

SEPTEMBER 2020

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# The Echoes

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## DEADLINES



If you would like to submit articles, events or activities for consideration for the next issue of *The Echoes*, the deadline is **Monday, September 14.**

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

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



**H**ave you “jumped” into Immerse: The Bible Reading Experience yet? We hope you have. We anticipate the next sixteen weeks of looking at the entire New Testament together. This month’s articles from our ministry staff are wonderful as stand alone submissions, but offer an even greater benefit as a parallel to several of the daily readings in IMMERSE for the month of September. You can read them now, but also watch for the specific days in which the key thought or passage occurs in your reading program. We hope you enjoy and are blessed as you IMMERSE yourself in our faith community as we Honor one God, Grow one Faith and Serve one World together!



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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

No Sunday School

Worship Services  
9:00am & 10:30am

Children’s Programming  
ages 2-5th grade  
10:30am

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## SEPTEMBER 2020 CALENDAR

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:00am

10:30am (includes e-city kids and Facebook Live)

### GRIEF SHARE

Mondays at 6:30pm

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 159

Mondays at 7:00pm

### CWF CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 1

Saturday, September 5

### IMMERSE GROUPS BEGIN

Sunday, September 6

### LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7

ECC office closed

### E-CITY KIDS PIRATE & PRINCESS MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, September 19

### LIFELINE FOOD PACKING EVENT

Saturday, September 26

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 27

## Contributions

### August 23, 2020

## General Fund

Week 12 Budget..... \$125,064.00

Week 12 Totals..... \$109,562.62

## Faith Promise

Week 26 Budget..... \$91,059.02

Week 26 Giving..... \$81,455.00

## ECC Statistics

**Sunday, August 2**  
**171**

**Sunday, August 9**  
**186**

**Sunday, August 16**  
**176**

**Sunday, August 23**  
**186**

**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**

## Thanks

Thank you so much for all the help with moving! Our new address is 6915 King Arthur Court Rd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32211.

– Tom & Pat Underwood



# Luke: Lost and Found

(IMMERSE BIBLE READING WEEK 2, DAY 7)

by Angela Hastings, Office Manager



**H**ave you ever lost something of significant value? Not just your keys for ten minutes while you're trying to get out the door, though that can be stressful.

Over the years I lost three pieces of sentimental jewelry. In first grade, I received a birthstone ring from my grandparents. My mom told me not to wear it to school, but I didn't listen. The first day I sneaked it out of the house, I lost it on the playground. Fast forward seventeen years. One day while on the way to a field trip while teaching VPK, I was walking backwards and singing to my students, like all good teachers of four year olds do, and I tripped over some furniture in the hallway. I happened to be fidgeting with my class ring at the time, and it flew off my hand. Mortified from making such a ruckus and already running late, I didn't stop to look for my ring at the time. When we returned later in the day, it was nowhere to be found. Finally, on my thirtieth birthday, my parents gave me a necklace with the diamond from my mom's original engagement ring. I thought I took it off and put it in a safe place when I was moving last summer. However, after I got settled, I looked everywhere, but I couldn't find it anywhere. I tore my house apart and looked everywhere I thought it could be. I went back to my friend's house where I had stayed for several weeks and looked there. I prayed about it. I asked my friends to pray about it. And finally after several months, I conceded it was lost.

Losing something of great worth can be an emotional experience. In first grade I experienced fear because I didn't want to get into trouble. As an adult, I felt sadness; I felt frustration; I felt loss. Now imagine if rather than an item, the loss is a person. How much more we would feel that sense of desperation in our search?

In Luke 15 Jesus gives us a glimpse of the Father's emotions and the lengths to which He is willing to go to find one who is lost. You'll read it during our second week of *Immerse: Messiah*. In the searching, He is unrelenting. He doesn't give up. He goes *"to search for the one that is lost until He finds it"* (Luke 15:4 NLT). He doesn't stop looking. He persistently perseveres. He never gives up hope.

