

Faithfulness...

FEBRUARY 2020

THE ECHOES



**ENGLEWOOD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
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- Faith Promise Missions Conference Results
- Women's Conference: Priscilla Shirer in Daytona
- TLC Day & Scout Sunday

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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, February 15.**

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.



With our Faith Promise Conference just having concluded, we felt it would be appropriate to celebrate the faithful commitments of our church by focusing on the concept of faithfulness in several different aspects of our life beyond giving. Please be encouraged by the articles, and be sure to keep up to date with all the happenings here at ECC. Remember, let us be faithful in how we HONOR, GROW and SERVE our Lord!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Teen Bible Bowl
8:00 a.m. • Room 314

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.

Wednesday Night Youth Group (MS/HS)
7:00 p.m.

E-City Kids (2 years – 5th grade)
7:00 p.m.

*Child care is provided
during all services.*

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WEEKLY CHOIR SCHEDULES

Adult Worship Choir
Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in room 314

Vocal Explosion
Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Warehouse

Jesus' Worship Kids
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in room 314

Wee Praise
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
drop-off and pick-up at room 303

Contributions

January 26, 2019

General Fund

Week 35 Budget..... \$364,770.00
Week 35 Totals..... \$337,348.44

Faith Promise

Week 48 Budget..... \$160,302.24
Week 48 Giving..... \$142,372.00

ECC Statistics

Sunday, December 29, 2019

<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>ADD</u>
131	191	375	

(Christmas Eve)

Sunday, January 5, 2020

<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>ADD</u>
176	224	N/A	1

Sunday, January 12, 2020

<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>ADD</u>
171	224	89	

Sunday, January 19, 2020

<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>ADD</u>
139	188	88	

Sunday, January 26, 2020

<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>ADD</u>
173	236	85	

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Faithfulness in Attendance

by *Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister*



Did you know the definition of what it means to be an “active church attender” in regards to statistics and surveys has changed over the past several years? Decades ago, “active church attender” meant that they most certainly attended every Sunday and likely attended every time the church doors were open. Over time, that has changed to attending at least three out of four Sundays per month. And now, even more recently, it has been measured as those who attend regular worship services at one specific church at least two times per month. **TWO TIMES PER MONTH!?!?** That’s only half the time!?!? What if we used that same percentage for some other important commitments in our life? What if we only picked up our kids from school on time 50% of the time? What if we only remembered to feed our dog 50% of the time? What if we only brushed our teeth 50% of the time? What if we only watched our favorite football team 50% of the time?!?!?

Thom Rainer is a leading church growth, church revitalization and church leadership expert. He has written many books, authors a weekly blog and hosts various podcasts that all relate back to the trends of church growth, revitalization and other general church topics. He recently shared a list of the nine good reason to attend church every week. I’ll share those shortly, but prior to that, I’d like to list the most common excuses given for not attending (maybe you’ve heard one of these from a friend or maybe you have even used one of these before?!?!):

“You don’t need to attend church to be a good Christian.”

“We give our family priority when we miss church to do sports on Sunday.”

“My church really doesn’t meet my needs.”

“I’m not getting fed at my church.”

“Sunday is really the only day off we have.”

“My church is a bunch of hypocrites.”

...and many, many more.

Now let’s move past the negative and look at the reasons Mr. Rainer gives for attending on a weekly basis.

1. The local church was God’s plan in the New Testament.
2. The Bible speaks clearly about the priority of local congregations.
3. We are commanded and designed to enjoy worshipping the one true God as a gathered community.
4. A unified church can stand strong in a culture turning away from God.
5. The world looks at our priorities and evaluates what we deem as important.
6. Accountability takes place in the local church.
7. Families that attend church faithfully and regularly are happier and healthier.
8. Discipleship takes place in the local church.
9. God gives us great joy when we serve others through the local church.

I would strongly encourage you to read the entire article for yourself to get the complete explanation for each of these valid Biblical points (<https://thomrainer.com/2019/12/nine-good-reasons-to-attend-church-weekly/> or simply Google search “Thom Rainer 9 good reasons to attend church weekly.”)

