doesn’t have to be just for women. We should want to sit at the feet of people who are more seasoned than us, who have more experience than



we do when it comes to being a godly example to other people. As kids, we most likely had someone we looked up to and wanted to be like, whether it was a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend. When we had that person, we would always want to be around them. We would emulate what they were doing. For me it was my step-dad. He was someone I looked up to and someone I wanted to be like. I made sure to get his approval in almost everything I did. Did I always get it? Not at all. I messed up quite a bit,

but I sought his approval because I wanted to be like him. I wanted to be the kind of godly man, husband, and father he was to my mom, brother, and me. He was, and still is, a mentor of mine.

But who did he learn from? There had to be a godly man in his life whose feet at which he sat. My step-dad wasn’t just a mentor to me. He was a mentee of someone else. He had to, and wanted to, learn from someone in order to be a mentor to someone else. We all have someone we look up to, but whether you know it or not, or like it or not, someone is looking up to you. You are a mentor to someone else.

I leave you with this, “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). So, which are you: Mentor or Mentee? The answer should be, “YES!”



Learning to Please God

by Karissa Hardin, Worship Ministry Director

One of my first classes at UCF was Bibliography and Research. The purpose of this class was to teach students how to research at the Master's level. In reality, the class's number one accomplishment was to teach us how to use the library. Most students take a class like this, regardless of their level of study. See if this sounds familiar: you show up to class and your teacher shows you how to acquire knowledge... which is basically ALL of school, right? On paper, this class sounded completely useless, especially considering the level of school

our service involves desiring to learn. Musicians can relate to this truth quite easily, since there is no way to better our skill without a desire to learn more about our instrument. But sometimes this involves going out of our comfort zone. I went into Bibliography and Research believing I wouldn't get anything out of the class, so I didn't try to learn anything, and I didn't work very hard at it. But Paul tells Timothy to *"do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth"* (2 Timothy 2:15). Paul also writes in Colossians 3 *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if you were working for the Lord, not for human masters... it is the Lord Christ you are serving."* What a wake-up call! Even the things we don't want to do need to be approached as if we were doing those tasks for God Himself!

This brings me to the second truth I learned in this season of my life: **Acknowledging the things we don't know pushes us to learn "better."** At the start of the semester, I spent a lot of time being frustrated the class was going so slow. In one session, we spent three whole hours learning about call numbers! What I didn't know at the time (but learned later) was this class would wake me up to two things: a) there was a lot I thought I knew, and b) there was *so much* I needed to learn. By the end of the semester, I was able to complete research projects in half the time it used to take me, due only to the skills I learned in this class – how to track down exactly what I needed to find out quickly and efficiently. At the end of the class, I was grateful to have taken it... I was also put in my place and humbled quite a bit. After that semester, I took four more classes with that professor because he pushed us to learn and seek out knowledge, rather than simply regurgitating information. It changed both the manner in which I learned and the way I teach.

As we approach a new season of learning, I want to encourage you to approach the things you want and need to do as if God was right there next to you because He is! Please the Lord in your job, your family, and your relationships with others because *"it is the Lord Christ you are serving."*

I was involved in at that time. I kept thinking, "WHY do I need to take this class?? I already know how to use the library, I can read, figure this out for myself... there's no way this class is going to help me in this degree!!!" We've all been there, agreed?

This attitude, to me, was justified at the time because I didn't believe I'd benefit from the class. But was it pleasing to God? Not at all. I want to encourage you with two truths I learned because of this class. The first is this: **Pleasing God with**



Perpetual Student



by *Serena Maerkl, Children's Director*

When I was younger, my family moved quite a bit. We never left Ocala, FL, but I did manage to attend about 6 different schools in an 8 year span. Though the location in town was different, and the faces I saw from year to year changed, at the end of the day, I knew what to expect. From 8am-3pm every day, I'd sit in a classroom and learn from mid-August to early June. One of the schools I attended was quite a bit out of the ordinary, though. It didn't follow the regular old public school calendar. It was a "year round" school. I thought I'd hate it. It meant losing my long summer break, and for a kid that was a pretty big deal. My whole outlook changed when our first break came. The school rotated through 12 week cycles. We'd have classes for ten weeks, but then we'd be off for two. I found myself able to be more focused on my lessons. The breaks were just long enough to give us a chance to recharge, but short enough we didn't lose anything we had learned. It's a schedule a lot of teachers support for that very reason. The saying, "if you snooze, you lose," can be applied in the classroom, but it's just as true in our spiritual lives as well.