In the finding, He is loving and compassionate. He carries the sheep on His shoulders. He embraces the wayward son. He is jubilant. He not only rejoices personally, but also invites all those around Him to join in the celebration.

This is how God feels about us. In our lostness, He passionately and patiently pursues us. It's not that we are out of His sight, but spiritually we are separated from Him. When we come to our senses and return home like the prodigal son (Luke 15:17), we are met with love and compassion. Our repentance is met with a celebration of heavenly proportion!

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Thankfully, I found two of the three pieces of jewelry previously described. I found my birthstone ring when I was digging in the sandbox the next day at school. What relief! Additionally, last spring I was packing for a trip and found my necklace in a super-secret pocket of one of my travel jewelry pouches. What joy! I immediately texted my friends who had been praying (even though it was early in the morning) and talked about it all day long.

What characteristics of our Heavenly Father are missing in your view of those without Christ? Are you relentless in evangelism? Do you meet people with love and compassion? Are you full of joy *"over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God"* (Luke 15:7)? What would it take for you to grow to be more like Him?

Or perhaps you are like that lost sheep or coin or son. Know beyond a shadow of a doubt the Father is relentlessly pursuing you. He is waiting to meet you with love and compassion and to bring you home for the celebration. What are you waiting for?





# Acts: Mic Drop

(IMMERSE BIBLE READING WEEK 3, DAY 13)

by Josh Colvin, Student Minister



Have you ever heard someone speak who you could listen to forever? Someone who is just so engaging that you lean on every word they are saying. How about that preacher who makes you mad because everything they say convicts you, but you know there is no argument you can use to defend yourself because they are using scripture to back up every point they are making? If you have not heard Jeff Walling speak, then I highly encourage you look up some of his stuff and give it a listen. I promise, you won't be disappointed. He keeps you engaged and loves to throw some stuff in there that convicts you. Stephen, from Acts, was like this with his speech to the Sanhedrin.

When I was in high school, I was on the Bible Bowl team at my church, and one season, Acts was the book we were studying. During practices, we would read through the chapters before we started memorizing for competitions. I remember reading through Acts 6 and 7 and thinking about how Stephen, even in the face of persecution, was bold, courageous, and, let's be honest, awesome. This was probably my favorite thing to read during this year of Bible Bowl.

In the beginning of Acts 6, Stephen was one of the men called to be a "servant leader" because he was *"a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit."* Sometime during his ministry, opposition arose against him because of who he was and what he was saying. When the people who were opposing him couldn't get him arrested, they made false claims against him. Because of those claims, they arrested Stephen.

He was seized and questioned by the high priests. It was at this time Stephen performed one of the greatest "mic drops" in human history. Stephen proceeded to confront them about their sins and about the sins of their ancestors. He wasn't easy on them. He didn't beat around the bush. He went full force and told them like it was. Needless to say, they weren't too thrilled about their sins being called out by Stephen. They were so angry they literally gnashed their teeth at him. On top of that, they

dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

As Stephen was being stoned and on the brink of death because of his faith in Jesus, notice his response to the persecution from Acts 7: *"<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'"* When he had said this, he fell asleep."

This section of scripture right here blew my mind when I read it for the very first time. He didn't try and fight back. He didn't try and argue with them. He didn't talk down to them or put them down. Instead of doing any of this, he asked the Lord not to hold this against them. Sounds kind of familiar doesn't it? Didn't Jesus say the same thing when He was dying on the cross?

Instead of fighting the crowd, Stephen showed them Christ. He showed them the love Christ shows us every day. How many of you reading this can honestly you show the people of crazy and messed up world Jesus? Christ called us to be people who don't necessarily have the same beliefs we do. Being examples of Christ has a lot more to do with how we act than what we say. So be Christ and show them who Christ really is without compromising your beliefs.

