



Englewood Presbyterian Church

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Englewood Communicator

Rob's Revelations by Dr. Rob Westlund

Dear Family,

There are probably a few of us that have put up a few Christmas decorations and most of us have our Fall/Thanksgiving decorations proudly displayed. The holidays are here! For us as a church that means the harvest table, Thanksgiving breakfast 11/24, and all the Christmas worship services and parties are starting to fill our calendars.

This past week I was out in Colorado at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Planters Conference. It was in a beautiful resort in Colorado Springs. Church planting is the highest priority of what we do as a denomination. The reason for this is that church plants reach more unchurched people than established churches. Why? I'm glad you asked. Church plants start in the 2019 context with the DNA of reaching the lost. Every member of the church plant is actively engaged in the Great Commission, not just the staff and elders. The church plants have the "go and get them mentality" rather than the "hope they show up" attraction mentality.

I know I have been beating this drum a long time, but our strategies of getting people to come to church are old and outdated. The attraction model of the church worked well in the 1980's-2000 and it was congruent with our social context. In 2019 almost 2020 "do something and they will come" is not working. Our context has changed. Our world is secularized and sees the church as irrelevant and outdated. The youngest generation, Gen Z, is the most unchurched generation we have ever seen. The good news is that they are also the most spiritual generation we have seen. Gen Z has given up on the church but not on God.

People today are not going to haphazardly end up in church by seeing a nice sign or banner. People today end up in church because someone in the church invited them and perhaps even brought them. According to Thom Rainer, *"55% of unchurched people said they would attend church if invited by a family member. And 51% said they would attend church if invited by a friend or neighbor."* Thom Rainer also is quoted as saying *"Almost eight of ten unchurched Americans would welcome a gospel conversation."*



If we want to be relevant, engaged, and celebrating lost people coming to know Jesus, we are going to have to replicate the church planting DNA. We are going to have to all be intentional about inviting our family and neighbors to church. We are all going to have to seek spiritual conversations with our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. This "go get them" strategy is going have to be second nature to us. We are all going to have to practice authentic and radical hospitality with the intention of reaching the lost. In other words we are going to have to be the church.

If 1 out of 3 people will accept our invite what do we have to lose? With that in mind let me remind you that there are a cornucopia of opportunities to invite you unchurched family, friends, and neighbors during this holiday season.

Thanksgiving Breakfast
All the Sundays in December are packed with Christmas fun
The church Christmas party on December 10th - buy someone a ticket and bring them
The Cantata Sunday
Christmas Eve

We just simply have to be the church when we are not in church.

In Jesus,
Rob



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2! Daylight Savings Time ends November 3!

Poinsettias

You have until Sunday, November 3, to get your poinsettia orders in for the sanctuary for the Advent Season.

The Worship Team will be taking donations to purchase approximately 20 nice poinsettias from a florist or nursery to place in the sanctuary and narthex. The suggested donation amount is \$12, but any donation will be accepted. Order forms can be found in the Sunday bulletins. Your monetary gift may be in honor or memory of someone. Any questions, see Paulette Pitt.

Children's Choir

Mary Ruth is hoping to have a children's choir (age 3-11) this year for the Christmas season and would like to know if your child would be interested in learning a few songs to



present during Advent. Even just a few children participating would be a blessing to our service! Please let Mary Ruth know ASAP.

HOPE U

HOPE U (for those who have aged out of the regular HOPE Program) is planning a Movie and Dinner for Tuesday, November 5, and a Friends-giving Celebration on Tuesday, November 19. Both events will be 5 to 8 pm. Volunteers are needed! Please see Rachel Westlund for questions!

Red Cross Update

For the Blood Drive held October 10th and 11, our two-day goal was 70. We collected 57 units, making us 13 under goal. Thank you for all who came to donate and volunteer! The next Blood Drive will be December 12, from noon to 6 pm and Friday, December 13, from 11 am to 4:30 pm.

Singing Christmas Tree

The Women's Fellowship will be travelling to Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville on Saturday, December 7 to see the 4:00 p.m. show



of The Singing Christmas Tree. This is a Christmas Concert featuring 250 singers, a handbell choir and a 40 piece orchestra. Sign up ends Wednesday, November 13. Please see Denise Bissette with any questions.

Thanksgiving Breakfast

The Fellowship Team will be hosting a Thanksgiving Breakfast on Sunday, November 24, at 9:15 am in the church fellowship hall (no Sunday School on this day). Please sign-up up to bring breakfast casseroles, potato casseroles, eggs, pastries/donuts/muffins, fruit, juice, or milk. Those who have signed up to bring food, please have it here by 9 am on the 24th. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men are hosting the women of the church for a Chili Dinner on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Christy Warrick from Edward Jones Investments will be here to share information about watching out for scammers. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby.



Birthdays

- 1 Rebekah (Brown) Renegar
- 3 Keen Gravely
- 5 Phil Briggs
- 6 Edna Chase
- 9 Jean Feagans
Lois Knox
- 10 Benjamin Willis
- 17 Charish Fields
- 23 Doug Batchelor
- 26 Danny O'Brien



Anniversaries

- 8 Lou and Mariann Jacobs
- 19 Doug and Cindy Batchelor
- 27 John and Cora Brown

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to.