Mr. Rainer makes some great observations and reminds us of some great blessings we can partake in when we connect on a regular, consistent basis to the local church. God has hard wired us with a desire for community and the highest level of essential community is the church! So much of what Christ commands us to do in submission to Him can only happen if and when we are connected to a church family and engaged with that family on a regular, consistent (more than 50%) basis.

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Faithfulness in Commitment

by **Karissa Hardin Mead-to-Be**,
Worship Ministry Director

I've been meditating on commitment lately. Before you start – *no*, it's not just because Chris and I got engaged. While that definitely initiates thoughts of commitment, family, marriage, and the weight of such a commitment, I've been thinking about what it means to keep my word, not just in the big things of life (like marriage...), but keeping my word without limitations on how "big" or "small" of a deal it is. That means guarding my mouth before I make a commitment. It also means considering how I am affecting others when I say no. It means considering the Lord in every decision, not just the big ones.

Scripture reveals to us God desires us to keep our word and guard our mouths, so we don't make empty promises. He does not take words lightly. Deuteronomy 23:23, "*Whatever your lips utter you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely to the Lord your God with your own mouth.*" Ecclesiastes 5:4, "*When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it.*" Matthew 5:37, "*All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*" God holds us to our word, especially when we make Him a promise. That's a huge responsibility!

Keeping our commitments requires us to make sure we are prioritizing and that our priorities are God-honoring. This has to happen *before* any kind of commitment! It's so easy to say we will commit to something and then not follow through. It's harder to look at what's important in our lives and say no to someone, so that we can say yes to someone else. For the last few weeks, I've been reading a book by Richard A. Swenson called *Margin*. The primary focus of this book is avoiding overload by using your time wisely and creating space in your schedule by prioritizing.

This is a quote from Chapter 9:

"Saying No is not an excuse for selfishness, rudeness, or insensitivity. Instead, it is an invitation to listen carefully to the Spirit's voice, adhering closely to a system of wise priorities that inform our Yes and our No."

Swenson is not saying we should just say No all the time! Rather, he recommends considering our priorities *before* we say Yes or No to avoid commitment issues. Informing our Yes and No takes work, but in the end, we will be honoring God by making the words of our mouth trustworthy. That doesn't mean it's going to be easy!

Swenson also warns against making others feel guilty for saying No to us:

"Accept the No given us by others – 'We ought not to feel offended when another person is merely attempting to achieve God-honoring balance and margin. Let's beware of forcing our expectations upon our friends. Give others the freedom to maneuver within the complicated context of their own lives.'"

Once we learn how to manage our Yes and our No, then it's time to practice keeping it. Jesus tells a parable in Luke 16 about the Shrewd Manager. Before continuing on I encourage you to take a moment to read it. To conclude the parable, Jesus says, "*Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much*" (Luke 16:10). Now, the parable has to do with how the manager spent his money, but this behavior is true for most things, is it not?

When we begin being consistent, and we follow through with the little commitments we make, it will gradually become easier for us to follow through on larger commitments. So, whether it's paying someone back for a cup of coffee, or saying yes to your future spouse, let's honor God by what we say we're going to do, be faithful with the words we say, and let our Yes and No be just that.

Faithfulness in All

by **Serena Maerkl, Children's Director**



Music was a huge part of my life growing up, especially at church. My childhood memories are filled with the sounds of my favorite mountain gospel hymns. Even now, I'll find myself singing a verse or chorus whenever I'm seeking that comfort of home. One of my favorites is "Just a Little Talk with Jesus." The picture it presents of a savior who is always available to us for a chat is one of friendship. That Jesus is there as your friend, and all you have to do is pick up the phone or stop by His house whenever you need Him. It's so comforting and familiar. He's there for us to "tell Him all about our troubles" and He'll "hear our faintest cry." It's a reoccurring theme in many of the old hymns – a savior who will always answer our call in times of trouble. When we're hurting, when we don't know which way to go, or when life has just beaten us down, we need His strength to get us through just one more day. How many times have you called out to God in your life? One of the true testaments to our faithfulness to God is trusting Him to be there when we need it. But if we look at our friendships, do we only call on them when we've had a bad day, or do we call on them to share our successes and our joy?



