

Englewood Communicator



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Rob's Revelations by Dr. Rob Westlund

Dear Family,
Englewood is set for an exciting Summer. I am excited about this summer because you have a brilliant and creative pastor. Most of my excitement is because we have a great God who gives good gifts even to churches with conceited pastors.

Starting this past weekend - Memorial Day - we went casual for the summer. June 29 is a fifth Sunday and we will sing all traditional hymns. As usual, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month: June 2, July 7, and August 4. August 11 through October 4th we will celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday, but it will be an opt out for those who prefer not to take communion every Sunday and the worship service will be set up so they can leave prior to communion (without feeling judged).

Steve Lawrence is preaching on June 9 for me while I am on family vacation in Colorado. Steve hasn't preached in a while so I'm sure he has got a good sermon bottled up and ready to go.

During my vacation June 7-16, John Check is on call for pastoral needs along with Rose Burnett and Buck Young who are the elders of the month.

I will still be in Colorado June 16 for our denomination's General Assembly that gathers every year. Jon Gibson who is a church planter, friend, and awesome guy, will preach that Sunday. You will not want to miss hearing Jon!

On July 14, 21, and 28 the plan is for us to participate in an Evangelical Presbyterian Round Robin Preaching circuit. We are connecting with Hollywood Pres in Greenville and Forest Hills Pres in Wilson and swapping preachers. Forest Hills pastor Chris is extremely smart and has a real passion for discipleship. Hollywood pastor Keith is a great down to earth guy out of the hills of WV and Tenn. Not sure what they said about me. We haven't quite decided on the 3 fold topic but knowing Chris and Keith, Englewood is in for a treat.

Sermon series This Summer:

June 23 - July 7 "On the Dark Side of Spirituality" What Does the Bible say about Satan and demons? Why are people fascinated with the occult? What is the Christian's response to spiritual evil?

July 14-28 EPC Round Robin

Aug. 4 - Sept. 22 - "Living Counter Culturally - Faithfully" How to live our Biblical faith in a world that discounts and even laughs at the Bible, faith, and Jesus? How to share our faith with people who identify as "NONE" when ask about their faith?

Summer is here and Englewood Presbyterian has a lot to look forward to as we gather for worship.

In Jesus
Rob

Congratulations, Graduates!

Within Our Family of Faith:

Amber Bissette Fisher, daughter of Rex and Denise Bissette and granddaughter of Leon and Sadie Bissette, graduated from North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC in December with a BS in Psychology. She and her husband, Seth, are currently residing in Greenville, SC where Amber is employed as a Register Technician with Autism, Inc.



Seth Fisher, husband of Amber Bissette Fisher, graduated from North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC in May with a degree in Christian Studies. He plans to continue his education at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest in the fall.

Summer Joyner, daughter of Jeff and Susan Joyner, is graduating from Nash Central High School. She is the secretary of the National Honor Society and will be graduating in the top 10 of her class. She also had a dual enrollment at Nash Community College. Summer has a CTE Internship at Boddie-Noell Enterprises. She will be attending UNC Wilmington in the fall.

Bradley Kirkwood, son of Gary and Nancy Kirkwood, graduated from Excelsior College with a Liberal Arts degree in national Security and is planning on going to Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. Bradley will also retire from the Army with 20 years service in January 2020.

Rachel Westlund, daughter of Rob and Fran Westlund, graduated May 3 with her Master of Arts in Education, Special Education: Low Incidence Disabilities from East Carolina University. Rachel was an EQUIPPED scholar and also earned a graduate certificate in assistive technology while completing her degree. She is now finishing her second year teaching and plans to continue teaching in Nash Rocky Mount Public Schools this fall.

Family of Members:

Virginia Allen, granddaughter of Carolyn Evans, graduated with a BS in Exercise Science from Appalachian State. This summer she'll become certified as a Strength and Conditioning Coach and a Speed Coach while working with Liberty Soccer Academy in Wake County. She will also work as a wedding coordinator and staff manager at high Grove Estate Venue. She will return to college in the fall to get a degree in Physical Therapy.

Tammy Blackwell, daughter of Toni Rose, received her MBA from East Carolina University. She works in Human Resources at Wells Fargo.

Rachel Williams, granddaughter of Carolyn Evans, graduated Magna Cum Laude from NC State with a degree in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Biology. Next fall she will return to NCSU pursuing a major in Bio-Chemistry. Over the summer, she will have an internship at Barnhardt Manufacturing in Charlotte.



Sunday School Lunch

The JOY School Class is hosting a Hot Dog Luncheon in the fellowship hall for all the adult Sunday School classes (JOY, Seekers, and Young Adult) on

Sunday, June 2, following the morning worship service.

Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. You are asked to please bring side dishes and/or desserts to share.

Baby Bottle Blessings

Please be sure to get your Baby Bottles for the Your Choice Resource Center Baby Bottle Blessings in on or before Father's Day, June 12 (we have to turn them in shortly after Father's Day).

If you would like to have tax credit for the gift, put your name and address in the bottle!

June Birthdays

- 1 David Hodges
Todd Willis
- 3 Dan Jordan
- 4 Hollie Templeton
- 5 Mary Margaret Neighbors
- 9 Patsy Hinson
- 11 Indy Chesis
Diane Hardesty
Mary Smith
- 12 Nash Brown
Dustin Willis
- 13 Wayne Chase
- 22 David Potter
- 24 Jeff Slack
Fran Westlund
- 26 Frances Batts



June Anniversaries

- 4 Gary and Nancy Kirkwood
- 12 George and Pat Harris
- 16 Jim and Sarah Wade
- 26 Stan and Mary Margaret Neighbors
- 27 Wink and Diane Hardesty

Immediate Need for Migrant Workers:

We have been asked to provide long sleeved men's shirts and wide brimmed hats now. If you can help, please bring items to the church ASAP.

