

A Word From Our Pastor

As I write this, it's Monday morning (last Monday morning if you're reading this on Sunday). My ankles are still itchy from bug bites in Honduras, and my head still bears the scars of my clumsiness while installing water filters in low-ceilinged houses. (And once while just getting into the truck!) I need to be preparing sermons for today, but I just can't stop reflecting on how good last week was.

And honestly, that's how it is whenever I return home from a mission trip. In my forty years, I've participated in, and led, literally dozens of mission trips. Every time I leave them, I'm always happy to get back to Jennifer and the boys and other people in my life that I love. But, I'm also always amazed at how the joy of serving the Lord with others stays with me. It doesn't matter if the trip is overseas or just a couple of hours down the road, working closely with brothers and sisters in Christ in an intensive week of service changes you.

As I mentioned, I've led and participated in many short-term mission projects, and over the years, I've put a lot of thought into why mission trips are such powerful change agents. Here are a few reasons that I've discovered:

Mission trips (can) make us better evangelists. A while back I wrote a whole doctoral thesis on the effectiveness of a short-term mission trip on an individual's excitement about evangelism. Long story short, when mission trips are done the right way, most people who participate in them come back excited about sharing their faith at home.

Mission trips help us make new friends. When you serve with others on a mission trip, you get to know the folks you serve with, and I mean, depending on the housing situation, you can REALLY get to know them! And while it may seem intimidating to work in close contact with people that you don't know well before the trip begins, the reward of **(continued in next column)**

developing new relationships (many of them across generational lines) is a gift that continues well after the trip is over.

Mission trips help us see the value of mission work. It was through short-term mission trips that I began to learn about the priority of the Great Commission through missionaries that I got to know on the field. It's part of why I'm so passionate about the church's mission today. I know many full-time missionaries who began to sense the call to missions on a short-term trip. Short-term mission efforts help us see missionaries on the front lines of the Great Commission, and that inspires us to get more involved.

These are just a few good reasons to get involved in a short-term mission trip this year at EBC. **May 26-June 2**, we'll have another team head down to **Honduras**. **June 16-22**, we'll send a team to beautiful **Mead, Colorado**, to help facilitate a sports camp. **July 22-28**, we'll head back to **Cleveland, TN**, to work with Ocoee Outreach with construction projects in beautiful but poverty-stricken, Appalachia. And **July 29-August 2**, we'd love to see entire families head down to the **Mississippi Delta** to do ministry in that needy community.

I'd love to see you get involved in any one of these short-term efforts, and if these fill up, there are still other projects that we'd love to put on the calendar. So pray about where God would have you serve in 2018, and let's change the world — one trip at a time!

New Pictorial Directory

We are still taking appointments to have directory photos made. If you still need your photo made you can sign up on the website at www.ebcbartlett.org, or call the church office. **The next photo sessions will be March 22-24.** If your address or phone numbers have changed, please contact the church office with the updated information.



Mark your calendar for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31, from 2:00 - 3:30 in the afternoon at Shepherds Field. There will be Hotdogs, Popcorn, SnoCones, Bounce Houses, drinks and more than 3,000 eggs.

There are collection boxes in the Gathering Area for filled Easter eggs (no chocolate, please). This is one of our biggest community outreach events of the year. If you can help serve that day, please contact Stuart at the church office or at 901-438-1020, or sign up on the list in the Gathering Area.

Children's Worship Schedule

There will not be Children's Worship today, March 11, for Spring Break or Sunday, April 1, so that families can worship together for Easter.

O.A.S.I.S. Luncheon

The Sr. Adult Ministry Luncheon will be Tuesday, March 20. at 11:45 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your



calendar now and plan to attend and enjoy a great time of food, fellowship and a program. All senior adults are invited to come and join in the fun!

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The month of March we will be accepting donations to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The church goal is \$20,000. Pray now about how the Lord will lead you to give to this ministry.



Ministry Opportunity

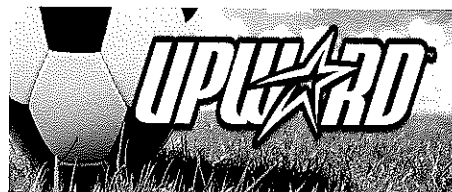
We have been asked by Ellendale Elementary to provide volunteers to help teachers in their class rooms. Opportunities include:

- Small Group Reading
- Reviewing Flash Cards
- Sorting Papers and some Clerical work

If you would be interested in helping one of the teachers at EES, please see Melanie Cummings or Lynn Butler for more details and times.

Upward Soccer

Upward Soccer registration is now open for ages 5 through 5th grade. Visit www.ebcbartlett.org and register for the Spring Soccer League.



