

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, March 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, January 12

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 pm Church Council
5:45 pm A.G.E. (Youth)

Monday, January 13

5:30 pm Myrtle Cook Class-D&S Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 15

10:00 am Church Library Open
6:03 pm Prayer Meeting-Conference Room
6:45 pm Worship Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

6:00 pm Deacon Meeting
6:30 pm—8:30 pm Oak Run HOA Meeting

Friday, January 17

7:00 am—8:00 am Men of Prayer (Welcome Room)
Youth Winter Conference (17-20)



Welcome Ministers

Hostess Committee: Billie Knowles, Sandy Thomas

Ushers: Marvin Croom, Brian Chalnack, Brenna Correngan, James Weaver, Kay Price, Jeff Weaver

Church Staff

Greg Templin, Pastor
Doug Meeker, Min. of Music
Kevin Fleegle, Min. of Youth
Lisa Cook, Administrative Assistant
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Ephesus Baptist Church

January 12, 2020



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

For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears.

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

(Zephaniah 3:17, NLT)

Prelude

Hymn 575 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

Welcome Pastor Greg

Children's Moment

Hymn 253 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Worship through Giving
Prayer for Offering
Song *I Will Sing* Jody Branch

God's Word Ephesians 1:1-14 Larry Mann

Message *Remember Who You Are*
Ephesians 1:3-14

Song *10,000 Reasons*

Sending Prayer Larry Mann

Postlude



I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

(John 10:9-10, The Message)

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Report: We just wanted to say one more time—"Thank you, Ephesus, for your generous and loving gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2019!" The total amount given was \$9,699.06, and every penny of that will go to support the 3,656 International Mission Board (IMB) personnel and their work to reach people all over the world with the good news about God's love for them in Jesus Christ!

33rd Annual Drive-Thru Living Nativity Report: According to the official counter, 498 vehicles drove through the Nativity! If the average occupancy was 4, then 1,992 people visited our church campus throughout the three-night event! 2,000 persons experienced the true story of Christmas—the gospel—as we together told it once again so beautifully and so faithfully! Celebrate that, and give God the glory!

Church Council Meeting Today at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Quarterly Church Business Conference Next Sunday, January 19, right after the worship service.

Support Hand of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center (see insert): January is Sanctity of Human Life Month, so we encourage support for Hand of Hope and all other similar ministries in the area. We can help by purchasing packages of diapers and/or wipes and placing them on or by the Hand of Hope Chest on The Bridge; go to their Amazon Wish List and purchase items to be delivered directly to them; pray: sign up for their online prayer group; and give—checks to Ephesus Baptist Church, memo Hand of Hope.

Overcomers is the small book study that will begin on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The movie will be shown on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please see Jeff Weaver or Lisa Emory if you have any questions.

Youth to Crossroads Winter Conference in Gatlinburg, January 17-20: Please pray for Minister of Youth Kevin Fleegle, adult volunteers, and all the young people as they travel and as God does amazing things in their lives at Winter Conference and beyond!

Print Copies of Monthly Newsletter & Weekly Prayer Sheet: In order to accommodate those who do not email or who do not attend Prayer Meeting, a limited number of printed copies of these items will be available on the table at the west entrance of the Education Building, and on the table outside the office. Please help us be good stewards of our resources and take copies only if you need them. In addition, if you do not have email and are not receiving the newsletter by mail, please contact Lisa at the church office.

Attention Church Members: If you are willing to volunteer in 2020 in the Church Nursery during the Sunday Morning Worship Service, please contact Brenda Dillard. These sweet children of God will bring unconditional love and joy to your life. It is truly a blessing to nurture these children. Thanks.

2019 Contribution Statements: The statements are on the bridge in the Lottie Moon mailboxes. Please pick them up asap. Thanks.

Last Week General Budget Income: \$13,355.00

Weekly Budget (Needed): \$8558.00

Welcome to Ephesus!

January 12, 2020

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.