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# Second Thessalonians: Inside Out

(IMMERSE BIBLE READING WEEK 4, DAY 20)

by *Serena Maerkl, Children's Director*

I'm sure we can all agree our daily lives looks quite different than they did back in March. My family had just finished up a much needed weekend away from all the stress and chaos of the school year. These breaks are few and far between for my family, and at the time we had no idea that we'd soon be getting an extension on our "together time." While the changes that COVID-19 brought forth were scary, it also came with the chance to reconnect as a family. We suddenly went from being completely overscheduled, to having virtually no schedule at all overnight. I chose to try to embrace this time and see it as a blessing. For once, my kids had their dad home with them all the time! It was amazing. We gathered around our TV on Sundays for virtual church, we ate dinner together every night, my husband took the kids on walks and bike rides, we cooked together, and home projects were completed. In many ways, it was the most productive we had ever been. Unfortunately our newfound empty calendar meant we also had a lot more time to waste.

As I was choosing what to write about this month I kept circling back to one word in 2 Thessalonians 3. The NIV subtitles the section beginning with verse six as a "Warning Against Idleness." If I were to sum up all of my time in "quarantine," idle wouldn't be a word I would use. Yet this chapter still resonated with me, because I had to ask myself if I spent that time wisely? By earthly standards, absolutely, but by Biblical standards? That's a completely different

scale. The busyness Paul was calling the Thessalonians out for is a trap many of us fall into. I had all of this extra time to focus on my home and family, but I was focusing too much on our mental health, and not our spiritual health. All of that time spent together was necessary, and important, but it was done a little bit backwards. You could say we were enriching our family from the outside in, and not from the inside out.



In car terms, idle means to, "run at low power and often disconnected usually so that power is not used for useful work." When I wasn't engaged in "happy family time," I was probably watching Netflix, playing on my phone, or reading a book. I was disconnecting from everything around me. I didn't have my usual church schedule charging my "Jesus engine," and was just idling through a pandemic. Verse ten says, *"For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'"* I wasn't putting in the

work. There were things I complained about not having the time to do (family Bible study, reaching out to our neighbors, etc.) which I still didn't make a priority. The good news is that with conviction comes change. I'm fortunate to still have today to make that shift in my life. If you have felt yourself "idling" and not connecting to the church and God's word, you can make that change today, too. Don't beat yourself up for all the time spent at home or with family, but actively seek out a change which feeds your family from the inside out.



# Second Corinthians: Choose Your Weapon Carefully

(IMMERSE BIBLE READING WEEK 6, DAY 26)

by **Karissa Mead**, *Worship Ministry Director*



In the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, weapons are handed out to the Pevensie children, each suited for their personal defense. Each had a quality, which defended each of them adequately for the task they were meant to do. For example, Susan's bow *never* missed, matching her wit and street smarts. Lucy's knife was small, like her, and the potion she was given was one of healing, not a weapon meant to afflict violence. Peter's sword was large (like the responsibility he was given to be king over all Narnia), and his shield was tall, hefty enough to defend against the strongest of enemies and take them by force.

However, Edmund was not given a weapon. First of all, because he was not there (a consequence of his betrayal). And perhaps, second of all, because he had no need for a physical weapon. His battle was an internal one which needed to be fought before he could face any physical enemy in a battle. Edmund's acquired weapon was not a large sword, healing potion, or magic bow – but strength of character.

Throughout scripture, we are told to arm and defend ourselves (armor of God), to “put on” the qualities and character traits which come from God (fruit of the Spirit) and to keep watch against the enemy. Have you ever thought about why? Why does Jesus forbid worrying about the clothes we wear and how we're going to eat, and emphasize the qualities and traits of the heart, like trusting God will take care of us? Why does Paul talk about denying the flesh (physical) and instead clothing ourselves with the Armor of God and donning the fruits of the Spirit? In fact, Paul talks a lot about living a life in the Spirit and staying in tune with the Father by loving each other and engaging in community with the body of Christ.

