

His 4 Souls **WITH BROTHER TOM**

Dear Church Family,

Look at this list:

- o The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- o The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
- o The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
- o The Mausoleum in Egypt
- o The Coliseum of Rhodes
- o The Lighthouse of Alexandria
- o The Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt

You may recognize this list as what is known as the "Seven Ancient Wonders of the World." The reason why they were called wonders is because at the time they existed they were seen as the greatest man-made structures on earth. Well, they may have been great, but only one of them still exists, and that is the great Pyramid of Giza; they were legendary but not lasting.

Today there are 'forgotten' wonders like Petra, the City of Rock, in Jordan. There are 'natural' wonders like Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon. There are 'modern' wonders like the Suez Canal. As 'wonderful' as all of these may be, they pale in comparison to the greatest wonder on earth; the Church of the Lord Jesus. The Church is the greatest institution on earth and it is a great privilege to be a part of it. Not only is it the greatest institution it is also the most important institution in the world's history because it helps with the destinies of men, women, boys and girls. It is also the largest institution ever on the face of the earth with some 2 billion members alive today.

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-14) Some had said He was a prophet or John the Baptist and I find it interesting today there are still various opinions about who He is. Jesus wasn't really concerned about public opinion because He asked the follow up question, "Who do you say that I am?" That is the most important question you or I will ever answer. It's irrelevant what our grandparents or parents think about who Jesus is. It's irrelevant who our teacher or professor thinks He is. The only thing that matters is what do you think about Christ!

Simon Peter answered Jesus' question by saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." It was Peter's personal conviction that led to his public confession. Based on the claims of scripture and by Jesus Himself, there are really only three answers to who Jesus is. He is either a liar (He was not God's Son sent from heaven like He claimed), a lunatic (he was crazy and all the things He said proved it), or He is Lord (everything He claimed and the bible teaches is true about Him).

The question Jesus would ask you today is the same question He asked the disciples that day in Northern Galilee; "Who do you say that I am?" Be careful how you answer that question because eternity hangs in the balance.

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WORSHIP NOTES WITH DANA ELLIS

The Adult Worship Choir is in the beginning stages of preparations for the Christmas Production, "The Best Christmas Ever" which will be presented on December 16 and 17. You might feel God stirring in your heart to use your time, gifts and talents for Him during these next three months. If so, come to the choir room on a Sunday night at 6:00pm and we will give you all the materials and information you need to be in this annual outreach program. If you would like to be in the drama, tech, construction or other facets of the Christmas program, please feel free to call Dana at 270-991-4570. If God is stirring you to be involved, you best not turn a deaf ear.

PraizeKidz and FUSION meet on Sundays at 4:45pm. PraizeKidz (three year old - 6th grade) are age-graded classes which have wonderful teachers guiding them to learn music to sing for upcoming POINT services this semester. FUSION is a student choir (7th-12th grade) which begins at 4:45pm in the student room and then moves down to the choir room. They will be singing (and adding drama) to popular contemporary Christian songs they hear every day on the radio. When they conclude at 5:30pm, they are dismissed to attend their D-Groups. These children and students choirs are led by seasoned, qualified and gifted teachers with tens of years of experience. They will teach your children much more than they could ever learn in a school setting. They will instruct them on the love of the Lord and how to sing to His glory.

STUDENTS

WITH JUSTIN MCCLURE

D-Groups

D-Groups are getting into full swing in October. D-Groups are an opportunity for our students to grow closer to God through the Power of His word and grow in accountability together. Please see the meeting dates listed below.

October 1st - NO D-Groups meet

October 8, 15, 22, and 29- D-Groups Meet

David Crowder Tour

Van Meter Auditorium is the first stop in David Crowder's nation wide American Prodigal Tour and you don't want to miss it. We would love for students and parents alike to come enjoy this time of music and worship on October 24, at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00. Supply is limited so please reserve your ticket now by sending a check for the full amount to Erin Reynolds so we can reserve your seat.