It's easy to forget God when life is going pretty well. In fact, those are the times we tend to pull away from God. We start attributing our successes to our own efforts. Kids are doing great at school? Well then, gold star for me because we've really been working on our discipline and routine at home. A promotion at work? High five! All those extra hours are finally paying off. You might be thanking God or acknowledging His blessings, but there's still a part of you that thinks those blessings came because of your good works. In Luke 12: 16-21, Jesus tells a parable about a Rich Fool. He had an amazing harvest and thought life couldn't get any better. In fact, his first thought was to tear down all his storage to build bigger storehouses for the grain, which would enable him to sit back and enjoy the fruits of his labor. God called the man a

fool, for if he died, what good would all that grain do if he wasted it on his own selfish wants, and not focusing on a relationship with God. There's a danger in that way of thinking because the church is made up of people in all walks of life. Does God love those going through a time of prosperity more than those who are going through the lean times? Of course not, but it may mean they're closer to God at that moment. They're leaning on Him in a way in which those who are in a season of calm aren't. They're seeking Him out, while those who are comfortable are looking for ways to stay comfortable, and little by little forgetting the One who is the giver of the riches in the first place.

The good times are when we are even more vulnerable to Satan because we aren't expecting the attack. One of the key victories in the American Revolution was the Battle of Trenton in 1776. George Washington led his troops to fight in the early hours of December 26. To say the troops there weren't expecting to be attacked during Christmas celebrations is an understatement.

They felt safe, not only because of the holiday, but the weather conditions were extreme. As such, we cannot become complacent in our faith. Remember, Jesus "is a friend who watches day and night," and therefore, we should be just as diligent in our relationship with Him. He is more than a healer and a help desk. He is the friend we call "just because" and the partner we need to carry out His works. Just as our own children don't stop needing us once they've graduated into adulthood, we never stop needing Jesus in our life. Psalm 32:3 tells us to "*Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on his faithfulness*" (NKJV) What a picture that paints. Every day we're given is spent on the very ground He provided. So I challenge you to seek Him out, and feed on His faithfulness. Don't allow yourself to get so comfortable that we forget we need God at ALL times, not just during our failures.



Faithfulness In, With and Throughout Time

Brittany Kellar, Community & Connections Director

If you were to come to our house and join us for dinner on almost any night of the week, you would find one of two things: we have game cards or we are day dreaming, A LOT! We love to play games and dream together. These activities allow Chris and me to spend uninterrupted precious moments with our two greatest joys. We really enjoy hearing how their little minds are thinking and seeing the world.

What is amazing is even though we can ask them the same question every week or two, their answers may change based on what they are learning or how they are feeling that day. It really makes for interesting conversation!

A few weeks ago, as we were talking and dreaming together, Addison came to the realization when she and her younger sisters are old enough to have kids, Chris and I are going to be grandparents. (Talk about feeling old, very quickly). This conversation led to a whirlwind of grandparent names for Chris and me. The two at the top of the list were Na- and Cho, so together we would be Nacho, or Loli- and Pop, together being Lollipop. Our day dreaming conversations do not always make sense, but they sure are comical.

However, as we grow old in age and maturity, we realize time does not slow down; it only seems to go faster and faster. Years pass by like minutes and days go by even faster, and before we know it, we are buying all the anti-wrinkle creams, lotions and potions we can get our hands on.

Now that I'm not a child anymore, and I've matured in age and faith, I realize God is faithful **IN** His timing, He is faithful **WITH** time, and His faithfulness can be seen **THROUGHOUT** time.

