

Englewood Communicator

February 1, 2019
Issue 2



Rob's Revelations by Dr. Robert Westlund

Dear Family,

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I didn't do my Fall semiannual planning retreat. That means I am starting out 2019 without a plan for preaching (sort of). No worries, we are not far from Lent. March 6th is Ash Wednesday. Lent directs us to Scripture and preaching that leads to the celebration of Easter.

February and the first Sunday of March give me 5 Sundays to preach out of season. February 3rd is Super Bowl Sunday and I'm hoping for inspiration later this week to finalize Scripture and Sermon. The following four Sundays we will take a look at the early church and the areas they focused on as it grew and turned the world inside out and upside down.

The Disciples' Teaching

Fellowship

Prayer

The Breaking of Bread

(Acts 2:42-47).

The result of this was "They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

There is no silver bullet program or paradigm for church growth. There is however a Biblical mandate for us to follow. There are practices for the church that are biblically foundational. February 10 through March 3 we will look at "The Big 4." The question to ask is not if we do these things, because we do. The question to ask is, "Are we majoring in 'The Big 4' or are we majoring in the minor things?"

In Jesus,

Rob

Annual Congregational Meeting and Corporation Meeting

Our joint Congregational and Corporation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, following the morning worship service.

Copies of the 2018 Annual Reports and the 2019 Budget will be available. We will also be voting on the change in the Pastor's Terms of Call and electing a Nominating Team for 2019.

Outpost Super Bowl Party

We will be hosting a Super Bowl Party for the students at NCWC at The Outpost on Sunday, February 3, and we need drinks!



If you could help, we need bottled water and cans of Pepsi, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Mt. Dew, and/or Sprite or 7-UP (please no ginger ale).

Bring the drinks to the church and place them in the crate in the church lobby.

Super Bowl Offering

On Sunday, February 3rd, the Missions Team will be taking up an offering following the morning worship service for our Backpack Program. We are also asked to bring in boxes of mac and cheese for our Backpack children

Sunday Evening Small Group Resumes

The Sunday Evening Small Group will resume on Sunday, February 10, at 6:30 pm at Mac and Yvonne McLeod's home (2113 Edinborough Road).

They will be starting a series entitled "When God Speaks". Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Elementary Age Sunday School

Please consider taking our Elementary Age Sunday School for a month at a time. If we want to attract families with young children, it is vital that we are prepared for them! Contact the church office if you would help—take your pick of months!

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Public Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, February 14, from noon to 6 pm and Friday, February 15, from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm.

We need volunteers and donors! You may volunteer by signing up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Your Choice Resource Center invites everyone to their Annual Banquet on Thursday, February 28, at Englewood Baptist Church at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm).

Tickets are \$20 each and include dinner, an update on their ministry, and guest speaker Mike Sharrow, C12 President. C12 is the nation's largest network of Christian CEO's, business owners, and executives. Mr.



Sharrow is passionate about

offering hope and help to those who experience the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. While pregnant with Mike, his mother faced the pressure and possibility of having an abortion. He knows first-hand what God can do through a crisis situation.

For more information, go by the table set up in the church lobby. If you would like to purchase tickets or have any questions, please see Jean Feagans.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship Morning Group will have their monthly meeting and study on Tuesday, February 12, at 10 am in the church library. All women are invited and encouraged to attend!

Bowling

Everyone is invited to go Bowling on Friday, February 1, from 6 to 9 pm. The cost will be \$5 (includes shoe rental) for each game. You may also want to bring money for dinner or snacks at the alley.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby so we can get an idea of how many to reserve a space for.

Baby Shower

The women of the church will be hosting a Baby Shower for Jennifer and Jason Watkins on Sunday, March 3, from 2 to 4 pm (floating) in the fellowship hall. The Watkins are registered at Target and Amazon.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will be collecting items to make up Sunshine Bags for an area nursing home. Please bring the items and put them in the crate in the church lobby by March 24. Suggestions include: Travel-sized lotions, Kleenex, Puzzle books, Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Sugar-free candy, Pens and pencils, Stationery and stamps, Small stuffed animals, Devotionals, Combs and brushes. Please do not bring any food items as the bags will not be delivered until April.

Game Night

The Fellowship Team is planning a Game and Chili Night for Friday, February 22, at 6 pm. Please sign up to bring chili and fixings!

