

Elizabeth Baptist Church News

February 2017

From the Pastor



1 Peter 5:7 (HCSB)

casting all your care on Him, because He cares about you.

God cares for each of us. This is a profound concept unique to Christianity. In other religions, the gods may or may not have a particular interest in a person. However, in the Bible we learn that God does have a particular interest in every

person. He cares for every individual. He has created all of us in His image. He has provided everything in His creation that is good and necessary for humans to succeed and excel. Therefore, we are to care for one another.

We care because our caring glorifies God. To glorify means to honor and exhibit one's good reputation. According to 1 Corinthians 10:31, "whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." God's good reputation is either increased by His followers or diminished by them. When we show care for others, God's reputation and honor is lifted high.

We care because we bear God's image. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created in the image of God. We reflect in the world His image so that others can better understand Him. Jesus

reflected God perfectly when He came to earth in human form. He showed the world that God cares for everyone: no matter their age, their size, their position, their sex or their race. When we show care for others, others see God's care for them reflected in us.

We care because God has commanded us to care. In Matthew 22:37-39 we read, "He said to him, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (HCSB) Look for opportunities to show care for others. Here are some specific actions you can take this month. 1) Donate to A Women's Pregnancy Center in Madison. We are collecting for this ministry through February 12. You can fill a baby bottle or a baggie with loose change or a generous check. 2) Come prepared to give to the Gideon's International Bible ministry on February 26. 3) Be friendly to visitors on Sunday and invite them to sit by you in church even if it means giving up sitting by your old friends. 4) When people ask you to pray for them, take a moment right then. Stop what you are doing and pray for them. 5) Look for ways to serve others. Don't wait for others to ask you to serve.

Brotherhood

The RAs and GAs bagged rice and dry beans for the EaglesWings Food Pantry. Fifty bags of rice and 100 bags of beans were prepared for distribution. This has become an annual event for these groups with the goal of teaching the value of ministry within your community. Roy

Youth Ministry

Our Upward Sports season is in full swing, and we are growing like crazy! We thank God for the opportunities He has given us to minister to children and families in our community. We currently have 111 participants, and we would love to have your help! If you can spare a Saturday morning, come on out and visit with some families, and see what you can do to minister to members of our community! In His Service, Don

Welcome New Member

Cooper Harrell was baptized and added to the church membership on Sunday, January 1. Praise the Lord for His gift of salvation.

Y.E.S. Event

The Y.E.S Group will host a Southern Gospel sing-a-long and Covered Dish Dinner on February 23 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Elizabeth Baptist Church fellowship hall. Everyone Is Invited! Please bring your favorite covered dish, vegetable or dessert. Come join an evening of music, food and fellowship! Ed & Brenda

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Sunday School

Sunday School is the place where you really learn how to dig in the Word.

Have you ever heard your Pastor say something or reference a passage of Scripture that left you scratching your head in wonder? You can not stand up in the service to ask him to clarify. After the service, you may not have had the chance to ask. So how do you get your question answered? Go to Sunday School! Sunday School is the place where you can dialog and interact with others about the Scriptures. Since the class is usually small, it is a safe place to ask questions, express doubts and get clarification on things that confuse you. Join a class and start digging. Danny

Music

What a blessed choir we have here at Elizabeth Baptist Church! We have talented singers, people who love the Lord and are willing to serve the church. Singing as a service to the Lord is not a new 21st century idea. David also had a set of singers who loved the Lord and served in their singing. In 1 Chronicles 25:7 we see that there were 288 skillful musicians "who were trained in singing to the Lord." Maybe one day we will get to that size. In the meantime, we are practicing for the upcoming Easter season. If you are at least high school age, we welcome you to join us on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. If you play an instrument, you can also talk to me about how to use your gift at church.

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
 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 EaglesWings 10:00 am Day WMU 6:00 pm Evening WMU	2	3	4 7:30 am - 12:00 pm Upward Sports
5 6:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	6	7 7:00 pm BMW / BYW Meeting Baby Shower for Pregnancy Center	8 TeamKid Game Night	9	10	11 7:30 am - 12:00 pm Upward Sports
12 Baby Bottle Collection Ends 7:00 pm Business Meeting	13	14 10:00am WMU Rally@ Elizabeth Baptist	15 9:00 am EaglesWings	16	17	18 No Upward Sports
19	20 President's Day (Office Closed)	21	22 RA & GA Car Race	23 6:30 pm Y.E.S. Event Southern Gospel Sing-a-long / Covered Dish Dinner Fellowship Hall	24	25 7:30 am - 12:00 pm Upward Sports @ Elizabeth Baptist
26 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting	27	28				

Video Series

Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis presents scientific evidence that confirms the biblical account of creation and dispels pervasive and inaccurate theories from the secular world. By offering defensible answers to some of the most provocative and controversial questions of faith and science, *Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis* ignites confidence in God's inerrant Word by showing the harmony between science and Scripture.

This series from the Institute for Creation Research explores topics ranging from the origin of life to the origin of humans, dinosaurs, the age of the earth, the age of the universe, and the rebuilding of civilization after the Flood.

You can view the video series during the Sunday evening worship service in February at Elizabeth Baptist Church.

The next series will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

Women's Missionary Union

The church more than met its goal of \$4,000.00 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The final total was \$4,303.00. Thank-you!

We have started the Baby Bottle collection for the Pregnancy Center. We need the baby bottles back by February 12 filled with money to support the work of the center.

Our church will host the WMU Rally on February 14, 2017. We need everyone to help us with this. We planned a fixed menu, but I am asking each WMU group to provide two to three desserts. Also, please plan to attend this rally on February 14 at 10:00 a.m.

The BMW met on January 3 with six present. The Day and Night groups met on January 4 with eight present respectively.

The BMW is planning a baby shower for the pregnancy center on February 7 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Watch for suggestions about items to buy.

We all continue to pray for our missionaries and the very important work they do. Shirley

TeamKid

It is a new year with lots of new beginnings. We are beginning a study about Jesus and as a New Year's resolution we are encouraging our children to read their Bibles more. God's Word is a living breathing book that can get us through all areas of our lives. I also encourage you to read your Bibles.

The mission project this month is to gather change for the baby bottles that will assist the Pregnancy Center in Madison. Please collect your change and place it in a zip lock bag to help us with this important, local ministry. Pam

Church Staff and Leadership

Rev. Robert Dennison, Pastor
 Rev. Don Self, Youth Minister
 Pam Brock, Children's Director
 Merry Dennison, Pianist
 Jeanette Nativio, Administrative Assistant

Roy Faglie, Chairman of Deacons & Brotherhood Director
 Shirley Faglie, WMU Director
 Joel & Joann Clark, Custodians
 Danny Deason, Sunday School Director

Church Office Hours

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

Church Office Email

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**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 10:24-25 NLT**