Faithful **IN** His Timing:

Like you, I am sure there have been more times than I can count when God showed up at just the right time! Sure, it may have been nice for Him to show up before the trouble hit, or it would have been great for Him to intervene and heal the illness or disease before the bad results came back. The timing may have felt ALL wrong in your eyes; however, we can trust that His timing is perfect because He is perfect. We can trust Him and His timing.

Romans 5:6 *"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."*

Are we people who trust in His timing?

Faithful **WITH** time:

One of the big questions and struggles in Addison's mind these days is how could God exist before time started? It just doesn't sound possible. As Christians, we know and believe God was here when nothing else existed. Therefore, He is the creator and sustainer of time.

He faithfully and lovingly brought the world into existence. He is eternal; He is not bound by time constraints as we are. His plans are far greater than we can even dream in our wildest daydreams. What is happening in your life today may be a result of prayers from saints generations ago!

2 Peter 3:8 *"But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day."*

Are we people who are making the most of the time that God has given us?



This conversation made me think about how funny time can be; to a five and eight year old just learning the concept of time, time tends to drag on: Christmas takes forever to arrive; it seems like an eternity from one birthday to the next. Summer vacation is never close enough, and patiently awaiting the arrival of your baby sister is almost a nearly impossible feat!

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Faithful Through Circumstances



by Josh Colvin, Student Minister

For as long as I can remember, I have had trouble when it comes to not worrying about finances. Time and time again, I would draw up a budget for my wife, Julie, and me to follow and things would be great for some time. Then something would happen where the budget would just go down the drain. And I know it is Satan trying to get to me and cause me to worry, but even though I know this, it still gets to me and still causes me to worry. I could have all the money in the world, and still I would worry about my finances. Should I continue to worry? No. Is that a lot easier said than done? Of course. Yet time and time again, God continued to show His faithfulness through all of these financial circumstances Julie and I were going through. Then I would fall back into the cycle of budget, something breaks, worrying, God provides, budget, something breaks, worrying, God provides, etc... Every time I would fall back into the worrying stage, Julie would always stop and ask, "Has God brought you through in the past?" I would answer, "Yes." Then she would proceed to tell me, "Then stop worrying. God is always faithful. He wants you to stop worrying and allow Him to take control."

We have all been there. We have all been in a place where sometimes the circumstances make us worry about our future. It could be a financial circumstance, a health circumstance, starting a new venture, starting a new relationship, the future of your children, (insert word here) circumstance. There is always that one thing in our life where we just find it difficult to trust God and trust He is going to be faithful with whatever circumstance we are going through. We, as selfish and prideful people, think we can do a better job than God. We can't, but we think we can.

The great thing about God is He has given us examples of always being faithful through circumstances. Anyone can go through Scripture and see the faithfulness God gave His people through the circumstances they were going through. We see this theme over and over again throughout the Bible and each



new story we see is just as phenomenal as the last. Do you remember the story of Daniel in the lion's den? God was faithful to Daniel when He kept the mouths of the lions closed. How about when God kept Moses safe after his mom put him in the Nile River? Or how about when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were put in the fiery furnace? Scripture says "fire did not harm their

bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them." These are just three stories in Scripture where God was faithful to His people through their difficult circumstance.

God was faithful through those circumstances then, and He continues to be faithful through our circumstances now. There are times when I have prayed, and I'm sure many of you as well, and God has given me what I needed. Notice I wrote, "what I needed," and not "what I wanted." God will give us what we need. God was, is, and will continue to be faithful through our circumstances.

Go back and think about a time in your life where God has been faithful? I'm sure if you really sit back and think about it, you won't be able to name just one. You will be able to think about several times where God was faithful through your circumstances.

In the words of Julie Colvin, "Stop worrying. God is always faithful. He wants you to stop worrying and allow Him to take control."

