

Fabulous! Food, Faces, Facts and Fun in Feb.



February 2012

Good News Press

Sunday, February 12
5 to 7 pm ☎ epc



Food—Potluck!

- Last names A-L: side dish/salad
- Last names M-Z: main dish

Faces—Slide Show of EPC happenings

Facts—Annual Business Meeting

Fun—Joke Telling Contest!

- Sign-up on the patio on Sundays.

Childcare will be provided during the “facts” portion of the evening.

Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Cor. 13: 4-7

FROM THE PASTOR...

Matt Hoyt

Friends,

If it's February it must be time for FFFF (Food, Faces, Facts and Fun) our annual congregational meeting. Now, if you've never been to FFFF I think you can tell just from the name that it's not your run of the mill boring congregational meeting. The plan is unashamedly to have a really good time as well as do just a little business.

What I like most about FFFF is that it's really more like a family reunion than meeting. Sure we do have the "facts" portion of the night where we introduce the new budget and do some business, but for the most part FFFF is more of a celebration due to all of the food (yum potluck!), faces (cool side show) and fun (goofy games). You are invited to join us at FFFF on February 12th at 5 pm.

February also marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It's a time of renewal, a time to remember Jesus, a time for study, and a time for prayer and worship. The call is for each of us with Lent is to make our journey toward Easter thoughtfully by taking stock of our lives and by reaching out for God's grace, which is ours through Jesus Christ.

Our series of messages during Lent will be titled "New" and will focus on the "new" passages in the New Testament, things like; new creation, new covenant, new life, new command. The church will also make a Lenten Study Guide available called "Following in His Footsteps." This study guide will follow the life of Jesus to the cross with a focus on Jesus' desire for all people to come to know the life changing message of the Gospel!

Grace and Peace,

Matt-



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To sign-up or ask questions
about the class, contact
Pastor Matt:
matt@epcventura.org
or
Betty Whitney:
fbwhitney@att.net

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A
MEMBER OF EPC?**

Join the

**MEMBERSHIP
CLASS**

Saturday, March 3rd from 9am—3pm

EPC Kids' Choir presents...



“For I know the plans I have for you,”
says the Lord.



February 26
2 pm @ EPC
Invite your Friends!
Support our Kids!
You will love it!

GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURES IN UKRAINE

Nita Hanson founded GHT to help people with disabilities and their families gain some independence through providing medical equipment, mobility devices, training, rehabilitation therapy, clothing, medicine and the hope and faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Please keep Nita in your prayers as she had surgery at the end of January to repair three discs in her back and the doctors made attempts to straighten her spine as well. Please pray for complete healing for her back.

God's Hidden Treasures has used our gifts and prayers to provide mobility and be a blessing to more than 260 new families in 2011. GHT now has more than 1,300 active families in the Bila Tserkva region alone! Praise the Lord!

A Testimony of Finding Hope—Three years ago, Paul, while working his shift as a guard in a Ukrainian manufacturing plant was attacked by thieves. While defending his employer's property, this 65 year old man was severely beaten in the head and suffered several broken bones. He spent weeks in the hospital and upon returning home to continue healing, he had a catastrophic stroke which left him completely helpless. The doctors said they could do nothing for him with a prognosis that he would never be able to care for himself again. Paul was carried out of the hospital by his wife of 41 years, Ekaterina, and his son. His wife was determined to help her husband regain his strength and not give up.

Ekaterina worked with her husband for months just to move his arms. The daily struggle and lack of further progress was taking a toll on Ekaterina. Just as she was losing all hope she was put in touch with God's Hidden Treasures, who provided a wheelchair for Paul and a caregivers group for the couple. They soon learned their situation wasn't hopeless or unique. The caregivers group gave her the encouragement, support, advice, and prayer that she desperately needed. Ekaterina even rediscovered her passion for planting and cultivating her own vegetable garden. She was able to grow enough food to raise money to help pay for some of Paul's medicine!

