

NOVEMBER 2021

HOPE

IN THE BOOK OF MARK

THE ECHOES

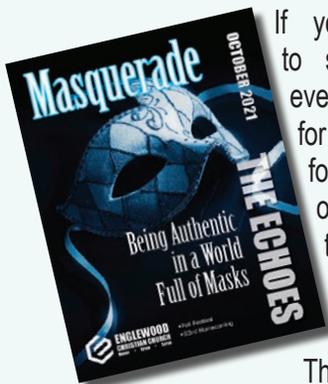


**ENGLEWOOD
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
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- 2022 Faith Promise Missions Conference Details
- Thanksgiving Baskets Update
- ECC @ a Glance

During the month of November, our Sunday morning sermon series will focus on the topic of Hope in the Book of Mark. To parallel that theme of study, this month's articles will all come from topics in this same gospel and emphasize the importance of the truths we read of there. We hope these messages will leave their "mark" on you!

DEADLINES



If you would like to submit articles, events or activities for consideration for the next issue of *The Echoes*, the deadline is **Monday, November 8.**

The deadline for submitting information for the weekly e-newsletter is each **Wednesday at 5:00 pm.**

Please email all submissions to angelah@eccjax.com with any coordinating artwork or graphics.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School
9:00am

Worship Service/Children's Programming
10:30am

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm Prayer Gathering

7:00pm Programming for all ages

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@ 10:30am

Scan the QR code to check in on Sunday mornings – get the bulletin, prayer list, online giving and connection card all in one place!



Contributions October 24, 2021

General Fund

Week 21 Budget..... \$220,479.00

Week 21 Totals \$188,687.83

Faith Promise

Week 34 Budget..... \$146,417.60

Week 34 Giving..... \$167,640.00

ECC Statistics

Morning Worship	Sunday School	Wednesday Night
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Sunday, October 3

187	110	61
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Sunday, October 10

165	107	72
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Sunday, October 17

140	108	68
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Sunday, October 24

139	96	74
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Totals include estimated
online attendance

ECC Church Staff

Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister

Josh Colvin, Student Minister

Karissa Mead, Worship
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Serena Maerkl, Children's Director

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Weekly Choir Schedule

Wee Praise

Wednesday @ 7:00pm in 314

JWK

Wednesday @ 6:00pm in 301

Vocal Explosion

Wednesday @ 5:45pm in 208

Adult Worship Choir

Sunday @ 11:30am in 209

CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2021

Quilting/Sewing Group
Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Tuesday, November 2/
Saturday, November 6
CWF Circle Meetings

Sunday, November 7
Daylight Saving Time Ends
ESM Annual Questions
Night

Monday, November 8
GriefShare Surviving the
Holidays

Tuesday, November 9
CWF Board Meeting

Friday, November 12
Prime Timers' Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 16
CWF Dinner
Men's Ministry Dinner

Thursday, November 18
Young Adults' Friendsgiving

Friday, November 19
e-city kids Outdoor Movie
Night

Saturday, November 20
Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 21
ESM Thanksgiving Feast

Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving Holiday –
Office Closed
Thanksgiving Day Football

Friday, November 26
Thanksgiving Holiday –
Office Closed

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

The Heart of the Sabbath



by Angela Hastings, Office Manager

In Mark 2 we find one of several instances of the Pharisees questioning Jesus about something He does on the Sabbath. They made keeping the Sabbath, along with everything else, legalistic. In this situation they got worked up about the disciples eating the heads of grain because they picked them on the Sabbath. In chapter 3 the Pharisees actually began planning to kill Jesus when He healed someone on the Sabbath. They also got upset when Jesus told a healed man to carry his mat home in John 5. They were caught up in meeting the requirements of the Sabbath and making others do so as well. They had forgotten the heart and the reason for the Sabbath. Jesus addresses that in Mark 2:27 (NLT): *“The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.”*

In our American culture of achievement, independence and success, I don't think many of us could be accused of trying to meet the Jewish requirements of the Sabbath. In fact, I think we could be accused of the opposite. Rather than remembering to keep the Sabbath legalistically, we tend to ignore the Sabbath habitually. We, too, have forgotten the heart of the Sabbath.