TLC SUNDAY



Total Learning Center

The Total Learning Center (TLC) is our preschool/daycare that operates here on campus in our 300 building 5 days a week. They provide care, learning, love and safety for more than 100 children each

week who mostly reside in our Englewood community. These ladies, led by our director, Sherrie Boger, and assistant director, Harriett Moseley, show the love of Christ to these children each and every day. On **Sunday, February 16**, we want to take some time to recognize them, thank them, encourage them, pray for them and love them for all they do. Please make plans to join us on this Sunday as we set aside a portion of our worship service to recognize their faithful service to the children in our community. There will be a meal following the service for all our TLC staff and their families as a way to show our gratitude.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Serving **ONE** World
Global Support



Christian Family Services – Gainesville, FL
Jerry Callens, Director



Christian Family Services is a licensed, non-profit counseling center that serves women facing an unplanned pregnancy. CFS has worked with women in need since 1978 throughout Central and North Florida. On average, they minister to more than 100 women annually who have experienced an unplanned pregnancy. Many of the women they serve don't have any support, and CFS is the only one they are able to talk to about their circumstances and pregnancy. CFS counselors come alongside these women and provide pregnancy help and support. Their counselors are committed to the women they serve no matter what decision they make. Christian Family Services is dedicated to helping women find hope in what seems like a hopeless situation by sharing the unconditional love of God with the women they serve and their unborn child.

Englewood Christian Church has been a supporting partner of CFS since 1993. This ministry holds a special place in the heart of our church, specifically the family of our Senior Minister as they adopted their daughter Rebekah through CFS and the assistance of Jerry and Debbie Callens. May we continue to support and pray for the ministry of CFS and the many lives of birth parents, adoptive parents and children they serve and love each day.

Boy Scout Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Our Boy Scout Troop, Troop 0159, meets weekly on our campus for their regular activities. As a way to show appreciation for our partnership with them, they are hosting a **FREE pancake breakfast** on **Sunday, February 9**. Breakfast will be served from **8:00am up until 8:55am**. All who attend can eat for free! Hope to see you there!

SCOUT SUNDAY

2020 Faith Promise Missions Conference Results

Serving One World



\$189,056.40

There's still time to turn in commitments if you were unable to during our Faith Promise Conference.



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CIY MOVE – Six months...there are only six months left until CIY MOVE. If you are in 8th – 12th grade, then make plans to attend this high energy conference! This year we will be heading back to Lee University July 5th-11th. A \$50 deposit is due no later than March 8th. If you have questions, see Josh. Be on the lookout for more details.

CIY Believe – Please be in prayer for the students and adult leaders as they travel to Kissimmee February 28-29 to attend this amazing conference and grow closer to each other, as well as, to God.

LIFE GROUPS

6PM - 8PM
@ THE COLVIN HOUSE

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY




PRESIDENT'S DAY HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT

02.17.2020 12P-4P



Youth Life Group will be on the 9th and 23rd this month. Make plans to come hang out and dive into God's Word. Don't worry, there's food too!

Last year's **Pie Sale Fundraiser** was a sweet success. It is happening again on Sunday, March 1st at 10am (not during service). Each homemade pie will be \$10 to help cover the cost of a student going to CIY MOVE. First come, first serve!

HS President's Day Hangout You get the day off of school to celebrate the presidents. Instead of doing nothing, high school students, let's hang out from 12p-4p on Monday, February 17th. Bring money for food.



CIY PIE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 1st



ROAD TRIPPIN'

MARCH 9-13

HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE TOUR



HS College Road Trip – If you are in HS & trying to figure out which college to go to, make plans to come on the road trip to visit different Christian universities to give you a little taste of what attending a Christian university is all about. The road trip is March 9th – March 13th. See Josh Colvin for more information.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT/ KIDS' MYSTERY NIGHT

On Friday, February 14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. we will be hosting a night of fun and childcare for our ECC families to give parents an opportunity to take advantage of a date night without the worries of finding a sitter. Children from 6 months and older are able to participate. All events will be held in the 300 building. Age appropriate activities and dinner will be provided at a cost of \$10.00 per family. Families will need to sign up and pay in advance no later than Wednesday, February 12, to ensure all of our young ones are cared for with an adequate number of babysitters. ECC youth are welcome and encouraged to volunteer for the evening as well.



