

# Elizabeth Baptist Church News

## From the Pastor



God blessed us with a wonderful 2017. We thank Him for 9 baptisms and 19 new members that we have seen in the past 12 months. It is a great time to reflect on our four core values and once again commit ourselves to being a congregation desiring to please the Lord.

### Core Value #1 LOVE

Jesus taught that the two most important laws to follow are love God and love others.

*Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)*

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

### Core Value #2 GROW

It is not enough to just be born again. God wants us to endeavor to grow and mature in our faith through the disciplines of Bible Reading, Bible Study, Bible Memorization and Bible Reflection. Jesus taught that the discipleship process includes baptism and teaching.

*Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)*

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these

new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

### Core Value #3 SERVE

Contrary to the world's ideas, Jesus taught that we must all serve one another.

*Luke 22:24-26 (NLT)*

<sup>24</sup> Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. <sup>25</sup> Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.

### Core Value #4 GO

Lastly, what we have in Jesus is not supposed to be kept and guarded in a secure place. Instead, we are to share it locally and to the ends of the earth so others may come to know Him as their Lord and Savior.

*Acts 1:8 (NLT)*

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Happy New Year

## Women's Missionary Union

### Welcome New Members 2017

Ashlee Holm was added by Baptism.

Kari Holm was added by letter.

Christina & Delmar Jackson was added by statement of Faith.

Darren Ellis was added by statement of Faith.

Praise the Lord for His gift of salvation.

We welcome all the new members to our fellowship.

WMU has been busy during December. The Day Group met on Wednesday, December 6, with 10 present. This was the annual Christmas luncheon and we were joined by 3 of our spouses at lunch time. This was a delicious meal and Linda Demott had everything at Walker Hill beautifully decorated. The Night Group met that evening with 4 present.

We began the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on December 3 and hope to meet our goal well before January 1. The BMW met on Thursday, December 14 with 13 present and 1 guest. A fun evening was had by all with the Dirty Santa gift exchange. All the groups have been busy with mission projects including buying gifts for children at the Florida Baptist Home, sponsoring a family of 4 children for Christmas, collecting food for that same family, preparing Christmas baskets for the shut-ins, preparing care boxes for the military. We look ahead to January when we will begin the Baby Bottle ministry. The bottles will be out on December 31. Please pick one up and fill it with change and return on or before February 11.

If you are not a part of any of the WMU groups, please decide that 2018 will be the year you join. There is much work to be done and we need your help. Remember, we are saved to serve!

Shirley

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## Brotherhood

Roy Faglie and Tony Nativio prepared and served the luncheon for the Upward Sports Kickoff on December 10. There were 45 children and adults in attendance.

Our next Men's breakfast will be January 28 at 8:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Tony

## Music

Anticipation...Christmas time is the perfect example of anticipation, the looking forward to seeing family and friends, to gift giving and receiving, and to all the activities that surround the season. Even in our choir, there was the anticipation of our Christmas program. What a blessing each choir member, each child, each reader, and each actor played in presenting the message of Christmas on December 17. Thanks to all who helped. We also appreciate those of you who came to support the EBC choir at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Monticello. It is sweet to see how God can use us to reach our community.

As our new year unfolds, prayerfully consider if God wants you to join the adult choir. I have heard some describe choir as a place where they feel they connect at EBC. It just might be right for you.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Your name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1)

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

# January 2018

**~Wednesday Schedule~**

3:00 pm TeamKID  
 6:00 pm RA's, GA's, Mission Friends  
 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 pm Youth @ Dennison home

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings 10:00 am Day WMU <b>No After School Programs</b> 6:00 pm Evening WMU	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Upward Sports Game
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AfterSchool Program Resumes	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm BMW Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 am Upward Sports Game
<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Business Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>Holiday Office Closed</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings 7:00 pm Search Committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 am Upward Sports Game
<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Adult Winter Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Ladies' Nite Out (Carrie Ann's)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 am Upward Sports Game
<b>28</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacons' Meeting 6:00 pm Adult Winter Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**Sunday School**

What is the best way to show that you value something? You invest in it. It could be a hobby, friendship, relationship, work, volunteering, or your church, you invest your time and/or money to make it better. We do not waste our time or money on the things in life that have no interest or value to us. It is just a fact of life.

Not only is your church a place to gather for worship and praise, it is an organization ordained for those who care about it, and others who attend, to invest their energies in making it better. The great commandment is that we spread the Gospel -- the shortest route to that goal is to start with your church. Elizabeth Baptist does that through our Sunday School, Upward Sports, GA's RA's, and other youth activities and programs. It is easy to see our church values and cares about our children. Be a volunteer in any one of these areas and you will get a great return on your investment.

The pay is low but the rewards are great!  
 Danny

## EBC Priorities

**Love  
Grow  
Serve**

**TeamKID**

Our Winter Festival was a great success. I think everyone had a great time. There were many people that worked many hours to put it together and I am truly grateful for all of you. Right now as we come to a new year we are looking forward to our Associate Pastor that is coming and ask you to pray for him and his family as they make changes in their lives to come and join us.  
 Pam

**Adult Winter Bible Study  
 January 21 - February 25**

**SOME DAYS LIFE CAN FEEL LIKE A GIANT PRESSURE COOKER.**

The easy response is to just open whatever valve will release the pressure, but too often that valve spews the pent-up steam of sin, frustration, harsh words, and inappropriate actions. Chip Henderson will lead us through the Book of James to show us how to keep those pressures from ruining our lives and hurting those around us.

Join us for the six-week study. Sign up in the foyer for a study guide. The cost for the study guide is \$6.99. Please wait to pay at the first class.

**Baby Bottle Ministry**

Pray for our Baby Bottle Ministry for the Pregnancy Center during the month of January. The dates of the collection are January 1 thru February 11. We ask all to fill a baby bottle with change, cash or check. Make checks payable to the "Women's Pregnancy Center." Return the baby bottles to the church by February 11, 2018.

We ask everyone to count the money in their bottle and place it on a "sticky" note and attach it to the bottle. Do not write on the bottles.

**Church Staff and Leadership**

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

**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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