Proverbs 19:27 says, ***"Stop listening to instruction son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge."*** While we'd all like to say we are faithful in our walk with Christ 100% of the time, if we're being honest, we'd have to admit it's easy to find ourselves going astray. What used to be daily Bible study and regular church attendance slowly drifts to reading scripture during the sermon, and going to service when we get up in time. This is especially true during the summer when it feels like life in general is taking a break. Unfortunately this means church often falls into the category of obligations we take a break from. Just like it is widely known that kids lose some academic progress during

summer, if we're not making God a priority consistently, we lose sight of what's important. Our faith starts slipping down our list of priorities. It's not a conscious decision, and it's not done with any ill intent; it happens slowly. As adults we don't think about all those subjects we knew so well in school. One day we find ourselves trying to remember some fact and then realize the memory isn't where we left it. Just like we wake up one Sunday and realize it's been a while since we've gone to church. We start thinking about all those reasons we haven't been, and the days we missed have all of a sudden added up to a number we're not proud of.

So how do we get ourselves out of that habit? We constantly remind our children what the consequences are to putting off their school work, so why don't we hold ourselves to the same standard with God's word? Most likely, we think we've gained wisdom in our years and don't make the same mistakes our kids do. I think year round school had the right idea. In order to keep Jesus as our focus, we need to constantly study His ways. We are called not only to make disciples, but to be disciples. A disciple is defined as "a follower or student of a teacher." At its core, this means if we choose to follow Christ, we have chosen to be His disciple. It is a lifelong promise we shouldn't forget. We will always be a student; there are no breaks. The wisdom we find in scripture is there to boost our faith and keep us on the right path. Romans 15:4 says it better than I can. ***"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."*** So I encourage you to attend the Lord's church year round and dedicate yourself to His study, as He is the ultimate teacher.



Room 5 is Special!



Brittany Kellar, Community & Connections Director

Growing up, one of the best parts about summer and the anticipation of a new school year was running to the mailbox in mid-July and getting “the postcard.” This was not just any postcard. This was the postcard that would determine whose classroom you would be in for the next school year.

First grade was my first year at Englewood Elementary. My parents just recently moved into the school zone. I had the best Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Fox, at Greenfield Elementary! She was a perfect mix between sweet and spicy. Thankfully, I was a good little student and would be on her sweet side more times than not. However, I did not want to leave her class, let alone start a new school entirely.

Even as a first grader, there was so much apprehension. I needed to make new friends and find my way around; thankfully, my mom would drop me off and pick me up every afternoon, so I didn't need to worry about finding the right bus.

August came, I got my new backpack and new school clothes, and I walked into Mrs. Smith's class.

Little did I know she was Mrs. Madonna Smith, the preacher's wife of this little church down the road called Englewood Christian Church. I also didn't know 25 years later I would have the opportunity to still learn from her teaching and life!

However, before I get ahead of myself too much, let me rewind. I walked into class, and the first things I saw were a sweet little lady, not much taller than some of the students and a ginormous banner which read, “Room 5 Is Special.” At that moment, I didn't have a clue just how special Room 5 was, all I knew was any fears or worries I had quickly left.

Over the weeks and months that followed, I started to realize just how special Room 5 was! Mrs. Smith is an amazing musician! She would bring her guitar to class and sing with us each day. She didn't need a tall stature or a booming voice to get our attention; she had such a

special, calm personality which was captivating. We would sing all sorts of songs in the class, but what I remember the most is each day before lunch she would have a volunteer pray for our lunch as a class. Can you fathom that?!?! Even now typing this gives me chills.

