

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



There is an overwhelming amount of exciting things going on at Easthaven these days. God is working in His church, in our lives and building His kingdom. I'd like to share a few of those things with you as we celebrate together. Do you know that since September 2015, we have experienced the fastest season of growth in the history of Easthaven? We have seen a 13% growth in our weekend worship service attendance. We've already baptized almost as many as we did all last year. We've sent more teams off to the mission field and we've seen incredible growth in all of our Wednesday night ministries and more. It is nothing short of amazing to consider all that God is doing. For your ministry staff, it really feels like we are running just to keep up with things. God is so good to us and we are so humbled to be here and serve Him with you. In addition to these exciting benchmarks in growth, we are also blessed to see several new ministries cropping up that bring new opportunities to see God move in mighty ways. For instance, as announced in January, we have been offered a beautiful and scenic parcel of land in West Glacier for the purpose of building a Bible college campus. The original offer was for 18 acres, but that offer has been changed to the entire 28 acre parcel. While this is a truly remarkable offer, it will require a great deal of investment for many years to come. At this point, we are investigating and researching many of the details that need to be fully understood upfront before we jump into this new ministry. We have been having meetings with builders, architects, engineers and county officials to explore what this will truly require. Stay tuned for more details coming soon! On top of that, we are very excited to partner with two new church plant opportunities that are somewhere in the birthing process. Most of us have gotten to know Chris and Kim Baker and love the opportunity to serve alongside them as they build relationships in the Whitefish community. We are in ongoing conversations with them about how we can partner with them to see a new church begin to offer hope and love to our neighbors. We are also in the process of working with a team of two families from Tennessee who are committed to moving to the Flathead Valley to start another church as well. They would be arriving this summer of 2016 in hopes of launching something late the following year. Our desire is to make it harder and harder for anyone in our valley to avoid hearing of God's love shown to us in His Son Jesus. Let me conclude by offering a strong word of encouragement for us to be bold witnesses for the Gospel. I am so encouraged as I continue to hear stories every week from people who are handing out TrueLife cards, inviting their friends and neighbors to a church service or are actually engaging in spiritual conversations. Keep in mind that our Celebration of the Resurrection is only a few weeks away! Easter is the single most church-attended Sunday of the year and the vast majority of Americans surveyed say they would accept an invitation to a church service from someone they know and trust. Let's build loving, caring relationships in which we boldly, but gently and respectfully interject the reason for the hope that is in Jesus.

I love serving Jesus with you as your pastor!

Pastor Daniel <><

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Both of these monthly events will be a day of encouraging, learning and loving the Lord and each other. Bring something sweet or savory to share for our brunch potluck. Come join us for a great day in the Lord!

WELL

Women Encouraging, Learning, and Loving the Lord and Each Other

WELL GATHERING
Saturday, March 12th
9:30am-11am



FROM SLIPPERS TO BLISTERS

"Walking through a Fiery Trial"
Come hear and learn what our own lovely Candace McLendon has to share from the Lord and her experiences.

WELL GATHERING
Saturday, April 9th
9:30am-11am



ESTHER'S FEAST

A dear lady of God, Jana Penland, will share with us. Come and learn and share the true meaning of the feast for us today.

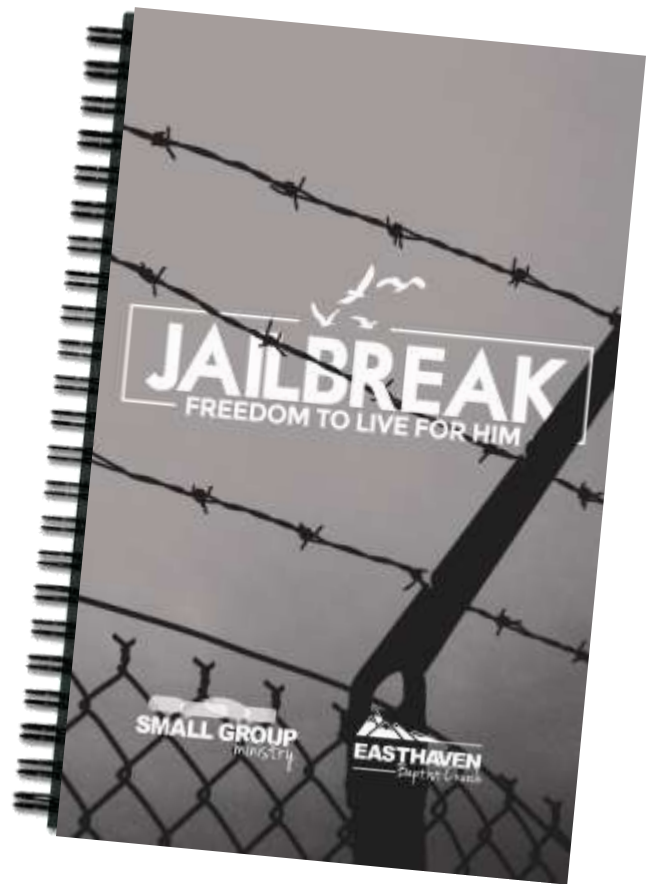
Bring a friend! Need more info?
Contact Valerie Gibson @ valgibson56@gmail.com



