

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Church Family,

I hope and pray that you have found time to rest, relax, and enjoy the glorious beauty of God's creation on display so profoundly here in our valley over the last few months. If you have not, be gently encouraged to find time for Sabbath. It is very important for you and your family and certainly to the Lord; so much so that He commanded it and designed us physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically to require it. We can cheat in this area for awhile, but eventually we wear out and are forced to stop and rest. My encouragement to all of us is to do so before your body, mind and spirit wear out from overload. While you rest, take time with your church family to celebrate some amazing things that God is doing right here in our midst. This weekend, Chris and Kim Baker will be officially launching "Summit Life Church", a congregation of the Easthaven family in Whitefish. After nearly two years in the community, God has given us the green light to get started. He has provided a place and seems to be gathering the people. Please pray with us for God to build His kingdom there and about how He might lead you to participate in the launch. Maybe you need to volunteer in some ministry capacity to help through the initial transition or perhaps He will ask you to transplant your life to serve and give to start this new congregation. However He leads, please be open to obey and serve accordingly. In addition to this new church plant, we again have to address space issues for ourselves. Our 9:00 am service is consistently full and this demographic is an exciting growth edge for us. To alleviate some of the over-crowding and to provide additional seats, we are planning to begin a third Sunday morning service at 7:45am starting this Sunday, September 11. We are offering this option for a time to worship in the hopes there are enough people like myself who are pretty devout morning people who will be blessed to come early and free up space for others. In an initial survey of our 9:00 crowd, about 120 people indicated an interest in this time slot, so I'm excited about this opportunity for our church to continue to grow. At this same time, we will be starting a new sermon series and will spend the remainder of 2016 studying through the life of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Mark. This series will be entitled, "Jesus; from end to beginning." We will begin our study through the life of our Savior at the end of the gospel and study through it from His ascension following His resurrection all the way back to His birth which will strategically land on Christmas Sunday. It will be a great study and an opportunity for us to build upon our foundation of the life we have in Jesus, the Christ. Lastly, we as a congregation will forever be indebted to those who preceded us in building the church here. Our founding pastor and my personal friend, Robert Wall, moved from Mississippi to Kalispell, Montana in 1962. He relocated to the valley with his wife and children and planted the first Southern Baptist Church in northwestern Montana. He served as our pastor for almost 10 years before returning to Mississippi. His legacy of faithful service, heart for missions and commitment to preach the gospel laid an incredible foundation upon which we have been building since. Brother Wall passed away this last month as a faithful man who mentored and encouraged me so many times over the last 25 years. His delightful sense of humor, genuine encouragement and warm hospitality will be missed. Thanks for the incredible privilege of serving the Lord Jesus with you.

Pastor Daniel <><

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SEPTEMBER 14

TO REGISTER YOUR KIDS:

- Download registration on our website
- Stop in the church office during business hours
- Fill out the form in the atrium

**AWANA is
starting soon!**

We are looking for volunteers (members only) to help with Awana. To volunteer and change kid's lives this year, call the church office.

WHAT HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT EASTHAVEN?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

5:00-6:00PM

Fellowship with your church family before the night begins! Dinner is served from 5-6pm. Cost: Age 2 and under is free, 10 years and under is \$1.50, 11 years and older is \$2.50, not to exceed \$8 per family. Starts September 14.

AWANA

6:00-8:00PM

Awana meets on Wednesday nights and is for children ages 3-5th grade. Starts September 14.

IGNITE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:15-8:00PM

Ignite is an energetic ministry for Middle School students in grades 6-8. We have already started, join us this Wednesday!

FUSION HIGH SCHOOL

6:15-8:00PM

Fusion is an engaging ministry for High School students in grades 9-12. We have already started, join us this Wednesday!

NIGHTLIFE CLASSES

6:15-8:00PM

We offer a variety of adult classes that focus on life issues including topics from Beth Moore, Precepts, Men's Bible studies and more. We also have a NEW daytime class, see the next page for details.