Room 5 was special. Room 5 was a place where kids were kids, but most importantly God's love reigned. Mrs. Smith used her classroom as a place for God to work! I can't remember if Mrs. Smith ever led Bible story time, and I'm sure she wasn't dragging students to church with her every Sunday, but you couldn't help but notice there was something special about Room 5!

Mrs. Smith made all students who entered feel welcomed, loved and accepted, and learning thrived! When I was in 4th and 5th grade, I would volunteer a few afternoons each week in Mrs. Smith's classroom, and it was such a privilege.

Now that I'm older and I understand, this simple yet powerful phrase has stayed with me even into adulthood. Truthfully, it's less about the room and more about who we are and who we belong to. In this short phrase, Mrs. Smith was saying to each of the students, “You my student, you make up our class, Room 5, and you are special!”

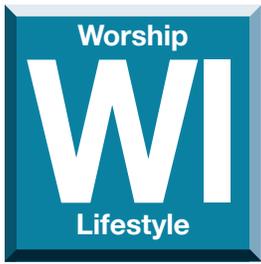
Who doesn't want to feel accepted and special? Guess what? Ultimately, this is the same thing that Paul says to us in Ephesians 5:25, “...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

Christ didn't love the physical structure of the church so much that he died on the cross. NO, He loved His people. You. Me. All of us!

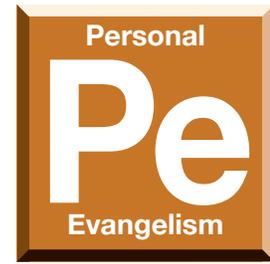
Mrs. Madonna Smith did not love the physical classroom as much as she loved the students who made up the classroom.

In the times when you don't feel special, worthy, or deserving, remember – Church - **You are special!**

“You my student,
you make up
our class,
Room 5,
and you
are special!”



ELEMENTS



OF VISION

S E R M O N S E R I E S

A year ago, the leadership of Englewood Christian Church excitedly introduced the new vision and direction for the church. That vision was summarized in the statement: Honoring ONE God, Growing ONE Faith, Serving ONE World. We spent several weeks exploring that vision and attempting to root ourselves in finding ways to implement and practice this Kingdom-minded vision. One of the essential needs about a vision is the need to constantly remind ourselves of

that vision. We will spend the next seven weeks diving back into our ECC Vision in a sermon series called, "The Elements of Vision." Just like our world is made up of basic elements that combine together to form new compounds and creations, when we begin to embody our vision from the foundational level, we will begin to serve God in exciting and effective ways. Please make plans to be here for our vision series. It all begins on August 11.

August 11 – Worship Lifestyle • August 18 – Sacrificial Stewardship

August 25 – Consistent Discipleship

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"What's in a Name?" by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister

straight at you! They taught me things which have made me the man of God I am today.

Along with my parents and immediate family, I can't think of any other people more influential than all the teachers who poured so much and invested in my life – both academically and spiritually.

If you know a teacher – or anyone who has ever taught you anything for that matter – thank them for sharing their wisdom and experiences with you! Remind them of the blessing from God they have been in your life.

STUDENT HAPPENINGS

MS/HS Back to School Bash

Another year, another Back to School Bash! All incoming 6th graders, middle school, and high school students are invited to attend this phenomenal event at **Creekside Christian Church** with different youth groups on **August 18th**. This Bash is a great way to kick start the school year. Don't miss it! We will **leave at 5:15pm** from the church for the Back to School Bash or you can meet us at Creekside.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & INCOMING 6TH GRADE

MEET AND GREET

Sunday, August 4th
Immediately following service
Lunch will be provided

Incoming 6th graders this is your time to come hang out with current middle schoolers, as well as Josh and many of the youth sponsors.

Meet and Greet

Calling all Middle Schoolers and incoming 6th graders. **Sunday, August 4th** is an amazing opportunity to engage with some of your peers before jumping right in to the Englewood Student Ministries. Join us for a free, tasty lunch and some fun getting to know your new friends.