- Ed Griffin and family upon the passing of Linda Griffin on September 12.
- The family of Sterling Harris upon his passing October 6.

Please continue to remember these families in your prayers.

Serving in November

Greeters

- 11/3 Carol Barden and Janet Slack
- 11/10 Buck and Sherry Young
- 11/17 Ellen Henson and Bob Carlson
- 11/24 Mac and Yvonne McLeod

Ushers

- 11/3 Ed Moore and Jeff Proctor
- 11/10 Dan Jordan and Daxie Dozier
- 11/17 Rex Bisette and Rusty Bryant
- 11/24 Johnny and Frances Long

Soundboard

- 11/3 Jeff Slack and Cierra Devine
- 11/10 Denise Bisette and Caleb Chesis
- 11/17 Yvonne McLeod and Leona Briggs
- 11/24 Jeff Proctor and Cierra Devine

Lay Readers

- 11/3 Buck Young
- 11/10 Cindy Batchelor
- 11/17 No Reader
- 11/24 No Reader

Children's Church

- Sherry Young
- Leona Briggs
- Kay Owen
- Denise Bisette

Backpacks

- 11/4 Indy, Zeke, and Caleb Chesis
- 11/11 Chris Palmer and Susan Joyner
- 11/18 Elaine Moore and Kay Bennett
- 11/24 Nancy Kirkwood and Mary McMillan

Elders of the Month: Rick Joyner and Keen Gravely

Thank You!

Thanks to all for the prayers, visits, cards and the delicious food. Please keep Earl in your prayers.

Love, Elsie and Earl Sears





November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key CORE Men's Bible Study LIB Library FH Fellowship Hall SS Sunday School HI Hampton Inn YB Youth Building					1	2 Turn clocks back 1 hour before bedtime
					Women's Retreat	
3 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am Small Group, McLeod's home, 6 pm Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm Missions Team, LIB, 7 pm	5 HOPE U, 5-8 pm Don't Forget to Vote!	6 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Cong. Care Team, LIB, 10 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	7 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am	8	9 HOPE, 10:30 am to 2 pm
10 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am Small Group, McLeod's home, 6 pm	11 Prayer Service, 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 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am Session, LIB, 7 pm	15	16
17 SS, 9:15 am Fellowship, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am 	18 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	19 HOPE U, 5-8 pm Presbyterian Men, FH, 6:30 pm	20 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	21 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am	22	23
24 Thanksgiving Breakfast, FH, 9:15 am Worship, 10:30 am	25 Prayer Service, SAN, 6:30 pm	26	27 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravely's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	28 FH in use, all day Thanksgiving	29	30

Stewardship News for October

	<u>October</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$17,052.34	\$27,949.51	(\$10,897.17)
Other Income	<u>89.00</u>	<u>262.08</u>	(<u>173.08</u>)
Total	17,141.34	28,211.59	(11,070.25)
Expenses	<u>24,597.99</u>	<u>28,730.29</u>	<u>4,132.30</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$ 7,456.65)	(\$ 518.70)	(\$ 6,937.95)

	<u>Year to Date</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$239,525.26	\$279,495.10	(\$39,969.84)
Other Income	<u>1,205.40</u>	<u>2,642.80</u>	(<u>1,437.40</u>)
Total	240,730.66	282,137.90	(41,407.24)
Expenses	<u>259,760.30</u>	<u>284,498.96</u>	<u>24,738.66</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$ 19,029.64)	(\$ 2,361.06)	(\$16,668.58)



Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Linda Griffin by George and Emilee Peterson, Margaret Atterbury, Roger and Liz Harris, Marie Michl, Ed Moore, Jack McManus Heat and Air, Mark and Laurel Holder

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Sterling Harris by Carol Barden, Craig and Rose Burnett, Harold and Nancy Colston, Marie Michl, Ed Moore, Earl and Elsie Sears, Janet Slack, Ray and Anita Stander, William and Beverly Brewer, Jerry and Trudy Collier, Belinda Landis, R.J. and Barbara Raynor, Anonymous, Ed Griffin, Jean and Mayo Boddie, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Thorpe, Jeffrey and Dorsey Tobias, George and Emilee Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Bobbitt, Bob and Laura Copeland, James and June Harris, M. Charles and Pamela Mullen, Ray and Debbie Summerlin

Holiday Food Bags for Migrant Worker Families

The Mission Team will be collecting holiday food bags for the migrant worker families (32-45 families) in our community for Christmas. Please pick up a bag from the church lobby and fill it with **ONE EACH** of the following items and place it in the crate in the lobby **by Sunday, December 8:**

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| 1 pkg. of Maseca (a prepared corn flour) | Large can jalapeno peppers |
| 2-pound bag of rice | 1 pkg. of Knorr chicken bullion cubes |
| 2-pound bag of pinto beans | 1 container of salt |
| 1 48 oz. bottle of vegetable oil | 8 oz. can of tomato sauce |
| 1-pound bag of dried lentils | 5 pound bag of potatoes |
| 2-liter bottle of soda | 2 8 oz. cans of vegetables |
| 1 box breakfast cereal (low sugar) | \$20-25 grocery store gift certificate |

They are also in need of:

- Children's warm jackets and long underwear
- Adult's long underwear (size medium)

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