I don't recall exactly when I started ignoring God's command to remember the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8), but there are a few things I do remember from that time in my life.

- Sunday afternoons at Starbucks, reading my latest leadership book and catching up on work emails, so I wouldn't be hit with so many on Monday morning. It seemed innocent enough. After all, I worked for a ministry. I was doing the Lord's work.
- Working on Sunday afternoons. Days off not being back to back or on the weekends. Volunteering to work on Wednesday nights rather than going to small group.
- Being the go-to person if there was a crisis or a question. Every day of the week. And there were a lot of crises. (Eventually, my heart started racing every time I heard a text message come in.)

Now, by sharing those memories, I'm just sharing my experience. I'm by no means advocating the Sabbath has to be remembered, honored or celebrated on a Sunday, or even a Saturday (which was actually the Jewish tradition). However, we all need a day each week to put aside our work, even our ministry, to rest.

In addition to remembering those experiences, I also remember the first book I read about the Sabbath and the conviction I felt. Remembering the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, just like “Thou shalt not murder.” God was serious about it. It took some time and accountability, but I eventually started making some changes. Sometimes, before you can make practical changes, you have to change the way you think, and the book I mentioned, along with others, helped with that. Here's one of the most important takeaways I had from *The Rest of God – Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath* by Mark Buchanan (page 63):

Real Sabbath...depends on...complete confidence and trust [which are] ...rooted in a deep conviction that God is good and God is sovereign.

There's no rest for those who don't believe that. If God works all things together for good for those who love him and are called to his purposes, you can relax. If he doesn't, start worrying. If God can take any mess, any mishap, any wastage, any wreckage, any anything, and choreograph beauty and meaning from it, then you can take a day off. If he can't, get busy. Either God's always at work, watching the city, building the house, or you need to try harder.

In the Creation story, God set an example for us regarding the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3): *“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”* God wasn't tired or weary. He made the Sabbath holy, set it apart from other days of the week, for us. For us to stop. For us to rest. For us to enjoy. For us to connect. With Him and with others. He knew we would need it. He is good. He is sovereign. You don't need to get busier or try harder. You need complete trust and confidence in the truth that you can relax, and the Sabbath was created to meet your needs by a loving Father who is always at work. You need to remember the heart of the Sabbath.



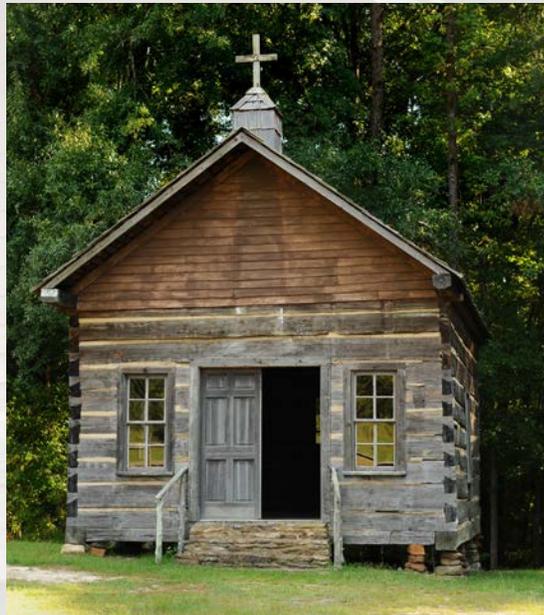
The Heart of Testimony

by Serena Maerkl, Children's Director

My husband and I recently attended a parent/teacher conference with our fourth grader's teachers. It was a great opportunity for us to get to know each other a little better since it's still fairly early in the school year. It consisted of a lot of the average "get to know you" small talk. Where are you from? where did you go to school? and so on. These are the questions I'm the most comfortable with. They're fairly easy to answer. I love sharing the unique qualities of my home town because it's so different from what the majority of people have experienced. It's small, and I'm not talking Yulee or Middleburg small. I'm talking Mayberry (*The Andy Griffith Show*) kind of small. What it lacked in big city amenities, it made up for it with a strong sense of community. These strong ties are the very reason why most people who are born there, never leave. Unfortunately, this also means the rich culture, the history, and the stories of the people who lived there are at risk of getting stuck there forever as well. Like I said before, sharing this part of my life comes easily, and I don't think I'd ever get tired of talking about by Appalachian roots. In many ways, it's easier to share the history of my birthplace than it is to share the story of my re-birth with Christ. One is no less personal to me than the other, so why isn't it just as natural for me to share my testimony with the people I meet?

