

# Elizabeth Baptist Church News

August 2018

## From the Pastor



Acts 6:2-3 (ESV)

*And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty."*

The New Testament church recognized early in Acts 6 that there was a need to appoint men in the church that would help with practical, hands-on aspects of ministry. The twelve Apostles who were the primary teachers needed help ministering to the needs of widows so that they could devote themselves to preaching the Word of God. There were seven chosen to rise to the occasion to serve as deacons. The name (deacon) given to them also means servant, waiter or minister.

The Apostles let the whole congregation choose who would be their deacons. Four qualities were given that would be necessary for each of the chosen men to serve. First, they had to have a good reputation with everyone. Their reputation would reflect on the church and the ministry of the Gospel. They could not have anything in their life that would bring disgrace to the church. Second, they had to have lives that were submitted to the leading of the Holy Spirit. They had to be God-centered

not self-centered, God-conscious not self-conscious, Spirit-filled not self-focused. Third, they had to be wise. They not only needed to know God's Word but they also needed to know how to apply God's Word to every day life situations. Fourth, they needed to be appointable. This means that they had to be willing, ready, and able to do the work they were called to.

Seven men were chosen and we learn in verses 6-7 that *"These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."*

Our church has been in the process of selecting new deacons this year. Tony Nativio has been selected through a process that included nominations from the congregation, an evaluative questionnaire, an interview with the Pastor, an examination by the Deacons, and a vote of confirmation by our congregation.

Sunday, August 19, at 6:00 p.m., everyone is invited to join together for a Deacon Ordination service with soup/sandwich reception to follow. The new Director of Missions for the Middle Florida Baptist Association will be our speaker. Ordained ministers and deacons will be invited to lay hands on and pray for Tony. There will be an Ordination Council at 4:00 P.M. that day for any interested ministers and deacons to meet with Tony.

## Brotherhood

The Brotherhood attended the MFBA joint WMU/Brotherhood Rally, July 17. There were 8 male members in attendance. Brotherhood breakfast was held Sunday, July 22 and 16 members enjoyed a wonderful breakfast.

Our next Brotherhood breakfast will be August 26 at 8:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Tony

## TeamKIDS

August is here and this brings back to school! This means that TeamKIDS will start back as well. The first day back for TeamKIDS will be Wednesday, August 22. This program is open to everyone. We will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end with dinner at 5:00 p.m. There will be transportation from Aucilla Christian Academy to the church each Wednesday. Each student must have a release form for riding the bus and a consent form for all activities. Contact Brian for this form or go to [ebcmonticello.com](http://ebcmonticello.com) under the Resources tab. It must be notarized and on file at church. I am excited to start our after-school program and have some fun with our children, but also learn about God and be able to teach and train young people. May I encourage you to invite any children from any schools to join us for this time. After TeamKIDS, there is always a good meal followed by the RA's and GA's which is a tremendous program to teach young boys and girls. There is a lot going on and schedules fill up during the school year. This is a great opportunity for children to get good Bible teaching in a fun and safe environment. If you have any questions, please contact me at [brian@ebcmonticello.com](mailto:brian@ebcmonticello.com).

Brian

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## Youth

July was a great month with our first ever youth retreat to Orlando. It was a great weekend and one that I pray will have a lasting effect on our teenagers for years to come.

August is going to be a busy month, and back to school is a reality now. We are going to have two activities this month: First, we are going to go to Sky Zone Tallahassee on Saturday, August 11. This is going to be a great time to play extreme dodgeball, basketball and other activities. The cost is going to be \$20.00 per person. We will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. and will be back to the church at approximately 7:00 p.m. The second activity is a game night at the Saylor's home on Saturday, August 25. We will start at 6:00 p.m. and we will be playing different games and celebrate/mourn the end of summer break. This is completely free for everyone. For all activities and events, follow our church Facebook page (@EBCMONTICELLO). As well, each student must have a consent form notarized and on file at church. See Brian for a form or go to [ebcmonticello.com](http://ebcmonticello.com) under the resources tab to print it off. Continue to pray as we see God do great things inside the Youth Group at Elizabeth!  
Brian

## Music

What a marvelous Savior we have, the One who does not give up on us! Therefore, as our choir song says, "Don't Give Up." One day we know that "We Shall Wear a Crown." Songs like these that the EBC choir sings remind us of our hope in Jesus Christ. I find myself waking up to choir songs running through my head, and I am sure other choir members say the same. Though we choir members sing to give God praise, we also sing to encourage those sitting in the pews to "overflow with hope" (Romans 15:13). Thank you choir, for encouraging us week by week to walk faithfully with God.

By the way, we will be starting practices for our Christmas program in the upcoming weeks. If you want to join us for this season, we welcome you to join us. It is truly a fun and encouraging experience to sing alongside fellow believers.  
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~**

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 pm Youth  
 6:00 pm RA's, GA's, Mission Friends,  
 TeamKIDS, resumes August 22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Shoebox Ministry Collection Starts August 1</b>			<b>1</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings 10:00 am Day WMU 6:00 pm Evening WMU	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Men & Ladies' Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:00 pm Youth Sky Zone Tallahassee
<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Business Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Ladies' Nite Out (Carrie Ann's)	<b>15</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 4:00 pm Ordination Council 6:00 pm Ordination 7:00 pm Reception	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> TeamKIDS Resumes	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm Youth Game Nite
<b>26</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**Sunday School**

Elizabeth Sunday School has had a very good summer. With the youth program growing and a corps of teachers second to none, we have had a great summer. Even with family vacations, the attendance numbers are on the rise. A big "thank you" to our teachers, youth workers, and parents.

Now, picture yourself sitting on the sideline of a very crucial game. The coach is asking you to come into the game for a winning play, but you refuse because you think there has to be a better player than yourself available. What you may not realize is that your service might lead to a life changing experience for others.

Now would be a great time to join the Elizabeth Sunday School team and share your life as a teacher. There are some classes in need of teachers for the upcoming church year. You are being called. Please contact me ASAP if you can help.

God Bless,  
 Danny

**WMU**

The Day WMU did not meet in July in lieu of the Joint Brotherhood/WMU rally at Olive Baptist Church on July 17. The evening WMU met on July 11. BMW and BYW are on summer break and will resume in September. We were blessed beyond measure on June 23 when the BMW and BYW hosted a ladies' tea. The fellowship hall was transformed into an English Tearoom. We were delightfully entertained with music and delicious refreshment and inspired by a lovely guest speaker. We hope this is something that we can do again.

The church collected \$772.00 for the one-day offering for global hunger on Sunday, July 1, 2018. Thanks to all who gave.

As we look ahead to the beginning of a new church year, there are areas of service that need to be filled. There is a need for a Mission Friends leader for the 2nd Wednesday night each month beginning in September. Also, the BYW and the BMW will choose their leaders at their September meeting. If you have not taken an opportunity to serve, pray on these things and step out. There is no spiritual growth.  
 Shirley

***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***

**New Members**

**We welcome Chance Clark to our church membership by Baptism.  
 We thank God for his gift of salvation.**

**Church Staff and Leadership**

**Rev. Robert Dennison**, Pastor  
**Brian Saylor**, Families & Missions Director  
**Jeanette Nativio**, Administrative Assistant  
**Merry Dennison**, Pianist & Music Director  
**Danny Deason**, Sunday School Director

**Roy Faglie**, Chairman of Deacons  
**Tony Nativio**, Brotherhood Director  
**Shirley Faglie**, WMU Director  
**Joel & Joann Clark**, Custodians

**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Church Office Email**

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