

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Church Family,

Whew! I am so glad spring is here and summer is close. I warned us that this winter and early spring was going to be a crazy season of life in ministry for me and it has not disappointed. As we were taking off from the Salt Lake City airport just weeks ago, I told Vicki that I was rather tired of flying. After counting, I realized that I have taken off in an airplane 24 times since January 1 of this year. That count includes 10 takeoffs to get to and from the Czech Republic, but is still a lot of airplane time. I don't mean to sound whiny, it's been an incredible season of service and blessing, but I'm ready to be home. Let's recount some of these blessings. First of all, my trip to Eastern Europe was like walking into a postcard. The history, the architecture, the cathedrals and the culture were all stunning and educational. My time with our partner church in Vysoke Myto was informative, eye-opening and God-ordained. We were able to talk about ministry growth and advancement in ways that had not seemed possible for the last eight years. I was impressed by the vision and heart of the pastors at the church. Next, we celebrated the resurrection of our Savior again this year and saw God do some incredible things over the weekend. We had 18 professions of faith and a number of folks indicate they were ready to be baptized. Over the last month, we have seen almost 15 people follow the Lord in obedience in baptism. During this same month, we have continued to see God working in other ministries and in individual lives. Next, we have seen two more teams return to India to work among our "Unreached Unengaged People Group" and are amazed each time at the testimonies we hear. We are already hearing stories of new believers who have shared their faith with others... who have shared their faith with others, and so on to the fourth generation of converts. Only two years ago, there were no known believers among this people group and today, there are good numbers of people who have not only accepted Christ, but have come to multiple trainings to be equipped to return to their villages and share the gospel with others. We are now training these believers on how to have church meetings and grow the Kingdom in their village. Next, only three weeks ago I returned from Uganda where I was privileged to train church leaders and pastors and preach the gospel in a village church service. The enthusiasm and joy of the body of Christ in Uganda is infectious. They are people who have so little and yet are so content to live life for Jesus with complete abandonment. Our trip was marked by challenge, by seeing the demonic and by the miraculous. I would testify that God is good and so willing to use us for His glory as we allow Him to do so. Here at home, I rejoice in seeing all of the progress on the first two phases of our "Building for the Journey" campaign. Within weeks, we will celebrate the conclusion of Phases 1 and 2. At that time, we will update where we are and how things are going as we continue to see how needful the entire expansion plan is for our congregation. We have classes meeting in the pantry, in offices, in living rooms and more. Phase 3 will provide additional educational space that is desperately needed and Phase 4 will provide us with much needed children and preschool ministry space and security. I know I have said this many times before, but there has never been a more exciting time to be a part of the body of Christ called Easthaven.

Pastor Daniel <><

WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

WELL

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

Where: TLC Retreat

Dates: May 13 & 14

Check-in: 4-6PM on Friday

Check-out: by 4pm on Saturday

Registration: \$25, includes meals

Lisa Taylor has taught the Bible for over 30 years. She continued teaching the Bible after retiring in 2006 from a 25 year ministry with Bible Study Fellowship International. Lisa lives in Tucson, Arizona married to Charlie, the love of her life for 44 years. They have two married daughters and four grandchildren. She enjoys reading, road trips, exploring historical sites, and rummaging through thrift stores and antique malls. Most of all, she enjoys hanging out with family and friends.



Becoming a Gap Person

In his book, *In the Gap*, Wilfredo De Jesus describes a gap as a place of weakness, vulnerability, and danger. It is a defenseless location of exposure and limitation, a point where people face real threats. Gaps exist in our countries, our communities, and at home with our families. God desires, and is more than able through His Son Jesus, the ultimate Gap Person, to fill in our gaps, and God is looking for people who will get into the gaps with others to help them in their time of need. Lisa Taylor, a thought provoking and relevant speaker, will help us look into the lives of 3 Gap People in the Bible: Caleb, Gideon, and Esther. We will have a better understanding of how we can each, personally, become a Gap Person in the lives around us during these challenging times.

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



W.E.L.L Gathering will not be meeting in June and July. Our first meeting back will be the second Saturday of August, the 13th.



On September 17th, Easthaven will again be hosting the Beth Moore Simulcast. Look forward to more details!

IRON SHARPENS IRON—MEN'S CONFERENCE

Iron Sharpens Iron is on May 21, from 8:30AM-4:55PM at Easthaven.

Cost: \$49

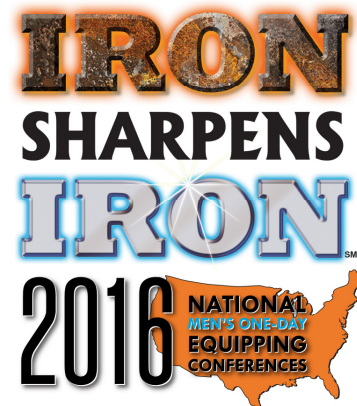
Student cost: \$25

Registration and doors open at 7:30am.

Espresso & baked goods will be available for purchase.