While reading through the book of Mark, I kept going back to this one event. In chapter 5, verses 1-20, we're given the account of a man who has been possessed by demons. He lived amongst the dead in the tombs, he was so strong he could not be restrained, and he spent his days screaming uncontrollably and harming himself. The people were terrified of him, and he was considered an outcast. When the man encountered Jesus, we learn his torment was caused by not one demon, but a whole battalion of them. We are never told the exact number, but when Jesus asked for the name of this demon, they replied "My name is Legion," which during that time in history would have referred to a group of 6,000 Roman soldiers. So here was a man, living each day trapped in this horrific existence. He lived with the knowledge he had no control over his life, and no hope of being released from the prison of his own body. Yet Jesus was able to drive out these demons. He transformed the man's

despair into rejoicing. Then, he was so overcome with Jesus' power, and the scripture says in verse 18 he begged to go with Him. Jesus denied his request, and instead commanded him to go back to his own people and to share all Jesus had done for him. Specifically, He told him to, "Tell them how he has shown mercy to you" (v.19). Jesus showed him mercy when no one else around him would. Rather than have the man cling to the safety Jesus' presence could provide, He encouraged the man to share his testimony with his people.



All too often we find ourselves becoming overly comfortable within the safety of our own community. We may feel safe sharing our testimony at church (small groups, men's/ladies' groups, etc.), but we may find ourselves less comfortable with people outside the church. Talking to strangers can be intimidatingly difficult on its own. Talking to them about Jesus can often add a whole other level of anxiety. Maybe we're scared of people calling us hypocrites, maybe we're ashamed of our past, or maybe we're just afraid of talking to people in general. Whatever the case may be, we are called to be a witness, and part of that is being willing to

share our story with other people. First John 1:2-3 says this: "The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." We are asked to share, so others may also receive that same salvation. Choosing only to share amongst fellow believers, while important for fellowship within the church body, means the power of God's transformative powers remains hidden in the hearts of believers. All of us have a transformation story to tell. Maybe they aren't as drastic as the demon possessed man, but its ability to lead someone to Christ isn't any less powerful.

After being saved, the no longer possessed man went out and shared throughout the Decapolis (ten major Gentile cities) the story of his salvation. If you have found yourself hesitating when the chance to share presents itself, I hope you can find a little inspiration from this man's journey and feel good about taking your story out of Mayberry and sharing it with the big cities of this world.

The Heart of Faith



by Karissa Mead, Worship Ministry Director

Confused. That's what I've been the last week or so. I felt like the character Tom Riddle (aka Voldemort) in *Harry Potter* when he "comes across a bit of rare magic," as my curiosity got spiked about something I read. While I was casually reading through Mark, Jesus was doing His thing: teaching the Pharisees about the purpose of laws. In this case, they asked Him about eating food that was "clean," and He responded, "What comes out of a person is what defiles them" (Mark 7:20).

Then, Jesus met a woman whose daughter needed healed from an unclean spirit (Mark 7:24-30). Ok, ok, all is good. Jesus is going to heal her, no problem. He loves healing people. But then I came across the conversation between Him and the girl's mother. Here's what happened:

"She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. He told her, 'first let the children eat all they want, for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'"

