

## A Word From Our Pastor

Good morning, and welcome to the first Sunday of the year here at Ellendale Baptist Church! I can't think of a better way to start a new year than to spend it with your brothers and sisters in Christ, so thank you for making that a priority!

We finished up 2017 strong last month with 15 people joining our church family. Please be praying for these new members as they fulfill whatever membership requirements remain and as they work to determine how God wants to use them within our family of believers.

I want to use this opportunity to remind you that we are going to begin doing our invitation a little differently on Sunday mornings. At the end of the service, rather than having people who want to make spiritual decisions come to the front, we have designated a special "Next Steps Area" where we will direct anyone wishing to make a decision for Christ. The Next Steps Area will be open during our closing invitation song and will remain open as long as needed following the morning service.

Our reason for doing this is not to minimize the invitation at the end of the service, but to provide a way for people to join our church without having to confront what is, for many people, their greatest fear. We also want to provide an environment where counselors can have deeper conversations with people about the decisions that they are making without having the intimidating factor of a crowd of people watching.

As always, our goal here at EBC is to bring people into relationship with Jesus Christ, and we want to remove whatever obstacles stand in the way of people making this most important decision of their lives. Certainly, if you have any questions about this change, please don't hesitate to ask me. My door is always open.

These are exciting times. God is doing great things among us. Thank you for your support and your prayers!

## The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Thank you for your generous giving to this ministry. Our church goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



was \$50,000.00. The final amount received was \$50,585.13.

## Intro to EBC Class

If you have recently joined Ellendale, or would like more information about EBC, you are encouraged to attend "Intro to EBC," which begins today. This is a four-week class which will meet at 9:00 during the Sunday School hour in the south end of the Fellowship Hall.

## Discipleship Initiative Classes

The Discipleship Initiative classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:15 P.M.

Growing Up will be led by Jeff Cox in room C103.

Disciple Maker's Handbook will be led by Lynn Butler and will meet in C101.

## Lifeblood

The Lifeblood bloodmobile will be here next Sunday, January 14, from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. for anyone interested in giving blood. Sign up online at [www.clublifeblood.us/index](http://www.clublifeblood.us/index).

## Men's Chili Cook-off

The Men's Chili Cook-off will be Friday evening, January 12, at 6:30 in the Family Life Center. Men bring your



favorite chili or side dish and a dessert and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Gathering Area.



Classes for Financial Peace University will begin next Sunday, January 14, at 4:30 P.M. in room C101. Ken Dallas will lead this 9-week course by Dave Ramsey on how to get your finances in order and keep them that way. The cost for each family is \$93. See Ken Dallas for more information.

## Women's Ministry

Women, save the date! The Women's Ministry invites you to our Spring conference for ladies, including music, breakout sessions and guest speaker, Dana James. Join us March 2-3, for a weekend of fellowship and worship! Advance tickets are \$35. For more information visit the Gathering Area info desk.

## EBC Is Invited

Bro. Danny Spurlock has invited EBC to join him and Mullins Station Baptist Church in kicking off their new Bible Study tomorrow night, at 7:00 P.M. Our pastor, Bro. Fred Shackelford, will be preaching during the service.

## Worship Ministry Opportunities

Below are our music ministry opportunities. We invite you to become a part. If interested, please contact Jon Medlock or Linda Bentley in the church office.

### Worship Choir

Wednesday 7:15 P.M. - Choir Room

### The Joyful Sounds

Sr. Adult Choir

Tuesday (except the 3rd Tuesday)

9:00 A.M. - Choir Room

### Youth Choir

Sunday 4:30 P.M. - Choir Room

### Children's Choir

1st - 6th grades

Wednesday - 5:45 P.M. - Choir Room

### Preschool Choirs

Age 3 - K

Wednesday - 6:00 P.M.

Preschool Building #104

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO

Marvin Edwards in the loss of his wife, Margaret.

Bobby Biggs in the loss of his wife, Martha.

Don and Patsy Wooldridge in the loss of his brother, Sonny.

Sue Maynard in the loss of her husband, Ernest.

## Women's Ministry Bible Studies

The Women's Ministry will begin two new Bible studies in February. If you are interested in either of these studies, please sign up in the Gathering Area:

All Things New by Kelly Minter led by Susan Young, from 9:30 - noon each Thursday, Feb. 15, through April 19, in D222.



Walking With God in the Season of Motherhood by Melissa Kruger, led by Christy Cleek, from 5:30 - 7:00 each Sunday evening Feb. 18, through April 22, in D222.



## Our Pastoral Staff

### Dr. Fred Shackelford IV

Senior Pastor

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### Rev. Tommy A. Webster

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### Rev. Jon Medlock

Music/Missions

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### Rev. Lynn Butler

Education/Outreach

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### Rev. Josh Escue

Preschool/Children/Youth

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## HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Billie Gafa, Robert Percer, and Ray Waggoner

HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF

Jim Ferrell and Family

## THANK YOU NOTES & CARDS

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM

The Gullett Family

The Robert Percer Family

Extended Session Workers Next Sunday, January 14	
Infants	Preschool A - Room 101 Permanent Workers
Ones	Preschool B - Room 102 David and Megan Williams
Twos	Preschool C - Room 104 Richard and Donna Cox
Threes	Preschool - D Room 103 T.J. and Kacey Brewer
Fours	Preschool E - Room 107 Karen Dykes, Frances Crosslin
Special Needs	Room 108 Debra Morris

Room B106 is available for nursing mothers.

## REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday School Attendance.....NA  
 SS Average for December.....NA  
 SS Average for 2017.....NA  
 Worship Attendance.....451  
 Budget Goal Weekly.....\$28,962.30  
 Tithes and Offerings.....\$21,302.83  
 Designated Giving.....\$584.00  
 Lottie Moon Offering.....\$5,340.00  
 Total Lottie Moon Given.....\$48,215.68  
 Total Contributions.....\$27,226.83  
 Budget Goal to Date.....\$1,506,039.60  
 Received to Date.....\$1,356,310.72

## REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sunday School Attendance.....311  
 SS Average for December.....362  
 SS Average for 2017.....379  
 Worship Attendance.....382  
 Budget Goal Weekly.....\$28,962.30  
 Tithes and Offerings.....\$53,539.61  
 Online Giving.....\$14,333.35  
 Designated Giving.....\$550.00  
 Lottie Moon Offering.....\$2,073.05  
 Total Lottie Moon Given.....\$50,585.13  
 Total Contributions.....\$70,496.01  
 Budget Goal to Date.....\$1,535,001.90  
 Received to Date.....\$1,424,183.68

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal Reservation

Reservations may be made by returning this slip in the offering plate, by calling the church office. Reservations and cancellations must be made by noon on Monday.

Menu for January 10:  
 Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Dessert and Drink

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please mark the number of plates you wish to reserve. There is an \$18 maximum per immediate family household.

Adult (\$5.00): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children (\$3.00): \_\_\_\_\_ (age 4-10)

Check one:  
 Yes, please add my name to the permanent meal reservation list.  
 No, please do not add my name to the permanent meal reservation list.

Our mission is to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples who Make Disciples. We seek to do that Biblically, Prayerfully, and in the Context of Community.

## Tell Us About Yourself

I am a Member     I am a Guest

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Single Married Other

Birthday Mo \_\_\_ Day \_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

This is my 1<sup>st</sup> time here 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

I am an out-of-town guest \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you usually worship? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a visit from one of our Staff Ministers?

Would you like to enroll in a Bible Study class?

## My Decision Today

Trust Christ as Lord and Savior

Recommit my life to Christ

Would like to join this church

## Event Sign-up or Prayer Requests

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 7

#### A.M.

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:15 Morning Worship  
Children's Worship
- 11:00 Faith Vietnamese Baptist Church.

#### P.M.

- 6:00 Women's Bible Study - D222
- 6:00 Evening Worship
- 6:00 Bible Drill - Children's Area
- 7:00 Ministry Council - C101

### Monday, January 8

#### P.M.

- 4:30 KiDs Beach Club - Kate Bond Elem.
- 6:30 Aerobics - Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 9

#### A.M.

- 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast - Shoneys on Covington Pike

#### P.M.

- 3:15 KiDs Beach Club - Ellendale Elem.

### Wednesday, January 10

#### A.M.

- 9:00 Senior F.U.N. Day - FSH

#### P.M.

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal - FSH
- 5:45 Children's Choir - Choir Room
- 6:00 Discipleship Initiative Class - C101 and C103
- 6:00 Preschool Choir/Music for Threes - B104
- 6:15 Women's Bible Study - C102
- 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study - Sanctuary
- 6:30 RA, GA, and Mission Friends
- 6:30 Youth Midweek - Youth Area
- 7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

### Thursday, January 11

#### P.M.

- 6:30 Aerobics - FSH

### Friday, January 12

#### A.M.

- 9:00 Quilting Team - FSH

#### P.M.

- 6:30 Men's Chili Cook Off - FLC

### Saturday, January 13

## Morning Worship

Hymn #3	"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Prayer	Dr. Fred Shackelford
Welcome	Dr. Fred Shackelford
Songs of Praise	"Forever"
	"There Is a Fountain"
	"Were It Not for Grace"
Solo, Sherryl Pittman	
Scripture Reading, Rev. Tommy Webster	I Peter 2:1-3
Children leave for Children's Worship	
Offertory	Worship Choir
	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Message	Dr. Fred Shackelford
	"Your Most Important Habit"
Song of Praise	"Everlasting Arms (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)"


## Evening Worship

Hymn #353	"Victory in Jesus"
Welcome	Dr. Fred Shackelford
Praise Song	"You Are My All in All"
Choir	"With Folded Wings"
Praise Song	"He Knows My Name"
Offertory	Lisa Brewer
Message	Dr. Fred Shackelford
	"Sickness, Death, and the Kingdom of God"
	Acts 9:32-43
Hymn of Response #340	"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Presentation of New Members	Dr. Fred Shackelford

**Ellendale**  
baptist church

*Feels like home*

January 7, 2018



**EBC Men's**  
**Chili Cook Off**  
Friday, January 12, 6:30 pm