Disc Golf

If you are in high school and want to get out of the house and into nature then this is for you. Michael Cox and Chris Mead will be leading us through a round of Disc Golf. You don't have to be good. That is what they are there for. Get ready for a time of frisbee chucking, surprise shots, and a lot of laughter. We will leave at 8:45am from the church to head over to Ed Austin. This is a free event!



Life

GROUPS

This fall begins year two of our small group program, LIFE Groups. We are expanding our groups and meeting opportunities this year with the hope of many more taking advantage of the occasion to connect and create community with each other. All during the month of August, we'll be promoting our new groups and offering chances to sign up for the group which best fits your needs and your schedule. Be sure to stop by the sign up table in the lobby, or you can even sign up online through our website. Groups will begin in early September.



connect

Want to find out more about Englewood Christian Church? Do you want to know more about what we believe and practice as a New Testament Church? Want to know more about membership and partnership with us in our pursuit to **"Honor ONE God, Grow ONE Faith and Serve ONE World?"** Do you want to find out how to begin a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ while being a part of an amazing, loving faith community?

All these questions and more will be answered at our new monthly **CONNECT** class. This class is geared for visitors, new members and anyone with questions about our church, our faith and our practices – but anyone is welcome to attend. It will meet once a month on the second Sunday of each month in room 106. Please contact the church office via email or phone, or sign up on the connection card any Sunday you are here and we'll add you to the list. Please register ahead of time so preparations can be made for everyone who plans to attend. For August, we'll be meeting on **Sunday, August 11 at 9:00am in room 106. Breakfast provided!**

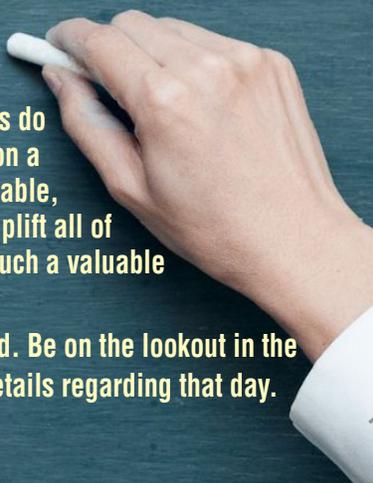
TEACHER DEDICATION SUNDAY

*Teacher Dedication Sunday
August 4 at 10:15am*

As a new school year is about to begin, we would love to take this opportunity to honor, pray for and encourage all of the Sunday School teachers, Wednesday night teachers and School teachers in a special way. We have invited the teachers from our community partner schools (Englewood Elementary School, Greenfield Elementary School, and Englewood High School) to be a part of this special service with us.

What each of these teachers do in the lives of their students on a consistent basis is immeasurable, and we want to take time to uplift all of the individuals who take on such a valuable and noble calling.

Please make plans to attend. Be on the lookout in the e-newsletter for additional details regarding that day.



Don't Miss the August 20 CWF Installation Dinner and Circle Drawing Announcements

Tuesday, August 20 • 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

You won't want to miss the beginning of our NEW Christian Women's Fellowship Circle Year!

Master's men

Dinner will be served by the Master's Men.



The Women's Ministry at Englewood

We will then move into the Worship Center for the installation of the new 2019-2020 CWF Officers and Circle Leaders, followed by the announcement of the results from the circle drawing! **ALL ECC WOMEN**, are invited to be a part of a circle...for fellowship, spiritual growth and opportunities to do Kingdom work.