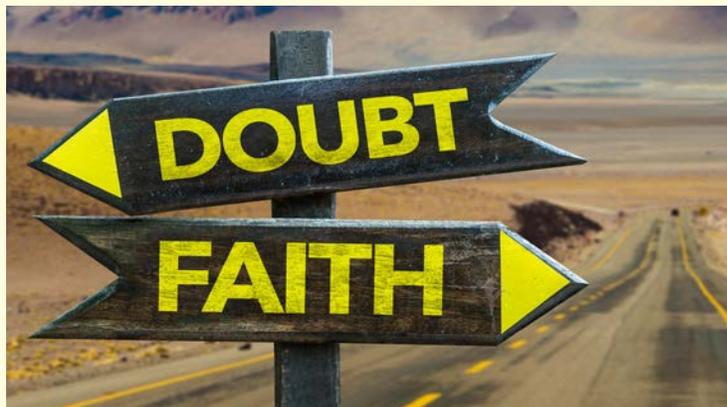
I had to stop reading for a second, I was so surprised. I realized I'd been glancing over this story for some time. It seemed like Jesus was being a bit rude to this woman, but what I know of Jesus' character told my heart there might be more to the story. I asked some questions, did some digging, and discovered this woman's context. We know from the passage she is not a Jew, that much is clear. What was not clear and required some historical context was this woman's association with thieves. She came from a part of town whose inhabitants were known for stealing grain from the Jews. And, in that time, Jews commonly referred to Gentiles as dogs.

Those Gentiles stealing grain from the Jews were getting the first fruits of a crop which was not theirs, hence the illustration. Jesus is simply calling her people's thievery into question, not necessarily calling her names.

Since learning that context, this story has been on my mind... and has left me changed. Of course it did; I learned a lot from this woman.

Her heart was clean

It's from the heart we defile ourselves. That's the lesson of the whole chapter, not just this encounter. I have to give it to her; she had wit and responded to Jesus with her own illustration: "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs" (Mark 7:28). The woman acknowledged she was a Gentile "under the table." She didn't participate in the thieving, but she wanted the healing which only came from the Jew's Messiah...even if it's just a crumb! Her heart was clean of theft, something Jesus had just taught against (Mark 7:21). And for that He took the demon from her daughter (Mark 7:29).



Her heart determined the quality of her faith

Before Jesus' encounter with the Gentile woman, He had just taught this message: what comes out of a person (what's in their heart) is what defiles them and makes them "unclean" (Mark 7:20-23). It was her heart that determined the faith she had. That kind of faith can't be faked, bought, or acquired easily. The woman's sincere faith is what prompted Jesus to heal her daughter. We know Jesus Himself wasn't prejudiced, but He (using that illustration) even acknowledged there was tension between Jew and Gentile. Whatever tension there may have been – be it racial tension, social status or religious status – she overcame those personal barriers by her faith in Jesus to do an impossible thing for her daughter.

Her faith was persistent

This woman tracked Jesus DOWN. He had finished teaching the Pharisees, left that place and went somewhere to hide. He didn't want anyone to know where He was (7:24), but somehow, she found Him. She was confident Jesus could help her daughter, and she was willing to work to get Him to see her need. What strikes me about this is since she was a Gentile, she wouldn't have known about Israel's Messiah in the way the Jews would have. A Jew's faith would have been informed by Scripture. She may not have had that scriptural foundation of a coming Messiah. It may have required more persistence, and a big step of faith on her part.

This story left me asking myself:

Is my heart clean? Is my heart sincerely faithful? Is my faith persistent?

Friends, we have the benefit of *knowing* who our Messiah is. We don't have to guess whether He has power or not – He does. I hope you ask yourself those same things and discover a deeper, stronger, more sincere faith. And by all means, seek answers to what you're confused about! You might end up changed and loving Jesus more than you did before.



The Heart of Service

by Pete Ramsey, Senior Minister

When I was in high school, I worked in a restaurant in the “pantry” section of the kitchen. Our area had oversight of all vegetable prep, salads, desserts, cold appetizers and the regular refilling, cleaning and maintaining of the salad bar in the dining room area of the business. I worked nights and handled the clean up and tear down of this area, as well. Some of the daily tasks associated with this job included peeling and slicing a 50 pound bag of onions each day, prepping 100+ loaves of dough for baking the next day, peeling 50+ shrimp each night for shrimp cocktail appetizers, peeling 25 pounds of carrots for various meals and menu prep, shredding 30-40 heads of cabbage for coleslaw and other menu items, cleaning out the soup station (which had a 40 gallon soup urn – that’s a lot of chicken noodle!), and prepping all the various items for the salad bar – slicing cucumbers and mushrooms, washing and cleaning other vegetables, mixing house made salad dressings and more. My favorite task was the slicing and distribution of our famous homemade Key Lime Pie. I was supposed to manage 10 slices per pie, but somehow one always turned out unpresentable so it got left on the counter for me to “dispose” (translate – EAT IT) of it later.

