



Rob's Revelations by Dr. Rob Westlund

Dear Family,
 It was awesome to have people in the pews this Sunday! At the 9am traditional we had 20+, the 11am Contemporary we had 30+, and we still had 100+ interactions with our Facebook live stream! Both services went well and people respectfully kept social distances. Our plan is to prayerfully discern first and foremost how to worship and glorify God during this season and to be respectful, flexible, and compassionate to one another.

A recurring theme over the past several weeks is that we are all in the this storm together, but we are not all in the same boat. We are experiencing this storm of Covid-19 differently as we each have individual health concerns, responsibilities, and work situations. As we start to re-emerge from the "Stay at Home" order, I encourage you make decisions based on faith and wisdom rather than fear and folly. Faith and wisdom remind us God is in control and to

prayerfully discern through our own situations and circumstances in light of Biblical truth.

As your pastor, I am 100% behind you as you discern your response to the re-opening. Whether you choose to participate by coming to in-person worship with respectful social distancing or discern you need stay home and participate in the live stream or watch another service on TV. I support you 100%. Please do not feel pressured to return to worship and church activities and please don't allow fear or folly to reign and make your decisions.

When we allow fear or folly to make our decisions for us, we choose to marginalize God from the situation. The news casts and media will give us emotional whiplash and remember their hearts are not pure or for us like God's heart. We also have family and friends who have opinions and theories and while they love us they are not all knowing like God. I encourage you to make your decisions based on Biblical truth, prayer, and wise counsel from family and friends that love God and love you.

Please call me or one of the EPC elders if you need connection,

counseling, prayer, or a listening ear. We are here for you.

One last thing; Our mission has not changed - we are commissioned to make disciples who love and follow Jesus.

In Jesus,
 Rob



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Graduates

Caleb Chesis, son of Barry and Indy Chesis graduated from Rocky Mount Academy in May 2020 and will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall. Caleb will be in the Naval ROTC program, choosing the Marine Corps option and seeks to become a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps after college graduation.

Zeke Chesis, son of Barry and Indy Chesis, graduated from Nash Community College in May 2020 with an Associate of Arts degree and will be attending East Carolina University in the fall. Zeke plans to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in hospital-ity management with a minor in business.



Caleb Gardner, grandson of Rick and Cat Joyner, is graduating from Northern Nash High School and has been accepted at Nash Community College for the fall.

Christian Gay, son of Kelvin and Diana Gay, graduated from UNCW with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Management Information Systems & Business Analytics.

Kingsley McLeod, son of Mac and Yvonne McLeod, graduated with a Masters of Arts in Sports and International Development from the University of Brighton, England.

McKenzie Suddreth, granddaughter of Toni Rose, will be graduating from Bradford Prep School. She played basketball and was on the Championship team in Volleyball. She was also actively involved in His Hands Puppet Ministry at University City United Methodist Church. She has been accepted to ECU this fall.

Lauren Elizabeth Westlund, daughter of Rob and Fran Westlund, is graduated magna cum laude on May 8 from the UNC Greensboro with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is excited to pursue her Master's degree in Communication Science and Disorders at East Carolina University in the fall.

Journey with Joe by Joe Moore, Director of Children and Youth

Transition. This is the word that jumps into my head when thinking about heading into June. Even though EPC is started back with in-person services in late May, we are still in a transition stage. As a church, we are trying new things, seeing how they work, making corrections to the new things and then.....repeat. It is a learning process for us all and as Pastor Rob says, "they didn't teach a Covid-19 class in seminary."

Speaking of transition on a personal level, well, it's been a little trying. Here at EPC the family bonds and relationships are very strong and solid and that's a beautiful thing. And while you all have been SO welcoming and loving to me and my family (and we're so thankful for this), I must admit that at times I still feel like an outsider. Not an outcast like you've sent me away, but just like the new guy still trying to fit in. The family here at EPC is so blessed by the connections and togetherness that even though there has been a distance between you for this time, you still feel the closeness with each other.

I'm not writing this to paint a picture of little ol' Joe feeling left out—no, no.....(quite the opposite), but rather to express my excitement as we transition to meeting together physically. As inviting, loving and welcoming you all have been with this "new guy and his family" during this separation, I can't wait to see how tight our bonds become when we're not just meeting together virtually. Truly; Amber, Noah, Samantha and myself have felt your prayers and are moved deeply by your encouraging words and comments. I hope that you have felt our prayers and yes we love y'all too! Transition can seem long and difficult sometimes, but by fixing our gaze on Jesus the journey will be sweet. Judges 18: 5-6 (NLT) tells us that by seeking the Lord first, we will have peace knowing He is watching over our journey. Thank you Father God for allowing us to be a part of your Journey!