Physical ailments, arguments, and battles are nothing compared to the inner turmoil caused by those things. Often, it's not the physical Satan uses to assault us. He assaults us right in our hearts, our emotions, our character. He causes our hearts to be out of tune with God, and it affects our home, our family and our community. We try to

use persuasion, superior attitudes, dismissal, and blame to avoid saying no to Satan and doing the inner work that's required to get back in tune with God and regain our focus on keeping our home, family and community in tune with God as well.

Second Corinthians 10:3-5 says this: *“We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.”*

We learn a lesson from Edmund: we need to don a weapon that matches the weapons being used against us. The weapons being used against Edmund were the powers of persuasion (what he was doing was helping, when in reality it was incredibly destructive). We even see in the book's sequel that when Edmund is confronted with the White Witch again, he doesn't hesitate to prevent her from coming back into his life. He doesn't allow her to persuade him to do evil again. Edmund could only do that – and reach restoration for it – with Aslan's help. In the same way, we can only fight the inner battle through the power of Christ. We need to take our rebellious thoughts, make them captive and teach them to obey Christ. Just like Edmund, we can make the weakest parts of our character strong so we can keep defending against the enemy.

Let's face it: human powers cannot defeat true evil. This kind of evil cannot submit to the authority of men by sheer force. Nor can it be convinced to subside using wit or “street smarts.” No, this kind of evil can only be defeated using the weapons that match its supernatural nature: the ones granted to us by God. Only His power can wage war against evil...and defeat it. We need to choose our weapons carefully. Maybe they're not the obvious ones, but they're the ones that last.





# Galatians: Do or Do Not! There Is No Try

(IMMERSE BIBLE READING WEEK 6, DAY 28)

by *Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister*

There is a scene from *The Empire Strikes Back* where Luke Skywalker is undergoing training from the great Jedi master, Yoda. He has helped him learn to use the Force in little ways and Luke has had some success, but now the Master teacher is about to really put his student to the test. He asks him to lift his Starfighter out of the murky swamp and onto the ground. Luke immediately protests as if his teacher is asking the impossible but halfheartedly makes an attempt and replies, "Alright. I'll give it a try."

At that moment, the diminutive teacher suddenly stopped him and said, "No. Try not. Do...or do not. There is no try." I'll let you dig out your old DVDs or access your Disney+ account to find out what happens next, but there is a truth for us that parallels the events of this pivotal moment in the life of the young Luke Skywalker.

In Galatians 6:9-10, the apostle Paul gives us a command which correlates to the concept of not only trying, but actually doing.

<sup>9</sup> *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* <sup>10</sup> *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.* (NIV)

For most of the book of Galatians, Paul is addressing a faith issue within the church brought about by false teachers and a variation of the Gospel which was leading to much division and confusion. After making clear the truth of the message of Christ, Paul concludes his letter with some simple, yet profound words for every believer to put into practice. I see three things we can learn from this last command from Paul to those in Galatia.

**1.) "Let us not become weary in doing good"** – This implies we have already been doing good. The issue and charge here is the hope that we do not lessen or grow tired in doing good. Let me make that simpler for you: we should be doing good in a continuous action to those around us. The concern is that we don't grow weary of it. As a believer, doing good should be on the same level as sleeping, eating and breathing – essential to our existence! Let's encourage each other in our actions to continue to do good.

**2.) "Let us do good to all people"** – No one is excluded from the good we should be doing as believers in Christ empowered by the Spirit. No one. No race.

No nationality. No language. No political platform. No gender (or confusion about such gender). No worldview. No culture. No background. Nothing. Let us do good to all. If we all did less thinking about the good we think we should do and just did the good, think of the gospel seeds planted and Christ centered conversations that would occur.

**3.) "...especially to those who belong to the family of believers."** – Need I say more? I don't think I really do, but let me sum up: As we do good to everyone, in the name of Christ, let us be even more certain about the non-negotiable fact of our spiritual obligation, or better yet, privilege and honor, to do good to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is all good information, but let's be real. We all know this. We know it like the back of our hand. We know it like we know our own phone number. We know it like we know where to find the peanut butter in the grocery store (aisle 10, right hand side, bottom shelf – Peter Pan creamy!)