Family Baptism Class Sunday, March 22

This class is open for all children in grades K-5 who are interested in learning more about Baptism. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 to go over any questions you may have about the process here at Englewood, as well as materials to help your child learn more about what Baptism means for their life. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up no later than Wednesday, March 18.



Sitting down and sharing a meal is a great way to enjoy fellowship with each other, and I'd love the chance to come visit with your child during their school lunch time. If you'd like to participate, please pick up one of the forms in room 301, or contact Serena Maerkl for more information.

Ladies Event

Going
BEYOND LIVE
with PRISCILLA SHIRER



Daytona Beach, FL
April 25, 2020

Priscilla Shirer Live Event in Daytona:

Ladies, this year we are taking the retreat on the road! Join us for a full day of teaching, worship and prayer, in Daytona Beach on Saturday, April 25th. The cost of the conference is \$65, lunch not included. Pick up a registration packet in the foyer and be sure to register with the church by February 16th to get the group discount.

Checks can be made payable to the church.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM Doors Open
- 9:00 AM Event Begins
- 11:00 AM Lunch
- 12:15 PM Event Resumes
- 2:00 PM Break
- 2:45 PM Event Resumes
- 4:00 PM Event Conclusion

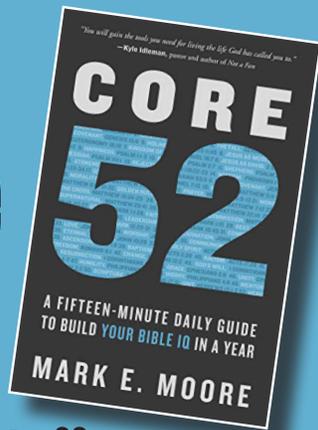
stories

THEY DON'T TELL YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the month of February, we will take a look at little-known or unusual Bible stories and how they offer examples of God's work through untidy individuals or circumstances. The world is a dark place. The Word of God shows us that God can enter into the darkest situations to bring redemption while also offering us the opportunities to be His agents of world change. Join us all month long.

- Feb 2 – Shamgar
- Feb 9 – Elisha and the Two Bears
- Feb 16 – Rahab
- Feb 23 – Paul and Eutychus

Core52 Schedule



- Week of February 2 Chapter 22 – The Golden Rule
- Week of February 9 Chapter 23 – The Cross
- Week of February 16 Chapter 24 – Election and Predestination
- Week of February 23 Chapter 25 – The Supernatural



Don't forget to check out our weekly blog posts at eccjax.com/blog!

Christian Women's Fellowship Soup Supper Tuesday, February 18



All ladies high-school age and up are invited to join us for our Annual CWF Soup Supper. It will be a time of food and fellowship as we enjoy Special Guest Speaker, our own **Julie Colvin**! You don't want to miss the fun!!! Childcare is provided for children birth-5th grade. (Feed them before attending.)

Prime Timers' Azalea Days Friday, February 21

Come see the beautiful azalea display at Ravine Gardens State Park in Palatka. We will leave from the church at 9:00am and return after having lunch together. Sign up in the foyer and see the Arnolds for questions.

master's men



ALL MEN (high school and up), mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 18th at 7pm. We will have a guest speaker and a delicious steak, baked potato, side salad and dessert. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Be sure to sign up in the foyer by Sunday, February 9th to ensure that you have a meal prepared for you. Childcare is provided for children birth-5th grade. (Feed them before attending.)

Weekend to Remember

The next Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference is in St. Augustine at the Renaissance World Golf Village March 27-29, 2020, but there are nearly 100 locations to enjoy this experience and grow your marriage relationship. Contact Mike or Mandy Butler for questions or register online at <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/?groupName=ButlerECCJax#where>



Life GROUPS

Life Groups have started or are starting back up! Join a Life Group if you haven't done so already. There is still a need for group leaders and host homes.

ADULT LIFE GROUPS

ecc social media



We are back: New Year, New Podcast!

Did you enjoy hearing about the work being done by our local and global missionaries during Faith Promise? Listen via our app, website, iTunes or Google Play as we continue the conversation with Michael Haubner from Central Brazil Mission, released on January 27th.



