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PRAY,
PREPARE
AND VOTE
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER
8TH!

EASTWAY FOOD PANTRY

Debbie Miller has designated the first Wednesday of every month as distribution day for our church.

The operating hours will be from 4-5:30 pm.

NEXT: NOVEMBER 2ND!

Volunteers are so important in this ministry, please contact Debbie at 704-890-9494, if you would like to help.

"Thank You" to all who donated food items and to those who helped with the first distribution. Together we will not only feed the physically hungry, but also feed the Spiritually needy. Food items may be brought on Sundays or dropped by the church office.

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



Happy Birthday

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| 5 Dotty Brimhall | 29 Charlene Wertz |
| 11 Misty Campbell | Margaret Wylie |
| 13 Jayna Barnhill | 30 Jo Wylie |
| 19 Elizabeth Welch | |

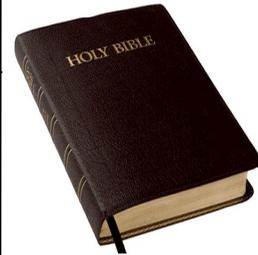
Please! Call the church office if your birthday was missed!



Quarterly Church
Conference
Sunday,
November 27th



What Does the Bible Say About:
"THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT
IN OUR LIVES"



This will be the subject Pastor Mike will be teaching Tuesday, November 1st at **2 pm** and Wednesday, November 2nd at **6:30 pm**. Light supper served.

Great News!

As you can see a new daily Bible Study will begin on November 1st.

It will continue on Tuesday, November 8th with the study of Daniel. The Wednesday Bible Study will continue with the study of Daniel on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 pm.

A light supper will be served.

Please plan to be part of these studies.

Let's study his Word together!



Time Changes
Sunday
November 6th

The Eastway Encourager



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

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Out of the fullness of His grace
He has blessed us all, giving us
one blessing after another.

John 1:16

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

II Peter 1:2-3

2- Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3- as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

II Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

Proverbs 4:20-22

20- My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21- Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 22- For they are life to those who find them; And health to all their flesh.

Deuteronomy 28:2

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Psalm 136:25

Who gives food to all flesh, for His mercy endures forever.

Thoughts From Your Pastor

Why Should I Evangelize?

For some reason telling someone about Jesus seems to be one of the most difficult things we as Christians encounter. Why is that? Is it because we are not comfortable with our own Bible knowledge? Is it because we feel the person will not want to hear it?

Or is it because we feel that the conversation may cause me to lose a friend?

There certainly are many more reasons we can list. But then again, perhaps we are asking the wrong question.

Maybe the question should be, *why shouldn't I tell people about Jesus?*

We have finished a 3-week class on evangelism. In preparation for that, we needed to consider some reasons why we should be doing it more.

1. *Evangelism is an act of love.* Love must be the defining characteristic of every follower of Jesus Christ. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, so anyone who walks in the Spirit will demonstrate love in dealing with people.

We possess the best news in the world, and love propels us to share it with those who haven't heard. Love wants everyone to have a chance to respond to God's offer of salvation. Withholding news that could save someone's life is the utmost cruelty; therefore, those who truly love God will love the people whom Jesus came to save.

2. *Evangelism builds our own faith.* Nothing helps us learn a subject like teaching it to someone else. When we make a practice of sharing our faith with those in our lives, we strengthen our own beliefs. Regular evangelism forces us to wrestle through the hard questions, find answers for ourselves, and prepare to respond to the questions of others. We should *"always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have. But do this with gentleness and respect"*. We prepare by studying God's Word for ourselves, listening to sound Bible teachers, and staying in close fellowship with Jesus. Those practices keep

Practices that keep our own lives pure so we are not hypocrites, preaching one thing, doing another.

3. *Evangelism provides eternal benefits.* Jesus encouraged His followers to "store up treasure in heaven". That treasure consists of rewards for what we did on earth in His name and for His glory. It is not self-centered to make choices that will ensure eternal treasure for ourselves. Jesus told us to! Our service to Him can be as simple as offering a cup of cold water to one of His own. The parable of the unjust steward underscores the importance of doing whatever we can to bring people to faith in Christ.

4. *Evangelism is an overflow of the "hope that is within us".* When two people fall in love, they cannot help but let everyone around them know it. Joy shows on their faces, stars glitter in their eyes. They are eager to tell anyone who will listen about the wonderful person they love. So, it is when we've fallen in love with Jesus. We cannot help but tell people about Him every chance we get. We think about Him all the time. We're drawn to his Word, to worship services, and to others who love Him. We look for opportunities to share His truth with someone who is far from Him. If Jesus is not at the forefront of our minds, we have a spiritual problem and need to address that first before we can share the "hope that is within us".

5. *Evangelism pleases the Lord.* The Cristian life must never be lived according to "shoulds." Yet we hear that word often in relation to Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, and other Christian practices. "I should do that, but . . ." The *but* is a bigger problem than we want to admit. God's children will naturally want to please their Heavenly Father; it is their greatest delight. So, our compass is set with God at true north. In everything we do, we feel the magnetic pull toward pleasing God. Even mundane tasks can be completed with joy because we are doing what God has given us to do. Teaching other people how to have a relationship with Jesus is one way

to please Him. And in pleasing Him we are most fulfilled.

These are just a few reasons why we, as Christians should share the Good News with others.

After all, someone did it for you once.

Blessings, *Pastor Mike*

PRAY FOR AMERICA!



"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 I will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

So You Will Know

A number of people were wanting to be included in the e-mail list for election information by Craig Seibert, the gentleman who gave the presentation on the political and spiritual history of Charlotte. He asks that you send him an e-mail to: seibertnote@mindspring.com and in the subject line just put LOCAL ELECTIONS—ADD MY NAME TO LIST



WEDNESDAY

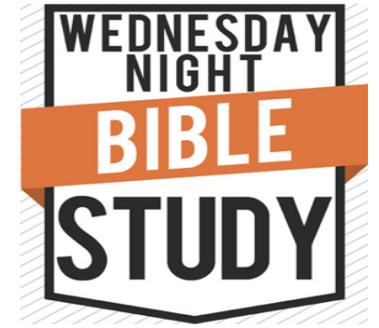
November 9th at 9 am

The Landmark Restaurant! Join us!

Happy Anniversary

Gene & Judy Gordon - November 7, 1980

Glenn & Suzie Huneycutt - November 14, 1992



Pastor Mike will be teaching a 12-week Bible study on the book of

Daniel

beginning on Wednesday, November 9th and continuing with exception of the 23rd for Thanksgiving.

A light supper will be served at 6:30.

Also, a *new daytime Bible Study* will begin on Tuesday, November 1st and continue through November with exception of Tuesday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving. They will also be studying the book of Daniel beginning November 8th.

Please plan to be part of this study.

Let's learn and seek together!



Dear Eastway Family,
Our words cannot express how we were blessed with the wonderful meals you

delivered to us. Also, the prayers that you lifted up for Sherry before and after her surgery and continue to remember both of us in our health struggles. We feel your prayers and your love.

We are so thankful! Love, Joe & Sherry