I loved that job. Sometimes we would have famous celebrities come to our restaurant due to its location just across from the Daytona International Speedway. I’ve served salad to Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt and cut pie for Bill Elliot and Bobby Allison! I had a wonderful time working in the kitchen and partnering with everyone else in the kitchen to create a wonderful meal and dining experience for all our guests. In fact, while in high school, my career path had a fork in the road – I was going to pursue culinary skills or practice full time vocational ministry. Needless to say, I think I made the right choice.

One thing both of those career paths have in common is the desire to serve. In a restaurant, the role of everyone from the manager at the top to the dishwasher at the bottom is to serve the customer. In the church, it’s the same way – and it’s not just limited to the pastors, ministers or leaders either. The role of service in the church is for everyone.

There’s a story in the gospel of Mark that helps us understand fully what is required of us in regards to our role of servant in the

Kingdom of God. In Mark 10:35-45, James and John ask Jesus if they can sit at His right and left in the Kingdom. Long story short, Jesus once again has to correct their thinking from an earthly kingdom to a spiritual kingdom. It’s not about position or power, but rather service and sacrifice. While the disciples are arguing about positions of human prominence and power, Jesus quickly corrects them when He says,

“whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:44-45 NIV)



In other words, the best way to be first is to be last – the last one seated at dinner, the last one in the door, the last one to go to bed, the last one to turn out the light, the last one to get in line...and on and on. Instead, we race to be first – first out the door, first in line, first to our chair, first to get what we think we rightfully deserve.

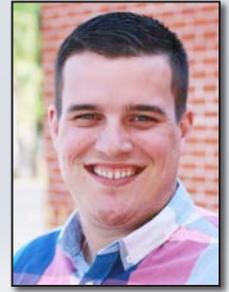
This sounds so easy, but can be so difficult, right? Even within the confines of the church building or Christian gatherings, we can easily be swayed to let others serve us or find ways to have our own desires or preferences met. Just as the disciples struggled with understanding the true

purpose of Christ’s coming, modern day believers fall into the same trap. Human nature has not changed over the course of history – pride and ego still manage to get in between us and our Lord. Somewhere along the way, we keep trading places – instead of us bringing everything and laying it at His feet, we trade places and somehow think He is the one who is supposed to bring everything we ever wanted or needed and lay it at our feet.

I think author David Garland says it best; when describing this scene, he says, “While Jesus is talking about all that he is about to give, the disciples come with a shopping list of all they want to get.”

So when it comes to your role in the Kingdom, do you come to Jesus with your list of wants from Him or do you come with your list of what you can do for Him? The first step towards having a heart of service is remembering to be the last one in everything you do.

The Heart of Humility



by Josh Colvin, Student Minister

Donkeys are extremely interesting animals. They usually get the short end of the stick when it comes to being a favorite, but they can really be used for a variety of things. When we think of uses for donkeys, we usually think of them as carrying cargo, leading carts, or riding them in the Grand Canyon. But I just learned something else they do several weeks ago.

I was talking to my wife's uncle, and he just recently moved to Texas for business and made friends with a livestock farmer there. The farmer told him the best things he found to protect his livestock are donkeys. At first, I did not believe him, but after watching a video on YouTube, I was amazed at what I saw. I saw a donkey take on a coyote and win. After I watched this video, I did some research on donkeys and why they are so good at protecting livestock. What I found was donkeys are naturally territorial animals. They alert farmers with their "HeeHaw" as this is supposed to scare the predator away. If this scare tactic doesn't work, then they challenge the predators by charging at them, and kicking and biting them. Their legs are just as strong, if not stronger, than those of a horse the same size. A single donkey can protect up to 300 head of livestock. Doing all this research and video watching blew my mind. Donkeys may have just become one of my favorite animals. If you have the time, search, "donkeys protecting livestock" on YouTube. I guarantee you will be impressed at what you watch when it comes to what donkeys can do.