MUSIC AND STUDENTS

WITH WILL SMITH

I am excited to be here at Eastwood! I look forward to what God has in store as we serve together. If you have musical interests and want to serve in Worship Ministry please feel free to give me a call. It doesn't matter if you are a vocalist, guitar or keyboard player, or you play a mean kazoo, there are opportunities for you to serve.

We also need volunteers to serve in student ministry. We have opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights as well as on Wednesday nights. If you are looking for a place to serve and would be interested in reaching and discipling students, please give me a holler!

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve alongside you!

In Christ,
Will

Our desire is to be a church without walls. That means that we as a church are to intentionally find ways to interact with, engage, and serve our community in the name of Jesus. October is always a great month for opportunities to live this out.

Here are three opportunities in October:

1. The Plano Volunteer Fire Department Open House, Saturday, October 14, 4:00 - 7:00pm. We are partnering with the PVFD to provide desserts for their Open House. There'll be food, fun, and education for the whole family along with a silent auction. Wear your Eastwood shirt and come out to interact with your community!
2. The Alvaron Volunteer Fire Department Open House, Sunday, October 15, 2:00 - 5:00pm. We are partnering with the AVFD to provide hotdogs and chips. Again, there'll be food, fun, and education for the whole family along with a silent auction. Wear your Eastwood shirt and come be a blessing in our community.
3. Trunk of Treats, Tuesday, October 31, 5:30-7:00pm. We will open our doors to our neighbors on Halloween night and provide candy and few other treats. This night is great way to affirm to our community that we are part of the community and introduces folks to who we are. Donate candy and come volunteer.

Let's get out there and love our neighbors!

SENIOR ADULTS WITH GREG SWACK



PrimeTimers Trip to Chattanooga

Our group of 27 had a great time in Chattanooga visiting the Tennessee Aquarium, cruising the Tennessee River, and seeing the many sights around the city. Thank you for your prayers for the trip.

PrimeTimers Potluck

Bring a dish and enjoy the fun on Thursday, October 19, at 11:45am, in the East Campus Fellowship Center! Special music by Connie Bratcher.

PrimeTimers Mystery Trip

Thursday, October 12

Registration has closed but you may call the church office to check if any spots have come open.

EDUCATION

there will be a Lynch team meeting October 8, at 3:00pm, in Room 300. It is not too late to attend this meeting and sign up for the trip. Trip dates are October 22 - 27.

Team Kid as well as the Point service will be cancelled on Wednesday, October 4 due to Fall Break.

Praizekids and Missions' Classes

These classes will also be cancelled on October 1, but will resume Sunday, October 8.

GAME DAY

1st-6th graders have several events from now until Christmas! Save the dates!

Tuesday, October 10th @ 5:30pm- stuff bags for Curbside Candy Craze (bring your child to 1222 North Lee Dr. Curbside building)

Thursday, October 26th @ 5-7pm- participate in the Candy Craze at Curbside by passing out candy (wearing a costume is optional; bring your child to 1222 North Lee Dr. Curbside building)

Wednesday, November 8th @ 6:30-7:30pm-prepare shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child during TeamKid

Tuesday, November 14 from 5-7pm-serve food and play games at the Curbside Thanksgiving Banquet (bring your child to 300 Jenkins Dr. Parker Bennett Community Center)

*****All hands on deck for this one!**

Friday, December 15- caroling at nursing homes with Fusion choir

This is a wonderful way for your child to serve in our community and a great way for me to get to know your child! Please RSVP to let me know if your child can attend these events so I know how many to expect at Curbside as well as the nursing homes (for transportation purposes).

If you have not purchased a GAME DAY t-shirt and you would like one for your child, please contact me at megan@eastwoodbc.org or text me at 270-991-1498 with size information. T-shirts are \$8.00 and kids can wear them each time we do a service project.