PAY BEFORE MAY 11 TO GET YOUR TICKET 20% OFF

REGISTER ONLINE @ EASTHAVEN.ORG OR AT EASTHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH



There are so many different events, service opportunities and powerful testimonies at our church...

HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON ALL THE TIME??

If you're anything like me, you *hate* missing out on events or inspiring testimonies. If something is happening, I want to know about it! With Awana themes, men's and women's ministry events, and God working in hundreds of lives each week, how are you supposed to stay on top of it? As our church grows, we've been working on making our communications more effective this year. I've compiled the main communication platforms we use at Easthaven to help you out.

Here are some easy ways to prevent missing out on important events:

- Read the Evangel, our newsletter that we publish six times a year (hint: you're reading it now!)
- Listen to the announcements at the end of each service during the weekend.
- Read the bulletin! Along with printed copies available during the worship services, we email out an electronic copy on Friday mornings and have an electronic version available on our church app and website. Don't forget to check out the inserts each weekend, they usually contain bigger events or need-to-know information.
- Make sure you're subscribed to our emails. We send emails once or twice a month.
- Check out our website: easthaven.org.
- Download our church app by searching "Easthaven Baptist Church" in your app store.
- "Like Us" on Facebook by searching "Easthaven Baptist Church"
- Follow us on Instagram. Our username is @easthavenbaptistchurch
- Follow us on Twitter. Our username is @easthaven59901
- If all else fails, you can always call us at the church office. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9-5pm or Friday, 10-4pm. Our phone number is 406-752-7021.

If you have any questions, please let me know!
Linnea, Communications Admin Assistant

VBS IS COMING SOON!

When: June 13th-17th from 8:45-noon

Where: Easthaven Baptist Church

Who: Grades Pre-K through 5th grade

Complete our online registration form at easthaven.org or pick up one in the foyer.



VBS Volunteers

If you are 13 years and older and are able to help us this year in VBS, please contact Mary Noble at (406) 270-1140.

**THANK
YOU!**

...to all our
wonderful Awana
volunteers who helped
us out this past year!
We couldn't do it
without you!!

Child Dedications

...will be on May 14 during e3 and on May 15 during the 9am 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 5th.

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

EASTHAVEN CAMPS AT TLC RETREAT

JULY 5-7 – KIDS' DAY CAMP

(Entering grades 1-3)

This week will include a day camp at the lake Tuesday through Thursday with transportation provided from Easthaven and back. Each day will include Bible study, recreation, adventure activities and lots of fun with friends. Lunch, snacks and transportation included.

Cost: \$75*

JULY 11-15 – KIDS' CAMP

(Entering grades 3-5)

This week will include spiritual growth opportunities, recreation and adventure, music and drama, and much, much more. This camp will include three full days and four nights of camping fun with friends for our annual major spiritual growth event for our children's ministry.

Cost: \$125*

JULY 18-22–MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

(Entering grades 6-8)

This week-long camp will provide a great opportunity to encounter Christ through Bible study, worship, and fun activities. It will be a time of group games (in and out of the water) great food, and fun times with friends.

Cost: \$125*

JULY 25-29 – GIRLS' CAMP

(Entering grades 3-6)

This week-long camp is for girls who are in this significant age of transition. The entire week will be a time of encouragement and training for young ladies to realize their true identity in Christ and develop a stronger foundation to face peer pressure, esteem issues and parents during these important years of rite of passage.

Cost: \$125*



JULY 8-10–ADVENTURE/SURVIVAL RETREAT

(for boys entering grades 7-12)

This weekend, Friday evening through Sunday evening, will give the more adventurous campers some exciting opportunities to face some outdoor challenges in the woods and on the lake while receiving survival and backpacking training for real life situations.

Cost: \$75

JULY 15-18–FOSTER FAMILY RETREAT

(for the families of foster children in the Flathead Valley)

This weekend will provide an opportunity to get away with your new and old family members for some time to relax, train, play and receive spiritual inspiration. Sponsored in coordination with ChildBridge Ministries.

Cost: NONE

JULY 22-24–COUPLES ENRICHMENT

(for married couples)

This weekend will provide opportunity for spiritual guidance, relational growth, much-needed relaxation and a chance to meet other couples who are committed to developing healthy marriages.

Cost: \$75

JULY 29-31

VIDEO GAME RETREAT

(for Middle School and High School)

This weekend will provide hours of opportunity to game with other kids who love gaming, but will be focused on equipping kids to guard themselves from the inappropriate influences of certain video games. The weekend will be enriched with spiritual guidance, music and outdoor time along the lakefront.

Cost: \$75



Thompson Lakes



Christian Retreat

*Discounts available for families with multiple children attending the same camp.



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

APRIL AVERAGES

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 809 | Sunday Bible Study: 100 | AWANA & Nightlife: 440 | TOTAL GROWAVERAGE: 485

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

Giving to Date: \$290,514 | Budget to Date: \$298,145 | Giving vs. Budget: (\$7,631) | YTD Expenses: \$273,355