

## Praises & Prayer Requests:

Please keep my request confidential.

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## 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 8

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Special Called Business Conference  
1:30 pm CLMC Service  
5:45 pm A.G.E. (Youth)  
6:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 11

10:00 am Library Open  
10:00 am Martha Franks WMU Meeting  
6:30 pm Committee Orientation  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**No Worship Team Rehearsal**

### Friday, September 13

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

### Saturday, September 14

9:00 am—Noon Class 101  
5:00 pm Christmas Music Kickoff



## Welcome Ministers

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

## Church Staff

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# Ephesus Baptist Church

September 8, 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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## WORSHIP SERVICE

**Pre-Worship Video:** 2019 NCMO-Love on Display

**Hymn 2** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Welcome** Pastor Greg

**Sunday School Teacher Blessing**

**Song** *Revelation Song*

**Worship through Giving**

**Prayer for Offering  
Song**

*Cornerstone*

Choir

**God's Word** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-9

Dan Fulcher

**Message** *Changed Lives, Changed Living*  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-9

**Hymn 457** *Lord, Be Glorified*

**Sending Prayer** Dan Fulcher

**Postlude**



When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:7-11)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank God for Our Wonderful Sunday School Teachers!** Today we recognize, honor, and bless all our Sunday School teachers and officers as they begin a new church year shepherding their Bible study groups. We also celebrate Ben Williams, who retired last spring after almost 59 years of faithful service as a Sunday School Teacher!

**Special Called Business Conference Today After Worship:** Members will vote on the slate of new deacons to serve the next three years: Myrtas Baker and Bill King. Ordination of new deacons, installation of previously ordained deacons beginning a new term, and recognition of deacons rotating off the active fellowship will take place in the worship service next Sunday.

**New Small Group Study—SING! Starts Tonight at 6:00 p.m.!**

**Come along as we explore together the book *Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, and Church*, by Keith & Kristyn (*In Christ Alone, O Church Arise, For the Cause*). We meet in the Fellowship Hall—bring a snack to share.**

**The book is free and available in the Foyer today. Invite a friend!**

**Committee Orientation This Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.:** This is the kickoff for the newly constituted committees for the new church year. We'll begin in the Sanctuary, then breakout to different rooms for your committee. Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Ron Trantham, Chairman) and to all who said, "I will!" to the call to serve!

**Class 101: Discovering Church Membership, Saturday, September 14:** The next opportunity to take Class 101 will be this coming Saturday, 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.

**Baptists On Mission (BOM) Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief:** Be praying for those who have been most affected by this storm, especially in the Bahamas, and for Baptists On Mission Disaster Relief first responders reaching victims with the love of Christ. For updates on our response, please visit the Hurricane Dorian update page on the Baptists on Mission website at [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org). Our NCMO gifts support BOM Disaster Relief!

**Rise Against Hunger:** We are raising money to pack meals to be distributed through Rise Against Hunger. Our date to pack these meals are 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. See Paul Dismuke to sign up.

Welcome to Ephesus!

September 8, 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   
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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.