Evaluations are Thursday, March 22, from 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, March 24, from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. and will be held at the Pavilion at Shepherds Field. The season runs from Saturday, April 7 - Saturday, May 19. Call (901) 438-1020 or email Stuart McCollough at stuart_mccollough@hotmail.com with questions or for more information.

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Men's Work Day

There will be a Men's Work Day on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon at Shepherds Field. We will pick up limbs and prepare the area for the Easter Eggstravaganza on March 31.

Extended Session Workers Next Sunday, March 18

Infants	Preschool A - Room 101
	Permanent Workers
Ones	Preschool B - Room 102
	Shirley Mason, Peggy Reid
Twos	Preschool C - Room 104
	Jamie Bell, Julia Hughes
Threes	Preschool D - Room 103
	Ann Simmons, Dona Watts
Fours	Preschool E - Room 107
	Matt and Micah Parham
Special Needs	Room 108
	Gregg Miller

Room B106 is available for nursing mothers.

REPORTS FOR MARCH 4, 2018

Sunday School Attendance.....	381
SS Average for March.....	381
SS Average for 2018.....	381
Worship Attendance.....	474
Budget Goal Weekly.....	\$29,432.17
Tithes and Offerings.....	\$40,244.33
Online Giving for February.....	\$9,833.26
Designated Giving.....	\$2,284.00
Total Contributions.....	\$52,361.59
Budget Goal to Date.....	\$254,889.53
Received to Date.....	\$244,004.60

HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF
Margarete Murphy

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO
Dot Barlow and Evelyn Mason in the loss of their brother.

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 March 14:
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beans, Slaw, Chips, 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 1st time here 2nd 3rd

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, March 11

A.M.
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Morning Worship
Children's Worship
11:00 Faith Vietnamese Baptist Church
P.M.
4:30 Financial Peace University - C101
4:30 Youth Choir - Choir Room
5:30 "Home Invasion" - Youth
5:30 Women's Bible Study D222
6:00 NO Bible Drill - Today
6:00 D-Group - D221
6:00 Evening Worship

Monday, March 12

P.M.
4:30 NO KiDs Beach Club - Kate Bond
6:30 Aerobics - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 13

A.M.
8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast - Shoneys on Covington Pike
9:00 Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal
P.M.
3:15 NO KiDs Beach Club - Ellendale Elem.

Wednesday, March 14

A.M.
9:00 Senior F.U.N. Day - FSH
P.M.
5:00 Fellowship Meal - FSH
5:45 NO Children's Choir Today
6:00 NO Preschool Choir/Music for Threes - Today
6:15 Women's Bible Study - C102
6:00 Discipleship Initiative Class - D222, D225
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study - Sanctuary
6:30 NO RA, GA Today
6:30 Mission Friends
6:30 Youth Midweek - Youth Area
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, March 15

A.M.
9:30 Women's Bible Study - D222
P.M.
6:30 Aerobics - FSH

Friday, March 16

A.M.
9:00 Quilting Team - FSH

Saturday, March 17

*FLC - Family Life Center
*FSH - Fellowship Hall

Morning Worship

Praise Song "Glorious Day"
Prayer Dr. Fred Shackelford
Welcome Dr. Fred Shackelford
Worship Choir "Thou, Oh Lord"
Hymn #526 "The Solid Rock"
Praise Song "You Alone Can Rescue"
Hymn #311 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
Offertory Prayer Rev. Josh Escue
Offertory, Beverly Shackelford "My Redeemer"
Children leave for Children's Worship
Scripture Reading, Rev. Tommy Webster John 18:38-19:16
Message Dr. Fred Shackelford
"Easter Through the Eyes of John : Jesus and Your Response"
Response Time "Everlasting God"

Evening Worship

Hymn #437 "Send the Light"
Prayer and Welcome Dr. Fred Shackelford
Offertory, Elizabeth Cleek "Magnify"
El Ayudante Mission Report
Message Dr. Fred Shackelford
"The Church's First Mission Trip"
Acts 13:1-12
Hymn of Response #597 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"
Presentation of New Members Dr. Fred Shackelford

Ellendale
baptist church

Feels like home

March 11, 2018

<p>Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</p> <p>ON MISSION HERE & NOW</p> <p>Month of March</p>	<p>Senior Adult Luncheon</p> <p> O.A.S.I.S. OLDER ADULTS STILL IN SERVICE</p> <p>March 20</p>
<p>Children's Event</p> <p> Easter Eggstravaganza</p> <p>March 31</p>	<p>Upward Soccer</p> <p> UPWARD SOCCER</p> <p>Sign Up Now</p>