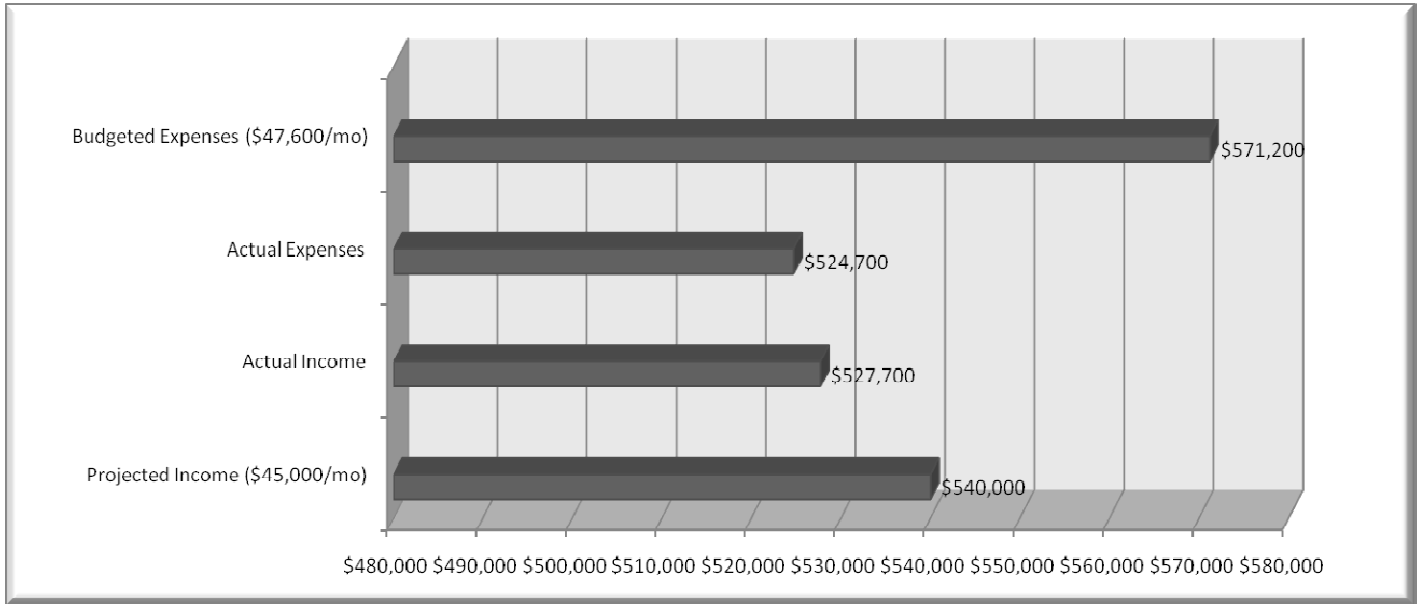
Paul continues to be able to do more and more. With his wife's newfound strength in God, the caregivers group, and hard work, Paul has gradually moved from wheelchair to walker to a cane! He can now help his wife with the house and in the garden and goes to the store unassisted. He is enjoying his grandchildren and praises the Lord for God's Hidden Treasures and the life saving help and guidance this ministry provided him and his family.

february calendar

- 4**
Pre-super bowl Men's Breakfast
8:30—10 am
- 5**
Super bowl Sunday
- 8**
March Good News Press
Deadline for articles
marci@epcventura.org
- 10**
HS Mother and Daughter dinner
6—8pm EPC Library
- 12**
Food, Faces, Facts and Fun
5-7pm Worship Building
- 14**
Happy Valentines Day
- 17**
High School Winter Camp
- 20**
President's Day
No School. Office Closed.
- 22**
Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 pm
- 24**
Middle School Overnighter
- 26**
First Sunday in Lent
Kids Choir Performance
Camp Wananomo

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YTD FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2011



As you can see from the above chart, when all was said and done, a healthy December giving month ended the year with a slight gain of \$3,000. 2011 giving versus expenses was quite the roller coaster ride so it's especially nice to see how well God takes care of us once again!

Budgeted expenses for 2012 are \$575,000, virtually unchanged from 2011. However, it's unlikely we'll spend so much less than the budget this year for a few reasons, the main one being we hope to hire a worship director soon. Also, with a continuing challenging economy, budgeted income was conservatively estimated at \$525,000 for 2012, meaning we could need to use as much as \$50,000 of reserves. We'll keep you updated as the year progresses.