OUR NEW SERIES
"JAILBREAK"
STARTS ON APRIL 2 & 3

WAYS YOU CAN GET A STUDY GUIDE:

- PICK ONE UP FROM THE SMALL GROUP TABLE AT CHURCH
- DOWNLOAD FROM EASTHAVEN.ORG
- VIEW FROM THE EASTHAVEN APP



Changes to Membership at **EASTHAVEN**

Membership **EXPIRES** on April 1! With changes to our constitution, current members need to re-up before April 1 by signing the Statement of Belief. On April 2, all membership will be cleared (those who haven't signed the Statement of Belief).

AS OF APRIL 2, NEW MEMBERS WILL NEED TO:

1. Meet with a deacon or pastor and share a story of salvation and baptism by immersion. Fill out the yellow membership form.
2. Complete the ALIGN Class.
3. Sign the Statement of Belief.
4. Have a photo presented to the congregation for affirmation.

<p>Statement of Belief</p> <p>EASTHAVEN Baptist Church</p> <p>This Statement of Belief is grounded in love for the Church and in acknowledgement that we are called to stand together, holding tightly to the Word of God.</p> <p>In recognition of God's call for me to officially join in membership at Easthaven Baptist Church, I have read and hold personal beliefs that are in alignment with the Constitution and By-Laws. I understand that agreeing with and living in a manner consistent with these beliefs are both a prerequisite and continual condition of membership. By God's grace, I will actively support and participate in the mission of this church.</p> <p>Print Name: _____</p> <p>Sign: _____ Date: _____</p>

2016 EASTER SERVICES

“CHECKMATE”

March 26 & 27

Saturday 6:00PM

Sunday 7:30AM

9:00AM

11:00AM

Join your church family to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Plants

This is your opportunity to purchase an Easter lily for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday décor, as well as to honor the memory of someone special in your life.

Place your order in the foyer March 6 or 13.

A list of those to be honored will be placed in the bulletin on Palm Sunday & Easter. Plants can then be taken home the Monday after Easter!



Child Dedications

...will be on May 14 during e3 and on May 15 during the 9:00 or 11am service. If you would like to have your baby/child dedicated during one of these services, please contact Trish in the church office by May 4th.

“...bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4b



REMODELING @ EASTHAVEN

Room 410

Before: Conference Room
After: Four Office



Entryway

Before: Nursery Space
After: Welcome Center



ATRIUM/PLAYLAND

Before: Playland
After: Atrium and new
Playland space built on



If you are itching to get your fingers in the dirt, I have good news for you! CARE Ministry has a **community garden** behind the church building. We have 15 raised bed gardens that are 4' wide by 8' long. Anyone who wants to plant a garden and take care of it during the year is invited to participate! You may grow food for your family or for a food bank or both. You must call me to reserve your garden plot or talk to me before May.

Sharon Shropshire
756-6151 or 890-5585



Easthaven Baptist Church
2010 Whitefish Stage
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Address Service Requested

Worship Services: Saturdays @ 6pm | Sundays @ 9am or 11am

Meet Your Deacons

To help you get better acquainted with our Deacons, you will see their pictures in our newsletter regularly. Their names and phone numbers are listed in the church bulletin, or on our website in the “Contact Us” link. There are three deacons assigned for each week to be at your service. Call one of them if you have need of assistance.



Curt Ethington



Larry Meadors

ATTENDANCE | GIVING RECORDS

FEBRUARY AVERAGES

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 801 | Sunday Bible Study: 131 | AWANA & Nightlife: 455 | TOTAL GROWAVERAGE: 586

FINANCIALS *(as of March 1, 2016):*

Giving to Date: \$181,639 | Budget to Date: \$198,505 | Giving vs. Budget: (\$16,866) | YTD Expenses: \$185,629