February Birthdays

- 12 Nancy Kirkwood
- 13 Victoria Batchelor
Earl Sears
- 15 Leon Bissette
Caleb Chesis
Anita Stander
- 19 Shari Dunn
- 21 Megan Batchelor
- 24 Greg Bissette
- 25 Lauren Westlund
- 28 Janet Slack



February Anniversaries

- 2 Harold and Nancy Colston
- 14 Dale and Marsha Winstead

Serving in February

Greeters

- 2/3 David and Ginny Hodges
- 2/10 John and Jean Feagans
- 2/17 Phil and Leona Briggs
- 2/24 Pat Harper and Denise Bissette

Children's Church

- 2/3 Leona Briggs
- 2/10 Marsha Winstead
- 2/17 Kay Owen
- 2/24 Denise Bissette

Backpacks: Week of

- 2/4 Kay Bennett and Elaine Moore
- 2/11 Sadie Bissette and Nancy Kirkwood
- 2/18 Mary Ruth Johnson and Yvonne McLeod
- 2/25 Anita Stander and Hope O'Keef

Ushers

- Daxie Dozier and Dan Jordan
- Jeff Proctor and Johnny Brown
- Rex Bissette and Rusty Bryant
- Ed Moore and Ellen Henson

Lay Readers

- Buck Young
- Phil Briggs
- Cindy Batchelor
- Daxie Dozier

Soundboard


- Jeff Slack and Cierra Devine
- Yvonne McLeod and Leona Briggs
- Jeff Proctor and Caleb Chesis
- Jeff Slack and Cierra Devine

Elders of the Month: Henry Dancy and Karen Rose

Elementary Age Sunday School: Denise Bissette



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Key</p> <p>FH Fellowship Hall SAN Sanctuary HI Hampton inn SS Sunday School LIB Library EBC Englewood Baptist</p>					1 Bowling, 6 pm	2
3 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Prayer, 10:10 am Worship, 10:30 am Praise Team, noon Outpost Super Bowl Party, 6 pm	4 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	5 Education Team, FH, 6:30 pm Missions, LIB, 6:30 pm	6 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Congregational Care, LIB, 10:45 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	7 Bible Study, LIB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, LIB, 11:30 am	8	9
10 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Prayer, 10:10 am Worship, 10:30 am Cong. Meeting, 11:30 am Small Group, McLeod's home, 6:30 pm	11 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	12 Women's Fellowship, LIB, 10 am	13 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	14 Bible Study, LIB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, LIB, 11:30 am 	15	16
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Blood Drives</div>		
17 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Prayer, 10:10 am Worship, 10:30 am Praise Team, noon Small Group, McLeod's home, 6:30 pm	18 Presbytery Team here, all day Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	19 Presbyterian Men, FH, 6:30 pm	20 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	21 Bible Study, LIB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, LIB, 11:30 am Session, LIB, 7 pm	22 Game and Chili Night, FH, 6 pm	23
24 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Prayer, 10:10 am Worship, 10:30 am Small Group, McLeod's home, 6:30 pm	25 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	26	27 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	28 Bible Study, LIB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, LIB, 11:30 am Celebrate Life Banquet, EBC, 7 pm		

Financial Information for January

	<u>January</u>		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Tithes and Offerings	\$21,501.00	\$27,949.51	(\$ 6,448.51)
Other Income	<u>77.00</u>	<u>262.08</u>	(<u>185.08</u>)
Total	21,578.00	28,211.59	(6,633.59)
Expenses	<u>24,549.87</u>	<u>28,842.25</u>	<u>4,292.38</u>
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How to Be Reimbursed

From time to time we publish the following information to remind everyone what the procedure is to be reimbursed for a purchase for church use.

- ◇ Before you make a purchase, get the Team Chair to okay the expenditure. If you don't know who the team chair is, please contact the church office;
- ◇ Fill out a "Check Request Form" (found on the bookshelf in the church office);
- ◇ Get the signature of the Team Chair on the form;
- ◇ Staple the receipt to the form;
- ◇ Turn it in to the church office.

Checks are written on Mondays. If you need one after Monday, let me know and I will do it as soon as I get the form in.

For God so loved the
world He gave His one and
only Son, that



whoever believes in Him shall not perish
but have eternal life. John 3:16

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