Birthdays

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



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

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, and sympathy cards. I am so blessed to be a member of Englewood Presbyterian Church! These are very trying times and I would not have been able to make it without all of you! Thank you and I love you!
Rose Bailey

A special "thank you" to my EPC family for being so supportive during the passing of my brother. All your phone calls, food, cards and especially your prayers brought me a lot of comfort and I thank you for being so caring.
Ellen Henson

Directory Additions

Add Joe, Amber, Noah, and Samantha Moore to your church directories. Their address is 3517 Woodlawn Avenue, Rocky Mount NC 27804. Their email and phone numbers are: Joseph, joseph71908@gmail.com, 292-2789 and Amber, aranjanimooore@gmail.com, 292-0165.

Serving in June

Sound Booth

- 6/7 Caleb Chesis
- 6/14 Yvonne McLeod and Leona Briggs
- 6/21 Caleb Chesis
- 6/28 Charlie and Ashley Lanham

Children's Church Assistant: 11 am Service

- 6/7 Denise Bissette
- 6/14 Kay Owen
- 6/21 Ginny Hodges
- 6/28 Indy Chesis

Youth Group Volunteers

- 6/7 Denise Bissette
- 6/14 Kay Owen
- 6/21 Ginny Hodges
- 6/28 OPEN

Elders of the Month: Rick Joyner and Cindy Batchelor

Your Choice Resource Center Baby Bottle Blessings

Each spring, from Mother's Day to Father's Day, supporters of Your Choice Resource Center pick up a bottle from their church, participating businesses, or the Center to fill with change, cash, or checks. This year, they are having to do things differently! Instead of handing out baby bottles, they have asked us to donate online, text2give, or send a check in the mail (Your Choice Resource Center, 400 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount NC 27804).



A typical bottle holds \$25 in change; they have challenged us to donate \$30 or more in honor of their 30th year anniversary! The goal is to raise \$60,000 to continue helping women and families in our area! You may contact Sherrie at YCRC via email at office@friendsofycrc.org or by phone 252-446-2273 with any questions.

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	2	3 CORE, FH, 6:45 am	4	5	6
7 Services: Traditional, 9 am Contemporary, 11 am Youth Group, YB, 6:30-8 pm	8 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	9	10 CORE, FH, 6:45 am	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Blood Drive, FH, noon to 6 pm</div>	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Blood Drive, FH, 11 am to 4:30 pm</div>	13
14 Services: Traditional, 9 am Contemporary, 11 am Youth Group, YB, 6:30-8 pm	15 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	16	17 CORE, FH, 6:45 am	18	19	20
21 Services: Traditional, 9 am Contemporary, 11 am Father's Day	22 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	23	24 CORE, FH, 6:45 am	25	26	27
28 Services: Traditional, 9 am Contemporary, 11 am Youth Group, YB, 6:30-8 pm	29 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	30				

Key	FH Fellowship Hall	SAN Sanctuary	YB Youth Building
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Financial Information for May

May

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Tithes and Offerings	\$29,022.44	\$22,789.40	(\$6,233.04)
Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>213.00</u>	(<u>213.00</u>)
Total	29,022.44	23,002.40	6,020.04
Expenses	<u>19,612.43</u>	<u>23,002.40</u>	<u>3,389.97</u>
Total Income (Expense)	\$ 9,410.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,410.01

Year to Date

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Tithes and Offerings	\$111,282.52	\$135,379.66	(\$24,097.14)
Other Income	<u>409.91</u>	<u>1,035.00</u>	(<u>625.09</u>)
Total	111,692.43	136,414.66	(24,722.23)
Expenses	<u>111,696.87</u>	<u>136,414.66</u>	<u>24,717.79</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$ 4.44)	0.00	(\$ 4.44)

You may continue to give using the collection plates on Sundays, bringing your gift by the church Monday through Friday (9 am to 3 pm), from our website www.inglewoodpres.com, or by mail. Thank you to all who have so faithfully given during the stay at home order!

Memorials

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Fenton Bailey by Craig and Rose Burnett, Marie Michl, Larry and Julia Gregg, Leon and Sadie Bisette, Bruce McRoy, Ray and Anita Stander

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Lawrence Meekins (Ellen Henson's brother) by Craig and Rose Burnett, Marie Michl

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Maureen Szarek (Wayne and Edna Chase's daughter) by Leon and Sadie Bisette, George and Emilee Peterson

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Martha Lewis (Kevin Lewis' mother) by Leon and Sadie Bisette, Craig and Rose Burnett

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



"You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give."

[Select Stewardship Sermons, Billy Graham]

Thursday, June 11
Noon to 6 pm

Friday, June 12
11 am to 4:30 pm



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