HUGS

Our HUGS Ministry exists to visit those who are unable to attend regular services here at ECC. **We go out in teams of two on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each**

month at 10:00am and on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00pm. Won't you please consider coming and joining a team? We would love to have you, and you will be blessed! Men, women, singles and couples can all help with these visits. Contact the church office or **Mary Worth** if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.



worship

ON WEDNESDAY

During the month of August, we'll continue in our **WOW (Worship on Wednesday)** series through August 14, then finish the month with our next cycle of adult elective classes. Be sure to join us for a great time of fellowship at our meal beforehand. Beginning on August 21, the three new classes will be:

1. **2020 – Developing a New Understanding of How God Sees You** (ladies only)
2. **What is the Restoration Movement?**– study of the history of the church movement and heritage of Englewood Christian Church
3. **Heroes of the Faith, Part 2**– Individual studies of specific heroes from the Bible. Taught by ECC Leadership

Watch for more details regarding locations, teachers, materials and more.

Vintage Prayer Meeting also resumes on **Wednesday, August 21 at 11:00 am in Room 209**. Join us for a time for devotion, worship and prayer each week. All adults are welcome to attend.



Church Family Night at the Theater!

The Kendrick Brothers in combination with Priscilla Shirer are taking the big screen in a new feature film titled, **Overcomer** (rated PG). We are renting a theater at Tinseltown for the night and would love to have you, your family and friends join us on **Friday, August 23rd**.

Doors open at **6:15pm** and the show starts at **6:45pm**.

Tickets are **\$10** each and will be *sold in the foyer Sunday, July 28th and August 4th and 11th*. Seating is limited, so get your tickets right away. You don't want to miss this fun and encouraging family outing!

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

John & Becky Bliffen – Team Expansion, Granada, Spain



Previously, **John and Becky Bliffen** were supported through our Faith Promise giving while working to establish churches in the Hispanic communities of Miami. Currently we support their work through Team Expansion in Spain. The goal of their work is to establish a strong network of ministry for the continued expansion of the church in Spain.

After much discussion and prayer, the Bliffens have decided it is time for their work in Spain to come to an end. They are confidently leaving the work in the capable hands of others who are willing to continue the task of growing the church in Spain. John has accepted a position at Mid-South Bible College in Memphis, TN where he will serve and teach with an emphasis on the shepherding, training and encouraging of the next generation of Hispanic church leaders. He'll also be serving in several other roles to help direct and guide the continuing growth of the Christian Church in these Hispanic communities. They will be in Spain through the end of the 2019 calendar year, then move and begin the full time work in Memphis in 2020.

John and Becky will be with us for our Faith Promise Missions Conference in January 2020. He will be one of our main speakers during the conference weekend (January 24-26, 2020) and will share the impact of their recently ended work in Spain and his anticipated new work through Mid-South and other partner ministries.

Please be in prayer for the Bliffens as they transition from one aspect of Kingdomwork to another.



The **Prime Timers** are going to see **Overcomer** on **Saturday, August 24**. We will be leaving from the church at 8:00am, eating breakfast at Cracker Barrel before seeing the movie at 10:15am at Tinseltown. Tickets are \$6.42, and the Arnolds be collecting money until Sunday, August 4.

ECC Fall 2019 Worship Choir Announcements

Join us in August for the Fall 2019 Choir Season! We have choirs for all age groups, and everyone is welcome to participate. **Children's choirs will begin August 14, Vocal Explosion will begin on August 18, and Adult Worship Choir will begin August 25.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

All choirs will meet in room 314

ADULT WORSHIP CHOIR

Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

VOCAL EXPLOSION

Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

JESUS' WORSHIP KIDS

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

WEE PRAISE

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

drop-off and pick-up at room 303



Worship Teams Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, August 18
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



If you are currently involved or are interested in joining any of our Worship Teams (Audio/Visual, Worship Band, Adult Worship Choir, and Vocal Explosion/JWK/Wee Praise Leaders), please join us for lunch following our regular Sunday Service.