Pete Hockenmaier
For the Finance Committee

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH

We'll meet the 2nd Sunday of every month, at noon, at Coco's on the corner of Telegraph and Ashwood in Ventura. Questions? Call Susan: 647-4335

Next Lunch Bunch: February 12

Sunday Lunch
BUNCH

SENIOR SAINTS ALIVE!

February 23, 2012
12 pm
EPC Library

Bring a sandwich and a friend...we'll do the rest.
Questions? Call Ray: 647-0441

FROM YOUTH MINISTRY... "CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN ACCOUNTING"

Jeff Porter

This month at High School Youth Group we are talking about the reasonableness of our faith. One hot topic that always comes up is the relationship between science and religion. Part of the reason for this is that we forget science is a methodology, it is not a worldview. It is a tool used to find a very specific variety of knowledge, kind of the way accounting is.



When a religious person says they don't believe in science, it sounds foolish, and it's probably not what they mean. Everyone, including religious people, use informal versions of the scientific method every day. "Where is the remote? I know, first, I'll control the variables by not moving anything. Then I'll experiment by looking under the coach cushions, behind the TV, in the kitchen..." Usually what people mean, for better or for worse, when they say they don't believe in science, is they don't trust the way certain people use the method. They confuse science with a worldview they believe most scientists have. To again use the accounting metaphor, Christians say, "I don't believe in accounting," which sounds foolish. What they mean to say is, "I don't trust the accountants!"



Unfortunately, most people forget that science is a methodology, even non-religious people. Non-religious people have a tendency to believe that science is another word for objective reality. This means when a religious person says, "I don't believe in science," non-religious people often hear "I don't believe in reality." The religious person is saying something similar to, "I don't believe in accounting," and non-religious person is hearing something like "I don't believe in numbers." This of course seems even more foolish, and makes it even more difficult for them to have any reasonable dialogue.

Of course, as any philosopher, and hopefully any scientist, can tell you, science is not another word for objective reality. Because science is a methodology, a tool, like accounting, the way it is implemented depends upon whoever is using it. If the scientist is a theist, the universe, the way they understand it, will involve God. Therefore, the way they use science will be in accordance with that bias. Their hypotheses, and therefore their conclusions, will make sense in a universe where God exists. The atheist, on the other hand, understands the universe without God, and their use of science will be in accordance with that bias. Their hypotheses and conclusions will make sense in a universe without God. This why a good accountant can help you get the most out of your finances, and a bad accountant can get in jail for tax evasion.

As Christians we need to divorce the way we understand science from our fear of atheistic worldviews. Non-Christians, need to remember that not only is science not a worldview, it is very much not the perfect worldview. It is a tool, and an incredibly useful one, that we should not be afraid of.

Every Week:

Middle School Youth Group: Sundays at 4pm!!
High School Youth Group: Sundays at 6pm
Youth Snack Shop open from 5:30-6pm Sunday evenings
Youth Sunday School for 6th-12th Grade at 9am
High School Guys and Gals Small Groups Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Special Stuff Coming Up:

February 5 MS & HS Combined Super bowl Flag-Football 12pm FREE PIZZA.
February 10 Mother Daughter Dinner
February 11 High School Sky High 12:30pm – 4:30pm
February 12 Food, Faces, Facts and Fun. **No Youth Group**
February 17-20 HS Winter Camp at Lake \$270
February 26 High School Girls-Plan-the-Night youth group.
March 4 High School Boys-Plan-the-Night youth group.
March 11 Stuff the Toaster Night Youth Group
March 16 MS 30 Hour Famine
March 23 HS "IgNight" Overnighter

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY SESSION MEETING

The Session of Eastminster Presbyterian Church (USA) met on January 9, 2012 in the Janet Jones Memorial Library. Reverend Matt Hoyt called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:08 pm. Before the meeting was called to order, Session shared dinner and Matt led a study and discussion of Mark 6:1-6a.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Matt Hoyt shared about his accident and recovery, and said that he was back to full-time work, and almost caught up with the backlog. He will work around his physical therapy appointments for his arm and his leg.