Facebook Live:

Join us on Monday, February 10th for our next Facebook Live. Who knows what will happen?!



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"Faithfulness in Attendance" by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister

My hope and prayer is for all of us to be fully committed to Christ and His church. May we all challenge ourselves to not simply attend (fill a seat) but engage (participate, serve, disciple, give, grow) in the beautiful body of Christ. Unfortunately, for those who still hold true to some of the excuses shared above, the one you are hurting the most is you.

Get up. Go to church. Engage in your faith community today. I promise you when you do that, you will begin to see more joy, more happiness, more peace and more glory to God.

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"Faithfulness In, With and Throughout Time" by Brittany Kellar, Community & Connections Director

Faithfulness THROUGHOUT time:

For the next several weeks, all adult classes are combined and studying through the book of Judges. The key points in the book are Israel's Rebellion, Retribution, Repentance, Rescue and Reset. Judges 2:11 *"Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord."*

Repeatedly, time and time again, the Israelites messed up BIG time. However, God was faithful to forgive them and rescue them from their ways. This went on for hundreds of years.

If we are honest, we can change the name "Israelites" to my name or your name. We mess up; however, throughout the course of our time here on earth, God has been faithful.

Hebrews 13:8 *"God is the same yesterday, today and forever."*

He cannot and will not change; we will change through the course of our life, but we can trust that God is always faithful. Have you told Him "Thank You" for His faithfulness throughout the good times and bad, recently?

February Calendar

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Teen Bible Bowl // 8:00am // Room 314
 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.

Date	Time	Event
2		Sunday Services
2	6:00p	Super Duper Sunday
3	2:30p	Monday Kids Club
3	7:00p	Boy Scout Troop 159
3	7:00p	Grief Share
4		CWF Circle Meetings
5		Wednesday Services
6	1:00p	Sewing & Quilting
9	8:00a	Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast
9		Sunday Services
10	2:30p	Monday Kids Club
10	7:00p	Grief Share
10	7:00p	Boy Scout Troop 159
11	10:00a	Hugs Ministry
12		Wednesday Services
13	1:00p	Sewing & Quilting
14	6:00p	Kids' Mystery Dinner/Childcare

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Date	Time	Event
16		Sunday Services/TLC Sunday
16	2:00p	CWF Board Meeting
17	12:00p	HS Presidents' Day Hangout
17	7:00p	Boy Scout Troop 159
17	7:00p	Grief Share
18	10:00a	Hugs Ministry
18	7:00p	CWF/Master's Men Dinners
19		Wednesday Services
20	1:00p	Sewing & Quilting
21	9:00a	Prime Timers' Azalea Days
23		Sunday Services
24	2:30p	Monday Kids Club
24	7:00p	Grief Share
24	7:00p	Boy Scout Troop 159
25	1:00p	Hugs Ministry
26		Wednesday Services
27	1:00p	Sewing & Quilting
28		CIY Believe
29		CIY Believe



Coming Soon
CIY Pie Fundraiser
March 1

Baptism

01/05/2020 Spencer Maerkl

Pantry Needs

Our food pantry is in need of:

- Spaghetti Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Beans/Chili



COLOR WARS
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 05, 2020
 4:00PM - 6:00PM
 MIDDLE SCHOOL
 AND HIGH SCHOOL
 *DRESS IN CLOTHES YOU DON'T
 MIND GETTING RUINED

Several students turned out to have a great time at the Color Wars!



Growing One Faith

January Ladies Event
MINUTE TO WIN IT!
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 8-8PM



Blowing up, gloving up and popping a ballon presented more of a challenge than these ladies expected!



Julie Colvin and Bev Arnold were in fierce competition to see who could get the tissues out of the box the fastest!

Moving a cookie from your forehead to your mouth is harder than it sounds, just ask these ladies!



GLOW PARTY!

All kinds of fun was had by 20 of our e-city kids during the GLOW PARTY!



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