We will fellowship together and celebrate our volunteers over a meal. Following lunch, there will be a time of meeting, training, and prayer for our volunteer positions in this ministry. If you are interested in serving, we'd like to encourage you to come as well to learn how you can best serve ECC's Worship Ministry. All current members and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Kids' Back to School Bash

The start of the school year is just around the corner, and we're going to finish our summer with a splash! **All of our rising Kindergartners-5th graders are invited to join us at Rhonda and Carey Picton's house for a back to school pool party.** We'll meet in the Betty Ann Lane parking lot after service on **Sunday,**

August 11. We will use the church vans to shuttle over. Parents are welcome to attend. This event is free, but we ask that **girls bring a dessert and boys bring a side.** We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Since we are leaving right after church, please bring a bag with your swim clothes (one pieces for girls please), sunscreen, and towel so we can change before we leave. Your food items can be dropped off in the fellowship hall kitchen, and bags can be stored in room 301 during church.

prime timers

Minute to Win It Games

Friday, August 9

5:30 pm • Fellowship Hall

Stay tuned for more details!



PROMOTION WEEK WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

All children and youth, Pre-K thru Grade 12, will move to their NEW classes on these dates during our Promotion Week.

Children's Ministry at the Movies!



Decked out in *Toy Story* gear and ready for a Saturday matinee



Father-Son movie morning!



Joe and Bev Mize enjoyed spending the morning with grandkids and friends

NFCC Kids' Camp



Middle School Camp at NFCC



High School CIY Move in Tennessee



Mother Daughter Tea



Rima Farah, DD Jewell, Cammy Keel and Diana Hardesty



Julie Colvin and her two oldest girls enjoying some yummy treats



Shelby Woods sharing a short devotional thought based on Ephesians 2:10

Kids' PajAMA Party!



Playing crazy chairs at the PaJAMa Party!



Our awesome volunteers helping at our waffle bar.



Playing foot volleyball at the PaJAMa Party

August Calendar

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School // 9:00 am
 Morning Worship // 10:15 am
 Children's programming during services

WEDNESDAY SERVICE TIMES

Dinner // 6:00 pm
 Programming for all ages, birth-adult // 7:00 pm
 Child care is provided during all services.

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Date Time Event

- 4 Sunday Services – Teacher Dedication Sunday
- 4 11:30a Middle School/Incoming 6th Grade Meet & Greet
- 5 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 159
- 5 7:00p Grief Share
- 6 CWF Circle Meetings
- 7 Wednesday Services – Promotion Wednesday
- 9 5:30p Prime Timers – Minute to Win It Games
- 11 9:00a Connect Class
- 11 Sunday Services – Promotion Sunday
- 11 11:30a Kids Back to School Bash
- 12 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 159
- 12 7:00p Grief Share
- 13 10:00a Hugs Ministry
- 14 JWK & Wee Praise Kick Off
- 14 Wednesday Services
- 14 Student Ministry Fall Kick Off
- 18 Sunday Services
- 18 11:30 Worship Ministry Lunch & Orientation
- 18 2:00p Vocal Explosion Kick Off
- 18 6:00p MS/HS Back to School Bash at Creekside

Date Time Event

- 19 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 159
- 20 10:00a Hugs Ministry
- 20 7:00p CWF Installation Dinner
- 21 11:00a Vintage Prayer Kickoff
- 21 JWK & Wee Praise
- 21 Wednesday Services
- 23 6:45p *Overcomer* Movie
- 24 9:00a High School Disc Golf
- 23 Prime Timers – Breakfast and *Overcomer* Movie
- 25 Sunday Services
- 25 11:30a Adult Worship Choir Kick Off
- 25 2:00p Vocal Explosion
- 25 4:00p CWF Board Meeting
- 26 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 159
- 27 1:00p Hugs
- 28 JWK & Wee Praise
- 28 Wednesday Services

Thank You Note

Our family would like to say just how much we appreciate the many thoughts, prayers and blessings you have bestowed upon us. David's not out of the woods just yet, but the love and blessings have been greatly appreciated.

From our home to yours –

David & Diane Pressly & family

Welcome New Members!!!

7/7/2019

Joan Rheume – Baptized

7/21/2019

Jacques Rivette – Transfer



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If you are interested in joining in a podcast, please reach out to **Brittany Kellar**, Brittany-ecc@att.net with your thoughts and ideas.



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Join us on **Monday,**
August 12th at 11:30am
"Back to School Jitters"