Serving in June

Greeters

- 6/2 Sarah Wade and Elizabeth Langston
- 6/9 Phil and Leona Briggs
- 6/16 David and Ginny Hodges
- 6/23 Harold and Nancy Colston
- 6/30 Rachel Williams and Rose Burnett

Ushers: Leon and Greg Bisette, heads

- 6/2 Mary McMillan and Bob Carlson
- 6/9 Sadie Bisette and Johnny Brown
- 6/16 John and Jean Feagans
- 6/23 Kevin Lewis and Buck Young
- 6/30 Richard and Karen Rose

Soundboard

- 6/2 Yvonne McLeod and Leona Briggs
- 6/9 Jeff Slack and Cierra Devine
- 6/16 Jeff Proctor and Caleb Chesis
- 6/23 Yvonne McLeod and Leona Briggs
- 6/30 Jeff Slack and Cierra Devine

Children's Church

- 6/2 Denise Bisette
- 6/9 Kay Owen
- 6/16 Ginny Hodges
- 6/23 Ellen Henson and Ashley Harris
- 6/30 Jill O'Brien

Lay Readers

- 6/2 Daxie Dozier
- 6/9 Denise Bisette
- 6/16 Buck Young
- 6/23 Phil Briggs
- 6/30 Cindy Batchelor



Elders of the Month: Rose Burnett and Buck Young



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key FH Fellowship Hall HI Hampton Inn SAN Sanctuary SS Sunday School YB Youth Building						1
2 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 Prayer, 10:10 ap Worship, 10:30 am Adult SS Lunch, noon, FH	3 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	4	5 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Women's Study, 9 am Choir, 7 pm Women's Study, 6:30 pm	6 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am	7	8
9 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 Prayer, 10:10 ap Worship, 10:30 am	10 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	11	12 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Women's Study, 9 am Choir, 7 pm Women's Study, 6:30 pm	13 Stitches of Love, YB, 10:30 am Blood Drive , FH, noon to 6 pm	14 Blood Drive , FH, 11 am to 4:30 pm	15 Bowling, TBA
16 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 Prayer, 10:10 ap Worship, 10:30 am Father's Day	17 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	18 Wilson Tobs Baseball Game, TBA	19 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Women's Study, 9 am Choir, 7 pm Women's Study, 6:30 pm	20 Stitches of Love, YB, 10:30 am	21 Church in use for Wedding Rehearsal	22 Church in use for Wedding
23 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 Prayer, 10:10 ap Worship, 10:30 am	24 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm EPC General Assembly, Colorado, all week	25	26 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Women's Study, 9 am Choir, 7 pm Women's Study, 6:30 pm	27 Stitches of Love, YB, 10:30 am	28	29
30 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 Prayer, 10:10 ap Worship, 10:30 am						

Financial Information for May

	<u>May</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$26,889.18	\$27,949.51	(\$1,060.33)
Other Income	<u>406.00</u>	<u>262.08</u>	<u>143.92</u>
Total	27,295.18	28,211.59	(916.41)
Expenses	<u>22,844.69</u>	<u>25,087.29</u>	<u>2,242.60</u>
Total Income (Expense)	\$ 4,450.49	\$ 3,124.30	\$ 1,326.19

	<u>Year to Date</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$122,207.96	\$139,747.55	(\$17,539.59)
Other Income	<u>856.15</u>	<u>1,310.40</u>	(454.25)
Total	123,064.11	141,057.95	(17,993.84)
Expenses	<u>128,005.17</u>	<u>146,183.23</u>	<u>18,178.06</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$ 4,941.06)	(\$ 5,125.28)	\$ 184.22

Memorials

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Charles Hinson by Ed Moore, John and Carol Barrett, Edwin and Janet Gurganus, Preston Askew, Marie Michl

The Spiritual Nature of Money

In his remarks prior to the offering at a men's retreat, a Colorado pastor said, "We never take collections at these events. We do, however, receive an offering."

He was stating an important truth about Christian stewardship. Receiving an offering is quite different from fund raising. Offerings are a spiritual matter in which we give ourselves to God's causes. Fund raising, on the other hand, is a financial matter in which we give our money to pay the bills for a good cause.

That is an important distinction. In our worship service each Sunday we are not just taking a collection to pay the bills; that would be fund raising. No, we are receiving an offering. When we give an offering, we give more than money.

That is the major reason that church ask people to give money as part of the worship service each Sunday—because our giving of money helps us to give a far more important gift: ourselves.

Stewardship Nuggets, Herb Miller

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Public Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, June 13, from noon to 6 pm and Friday, June 14, from 11 am to 4:30 pm.

Volunteers may sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

If you have any questions, please see Paulette or Ricky Pitt.



Wilson Tobs Game

The Presbyterian Men are planning a trip to a Wilson Tobs game for Tuesday, June 18, starting at 7 pm.

The stadium will be hosting a Faith and Family Event on that evening with praise and worship music, player testimonials, and much more! The cost is \$13 for a ticket and all you can eat.

Please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the church lobby by June 11. If you have any questions, please see Rick Joyner.

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