FALL QUARTER 2016

Wednesday Night Supper | 5-6pm
Adult Classes | 6:15-7:45pm Wednesdays
Childcare and AWANA | 6-8pm
Ignite & Fusion | 6:15-8pm

PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT: COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON

Teacher: Gail Macauley | Location: 310

Time: **6:15PM on Wednesdays (Starts Sept. 14)** Cost: \$22

Precept Bible Studies are in-depth studies in an easy-to-follow, daily format that takes about an hour per day. If you're ready to intimately understand the whole counsel of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, you're ready for Precept Upon Precept. *3.75 Continuing Education Credits are available!*

ENTRUSTED BY BETH MOORE (CLASS A)

Teacher: Jill Hembroff | Location: 206

Time: **6:15PM on Wednesdays (Starts Sept. 21)** Cost: \$14.50

In Beth's newest study in 2 Timothy, we discover we were never meant to take this journey of faith alone. God has entrusted us with the gift of the gospel! God's Word is something too precious and life giving to keep to ourselves! *Christian School Teacher's note: this class is ACSI approved for 1 credit.*

ENTRUSTED BY BETH MOORE (CLASS B)

Teacher: Marcia Whiteman | Location: 206

Time: **9:30am on Thursdays (Starts Sept. 22)**

Cost: \$14.50

See above info.

MEN'S STUDY ON JOSHUA

Teacher: Pastor Matt | Location: Daniel's Office

Time: **6:15PM on Wednesdays (Starts Sept. 14)**

Cost: none

Join Pastor Matt in this popular men's study as he presents the Book of Joshua in a clear and understanding way; helping men to live their lives God's way. In fact, God's faithfulness is so complete that at the end of the book is this proclamation: *You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed* (Joshua 23:14).

BIBLE 101

Teacher: Judy Thornton | Location: 406

Time: **6:15PM on Wednesdays (Starts Sept. 14)**

Cost: none

Jump in this Bible 101 class as Judy helps us explore the Bible book by book. Learn what the Bible has to say about how we live our daily lives. Judy has always had a passion to teach and is faithful to God's Word and sharing it with others.

What Does Our Life Together Look Like As A Church

By: Dr. Mike Marrs

As I take on a new role as the Associate Pastor of Counseling and Senior Adult Ministries here at Easthaven, I am reminded of how important it is for us to celebrate life together as believers in the Body of Christ, encouraging and loving one another and learning life's lessons from those who have gone before us. Over the next several months, a team will be formed to help address how as a church we can benefit our members and the community by reaching across multi-generational lines to help better serve the needs of one another. It is my hope, as we strive to serve one another, young and old, married, single, widowed, divorced, dying or in the celebration of a new birth, we will reap God's blessing, as our lives together truly reflect the life and body of Christ. In the following article, Depak Raju asks and answers a very relevant question for this period of time in our church, "What does our life together look like as a church?"

"Suppose a friend comes to you, and says, 'I'm struggling with _____.' Alcohol? Drug addiction? Porn addiction? Bad marriage? Anger? Disappointment? Loneliness? Hatred or conflict? Suicidal thoughts? What do church members *typically* do in reaction to this comment? They back away and send the hurting person to their pastor (or a local counselor). Sad, isn't it? They pass off the person faster than a quarterback handing off the football to his running back. What *should* a church member do? Christians, the normal everyday members of a church, should be willing to engage in the hard things, and not run away from each other. They should *teach the Word* to one another. They should *love* one another. They should *bear with* each other. They should *be patient* with each other. That's often lacking in churches, isn't it? Take my first point – Christians should teach one another with the Word. When a nasty situation shows up, some Christians don't speak to each other with the Word, for fear that they're too immature to handle the Word, or they don't know their Bibles well enough to speak up. Or they are scared they will mess up the person, so they don't say much. Others are quick to offer cheap advice or a personal opinion, throwing at their friend whatever they think. But God's Word doesn't seep into their conversations.

What does the apostle Paul tell us? "I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another" (Romans 15:14). Do you hear that? Everyday Christians are competent to instruct one another. With the Spirit and the Word, they don't have to assume that professional ministry people, pastors and certified counselors, are the *only ones* to be involved in messy, ugly, heartless, ruthless, and painful ministry situations.