Gifts and Thanks

Correspondence was shared from the folks at Riverhaven, thanking Eastminster for our support and encouragement, and especially the personal relationships that are fostered whenever EPC people bring them a meal. Session gratefully received a gift of \$1000 on behalf of Children's Ministries, which was donated by a visiting family that was moved by the Christmas Eve services. Session also agreed to accept donations given in honor of Sheryl Haystead, as the family has requested, to be used for children's camp and VBS scholarships.

By-Laws and Operating Rules

Session considered changes to the EPC By-Laws and Session Operating Rules that have been proposed by an ad hoc committee. The By-Laws and Operating Rules need to add or refine some procedures that are no longer in the Book of Order and now need to be determined locally. A Congregational Meeting will be scheduled in the future for the congregation to consider and vote on the By-Laws changes, which cannot be made without their approval.

Officer Elections

Corporate Officers were elected for 2012: President – Bob Beamer, VP – Doug Francis, Treasurer – Janet Conmy, Secretary – Sue Hockenmaier. Sue was also elected Clerk of Session for 2012, and given voice at Session meetings. Robert Farrow was elected to be the standing Commissioner to Presbytery for all of 2012. Elders Doug Francis and Gabe Gonzales were elected to be Commissioners for the Feb. 11th Presbytery Meeting at El Montecito.

Part-Time Choir Director

Session approved the job description and agreed to hire Deya Jacob as a temporary, part-time choir director for six months. This is intended to help bridge the gap until we have a new Worship Director in place and up to speed. Congratulations and thanks, Deya!!

Session Retreat

Session had their semi-annual retreat on January 7th. Elder assignments for the year were discussed, as well as some leadership structure changes. Continued goal-setting work and extended prayer for Eastminster rounded out the day.

The new Elder assignments for 2012 are as follows:

- o Worship – Hannah Thomas
- o Discipleship – Barbara Morris and Bob Beamer
- o Fellowship (formerly "Internal Care") – Robyn Lynn and Gabe Gonzales
- o Church on a Mission – Doug Francis and Marilyn Overton
- Administration – Janet Conmy (and Tom Spears, once he is ordained)

Tri-Annual Meeting

The Tri-Annual Meeting scheduled for Feb. 27th has been postponed. Session felt that it would be more helpful to get the input of all leadership when they are further along in the goal-setting process.

Submitted by Sue Hockenmaier, Clerk of Session. Members of Eastminster may request copies of minutes from Session. Please contact Clerk of Session Sue Hockenmaier with your request.

WELCOME TEAMS

2/5/2012

9am

1. Erika Coolman
2. Ralph Coolman
3. Jeff Lipscomb

10:30am

1. Bob Beamer
2. Lisa Beamer
3. Tom Spears
4. Kathy Spears

2/12/2012

9am

1. Howard Young
2. Linda McCulley
3. Joanne Stone
4. Mary Doll

10:30am

1. Lila Basta
2. Nagi Basta
3. Velma Everton

2/19/2012

9am

1. Vince Morda
2. Lynn Morda

10:30am

1. Jim Blocksom
2. Gloria Blocksom

We still need people to volunteer to serve on the Welcome Team. This is a vital and fun ministry that lets you be a welcoming presence on Sunday mornings! Please contact Hannah Thomas if you can help out and she'll get you plugged in on a specific Sunday and worship time. Thanks! hfd.thomas@gmail.com

GNP ASSEMBLY

Each month it takes a **crew** to assemble the GNP. After the newsletter is created and printed, it then has to be assembled, folded, tabbed at the top, addressed, put in proper order and bulk mailed! We have a great group of faithful helpers that are so very appreciated each month:

Annabelle Bowen
Bekki Woertink
Tom McConica
Deanna Bowen
Esther Hutchinson
Lynda Hutchinson
Steven Hoey

They are precious people who volunteer their time. Thank you! If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Marci Worthy: marci@epcventura.org

Fruit of the Spirit

Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:22



EPC ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Wanna Get Away...?

and have fun, relax, hang with friends, grow closer to the Lord, be challenged, learn, share and sing...

What are you waiting for?
Sign-up for the Retreat!

all-church retreat
april 27-29
forest home, ojai

Retreat Cost

Tent: \$70/person

Cabin: \$110/person for adults

\$75/person for 17 and under

A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per person is due at registration.

