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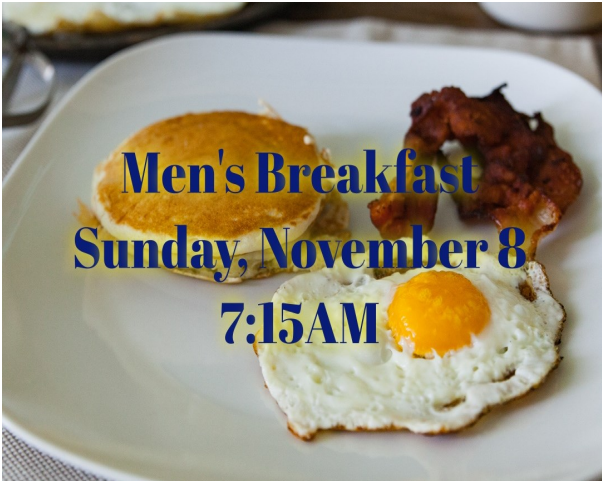
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Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Dedication Sunday
Sunday, November 15
During the morning worship service



Wednesday, November 25
No Church Activities

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Church Office Closed

LET'S REACH!

You may have noticed we have not resumed services on Sunday evenings. There is good reason for this, and I would like to share some of our plans for the future. Before this pandemic, we (the staff of East End), had considered changing our activities on Sunday evenings to be more outreach- oriented. The pandemic upset the entire schedule, and as we began to piece things back together, we left Sunday evenings open for the purpose of putting outreach opportunities in place.

As you know, the Great Commission gives Christians and the church a three-fold mandate to reach people, teach people, and minister to people. By doing each part well, we will also be making disciples of Jesus Christ. East End has made a concerted effort to fulfill these three commands through Sunday school.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Our Sunday school literature from Answers in Genesis, *Answers Bible Curriculum*, has strengthened the teaching aspect. We are receiving the meat of God's word and the depth of study has been taken to a new level. Our teachers have been diligent in their commitment to preparation and to Sunday school leadership training. These changes have begun to change the culture of East End in positive ways.

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:12-14

East End has always done well in the area of ministering to one another. I see this happening in many ways: preparing meals for families who have had surgery or other medical issues, feeding a grieving family after the loss of a loved one, sending cards and letters of encouragement to someone unable to attend, visiting homebound and nursing home members, praying for each other in times of distress, AND THE LIST GOES ON. I want to encourage you to keep up the good work when it comes to ministry!

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

Now, let's talk about reaching. What do we mean by "reaching"? You may have heard this part of the Great Commission referred to as outreach. What we mean by outreach is taking the gospel of Jesus Christ outside the walls of the church to lost people. Lost people are those who have never received Jesus as savior. For the purpose of the Great Commission, it is important to point out the difference between ministry and outreach. Ministry happens within the body of Christ. It is how



we help each other. Outreach is going outside the body of Christ. It is what we do for lost people. Some have never heard of Jesus other than His name being used as a curse word. It is time for us to be intentional about reaching. That is why we have chosen to leave Sunday evenings open. We want you, along with your class or small group to be intentional about reaching lost people with the gospel on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31-32

Here is the plan: Each Sunday school class has an outreach leader. Those leaders have already begun meeting on Wednesday nights to plan and strategize various outreach opportunities that YOU can be a part of. Outreach leaders will bring those opportunities to their classes to be discussed, planned, and implemented. We pray as your class goes out into the community to share the gospel, you will be willing to get involved. We pray lost people will come to know who Jesus is and accept Him as Lord and Savior as a result of your hard work. Let's be intentional about reaching! Our God is mighty to save!