So...why don't we do it? I hinted at it earlier, but let's talk about it more right now. I think we think too much. I think we act too slow. I think we forget too fast. You know what I mean. We've all had those moments. It may resemble something like this: You are going about the business of your day when the Spirit nudges you (yes, I mean THAT SPIRIT!) and tells you to give a particular person a call – one who needs to hear a friendly voice and a connection to the world. You quickly agree it's a good idea and begin to think about the best time to do this good deed. Your mind begins to think about your day's schedule (okay, not now, but during lunch I have a few minutes, or maybe while I'm in the car on the way to pick up the kids from school) and the next thing you know, you're distracted by the next event in your life. That idea is quickly forgotten until about 11:15 at night when your head hits the pillow (Oh!! I meant to call them today. I'll do it tomorrow). The next day comes and the moment and idea are forgotten. Oh well, at least you tried.

Don't be content with trying. Do or do not...there is no try! Thinking too much, acting too slow and forgetting too quickly all lead to a heap of tries and an empty bucket of good things done. Stop trying and start doing. Respond when the Spirit moves you. Don't put it off. Do good. Do good now. Do good right now!



# IMMERSE GROUPS

**I**mmerse: The Bible Reading Experience has just begun! If you have not started, don't worry, it is never too late to jump head first into the Word of God. You can purchase the book from the church office or online (ebook or printed).

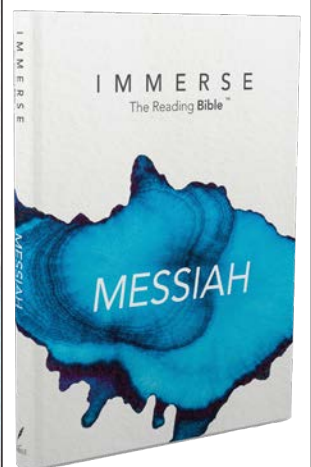
As we have mentioned previously, most ECC programming is suspended during this time, but that does not mean we don't long to be together for the benefits and blessings of fellowship, accountability and discipleship. Beginning the week of September 6, we hope to launch several new opportunities with the intention of giving everyone a chance to resume some of those aspects of their faith journey.

IMMERSE groups will be based on the participation in our SS classes, but there is the freedom to join any group that best fits your schedule and format. Groups will vary from virtual (Zoom platform) to physical, from in homes to meeting at church, from evenings to mornings and from young and old. We are still in the planning stages regarding group leaders, times, locations and formats, but watch for more details on our website, church app and through our e-newsletter

and social media so you can sign up for a group that best fits your needs.

Sign ups for groups will be done mostly online (through the app or website), but you will still be able to sign up by calling the office during the week or by finding one of our IMMERSE group coordinators on Sunday mornings. You will be able to pick a group based on the following criteria: SS Class, Teacher, Format, Meeting Time. For example, one class might be listed as "Seekers/Moseley/Virtual/Monday@7pm" and another may be listed as "Converge/Ramsey/Physical-Home/Sunday@5pm." This lets you find a group that best fits your schedule while also being able to reconnect with some from your Sunday School groups you have been so faithful in attending for so long. Remember, you don't have to connect with a group from a class you previously attended, but you need to find a group to connect with. We all need community right now; for the fellowship, for the discipleship and for the accountability to stay in God's Word.