Questions? Contact Candace Fotheringham, 647-8277 or darcanfot@roadrunner.com.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY

THE CHURCH
HAS LEFT THE
BUILDING

MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS & PRAISE YOUR
FATHER IN HEAVEN! MATTHEW 5:16

Our retreat speaker, Mike Gaston, is the outreach pastor and assistant preacher for Grace Baptist Church of Santa Clarita. Mike has a strong background in missions and church planting, and he and his family have spent nearly 20 years abroad in places like Cameroon, West Africa and France. He is excited to get us fired up about our call from God as a church to go out and serve!

Sign-up for the retreat
on the patio on
Sunday mornings

FROM THE PRESCHOOL...

Jean Callahan

It's registration time for next school year at Sonshine Preschool.

What does that mean?

- Our school year follows the VUSD calendar for the most part, so the new school year will start in late August, however, **now is the time to register.**
- If you have a child, grandchild, or friend's child who is 2, 3, or 4 years old, **a visit to see our pre-school "in action" is appropriate and encouraged.** Please call to set up a good time for a morning tour.

Priority registration is from February 8 through February 22.

- Priority is given to EPC families, currently enrolled families, and former families. On February 23, enrollment opens to all new families.
- Children who are 2 years old by September are eligible for our Toddler program. Our other six preschool classes are for 3, 4, and 5 year olds.
- Encourage your friends to learn more at the Sonshine Preschool link on the EPC website – www.epcventura.org. Call 647-0242 for more information or to schedule a visit.

If you or friends of yours are interested in learning more about Kindergarten Readiness, we are inviting Kindergarten teachers from the area to speak with our parents on Thursday evening, February 9.
All are welcome.

FROM THE TUTORING CENTER...

Betty Whitney

Have you seen the new "glammed" look of fresh paint on the tutoring center? Remarkable what a coat of paint will do!

Thank you Joe Fiano, Carl Morgan, and Frank Whitney for the new steps. They demolished the old ones, sprayed for the pesky termites and completely rebuilt the steps. They are better looking and secure.

Nagi Basta graciously welcomed our new family from Egypt by speaking Arabic with the mom. The oldest child is a student of Rich Smith. She says he is the best teacher.

Frank's sister sent a Christmas gift to the Tutoring Center of \$100. We hope to use it to get online and Dave Fuhrmann is working on this for us.

THE LORD GIVES AND THE LORD TAKES AWAY

Update on the DeVries in India

Dear Friends: The Lord certainly does take away but He gives ever so much more that we're always in the black so to speak! I've asked God for a New Year's gift for our family—an anointing of joy. I was not too pleased when the aquaponics project blew up in our faces last week followed by a break in at the house where the burglars apparently had just enough time to make off with our computer before Jack's mom came home! It was an old one but we had all sorts of information on it. At any rate, I informed the Lord that this was not exactly the anointing that I had asked for! We are thankful that no one was in the house when all of this happened and that the Lord saved us from major loss.

We are off to India this weekend for just over three weeks. Both Jack and I are really excited about being busy and checking up on our Christian brothers and sisters. We hear that folks have already set up meetings for us to attend and teach at. Indiana has been very good for our family and we have deepened family ties significantly and have loved being able to spend significant time with Jack's mother. But we do miss being overwhelmed with work and understaffed with people!! We hear that Christmas time in India was wonderful. Our friend Sadhu had four hundred people show up for the Christmas program which was held on the rooftop of his house. The village churches also came together for an all day program. These gatherings of believers across the city do so much to foster a sense of oneness and brotherhood among the believers who are so much in the minority and often feel isolated from the mainstream population.

Our Christmas was very quiet but wonderful nonetheless. We had Andrew and Jonathan both home with us. Both boys are doing very well. Andrew is now back from his study abroad program in Australia and is going back to Notre Dame tomorrow morning. Jonathan is already back in school. He is happy here and has made himself quite at home with the students and teachers. He's also doing much better academically than before—which his mother is very relieved about! Jonathan will be staying here with Jack's mother while we are in India. They have their heads together making all sorts of plans for when we are gone!

Please pray for us to be a rich source of blessing to the people we will spend time with in these next three weeks. And pray for us that we will hear from the Lord about our next steps forward. We love you and thank God for you. Neepa





FEBRUARY Birthdays!