Trunk of Treats

Can you believe that Trunk of Treats is this month? This event will be on Tuesday, October 31, from 5:30-7:00pm. We have already started accepting bags of individually wrapped candy for the Trunk of Treats outreach event. You may be unable to attend, but we will certainly use all of the candy Eastwood can donate. Last year we had over 26,000 pieces of candy and we used every bit of it! We will also accept any small items or trinkets that could be dropped into a child's candy bag. Non-Halloween themed pencils, erasers, etc. are welcomed. Watch for the collection station in the foyer of the worship center and the preschool desk. A collection station will also be outside the door of the preschool entrance at South Campus. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be distributed among Sunday School classes and copies will also be placed at the preschool desks at both campuses. If you would like to hand out candy, help with visitor registration, create a booth, pop popcorn, take pictures or help with tear down contact Megan Woods at megan@eastwoodbc.org or call 270-842-7867.

Parent Child Dedication Service

It is always a blessing to know that God continues to add children to our congregation. We consider it a privilege to stand with you in dedicating your child to God and to honor your commitment to raise your child in a Godly home. Please register by completing a Parent-Child Dedication form (and emailing a picture to Lisa Keen lisa@eastwoodbc.org) by Sunday, November 5th. The child dedication service will be held on Sunday, November 19th at East Campus (9:30 am or 11:00 am) and South Campus (10:30 am).

Operation Christmas Child

Put together a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child including toys and supplies for a needy child. Deadline to donate is Sunday, November 12th. Shoeboxes will then be transported to a central location for Samaritan's Purse. Brochures including full details are available starting Wednesday, November 1st at the table by the Christmas tree just outside the Worship Center at East Campus and at the table by the Christmas tree just outside the children's area at South Campus. Shoeboxes completed with donations can be placed under the Christmas tree.

EASTWOOD EVENTS:

- 10/1 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 10/1 - No Evening Activities- Fall Break
- 10/3 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10/3 - 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 10/3 -9:30am ESL Class
- 10/4 - 10:00am Moms in Prayer
- 10/4 -No Evening Activities- Fall Break
- 10/5 - 10:00am Grandmothers in Prayer
- 10/8 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 10/8 - 4:45pm Praizekidz//Fusion//Connex
- 10/8 - 6:00pm Children's Missions//AWC
- 10/10 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10/10 - 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 10/10 9:30am ESL Class
- 10/10 - 5:00pm ALZ Support Group
- 10/10 - 5:30pm GAME Day
- 10/11 - 10:00am Moms in Prayer
- 10/11 - 4:00pm Celebration Choir
- 10/11 - 5:30pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.
- 10/11 - 5:45pm Huddle
- 10/11 - 6:30pm The Point//TeamKID//APEX
- 10/12 - 8:00am PrimeTimer's Mystery Trip
- 10/14 - 7:00am Golf Scramble
- 10/14 - Plano VDF Open House
- 10./15 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 10/15 - 8:00am Stacks Before Study
- 10/15 - 2:00pm Alvaton VDF Open House
- 10/15 - 4:45pm PraizeKidz//Fusion
- 10/15 - 6:00pm AWC//Children's Missions
- 10/17 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10/17 - 9:00am Women's Bible Study1
- 10/17 - 9:30am ESL Class
- 10/18 - 10:00am Moms in Prayer
- 10/18 - 4:00pm Celebration Choir
- 10/18 - 5:45pm Huddle
- 10/18 - 6:30pm The Point//TeamKID//APEX
- 10/18 - 8:00pm Bible Study and Basketball
- 10/19 - 10:00am Grandmothers in Prayer
- 10/19 - 11:45am PrimeTimer's Potluck
- 10/22 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 10/22 - Lynch Mission Trip
- 10/22 - 4:45pm PraizeKidz//Fusion
- 10/22 - 6:00pm AWC// Children's Missions
- 10/24 - 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10/24 - 9:30am ESL Class
- 10/24 - 5:30pm David Crowder Tour
- 10/25 - 10:00am Moms in Prayer
- 10/25 - 4:00pm Celebration Choir
- 10/25 - 5:45pm Huddle
- 10/25 - 6:30pm The Point//TeamKID//APEX
- 10/26 - 5:00pm GAME Day
- 10/27 - South Africa Mission Trip
- 10/29 - Regular Sunday Worship
- 10/29 - 4:45pm PraizeKidz//Fusion
- 10/29 - 6:00pm AWC//Children's Missions
- 10/31 - 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 10/31 - 9:30am ESL Classes
- 10/31 - 5:30pm Trunk of Treats (Both Locations)