In the Gospel of Mark, a donkey is mentioned, but not to protect livestock by biting a coyote or other predators. A donkey was used to usher in the King. Normally, we think of a king being brought into a city riding a magnificent horse or mighty elephant, but this was no ordinary king. This king came from the highest throne to

the lowest of lows to fulfill a mission so indescribably great no man could have written a more perfect script. If you guessed King Jesus, you would be correct.



In Mark 11, Jesus uses a colt (male donkey) to ride into Jerusalem. This is often referred to as The Triumphal Entry. There were several reasons Jesus chose to ride a donkey. He was fulfilling prophecy from the book of Zechariah when it said, *"righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey"* (Zechariah 9). Another reason was to associate with everyday, common people. During His time on earth, Jesus embraced people from all circumstances and classes of life, specifically the poor, sick, lowly and those with humble means. These were the types of people with whom others didn't normally associate.

So, His choice of a donkey instead of a horse was God's way of saying He came as a king who will serve and save not just the high and mighty, but everyone.

Jesus was a king and knew He was a king. No one could have faulted Him if He decided to reap the honor He so deserved, but He did not have that shallow perspective. He could've proven His majesty by riding in on a horse, but the donkey showed everyone His humility and surrender to the will of the Father.

Pride is not reserved for those with large bank accounts, club memberships and keys to foreign cars. Pride is the pit all people can fall into when we choose to put ourselves above everyone else, especially the Lord. It is humility which separates any old king from the greatest king, the King of Kings. We are called to be mirror images of Christ the King. In what ways can you use the perspective of humility to be more like Jesus today?

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

In less than 90 days, the 2022 Faith Promise Missions Conference will be here! The Missions Ministry Team would like to share some of the information and details we have in place for this great weekend.



Isaiah 55:6-13

Sunday, January 23, 2022 – Kickoff Weekend

Kingdom Partner Guests: Mike Schrage, Good News Productions International & TBD

International Luncheon immediately following the morning services

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:00pm – Visits and updates from two of our local/state based Kingdom partners (TBD)

Saturday, January 29, 2022

9:00am – Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Packing Event

Sunday, January 30, 2022 – Commitment Sunday

Kingdom Partner Guests: Bob Gailey, Christian Campus Fellowship @ UF & Joel Augustus, Lifeline Christian Mission/Omoa Children's Home

We will have combined adult SS classes both weeks to allow opportunities for our guests to share with us more about their specific works. Don't forget about the fantastic Kids Missions Conference which occurs simultaneously with the adult portions of the conference. There will also be wonderful and informative display boards all throughout the lobby area with details and information for many of our Kingdom partners we currently support. We hope you will begin to pray now for our upcoming Missions Conference. Pray for our partners who will be with us. Pray for our people to participate.

Have you ever attended the International Conference on Missions?



ICOM is an interactive missions conference held each year across the USA. This year it's in Richmond, VA, November 18-21, and our church has purchased a church-wide registration--which means you get to attend in person or stream online for FREE! Register with our church code and watch for more details in the e-newsletter and on Facebook.

Individuals/Families

Visit <https://theicom.org/register/>

Attending virtually: virtual21

SICOM Group (Students)

Visit <https://theicom.org/conference-details/icom-students/>

Enter code at check out: SICOMVA

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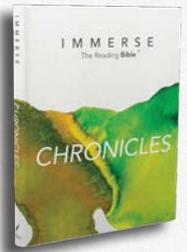
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The Bible Reading Experience™

During the month of November, our Immerse Bible Reading series takes us through the books of 1-2 Chronicles (revisiting the united and divided kingdoms of Israel from a different perspective), Ezra and Nehemiah (the account of the exiles returning to their homeland, restoring the practices of worship and rebuilding the Temple), Esther (a beautiful story of faithfulness and trust) and even into Daniel (a prophet during the time of exile in Babylon). Let us continue to be faithful as we press on towards our goal of reading through the entire Bible plus the New Testament again over a three year period. At the end of this semester (conclusion of *Immerse: Chronicles*), we will be exactly halfway there!