Joel Crawley	Feb. 1	Kurt Gabe	Feb. 5	Pam Prinz	Feb. 16
Chuck Richey	Feb. 1	Pat Rice	Feb. 7	Lyle Barnett	Feb. 18
Pete Dinkler	Feb. 2	Zane Carter	Feb. 9	Leigh Burton	Feb. 18
John Beatty	Feb. 3	Sara Thomas	Feb. 9	Darrick Fotheringham	Feb. 18
Ken Burnley	Feb. 3	Kim Fuhrmann	Feb. 10	Kathy Buffon	Feb. 20
Mallory Woertink	Feb. 3	Scott Nideffer	Feb. 11	Esther Hutchinson	Feb. 21
Mary Doll	Feb. 4	Ryan Smith	Feb. 11	James Wolff	Feb. 21
Justin Noell	Feb. 4	Kevin Conmy	Feb. 14	Jeff Porter	Feb. 21
Shirley Ramer	Feb. 4	Michelle Pels	Feb. 14	Dolores Taylor	Feb. 22
		Jackson Carter	Feb. 15	Kevin Bossoletti	Feb. 22
		Karen Donaldson	Feb. 15	Dan Doll	Feb. 23
		Tom McConica	Feb. 16	Dave Fuhrmann	Feb. 23
				Shary Carr	Feb. 24
				Robert Farrow	Feb. 24
				Brad Francis	Feb. 26
				Andrew Haystead	Feb. 27

HISPANIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE FOR 2012

We welcome our Hispanic Outreach committee for the 2012! The members are: Andrew Wakelee, Carla Wilson, Elena Villa, Jerry Horstmeyer, Joanne Wakelee, Maurice Villa, Rich Smith and Simon Rodriguez. Thank you for serving on this ministry and sharing the love of Jesus with people in our community. Contact Simon: simonrunning@wavecable.com to get involved!

Growing God's Kingdom



HISPANIC OUTREACH
through EPC

Clinicas Del Camino Real is coming to Cabrillo Village Feb. 25 from 9am--1 pm to offer a health clinic.

Our EPC Hispanic Outreach Committee is working with Fernando Macias from Cabrillo Village to couple the health clinic with music from EPC bands and some refreshments (Panes dulces, Coffee, Water, Punch). We would love our congregation to get involved! Look for sign-ups on the patio on Sunday mornings. What a fantastic way to reach out to people in a tangible way by being a part of providing for a real need: health in the community.