**Groups begin the week of September 6!  
Don't miss your chance to reconnect!**



## Immerse: Messiah SCHEDULE

### WEEK 2 (8/30)

Day 6 pp. 32-37  
Day 7 pp. 37-43  
Day 8 pp. 43-47  
Day 9 pp. 47-52  
Day 10 pp. 52-59

### WEEK 3 (9/6)

Day 11 pp. 61-66  
Day 12 pp. 66-70  
Day 13 pp. 70-77  
Day 14 pp. 77-82  
Day 15 pp. 82-89

### WEEK 4 (9/13)

Day 16 pp. 89-94  
Day 17 pp. 95-103  
Day 18 pp. 103-110  
Day 19 pp. 111-117  
Day 20 pp. 119-123

### WEEK 5 (9/20)

Day 21 pp. 125-129  
Day 22 pp. 129-135  
Day 23 pp. 135-142  
Day 24 pp. 142-148  
Day 25 pp. 149-158

### WEEK 6 (9/27)

Day 26 pp. 158-164  
Day 27 pp. 165-169  
Day 28 pp. 169-175  
Day 29 pp. 177-185  
Day 30 pp. 185-190

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING UPDATES

**A**s we continue to maneuver through uncertain times, the leadership of ECC has determined it is wisest to err on the side of caution and maintain our same schedule of programming during the month of September as we have during the previous months. The only church wide services occurring here on campus are our Sunday morning worship gatherings (9:00 and 10:30). The same building usage policy is in place and many rooms

are available as long as groups adhere to the size limitations, social distancing requirements and cleaning guidelines in place.

We are prayerfully watching how things go with our public schools and anticipating a plan that mirrors their approach if it proves successful. Please continue praying for not only ECC but our nation and world as we strive to be faithful to Christ while also showing genuine love and concern for others.

## A NEW CWF YEAR BEGINS



2020-2021 CWF Circle Lists are available on our ECC Website, on our App and on the Englewood Christian Church Friends Facebook Page.

## CWF CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 1  
Saturday, September 5

ENGLEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Pain from losing a loved one is normal, but there is hope. GriefShare is a 13-week small

group experience for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. The group that meets here at ECC will begin Monday, August 31 at 6:30pm in Room 208. The registration fee is \$15 and includes a workbook. You can get more details and register by scanning the QR code. If you have questions, contact **Beth Oyler** (904-238-2324).







**Serving one world: thank you bags  
to the hospital workers and school  
supplies for TLC VPK students**



# MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Serving **ONE** World



## MEAL PACKING EVENT Global Support

During a time of social distancing and elevated concerns for our health and safety, it can be easy to become myopic in our vision and ability to see the world around us. Sometimes our own worries and fears force us to concentrate even more on ourselves. We must intentionally combat against that and find ways to move our focus off of our own worries, needs and fears. We must, as the author of Hebrews says, "fix on eyes on Jesus," and do our best to serve Him in love.

One of the ways we can turn our eyes away from us and to the world is by finding ways to meet the needs of others for the glory of Christ. And yet, that can become challenging while still trying to consider all the restrictions and guidelines in place to help maintain. That's where it helps to have amazing Kingdom partners like Lifeline Christian Mission.

Englewood Christian Church supports Lifeline through our Faith Promise commitments by working with a home for girls in Honduras (OMOA), but that is just the beginning of the Kingdom impact made by Lifeline. You can find out all about the various works of Lifeline by visiting their website ([www.lifeline.org](http://www.lifeline.org)), but now we want to share with you more about a specific way we are partnering with them to make a difference in the world today.

On Saturday, September 26 (time TBD), ECC will be partnering with Lifeline in a "Meal Packing Event." At this event, participants will help measure out portions, mix ingredients, fill bags and pack boxes. All of the packed food boxes will go to one of several food banks located at various mission works for Lifeline.

This is a great opportunity to serve. This is an even greater opportunity to serve alongside your family. We hope and pray you are as excited as we are to participate in this event but space is limited to the first 30 people to register (Registration is not confirmed until registration cost is paid).

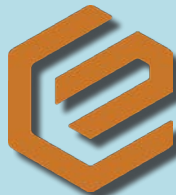
Here is how you can register: Go online (or use the app) and click on the "Events" tab. Scroll through the calendar of events and find the "Lifeline Meal Packing" event. Click on it and follow the registration instructions from there. There will be a \$5 registration fee to cover some administrative costs and also help contribute to the costs of the food we are packing.

