

Elizabeth Baptist Church News

August 2017

From the Pastor



On July 30 at 6:00 p.m. we will be celebrating Don and Mandy Self's 20 years of ministry at Elizabeth Baptist Church with an ice cream fellowship. Sadly, it will also be their last day of service at our fellowship. Don read his resignation (see Don's article) on Sunday July 16. It is phenomenal that they have served in youth ministry for so many years at one church. We have all been blessed by their time with us. Youth, children, music, drama, VBS, Upward Sports, worship, teaching, preaching, visiting; they have been involved in every aspect of our fellowship. Please join us Sunday, July 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall.

During this time of transition, pray that God will guide us as we search for a new staff member. The deacons will be discussing the transition on Sunday, July 30, at 8:30 a.m. Parents of children and youth are encouraged to attend a meeting regarding the staff search on Sunday, August 6, at 9:45 a.m. during

Sunday School in the Sanctuary. A search committee may be appointed at the August business meeting, Sunday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. Member involvement in all of this is crucial as we seek God's will.

The youth will continue their regular meeting times with Pastor Robert and his wife, Merry. Wednesday youth group will meet at their home, 405 Quail Trail, on August 2 and 9. Beginning August 16, the youth will meet again in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights.

Thank you to all our workers who helped at the Pickett Lake Children's Camp. Campers numbered close to 100 and there were 16 decisions to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The men's and ladies' Bible studies on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. continue Sunday, August 6. Join us for a rewarding time of discussion and teaching by Tony Evans and his daughter, Priscilla Schirer.

Welcome New Member 2017

Alexis Miliam was added by baptism. Praise the Lord for His gift of salvation.

Women's Missionary Union

July has been a quiet month. Most of our groups have not met. We attended the joint Brotherhood/WMU rally on July 18 at Lee First Baptist Church.

We collected \$944.00 for our Global Hunger Relief on July 9. Thanks to all who gave. I still need a GA leader on Wednesday nights to begin on August 16, 2017. I know that there is someone being called to assist with this important program. Please let me know if you would be willing to help with the GA's. More news next month. Shirley

Y.E.S. Group Age 50 years and over

On August 24, the Y.E.S. Group will be going to Thomasville for a delicious seafood lunch at the Rock Bottom Seafood & Grill. Prior to our meal we will tour the historic Lapham-Patterson house that was built in 1884. The cost to tour the home will be \$4.00 per person. We also plan to browse the shops in downtown Thomasville.

The bus will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. Will return approximately at 2:00 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet in the church foyer if you plan to attend. Brenda & Ed

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Brotherhood

The fishing activity with the Florida Baptist Children's Home scheduled for June 26 had to be postponed due to rainy weather and will take place later this year. Our RA field trip, June 28 was a great success. Nine boys and three adults visited the Tallahassee Airport Fire Station, the Florida Museum, and the airport control tower. Those in charge at each of these places were very courteous and informative, and seemed glad to have us visit. Our boys were attentive and displayed very good conduct throughout the day.

RA chapter meetings will resume August 16, boys in grades 1-6 are encouraged to be part of our RA Chapter this coming year. Roy

Music

Sing to the LORD a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth. "Bless His holy name." (Psalm 96:1-2). If God thinks singing is so important that He instructs us to sing, it is right that we also see music as being important! Here at EBC we are privileged to have a building, singers, and printed music to use. Songs like "Open Up the Heavens" and "Praise the King" bring a smile to many faces. Slicing out a portion of time for choir practice each Sunday afternoon is a wonderful way to serve God, alongside a bass singer like Gary or an alto like Beverly. If you choose to come sing with us, you will also find some humor, especially if you sit near a tenor like Lee.

By the way, did you know that the harpsichord was the forerunner to the pianoforte (meaning keyboard playing soft and loud) which was developed in 1700 by Cristofori? It is now called by a shortened name: the piano, a primary instrument used in many churches in the Western world. We are thankful for inventors such as Mr. Cristofori as well as those who write songs of praise to God.

Singing His praises,
Merry

~Sunday Schedule~
 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:00 pm Choir Practice
 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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~Wednesday Schedule~
 3:00 pm TeamKID
 6:00 pm RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
 resume August 16
 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 am EaglesWings 5:30 pm Youth @ Dennison Home 6:00 pm Evening WMU	3	4	5
6 9:45 am Parents' Mtg 6:00 pm Ladies' & Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Council Mtg	7	8	9 5:30 pm Youth @ Dennison Home	10	11	12
13 6:00 pm Ladies' & Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Business Mtg	14	15	16 9:00 am EaglesWings 3:00 pm TeamKID, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends	17	18	19
20 6:00 pm Ladies' & Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Gospel Sing-a-long	21	22	23	24 9:30 am Y.E.S. Event Rock Bottom Seafood & Grill	25	26
27 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacons Mtg 6:00 pm Ladies' & Men's Bible Study	28	29	30	31		

Sunday School

While the summer months can be dismal for our Sunday school numbers, it can be a time of rejuvenation and reconnecting with quality time with our families. Vacations from the daily routines can rebuild our spirits and give us a new outlook for the rest of the year. My hope is that we do not send our spiritual lives on vacation during the summer months. Jesus never took a vacation from his goal of giving every human an opportunity of everlasting life or from His sacrifice to wipe away our sins. Take a moment each day to worship, praise, and give thanks for His sacrifice.

We have had a busy summer at Elizabeth Baptist Church. The Y.E.S. group went to Cedar Key. Our Youth went to Tennessee to see the Ark Encounter. The RA's had an airport trip. Some of our middle school class went to Pickett Lake Camp. We have much to be thankful for at Elizabeth, so let us give thanks for special events and the men and women who help to make these events possible.

August is the last month of the church year. We will have some new teachers and promotions the first week of September. Watch your weekly bulletin for more updates on the new Church year. Danny

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24

Youth Ministry

After much prayer and soul-searching, Mandy and I have decided that our journey as Youth leaders here at Elizabeth has come to and end. We consider Monticello to be our home and have purchased a home in Cooper's Pond. After 20 years in bi-vocational ministry here at Elizabeth, we will be taking a respite to reassess how the Lord would have us serve Him during the next chapter of our lives. We love each and every one of you dearly, and consider all of you to be our family. Although this is an extremely difficult and sad decision to make, we are excited about what the future holds for us and desire that all of you remain a close part of our lives going forward.

We are so thankful for the support and encouragement you have given us over all the years. It has truly been an honor to grow and to serve alongside of you!
 Continuing in His Service,
 Don

Children's Director

I can hardly believe that summer vacation is almost over and school will be back in session. TeamKID will begin on Wednesday, August 16, with a brand new program.

If you are interested in your child attending this year, please contact me to register your child. We are looking forward to teaching your children more about Jesus. I always welcome all volunteers to assist in this program. If you are interested in serving, we can find a place for you.

Please contact me at 850.661.4141.
 Pam

Church Staff and Leadership

Rev. Robert Dennison, Pastor
Pam Brock, Children's Director
Merry Dennison, Pianist
Danny Deason, Sunday School Director
Jeanette Nativio, Administrative Assistant

Roy Faglie, Chairman of Deacons & Brotherhood Director
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Church Office Hours

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