

Praises & Prayer Requests:

Please keep my request confidential.

SOME THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BECOMING A CHRISTIAN:

God desires a relationship, not a religion: *Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)*

That relationship is broken by a heart made rebellious by sin: *For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. (Romans 3:23)*

God has bridged the sin-gap through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ. *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8)*

We enter this relationship, cross the bridge, by faith. *For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. (Romans 10:10)*

If you're ready to become a Christian, mark "I want to become a Christian" on the other side, include your name & contact info, leave it in your seat or place in the offering plate. Or, you may come to the front during the last song to speak with the pastor.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF EPHEBUS:

Attend Class 101: Discovering Church Membership. NEXT SESSION—Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 am—Noon. Mark "Sign me up for Class 101" on the other side and include your contact information. Our Administrative Assistant will contact you to get you registered.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 1

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
1:30 pm CLMC Service
5:45 pm A.G.E. (Youth)
No PM Services/Activities

Monday, September 2

Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

10:00 am Library Open
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:45 pm Mission Night
No Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 6

7:00 am—8:00 am Men of Prayer (Welcome Room)



Welcome Ministers

Hostess Committee: Jeanette Scott, Billie Knowles
Ushers: Joe Childers, David Klinger, Guy Proctor, Sr., Marty Pickett, Marlene Sanchez, Sam Sanchez

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Ephesus Baptist Church

September 1, 2019



VISION STATEMENT

We, the fellowship of Ephesus Baptist Church, as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, will reach people with His love, encourage them to grow, and equip them to serve, as we seek to be obedient servants of God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICE

Pre-Worship Video: 2019 NCMO-Love on Display

Song *For the Cause*

Welcome Pastor Greg

Children's Moment

Hymn 277 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Worship through Giving
Prayer for Offering
Song *Reflections* Rex Williams & Doug Meeker

Testimony of Gratitude Norma Jones

God's Word 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Robert Chalnack

Message *How the Church Spreads the Gospel*
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Song *For the Cause*

Sending Prayer Robert Chalnack

Postlude Jody Branch

Special Called Business Conference Sunday, September 8, 11:35 a.m.: Purpose: voting on the slate of new deacons to serve the next three years: Myrtas Baker and Bill King.

Sunday School Teacher Blessing Next Sunday, September 8: As a new church year begins, we'll recognize, honor, and bless all our Sunday School teachers and leaders in the worship service.

Fall Kickoff Fellowship Meal and Mission Night, Wednesday, September 4:

Meal at 6:00 p.m. & Program at 6:30. Menu: Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, & Tea. Speaker: Larry Barnhill, with The Gideons, International. Any contribution that night to the purchase of Bibles will be welcomed and appreciated. Please sign up or call the church office by Tuesday, September 3 at 12:00 for reservations.

New Small Group Study—SING! Starts Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.!

See insert for more information.

Fall Senior Adult Rally: Plan to attend the Senior Rally on Tuesday, September 17 at Zebulon Baptist Church. Please register by Wednesday, September 4. Registration fee is \$15 per person. Make checks payable to Raleigh Baptist Association. Please see sign up sheets in the Sunday School Classrooms. The church bus will be leaving EBC around 8:00 a.m. Please let Margaret Holland or the church office know if you will be riding. Thanks.

Class 101: Discovering Church Membership, Saturday, September 14: The next opportunity to take Class 101 will be 9/14, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. If you wish to attend, please mark a tear-off response slip in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate, or contact the church office by Monday, September 9. Pastor Greg teaches the class and we meet in the Conference Room in the Office Suite, second floor Education Building. We'll enjoy a biscuit and fellowship as well as learn more about membership at Ephesus Baptist Church.

Rise Against Hunger: We are raising money to pack meals to be distributed through Rise Against Hunger. Our tentative date to pack these meals is Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. We need about 50 people to participate. All ages are invited to get involved. More information will be coming in the coming weeks. It will take \$3500 to prepare these meals. We currently have **\$3186**. See Paul Dismuke to sign up.

Welcome to Ephesus!

September 1, 2019

We're glad that you've chosen to worship with us. If you are a guest, we welcome you and would appreciate a record of your visit. Please complete this form, detach it and place it in the offering plate. Also, our pastor would welcome the opportunity to meet you personally after the service.

Name: _____

First Time Guest Regular Attendee Member

Single Student Married

<18 yrs 19-29 yrs 30-39 yrs

40-49 yrs 50-59 yrs 60+ yrs

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Names of others in my home:

_____ Spouse Child

I would like more information about:

I want to become a Christian

I'm renewing my commitment to Christ.

I want to become a member of Ephesus

Sign me up for Class 101, 201, 301, or 401

I'd like for the pastor or staff to contact me.

And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.
(Ephesians 1:13-14, NLT)