If you are not able to physically be there to help at the event, then you can help by contributing to the purchase of the food we are going to pack. Our missions ministry team has already contributed \$5000 toward this endeavor, but the more money we can collect for this event, the more food packs and boxes we can fill for Lifeline. If you would like to contribute directly to this event, please mark "LIFELINE MEAL PACKING" on your envelope or in the comments section of your online giving under the "Faith Promise" tab.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the office (904-733-2356 or [info@eccjax.com](mailto:info@eccjax.com)) and we'll help you any way we can.



**Brayden enjoying Froot Loops with Cream Soda  
at the last off-campus youth group?!?!?**



**Growing  
One Faith**





# Pirate & Princess Movie Night

We are ready to have our first e-City Kids event since February! I'm so excited to invite all of our K-5th graders to join us for a Pirates and Princess Movie night. On Saturday, September 19th from 4:00-6:00pm, we will be showing two different movies in two different rooms "social distancing style." **Our ladies will be watching *The Princess Diaries* and our gents will be watching *Treasure Island*.** The cost for this event will be \$5.00 and includes all their concession stand favorites. Each child will also need to bring their own beach towel and pillow. To ensure proper spacing and supplies each child will need to register online and pre-pay no later than September 13. All efforts will be made to ensure each child's health and safety, including, but not limited to, masks, prepackaged snacks, and assigned seating. Please contact **Serena Maerkl** for more information.

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Back in June, the ECC Leadership announced we would temporarily postpone the congregational meeting and the necessary administrative actions which occur at that meeting. It is now time to move forward with a "hybrid" version of a meeting due to the continued health concerns in our society.

On Sunday, September 20, the 2019-2020 Annual Report and the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget will be made available both digitally (website, app, e-newsletter, email) and physically (limited copies available). Along with this will be a FAQ (frequently asked questions) sheet to help answer some of the most common questions related to these two business items. During that week, members will be allowed contact our leadership team and ask any questions they feel necessary as they prepare to affirm the next year's budget.

The following Sunday, September 27, there will be a brief congregational meeting after both of the morning services to conduct the annual business meeting. Acceptance and approval of the budget will take place there as well as affirmation of our leaders.

Regarding our leaders, at this time, Moe Bacon is up to be reaffirmed for the role of elder. Among our deacons, Chris Kellar and Gene Worth are both up to be reaffirmed for the role of deacon. Jonathan Maerkl, after serving faithfully in this role for many years, is stepping down at this time. We thank him for his tremendous service and humble leadership during his time on our team and look forward to continuing to serve with him here at ECC.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this upcoming meeting or the format, please contact Charles Moseley, chairman of the board of elders, or Pete Ramsey, senior minister.

# WE'RE BACK!



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**  
**7-8:30 PM**  
**@ THE WAREHOUSE**

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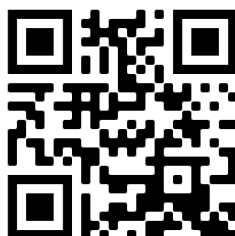
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Worship (FB LIVE)**

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**SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES**

Every day, people live lives they feel do not have a purpose. Every day, Christians struggle with the question, "How can God use me?" As believers in Christ, we have a calling. That calling may not be to join the mission field or enter into full-time vocational ministry, but it's still relevant and important. In this series we're going to take a look at what it means to make an impact right where you are in life and how to discover what you're called to do. Get ready to be the switch!

**BE THE**



**SWITCH**

**September 6 – The Call of All:** All of us are called to "flip the switch" and illuminate the world around us.

**September 13 – The Far Side:** Fulfilling our God-given calling involves faithfulness, obedience and sacrifice.

**September 20 – Under the Lights:** To fulfill God's call, we must abide in Jesus and live life "under the light."

**September 27 – Walk it Out:** Like David, sometimes our God-given purpose isn't immediately revealed.