Here's my basic premise: *Church members should be involved in the ugly parts of ministry, and not just the professional ministry folks.* Shocking, isn't it? Far too many are prone to pass off troubled situations to pastors or counselors, thinking, "Let the professionals handle it." They disengage. They don't stay involved. They reason, "Okay, now the pastors (or counselors) got it. The struggling person is in good hands. Now I can go back to my normal life." Then they pull back. Yet, the apostle Paul never intended for churches to be filled with disengaged church members, acting more like a relationally-superficial social club. The apostle instructs church members—the everyday normal members of our church—to engage each other, even in the messy things in the Christian life. There is no such thing as relationally superficial Christianity. Christ-like love requires us to get involved in messy situations.

My simplest way to prove this biblically is to look at the "one another" texts in Scripture. Just listen to how the Apostle Paul traces out the relationship of Christians, one to another.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10).

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God" (Romans 15:7).

"I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another" (Romans 15:14).

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

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Do you hear that? These verses are speaking to Christians, and notice the general direction—to oblige Christians to love one another, be devoted to each other, to honor, accept, be patient, be kind and compassionate, forgive, and even to instruct. There is an obligation for Christians to be invested in each other's lives. It is unavoidable if you read Scripture...

Not every member is going to know what to do, or what to say, in difficult situations. In fact many are going to be overwhelmed, especially if a friend showed up and said, "I'm an alcoholic" or "I'm in a bad marriage, and my wife just left me" or "I'm thinking of killing myself." Many, in fact, would freak out, and start dialing the pastor's cell number. But just because folks are scared doesn't mean we should excuse them from their biblical responsibility to help. Churches are supposed to be communities of love. We're supposed help one another through the Christian life. We're a cooperative of sinners, who know we need a Savior, and who agree to link arms with one another, marching forward to heaven together.

The future vision for the LOGOS Christian Counseling Center and our Senior Adult Ministry is to begin equipping our members to better love one another multi-generationally, and to take on the job of helping each other walk through the messy stuff of real life, recognizing Christ is to be the reference point for all our actions.



We are truly living in a season of transition at EBC. Just look at the renovations to our building, a new church plant, new small groups, new programs, and new staff. Transition is often a time of difficulty as we venture into unknown territory, or when we find ourselves saying goodbye to dear friends like Peter and Edwina who have moved to Texas, or when we grieve the loss of close brothers and sisters in Christ who have left us to take up residency with the Lord.

God often uses transition as a means to catch our attention, stretch us spiritually, and to help us take our eyes off of ourselves—placing our eyes on Him, trusting in His sovereignty and direction. While transition and change can be difficult, it can also be even more rewarding when done properly.

Our 50+ ministry is now entering a period of transition and change too. Over the years we have seen our 50+ ministry grow in numbers—under Peter's leadership. The ministry has successfully reached out to members of other churches and the community sharing the Gospel and developing close friendships within the church.

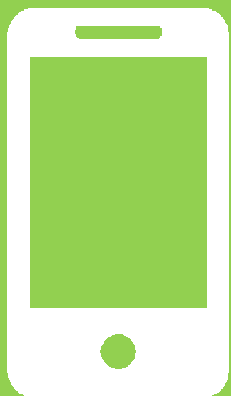
It is my desire to see our 50+ ministry continue to grow while we also begin a new transition of service to one another and our younger members of the church. I believe our senior adults represent a great, untapped resource of wisdom and knowledge that could benefit our younger church community and leaders. Our seniors have so much to offer in the way of service and ministry to young families, shut-ins, the sick and the lonely. What's missing is the framework that allows our seniors to fully participate in the life of our church while maximizing their potential in service to the Kingdom of God.

On our October 7th meeting of 50+, I hope to *begin* laying out a new vision for the Senior Adult Ministry at Easthaven. During this time of transition I encourage all of our senior adults to plan to attend this meeting. You will be given an opportunity to share your own ideas, thoughts, concerns and vision for how we might better serve one another and others in the future. You will help cast a vision for the Senior Adult Ministry at Easthaven reflective of your legacy for future generations. Through your participation, you will be among the first to hear of new things to come, and learn how you can continue to play a vital role in the life and growth of our church.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Mike Marrs

TEXT TO GIVE NUMBER



Our text giving phone number has changed. To give, please **text to 73256**, then type EBC and the fund and amount. Example: *EBC 50* or *EBC Build 50*.

SUMMITLIFE Church

IT'S LAUNCH DAY!

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US.