If you were not able to preorder a book through ECC, you can always pick one up through platforms online (amazon.com, christianbook.com), download the e-book version or even listen online to the podcast version.

Watch the newsletter each Friday for new updates relating to our Immerse readings. And don't forget about the weekly blogs written by our ministry staff, which reveal unique spiritual truths applicable to our daily lives, as well as the ECC Podcast hosted by Pete Ramsey as he dives deep into the more challenging questions and topics of each week.



IMMERSE: CHRONICLES WEEK 3 (11/1)
Chronicles—Ezra—Nehemiah

Day 11 pp. 43-49
Day 12 pp. 49-55
Day 13 pp. 55-60
Day 14 pp. 60-62
Day 15 pp. 63-67

WEEK 4 (11/8)
Chronicles—Ezra—Nehemiah

Day 16 pp. 67-70
Day 17 pp. 70-76
Day 18 pp. 76-80
Day 19 pp. 80-85
Day 20 pp. 85-90

WEEK 5 (11/15)
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Day 22 pp. 95-101
Day 23 pp. 101-107
Day 24 pp. 107-111
Day 25 pp. 111-115

WEEK 6 (11/22)
Chronicles—Ezra—Nehemiah

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Day 28 pp. 125-130
Day 29 pp. 130-136
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ECC VISION

WORSHIP
LIFESTYLE

HONORING ONE GOD

SACRIFICIAL
STEWARDSHIP

CONSISTENT
DISCIPLESHIP

GROWING ONE FAITH

PERSONAL
EVANGELISM

LOCAL
SERVICE

SERVING ONE WORLD

GLOBAL
SUPPORT

All children in K-5th are invited to join us on the night of November 19, for an outdoor viewing of **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (Gene Wilder version).



We will meet in the back field from **6:30-8:30pm**. Popcorn, drinks and theater candies will be provided at this **FREE** event. Each child will need to bring a blanket and chair. **Please register no later than November 15.** This is a drop off event, but parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the movie if they would like.



Breakfast will be on **Saturday, November 20** at **9:00am** in the Fellowship Hall, followed by prayer and a short devo. Invite a buddy and make plans to enjoy breakfast. Sign up online.



The Annual Questions Night is back on **Sunday, November 7 from 6:00-8:00pm** at **Swiss Cove Christian Church**. ECC Middle & High School Students will be hanging out with different youth groups during this opportunity to ask the youth ministers just about anything you want. We will be leaving from ECC at 5:15pm. Be thinking of some questions and sign up online!



ESM Hoodies available for pre-order, now – December 1st! These exclusive sweatshirts will not be available after this date. So, what are you waiting for? Order yours today, in pullover style or zip-up for only \$25!



Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Join the ECC GriefShare group on **Monday, November 8 at 6:30pm** for this seminar. Sign up on the app or website or at griefshare.org. Contact Beth Oyler for more details.

If you are a high schooler, then this weekend is for you. Take a break from school and get refreshed at a weekend just for you at North Florida Christian Camp. Mark your calendars for Friday, January 14 – Sunday, January 16. The cost for the weekend is **ONLY \$120**. This includes everything you need at camp, **PLUS A SHIRT**. Sign ups are open!



Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students!! Unfortunately, CIY Believe has been canceled this year. But do not worry, there is a weekend specifically for Middle School Students! Mark your calendars for **February 4-5, 2022**. You do not want to miss this phenomenal conference taking place at North Florida Christian Camp. The cost for this weekend is **ONLY \$75**. This includes everything you need at camp, **PLUS A SHIRT**. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank You

Thank you for all the calls and cards and meals after the death of my daughter. It really means a lot. Thank you.

Jonnell McRee

Words cannot express the gratitude and love we have for our church family. Thank you for all of the support you have given us during Momma Jean's passing.

Kim and the Owens family



Friday, November 12 at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. join the Prime Timers for our annual Thanksgiving celebration. Bring a side to share. Contact Bill or Beverly Arnold with questions.