February 2012

Sun

Mon






Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<p>1 9:30am Women's Bible study 12:30pm Staff 3pm Tutoring 4pm Kids Choir 5:15pm Long Term Worship Planning 7pm Choir</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day 3pm Brownies 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Youth Band 6:30pm HS Guys Small Groups 6:30pm HS Gals Small Groups 6:30pm Super Dad Band</p>	<p>3 10:30am OA 1:30pm Brownies</p>	<p>4 8:30am Pre-Super Bowl Men's Breakfast 3pm Daisy Troop</p>
<p>5 Super Bowl 8:30am Pray for EPC 9am Worship/SS 10:30am Worship/Kids Connection 12pm Super Bowl Youth Flag Football</p> 	<p>6 3pm Tutoring 4:30pm Personnel 6:30pm Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Children's Ministry Mtg 6:30pm Global Ministry</p>	<p>7 8am Men's Breakfast 9am IMPACT 9:15am MOPS 10am Pastor Bible study 12:30pm PS Staff 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Ransom 6:30pm Young Life 6:45pm 3 Cross 6:45pm Women's Bible study</p>	<p>8 9:15am PS Chapel 9:30am Women's Bible study 12:30pm Staff 3pm Tutoring 4pm Kids Choir 7pm Choir</p> <p>March GNP articles due today</p>	<p>9 9:15am PS Chapel 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Youth Band 6pm Senior Ministry 6:30pm Kinder Readiness Parent Mtg 6:30pm HS Guys Small Groups 6:30pm HS Gals Small Groups 6:30pm Super Dad Band</p>	<p>10 10:30am OA 11am Voice Recital 1pm Brownie Troop 6pm HS Mother/Daughter Dinner</p>	<p>11 9:30am Presbytery 1pm HS Sky High 2pm Voice Recital</p>
<p>12 Lincoln's Bday 8:30am Pray for EPC 9am Worship/SS 10:30am Worship/Kids Connection 11:45am SC & J 12pm Lunch Bunch 4pm MS Youth 5pm FFFF 6pm HS Youth</p>	<p>13 9am PS Board Mtg 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Session</p>	<p>14 Valentines Day 8am Men's Breakfast 10am P. Bible study 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Ransom 6:30pm Young Life 6:45pm Women's Bible study</p> 	<p>15 9:30am Women's Bible study 12:30pm Staff 3pm Tutoring 4pm Kids Choir 7pm Choir</p>	<p>16 3pm Brownies 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Youth Band 6:30pm HS Guys Small Group 6:30pm HS Gals Small Group 6:30pm Super Dad Band</p>	<p>17 No School. Office Closed. High School Winter Camp—all weekend at Hume Lake 10:30am OA 1:30pm Brownie Troop 1060</p>	<p>18 3pm Daisy Troop</p>
<p>19 8:30am Pray for EPC 9am Worship/SS 10:30am Worship/Kids Connection 4pm MS Youth Group</p>	<p>20 President's Day. No School. Office Closed. 4pm Riverhaven Prep 6:30pm Prayer Ministry 6:30pm Shawl Ministry</p> 	<p>21 8am Men's Breakfast 10am P. Bible study 12:30 PS Staff 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Ransom 6:30pm Young Life 6:45pm Women's Bible study 7pm Deacon's Mtg</p>	<p>22 Ash Wed Washington's Bday 9:30am Women's Bible study 12:30pm Staff 3pm Tutoring 6:30 Ash Wed. Service</p> 	<p>23 12pm Senior Saints Alive 3pm Tutoring Program 5:30pm Youth Band 6:30pm HS Guys Small Group 6:30pm HS Gals Small Group 6:30pm Super Dad Band</p>	<p>24 10:30am OA 3pm LAN Party</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 1st Sun in Lent 8:30am Pray for EPC 9am Worship/SS 10:30am Worship/Kids Connection 2pm Kids Choir Show! 4pm MS Youth Group 6pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>27 3pm Tutoring 4:30pm Facilities 5:30pm Youth Comm. Meeting</p>	<p>28 8am Men's Breakfast 10am P. Bible study 3pm Tutoring 5:30pm Ransom 6:30pm Young Life 6:45pm 3 Cross 6:45pm Women's Bible study</p>	<p>29 9:30am Women's Bible study 12:30pm Staff 3pm Tutoring 4pm Kids Choir 7pm Choir</p>			<p>1 Peter 2:9</p>

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

SHORT-TERM IMPACT MISSION TRIPS FOR SUMMER 2012



What is IMPACT?

IMPACT (International Mission Project and Cross Cultural Training) works by building relationships through which we learn, serve, and grow in our understanding of Christ's work in us, in the people in our own communities and in communities around the world. Since IMPACT began in 1993 as a ministry of the Santa Barbara Presbytery, it has sent over 400 adults and youth on journeys to work with partner ministries in 12 countries. Trips are 2 to 4 weeks in duration, including a 4 day intensive cross cultural training experience. This coming year we have ten mission trips planned to Brazil, China, Honduras, Romania, Turkey, Uganda, and the Ukraine.



www.impact-sbp.org or contact Bree Bouma at impact.sbp@gmail.com or 805-647-6489.

BRAZIL— August 5 - August 13

Project: Time will mostly be spent boat cruising to three or four villages along the Amazon supporting Brazilian missionaries, doctors, and dentists. Those who are medically qualified will assist in exams and treatment while others will assist in home visits, spiritual support, house-painting and VBS activities.

CHINA – July 27 – August 5

Project: This team will be working with the mission organization Bless China International to run a summer camp (Camp Hope) for poor children of migrant workers. Our IMPACT team would work with local volunteers to take a supporting role in running the camp.

HONDURAS – June 29 – July 13

Project: The team will work in the highlands of Honduras, with Orlando & Sylvia Japas of Union Biblica. We'll join the UB staff in sharing the gospel through music, drama, and crafts with hundreds of school children in the cities and in rural areas.