9 / 11 / 2016

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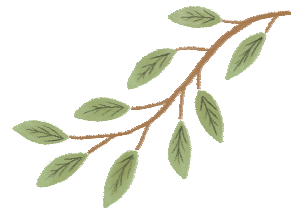
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**Saturday
September 17, 2016**

All women are invited to join us at Easthaven Baptist Church for the simulcast. Bring your friends and join us for a great day with the Lord and Beth Moore. Doors open at 7:30am. The session starts at 8:15am and will end by 3:30pm. Brunch and snacks will be served.



LIVING PROOF
WITH *simulcast*
Beth Moore

Tickets: \$20

Available in the church office during business hours or in the atrium after service.

Need more info: valgibson56@gmail.com



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

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY
MONTHLY MEETING:
Saturday, October 15
9:30-11:00am**

Our meeting date has changed! Join us for a potluck brunch with a special guest speaker, Cindy Basnett, as she speaks about her recent South Asia mission trip.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

On May 21, 2016, Easthaven Baptist Church was the host site for the Iron Sharpens Iron conference (ISI), which was organized by six local churches in an effort to unite our churches in pursuit of what God calls us as men to do. This year approximately 430 Men (60 from EBC) attended the conference in an effort to gain tools to become more Christ like. 11 different speakers came from all over the United States to encourage, to equip, and to challenge us as men to step up as the spiritual leader that God has called us to be in our home, at church, and in the world. My favorite seminar title was, "Your Past Is Your Ministry Today: Hardships Do Not Disqualify Guys From Doing God's Work." This is so true! Men, we have each been through trials in life that shape who we are and how we see the world. Sometimes these experiences are like a trap, which keeps us from moving forward in our relationship with Christ or others, like our spouse. The enemy is powerful and he wants to keep us in "Stuckville" so that the Army of God is ineffective and unmoving. No more! NO MORE! Your past can be used as a most powerful testimony by God to reach others in our church and community by sharing an example of heart change and redemption! Others can relate to your story and see hope for themselves. Consider a message from Pastor Daniel about King Hezekiah last month. He was facing an overwhelming army from Assyria, but he turned to God and believed that God could do anything to deliver them. The Lord sent an angel, who took care of the entire army that surrounded Jerusalem. This is the same God we follow and He can deliver us from our traps and send an angel to fight our battles too. However, we need to do our part by believing and trusting Him. The Iron Sharpens Iron conference was primarily a tool to help each of us on our journey to follow Jesus. We heard from speakers who are the Hezekiahs of today, men who have shared their life stories and the battles they faced, how they trusted in Jesus, and finally their healing or victorious outcomes. The Men's Ministry at Easthaven exists to help you on your journey. How can we help you?

Currently we have many ways you can get connected with other guys and get out of "Stuckville." Come to one of the following men's gatherings or consider joining a small group:

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	GROUP
Mondays	6:30—7:30am	EBC Foyer	Men's Prayer
Wednesdays	6:15—7:45pm	Pastor Daniel's Office	Men's Bible Study with Pastor Matt
Wednesdays	6:00—7:30pm	Behind EBC	Men's Bow shooting
Thursdays	6:00—7:30am	Theater	Men's Fraternity
Thursdays	6:30—8:30pm	Room 206	For Men Only

We have men who are willing to start a new Bible study group on a different day and time, so if you are interested, please let me know. I also have audio recordings from the Iron Sharpens Iron Conference that I am happy to lend to you. This is your journey! Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." We need each other to successfully move forward out of "Stuckville" and in the battle for Men's Souls. Take action, join other men!

Your Men's Ministry Leader,
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W O R S H I P S E R V I C E S :
SATURDAYS @ 6PM (MODERN)
SUNDAYS @ 7:45AM (CLASSIC) | 9AM (CLASSIC) | 11AM (MODERN)

SERVICE TIME CHANGES

Starting September 11



SATURDAY

6PM e3 (Modern)

SUNDAY

7:45AM (Classic)

9AM (Classic)

11AM (Modern)

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 see the complete list of deacons on our website in the "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.



Dan
Naldrett



Tim
Bochman

ATTENDANCE | GIVING RECORDS

AUGUST AVERAGES

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 773 | Sunday Bible Study: 70 | Nightlife: —

FINANCIALS (as of August 31, 2016):

Giving to Date: \$814,244 | Budget to Date: \$790,523 | Giving vs. Budget: \$23,701 | YTD Expenses: \$777,046