KINGDOM CONTRIBUTIONS

August Monthly Report:

Tithes and Offerings	\$145,199.80
Tithes & Offerings thru 8/31/17	\$2,211,198.96
Tithes & Offerings thru 8/31/16	\$2,176,385.94
His Vision Our Faith	\$14,603.00

September 2017 through 9/10/17:

Tithes & Offerings	\$113,133.30
Tithes & Offerings YTD 6/19/2017	\$2,179,132.46
Tithes & Offerings (same period 2016)	\$2,132,274.94
His Vision Our Faith	\$11,361.00
His Vision Our Faith YTD	\$1,014,450.71

*Fiscal year Sept. 2016—August 2017

EBC STAFF

Rev. Thomas R. James, Lead Pastor
 Rev. Ed Jent, Associate Pastor of Education
 Rev. Dana Ellis, Associate Pastor of Music/Worship
 Rev. Greg Swack, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults & Pastoral Care
 Rev. Justin McClure, Associate Pastor of Students
 Megan Woods, Director of Preschool and Children's Ministries
 Rev. Ben Simpson, South Campus Pastor
 Rev. Will Smith, Associate Pastor of Students/South Worship
 Dr. Don Mathis, Staff Evangelist
 Sandy Enlow, Business Administrator
 Lisa Keen, Education/Children's Ministry Assistant
 Erin Reynolds, Senior Adult/Student Ministry Assistant
 Natalie Martin, Publications/Worship Ministry Assistant
 David Owens, Facilities Manager

GIFTS GIVEN

In memory of Jan August
 by
 Kenard & Vicki Lane

In memory of Douglas
 McCoy by
 Esther McCoy

In memory of Alice
 Quiel*
 (Jan James' mother) by
 Anonymous
 Romanza Johnson

In memory of Gloria
 Guest*
 (Phil Guest's mother) by
 Anonymous

In memory of LeAnne
 Martin by
 Joyce Webb

WELCOME TO EASTWOOD

Dylan Francis
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2017 BIBLE READING -SEPTEMBER

10/1 - Philemon	10/12 - Proverbs 26-27	10/23 - Numbers 33-36
10/2 - Numbers 21-24	10/13 - Obadiah	10/24 - 2 Chronicles 16-20
10/3 - 2 Chronicles 1-5	10/14 - Acts 1-2	10/25 - Psalm 119
10/4 - Psalm 11-113	10/15 - Hebrews 5-7	10/26 - Proverbs 29-30
10/5 - Proverbs 25	10/16 - Numbers 29-32	10/27 - Micah
10/6 - Amos 5-9	10/17 - 2 Chronicles 11-15	10/28 - Acts 5-6
10/7 - John 19-21	10/18 - Psalm 117-118	10/29 - Hebrews 11-13
10/8 - Hebrews 1-4	10/19 - Proverbs 28	10/30 - Deuteronomy 1-3
10/9 - Numbers 25-28	10/20 - Jonah	10/31 - 2 Chronicles 21-24
10/10 - 2 Chronicles 6-10	10/21 - Acts 3-4	
10/11 - Psalm 114-116	10/22 - Hebrews 8-10	