

Elizabeth Baptist Church News

February 2019

From the Pastor



I invite you to join us Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings as we embark on two new series. The Sunday morning series is based on the book by Thom S. Rainer titled "I Am a Church Member." This series will help you to understand why membership is both a privilege and responsibility that must not be taken lightly. The short, easy to read books are available at church for the discounted price of \$5.

The new Sunday evening series is based on the book by Jerry Bridges titled "The Pursuit of Holiness." It explores the question, "I'm a Christian, now what?" The basic answer is that God wants you to grow in holiness and become more like Jesus every day. Sadly, when we look at individuals who call themselves "Christians," many of them do not look or act like Jesus any more than unbelievers. There are two reasons for this sad truth.

The first according to Bridges is, "We are simply reluctant to face up to our responsibility." We want God to work to make us holy, but we do not want to do any work ourselves. The second reason according to Bridges is, "We do not understand the proper distinctions between God's provision and our own responsibility for holiness." We do not understand what God is doing for us and what we are supposed to do for ourselves. Bridges gives the example of a farmer. "The farmer cannot do what God must do, and God will not do what the farmer should do." "God has made it possible for us to walk in holiness. But He has given us the responsibility of doing the walking. He does not do that for us. Each Sunday night we will be adding to our understanding of holiness, learning what God does and what He expects us to do. If you want to read the book, you can purchase it online or at a bookstore. Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Brotherhood

Juanita Kinsey, Jeanette Nativio, Roy Faglie, Mark Demott and Tony Nativio prepared and served food and drinks for the Upward Sports Kickoff luncheon on January 6. There were 45 children and adults who attended the luncheon.

Our Brotherhood breakfast held on January 27 had 15 in attendance. Our next Brotherhood breakfast will be February 24 at 8:00 a.m. All men and boys are invited. Hope to see you there!
Tony

Youth

I am excited about what February brings to the youth of EBC. February 1-3 is DNOW (Disciple Now Weekend). We will join with 15 other churches and 800 students over two weekends to worship God and study what real Biblical Community looks like. The first weekend, we are teaming up with several churches in Tallahassee to sing together and to learn about our theme, "United" taken from Ephesians 4. This will be a lock-in for the weekend and will be staying at the church for all meals and activities. Cost is \$30.00 This includes a shirt, meals, and transportation to the event. This is a weekend that I would encourage everyone to attend. I know that it will be beneficial for everyone.

On Saturday, February 9, we will have a movie night at the home of Brian & Louisa Saylor. This begins at 6:00 p.m. and is free for everyone.

Also, save the date of June 17-21. This will be our summer camp for the youth group. We will be attending Beach Camp by Student Life and Lifeway in Myrtle Beach. This will be an amazing week with great preaching by David Platt and others and music by Vertical Worship Band and more. More details will be coming soon, but please save those dates for your child to come to this camp with us. Brian

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Deacon Family Fellowship

A time of fellowship for the members in Gary Brock's Deacon Family Group will be held February 3 at 5:00 p.m. Please let Gary & Pam know if you plan to attend. Contact Gary at 850.766.1136.

The fellowship will be held at Gary & Pam Brock's home. The address is 5996 Dills Rd., Monticello.

A time of fellowship for the members in Joel Clark's Deacon Family Group will be held February 24 at 6:00 p.m.. Please let Joel & Joann know if you plan to attend. Contact Joel at 850.850.997.4930.

The fellowship will be held at Joel & Joann's home. The address is 1564 Turney Anderson Rd., Monticello.

Music

Love is the theme of February with candy hearts, Valentine cards, and romantic dates. However, the real theme of love is with the Author Love. In I John 4 we read that God "loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" and "we love because He first loved us." When the choir sings of God's love, we are singing of this unconditional, sacrificial, and perfect love. Songs like "Amazing Grace" and "Perfect Love" are such songs of God's love for us. Other songs express the love we give back to God, such as "What a Beautiful Name It Is" and "Adore." I know that our choir members, from deep basses like Jerry up to sopranos like Annette, sing to express their love for God. I challenge us all, young and old, that the next time we sing about God's love, let us sing intentionally to show our love back to Him.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Upward Game 4
					DNOW Youth Retreat	
3 5:00 pm (Brock) Deacon Family Fellowship	4	5 7:00 pm Volley Ball	6 9:00 am EaglesWings 10:00 am Day WMU 6:00 pm Evening WMU	7	8	9 6:00 pm Youth Movie Nite
10 Baby Bottle Ministry Ends 7:00 pm Business Meeting	11	12 10:00 am WMU Rally 7:00 pm Volley Ball	13	14 7:00 pm BMW Meeting	15	16 Upward Sports Game 5
17	18 Presidents Day (Office Closed)	19 7:00 pm Volley Ball	20 9:00 am EaglesWings	21 7:00 pm Baby Shower for Pregnancy Center	22	23 Upward Sports Game 6 6:00 pm Youth Activity
24 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm (Clark) Deacon Family Fellowship	25	26	27	28 Y.E.S. Event (Details to follow)		

Is Sunday School Important

Sunday school is important in the spiritual development of Christians because it provides a *forum for learning*. This forum is comprised of students and teachers. Sunday school encourages spiritual interaction between the students and the teachers, as well as providing a comprehensive way of learning as a group. Ephesians 4:11, includes teachers within the five-fold ministry of the church. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Sunday school/Christian Education is a vital part of the anointing of this office and God's plan for the church. While the pastor is called to preach the Word unto Salvation, the teacher is called to bring further understanding of God's Word.
 Danny

Baby Shower

The BMW is hosting a baby shower for A Women's Pregnancy Center in Madison on February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elizabeth Baptist Church fellowship hall.

All the ladies of the church are urged to attend and fellowship with us.

Linda Brown will be our guest speaker.

Refreshments will be provided

We are requesting diapers (size newborn onesies, newborn size 1) and baby wipes.

Please leave your donation of diapers and baby wipes in the fellowship hall.

For more information or questions please contact Karen Hebert at 850.510.0475.

WMU

The Day WMU met on January 3 with 5 present and the Night WMU met that evening with 4 present. During December the Day group prepared and delivered 6 gifts to shut-ins. They also provided 2 gifts to the Florida Baptist Children's Home, and the Night WMU provided 1 gift to the children's home. During December, we collected for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Regrettably, we did not meet our goal of \$4,000.00 this year. We finished with a total of \$2,827.00.

The BMW had their soup ministry on January 27. They plan to have a baby shower for the Pregnancy Center on February 21. This will include all ladies' of the church. Also watch for a ladies' brunch in April. The BMW is heading up the refurbishing of the Nursery that will be coming soon. This group is phenomenal, and I appreciate them so very much.

The baby bottle ministry is underway. You will find baby bottles on the back hall table, the foyer table and the altar table in the church building. Please pick one up, fill it and return it by February 10. Please help with this important work of ending abortion and saving innocent lives.
 Shirley

Lake Yale Senior Fest

Join us for Senior Fest at Lake Yale, April 15-17, 2019. Senior Fest includes spiritual enrichment, Bible studies, Christian fellowship, activities, dynamic speakers, gospel music and entertainment.

A group of 10 or more can attend for \$175.00 each (double occupancy. Single rooms are \$195.00. In order to receive the discounted price a group of 10 will be needed. This fee includes a room and meals except for lunch on Monday. It is limited to the first 20 to sign up.

March 10, will be the deadline to sign up and payment to attend will be due March 17. Make checks payable to Elizabeth Baptist Church and mark "Senior Fest" in the memo of the check. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of the church.

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.

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