

EPHESUS BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026

PIANO PRELUDE
(Sandy Thomas)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 99:1

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE #469: REVIVE US AGAIN
(V.1,2&4)

SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE: THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM
Mark 4:1-33
(Joseph Thigpen)

HYMN OF INVITATION #344: JESUS LOVES ME
(V.1&4)

CLOSING HYMN #344: JESUS LOVES ME (CHORUS)

Welcome to Ephesus!

If you're here for the first time, please fill out a 'Let's Get Acquainted' card available in the foyer and drop in an offering box or hand it to Pastor Joseph as you leave. Thank you!

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Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes: Before you close the lid on your shoebox, take a moment to pray—for the child who will receive it, their family, the local church sharing the Gospel, and that this simple gift will help them know how deeply they are loved by Jesus. Filled shoeboxes are being collected in the church library through early November, so there's still time to pack and pray!

October Mission Night: Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm
Menu: Hamburger Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, butter beans, rolls, dessert and tea. Cost: \$12 per person. Register online or in church foyer.

Accepting canned good donations for the State Fair Ministry. Campers on Mission will deliver. Please have all donations to the church by Oct. 18. Items requested are Sweet Sue Brand Chicken & Dumplings; Great Value Chicken & Dumplings, Great Value Beef Stew, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Jiff Creamy Peanut Butter, Grape Jam (not squeezable), Hot Chocolate Packets, Pop Tarts or Breakfast Bars, Fruit Cups, Bottled Water

Prayer Meeting - Tonight at 4:00pm. All are welcome to join us for a time of singing, hearing from God's word, and prayer.

Contact us at...

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Available on Tuesdays from 8:15-5:00.



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Here are three convenient ways to give:

1. Place in the locked boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary in the foyer.
2. Mail checks to Ephesus Baptist Church, 6767 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27606.
3. Online www.ephesusbaptistchurch.org or use this QR code.