

Elizabeth Baptist Church News

January 2019

From the Pastor



2019 is here. Setting goals is important. If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time. I encourage you to make New Year's goals that inspire your walk with God. Consider some of the following: 1) Read all the Psalms and Proverbs, 2) Read the entire New Testament, 3) Read the entire Bible, 4) Read daily from a devotional book, 5) Pray before all your meals, 6) Read a Bible story or children's devotional selection to your child(ren) every day, 7) Join a Sunday School class, 8) Start a Bible journal, 9) Send a note with Scripture encouragement every week to someone, or 10) Memorize one Bible verse every month. Whatever you choose to do in the new year, be certain that your choices honor God and move you forward in your relationship with Him. **If you aren't doing something every day to be more like Jesus, then you are becoming less like Jesus.** Relationships either move forward or backward. God wants to have a growing

relationship with you. He continually offers His hand to move forward with you. Every day you have a choice to take His hand and walk with Him or to stay behind. Reading the Bible, prayer, meditation, worship, memorizing Scripture, singing, and discussing the Bible with others are all ways to move forward with God. When 2020 arrives, I pray that we can all say we grew in our relationship with God and became more like Jesus in 2019.

Thank you to all that gave of your time, talents, and treasures to make 2018 a wonderful year at Elizabeth Baptist Church. God continues to bless us in a wonderful way. May we continue to offer to Him our faithfulness in **LOVING, GROWING, SERVING and GOING.**

Merry and I look forward to seeing everyone in Donnie Fuller's Deacon Family Group at our home on Sunday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m.

Y.E.S. Event

The Youthful Energetic Seniors held a Holiday luncheon on January 3. It was held at the Walker Hill home of Linda Demott.

There were 23 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a time of good food and fellowship.

The luncheon was hosted by the WMU.

Youth

We will resume our normal Wednesday evening meeting times on January 9. Our next activity will be Saturday, January 19. We are going back to the Fun Station for laser tag and go-carts (weather pending!) The cost will be \$15.00, and a pizza dinner will be included. We will leave the church at 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for the weekend of February 1-3. I am excited to have our DNOW conference this weekend, along with other churches in the Tallahassee area. We will begin after school on Friday and go through Sunday morning in Sunday School. This weekend will cost \$40.00. This will include a DNOW shirt, food for the weekend, and fun games to play during the weekend. This will be a "lock-in" type retreat at the church so the students will be on campus almost the entire time. On Friday and Saturday night, we will transport the students to Tallahassee for a corporate worship along with approximately 300 other students from area churches for a worship time that will include music and speakers. This will be a great opportunity for our group to grow in their relationship with God and within our community. I will be sending out more information soon, but plan on attending this weekend.

Brian

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Brotherhood

Happy New Year! A job well done to the Brotherhood in the many projects this past year that has been accomplished. We assisted many in the community and our church members in time of need. We look forward and are ready for the upcoming mission projects in the new year.

Our next Brotherhood breakfast will be January 27 at 8:00 a.m. All men and boys are invited. Hope to see you there!
Tony

Deacon Family Fellowship

A time of fellowship for the members in Donnie Fullers' Deacon Family Group will be held January 27 at 6:00 p.m. Please let Donnie & Sherry know if you plan to attend. Contact Donnie at 850.545-0390.

The fellowship will be held at Pastor Dennison's home. The address is 405 Quail Trail, Monticello.

Music

With another new year comes renewed joy. Isaiah 43:19 tells us: "Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing...I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." God's grace is sufficient to carry through another year, no matter what this year holds. Music is a fabulous way to express this wonderful grace of our God.

Looking back to December, we as a choir were blessed to share our songs with the congregation in the Christmas program. I believe we were all encouraged to watch talented adults and children act our parts for the manger scene. Looking forward, we are glad to refresh our voices while practicing old and new songs alike. You, too, can join the choir even if you cannot read music. We invite you to join us on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. for choir practice.

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 New Year's Day (Office Closed)	2 9:00 am EaglesWings No TeamKID, RA's, GA's or Youth 6:00 pm Evening WMU	3 10:00 am Day WMU 12:00 am Y.E.S. Event Luncheon	4 6:00 pm Youth Video Games	5
6 Upward Sports Sunday 12:30 Luncheon First Practice	7	8	9 TeamKID Resumes	10 7:00 pm BMW Meeting	11	12 Upward Sports 1st Game
13 7:00 pm Business Meeting	14	15	16 9:00 am EaglesWings	17	18	19 Upward Sports 2nd Game 4:00 pm Youth Fun Station
20	21 Holiday (Office Closed)	22 6:00 pm Ladies's Nite Out Carrie Ann's	23	24	25	26 Upward Sports 3rd Game
27 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm (Fuller) Deacon Family Fellowship	28	29	30	31		

Sunday School

"Obedience is absolutely necessary to show any evidence that you love God."

Brother Art Beal. July 12, 2015

Eight Reasons Why Obedience To God Is Important

1. **Jesus Calls Us to Obedience (John 14:15)**
2. **Obedience Is an Act of Worship (Romans 12:1)**
3. **God Rewards Obedience (Genesis 22:18)**
4. **Obedience to God Proves Our Love (2John 6)**
5. **Obedience to God Demonstrates Our Faith (1John 2:3-6, NLT)**
6. **Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice (1Samuel 15:22-23)**
7. **Disobedience Leads to Sin and Death (1Corinthians 15:22)**
8. **Through Obedience, We Experience the Blessings of Holy Living (Psalm 119:1-8, NLT)**

Throughout the year, our Sunday School teachers emphasize the importance of obedience to God. Please join one of our Sunday School classes to learn more about obedience and gather evidence that you love God.
 Danny

EBC Priorities:

**Love
Grow
Serve
Go**

WMU

The Day WMU did not meet during December, but the Night Group met on December 5 with four present. The Day Group is planning a meeting on Thursday, January 3, at 10:00 am at Walker Hill. This will be followed by a Holiday luncheon at 12:00 noon. The luncheon is hosted by the WMU but all Y.E.S. members are invited to join us. This is a special Y.E.S. event, and hope everyone had a chance to sign up. The BMW met on December 13 at Merry Dennison's home for their annual Christmas party and gift exchange. The BYW met on December 20 at Lee Walker's home. The GA's and RA's are averaging 12-14 each week..
 Shirley

New Fellowship Activities

Do you desire to get to know your church family better in a casual setting? There are two opportunities beginning in January 2019 that will help you achieve your desire. You can show your interest by signing up for them in the foyer.

The first opportunity is a CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE. Six Tuesday nights in January and February are being set aside for volleyball teams to compete. To be involved, you can form your own team of four or submit your name to be put on a team. This activity is for youth through age 99.

The second opportunity is SUPPER SIX. Groups of six adults (individuals and couples) will be formed from everyone that signs up to participate. Each group will make its own arrangements to meet for supper three times during the months of January, February, and March. Groups may have supper in their homes or choose to meet at a restaurant. Sign up for either one or both opportunities in the foyer.

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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