



East End Baptist Church *The Voice*

OCTOBER 2020

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

New Sunday Schedule

Beginning October 4

8:00AM Drive In Worship

9:00AM-10:15AM Sunday School Hour

- **Back to Class:** Preschool, Children, Youth, College & Career, Co-Ed 1, Co-Ed 3
- **In Sanctuary:** Co-Ed 4

10:30AM Worship in Worship Center

Monthly Meetings

- Oct. 14th—Church Council 5:30PM
- Oct. 14th—Finance Committee Meeting 7:00PM
- Oct. 19—Deacons Meeting 6:30PM

New Wednesday Schedule

Begins Wednesday, October 7

**Preschool &
Children**

**Youth
& Adults**

6:00-6:45PM

- Preschool Choir
- Children's Choir

- Adult Bible Study
- Sunday School Leadership Training
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Youth Bible Study

6:45-7:30PM

- Mission Friends
- GA's
- RA's

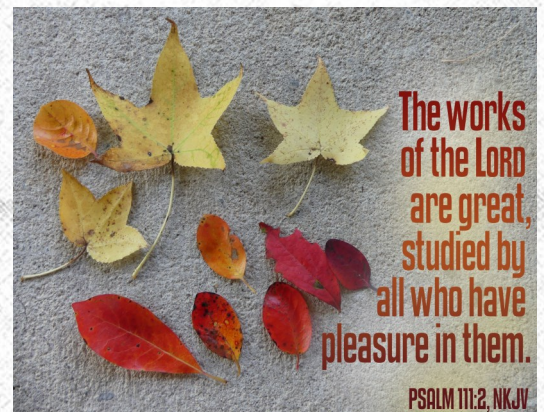
- Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Mission Team Planning



**Margaret Lackey State
Mission Offering**

Goal: \$1,000

Amount Received: \$1,330



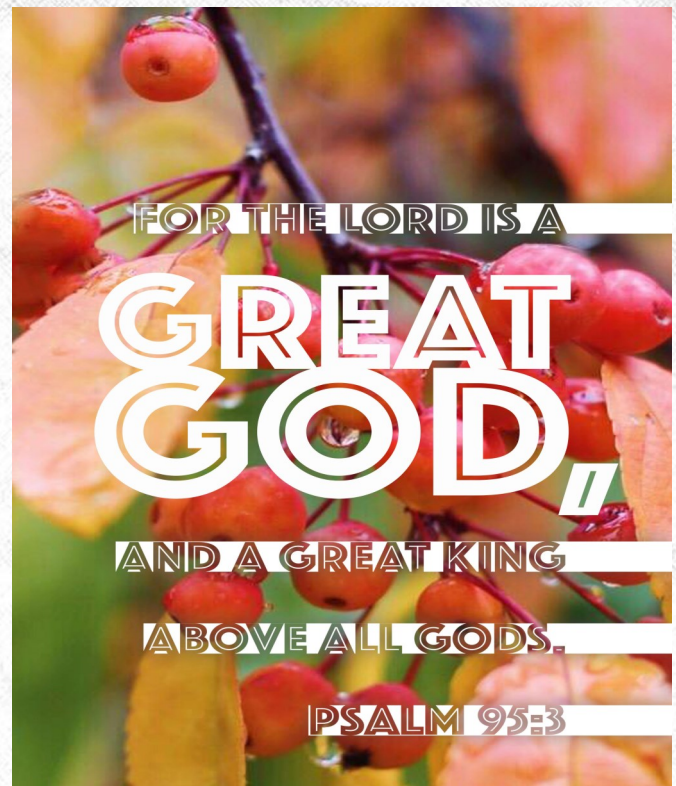
SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS CONFERENCE WITH RUSSELL MORD

Friday, October 9
6:00PM—8:30PM
Supper included

Saturday, October 10
8:00AM—11:30AM



Limited availability. Call the church office to R.S.V.P. and check availability.