ROMANIA – June 29 - July 17

Project: *Impact team will work in the small mountain town of Lupeni to support a summer camp for high school and middle aged children, where they are taught outdoor skills, rock and rope climbing, and Christian values. There will be some painting and maintenance work to help improve the camp.*

TURKEY – July 1 – July 22

Project: The team will journey to the Mediterranean town of Antalya to work in the only Christian church in a city of 1 million Muslims. The goal of this trip is to encourage and serve the Turkish church members, coming alongside them as Christian brothers and sisters in Christ. At the church, this team will help prepare worship services, share testimonies and Bible lessons, teach Sunday School and prepare English lessons for young adults and teenagers.

UGANDA – July 1 – July 27

Project: The team will work with Patrick Buligasima and Discipleship Mission International, an indigenous Christian organization based in Uganda, Africa. The two primary schools at Magada and Busembatia Trading Center have 1,900 students, many of which are orphans due to HIV/AIDS and pastors' children. Our team will be there to help give spiritual support, play with the children, and do some school construction.

UKRAINE - June 29 - July 17

Project: Our team will be going to work with Nita Hanson and the ministry she started called God's Hidden Treasures which ministers to the handicapped and orphans of the Ukraine. This organization has been growing in scope and now encompasses wheelchair, orphan, medical, spiritual, village, and outreach ministries.

Applications due February 16th



FALL SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION & LIFEGROUPS

9 AM CLASSES

Men's Fellowship

All Men are welcome!

9 am in the Library

Got kids? LifeGroup for Parents

9 am in Room 5

LifeGroup for Women

9 am in the Farmhouse

Lent Study for Men and Women

Time and Place to be determined

Stay tuned for details...

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12

LIFEGROUPS FOR FEBRUARY

No. We will not be "On the Road with Huel Howser" but, yes, we will have the opportunity to be "On the Road with Jesus" during the Lenten Season at EPC.

"Following in His Footsteps," a six week study for Lent, will be part of the preparation for Easter at EPC. Pastor Matt has written a Lenten Study to be used by Life Groups, Bible Studies, and individuals. All are invited to participate in tracing the life of Jesus on his journey to the cross through this study. The study will focus on where His footsteps lead us on our faith journey. In what ways is He inviting us to become increasing like Him? Who is He leading us to connect with as His disciple?

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22 and Easter is April 8. Watch for more information on when study books will be available, how to become part of a LifeGroup or class on Sunday morning. There will be a LifeGroup table on the church patio beginning February 5 where you can sign up to participate in a Life Group for the six week study, or get information regarding other opportunities to get involved.

LENT STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS

There will be an opportunity to participate in a Lent study written by Pastor Matt starting February 19 to April 1. The time and place are yet to be determined... so stay tuned for details.

SERMON SERIES: WORSHIP!

Feb. 5

How Should We Approach Worship?

Part One

Psalms 95: 1-7 & John 4:24

Feb. 12

How Should We Approach Worship?

Part Two

Isaiah 6: 1-7

Feb. 19

Does How We Live Affect Our Worship

Matthew 15: 1-9

Amos 5:21-23

Feb. 22

Ash Wednesday

New Wine

Mark 2: 18-22

Service at 6:30 pm

Feb. 26

First Sunday In Lent

Begin Sermon Series: NEW

"Behold, I am doing a new thing!"

Isaiah 43:19

"I make all things new."

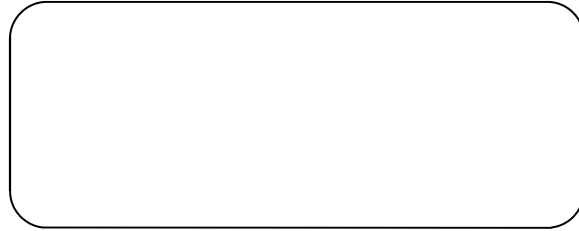
Revelation 21:5

Mark 1:21-28

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Pre-Super Bowl

MEN'S BREAKFAST



FEBRUARY 4TH @ 8:30 AM

Good Food, Laughs & Fellowship.

Speaker: Jan Denharder
International Rep for YWAM
(Youth With A Mission)

Pray that the men of EPC would be blessed!