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Congratulations to *Bill & Jackie Murphy* again!!

They have a new great-granddaughter, *Olive Rae Murphy*, born Wednesday, May 11th, making her appearance at 8 Pounds. Parents are Hayden & Alishia Murphy.



Nancy Alexander is attempting to compile a "new" list of "all" those who are presently on the E-mail Prayer Chain and those who would like to join. Some of the

current members were deleted due to a computer error. Please call Nancy at 704-537-9313 or e-mail her at CALEX194019@gmail.com

You can also sign-up on the clipboard sheet in the vestibule.

PRAYER, a precious gift from HIM!

Happy Birthday

- 2 Tim Harmon 10 Jimmy Howie
- 7 Katrine Anders 24 Carol Agner
- 9 Mike Miller

Call the church office if you were missed!



Sunday, June 19th
Remembering the Fathers with us and the memory of those in our hearts.



Saturday, July 2nd
BBQ/Outreach Event
Details and needs forthcoming!
Help definitely needed!

Sunday, July 3rd
Musical Guest
Matthew Gullede

Wednesday, July 6th
6:30 PM Pastor Mike
"What In the World Is God Doing?"



The Eastway Encourager



"Therefore, encourage each other with these words. . ." I Thessalonians 4:18

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Recently we have been taking a detailed look into the individual letters Jesus sent to seven churches. These letters are found in chapters 2 and 3 of The Revelation. These letters are very specific to the conditions found in each church and issues each were facing. Some issues were inside the church, and some issues were in the culture outside of the church. Even though Jesus is addressing very specific matters, we also find some similarities to their conditions also.

Each of these letters follow the same outline.

- The name of the Church - Each one is unique to the situation.
- Title of Christ - Specific for each church situation.
- Commendation - What you are doing well.
 - Concern - This is what you are not doing well.
 - Exhortation - (Remedy)
 - Promise to the Overcomer
 - "He who has an ear let him hear."

Most sermons I've ever heard on these letters seem to focus on the "Concerns"; the things Jesus is unhappy with in the church. And yes, we should always be vigilant to correct anything in our church or our lives that Jesus is unhappy with. But, what about the things He is pleased with? I mean, after all isn't that the goal of our lives? Shouldn't we be striving to please Him daily? So, let's take a moment to reflect on the things Jesus commends us for.

In these letters Jesus commends His people for their work and dedication. He praises people for being diligent in getting things done in the church. We at Eastway are entering a new era of

church involvement. As we move forward, we are going to need more and more people to step up and take an active part in helping to reach our community. He also mentions how pleased He is with those who have not "grown weary" serving in the church. That is because there is a certain joy and energy found when we are working for Him to reaching and serving others.

Jesus also commends those who are faithful.

What does faithfulness mean at Eastway? Well, it means being loyal. It means being a person who can be counted on. Faithfulness and loyalty go hand in hand. Being a faithful and loyal person simply means you are a person who can be counted on. I often hear people say they are not the "right person" for a certain job. But the fact is that most jobs just require someone willing to be present.

But Jesus also commends them for their love.

Love will cause us to do things we would never expect, go places we would have never gone, and work harder than we ever thought possible. It is love that gives us the ability and strength to persevere even when the path is not clear, and the burden gets heavy.

As I looked over these, I could not help but see certain faces in my mind. They were faces of people I have come to know here at Eastway. Yes, we have some things we need to work on so we can improve our outreach, but we can, and we will get there. We will get there because of the many people here who are living their lives in ways that please the Lord.

In His Grip,
Pastor Mike



WEDNESDAY

June 8th at 9 am

The Landmark Restaurant

49'ER DAY TRIP!

LAKE LURE/CHIMNEY ROCK

Wednesday, June 15th Leaving at 9 am

Ride on a tour-guided pontoon boat on Lake Lure.

Cost: \$17/Seniors \$20/Adults \$10/Child-4-under

Enjoy lunch and "looking around" Chimney Rock.

Please contact Dottye Brimhall 704-361-0260

Memorial

for
Bill Alexander

by
Mark Rumsey



Dear Eastway Family,

I would love to thank each one of you for all the food, flowers, cards, visits, and the many acts of kindness after my Bill's passing. And most of all for all your prayers. I'm so grateful to be a part of this loving church family. God bless.

- Love, Nancy

Eastway Congregation,

Hunger and food insecurity are a year-round problem. You plant hope in others by supporting our mission to continue the hunger fight.

- Michelle Littlejohn, Manager, Loaves & Fishes

CAN YOU HELP?

Debbie Miller is heading up a food drive to serve our neighbors who may be in need.

Please show your support by donating food items. With your help we will not only feed the physically hungry, but also feed the Spiritually needy as well.

We will distribute the food on designated days.

You may bring your food items on Sunday or drop them by the church office.

Psalm 9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and hope of the poor shall not perish forever.



PLEASE!

If you need to,

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Call the church office or leave a voicemail.

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**ONE NATION,
UNDER GOD.**



**PRAY
FOR
OUR NATION!**

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14