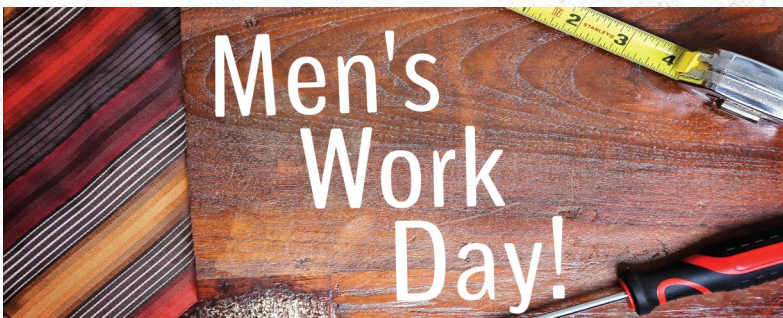


Security Team Appreciation & Recruitment Dinner

← Friday, October 16
6:00PM →

For everyone who is serving on East End's Security and those who are interested in serving

R.S.V.P. by October 11 in the church office



Saturday, October 24
7:00AM
Lunch will be service

All Men Invited

- Pressure washing outside the building
- Changing out some lighting under our awnings
- Relocating shelves from the library
- Cleaning up some wiring in our security headquarters



October 1—Jack Gordman
October 2—Lily Benson
October 11—Josh Tilley
October 13—Frank Ferguson
October 14—Caroline Looney
October 16—Nina Poss
October 16—Tim Estes
October 18—Alaina Veazey
October 18—Molly Kate Wilson
October 19—Eli Wilson
October 21—Drake Gordman
October 22—Ella Holifield
October 23—Crystal Childress
October 28—Rose Brownlee
October 31—Janice Pittman
October 31—Marty Kilpatrick

Pastor's Pen

by Byron Benson

"NOW IS THE TIME"

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25

The past six months has been extraordinary to say the least. The church has been pushed outside its comfort zone and stretched to its limit when it comes to ministry on a personal level. At present time, I am fearful that the congregation is losing touch with one another. My prayer is that each of us would understand the value of relationships among believers in Christ and place those relationships at the top of our priority list. Many have had little to no personal contact with others in worship and Bible study for quite some time. It is time for us to ask the question, "How long can we continue this way?" How long can an individual remain spiritually healthy without corporate worship and Bible study? My answer in short – not long!

Hebrews 10:23-25 gets to the heart of this matter. We are encouraged to "hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering." Our hope is in Jesus Christ and Him alone. This is a relationship that transcends anything that will happen to us on this earth and one that should not waver in times of trial or trouble. The writer points out "he who promised is faithful." If our relationship with Christ wavers, OUR faithfulness comes into question – not His.

Hebrews then instructs believers to "consider how to stir up one another in love and good works." When was the last time you were "stirred up" by other Christians? We need to spend time with each other! Being together is a necessity! That is the point of verse 25. We read, "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." Hebrews is teaching us that we need corporate worship and Bible study for encouragement. There is a kind of encouragement that only comes when believers are gathered in the presence of the Lord. By the way, he makes no concession for worldwide pandemics or life-threatening diseases.

The church is strong, but we are suffering. We are suffering from a lack of stirring one another up! We are suffering from a lack of encouragement that comes with assembling! Let us not let the schedule changes caused by this pandemic lead us to neglect meeting together "as is the habit of some."

I am not suggesting that we return to church with reckless abandon forsaking all safety measures. We CAN socially distance. We CAN clean the facilities. We CAN wash our hands and keep them to ourselves. We CAN wear masks if necessary. NOW IS THE TIME for all of us to consider the fact that Christians CAN NOT go on without meeting together.

This passage ends with a reminder. "...the Day is drawing near." Jesus Christ will be returning shortly. The troubles of this world will fade into the past. This old body will be gone along with its aches, pains, and sicknesses. At that time, everything that matters will be spiritual. For now, the preservation of this body is not worth the slightest spiritual decay. Let us gather!

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes and information are available in
Room 111

Shoebox Dedication
Sunday, November 15