CWF THANKSGIVING BASKET UPDATE

Each year our CWF ministry sponsors a Thanksgiving Basket Drive. More than thirty individual items are gathered and distributed to provide a complete thanksgiving meal. Along with each bag of non-perishable items, CWF purchases a rotisserie chicken for each package as well. This is a great service provided by our women's ministry. If you would like to participate by donating items for the bags, then please pick up a list on the work counter behind the church office (or find one online on the Friends of ECC Facebook Group page). If you would like to help donate to the purchase of the chicken for each meal, please contact Karen Lee, our Thanksgiving Basket program coordinator.

Ladies, our guest speakers for our CWF Thanksgiving Dinner will be our very own Madonna Smith, Betty Barnes and Beth Edenfield. Their message will be on the topic, "Something to be thankful for." The ECC Men's Ministry will be preparing and serving dinner. What a treat you won't want to miss!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP & MEN'S MINISTRY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00pm
Childcare available will be available



ECC Men's Ministry, we have the opportunity to serve dinner to the ladies of ECC! (They canceled their August meeting and dinner.) Please see Keith Vincent if you would like to help cook and Josh Colvin or Tom Bush for more details. Sign up online to help serve! Dinner will be provided for the men, as well.

November 18 at 6:30 pm
Mead's House

JOIN US FOR
Friendsgiving
POTLUCK



Join us for our last YA Bible Study of 2021! We'll provide the turkey and drinks, please bring a Thanksgiving side or dessert to share.

The Feast IS BACK! If you are a middle or high school student then make plans to attend the annual **ESM Thanksgiving Day Feast on Sunday, November 21** right after service in The Warehouse. The cost for this amazing feast is only \$5. Sign up online. Make sure to come hungry!



Thanksgiving Day Football



Before you dig into some turkey, make sure you come and play, or watch, our **4th Annual Thanksgiving Day Football on Thursday, November 25th at 8:30am** at the Englewood High School Football Field. This game is for ages 14 and older. If you would like to lead a kids' game, please see Josh Colvin. Once we have a leader for them, we will open signups for kids as well. Sign up online!



Elisabeth & Christopher Arnold (and Caspian) were presented a check during our ECC Homecoming from our Missions Committee.



Day Circle's special project for First Responders - Cookies and Thank You cards!



Before the fun began, ESM helped clean up NFCC in time for their Annual Fall Fest. Thank you to the students and adult leaders who came and helped.



Young Adults enjoying fellowship and a snack after their Bowling Tournament

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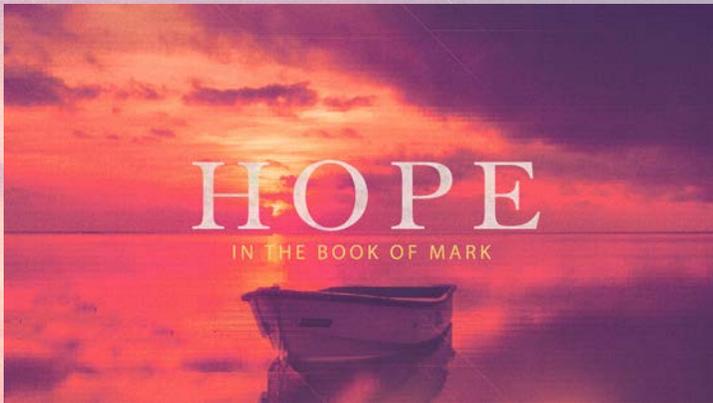
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



November 2021



Mark was written to a group of Roman Christians who were suffering under persecution. This month we will look at the Gospel of Mark through the lens of living as a disciple of Christ in a world filled with persecution and crisis. Yet, even in such a world, the hope found in Jesus brings encouragement and peace to the believer. Join us each Sunday in November as we encounter the messages from Mark about Hope.

- Hope for Repentance** **Mark 1:1-11**
- Hope for Comfort** **Mark 2:1-12**
- Hope for Deliverance** **Mark 5:1-20**
- Hope for Change** **Mark 4:1-20**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 7**

Don't forget to change your clocks!
Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, November 24
Closed @ noon

Thursday-Friday, November 25-26
Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 24
Closed @ noon – Christmas Eve

Monday, December 27
Closed – (Christmas Day Observed)

Tuesday-Thursday, December 28-30
Limited office hours – 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday, December 31
Closed – (New Year's Day Observed)