



EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD AND
TO BECOME TRANSFORMED DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST,
ALL FOR THE SAKE OF LOVING AND SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

November 29, 2017

OFFERING PRAYERS & PRAISE

Prayers for...

- Continuing prayers for Barb H and her family on the passing of her father.
- Prayers for the student of Kerri M as he struggles for love and compassion while he deals with the repercussions of his missing mother's poor choices. Prayers as well for his mother that she be found safe and finds love and peace in her life.
- Prayers for the Kreuger/Lawson couple on Sleepy Hollow Dr. in Fairview who lost their home to fire Tuesday evening.

We invite you to offer prayers and thanks to God here. You can submit your requests to us online at epcnashville@gmail.com. Since we will be sharing what you submit, please omit any information or details that should not be shared with others.

From up front...

Have you ever struggled to stay awake? I mean, really struggled to stay awake—perhaps to the point where you could put a crow bar between the bottom of your eye and the eyelid to prop it open, and you still found yourself falling into oblivion? Actually, I think it is probably a stupid question, for everyone at times cannot stay awake.

As for me, I think back to when I was a child sent to bed against my will on Christmas Eve. I think of the time I was a truck driver spending much of the summer driving late night for hundreds of miles throughout the United States. I think of my 8 o'clock math class in college. I think of recent New Year's Eves when I struggled just to stay up to the stroke of midnight.



Wakefulness does not always come easy for us. Especially during Advent and Christmas, our world is full of distractions, of things that lull us into sleep. And to the church in such an atmosphere, Jesus has this to say, “Stay awake.” This Sunday we will unpack what that commands means for us today.

Plus on Sunday we will welcome to our worship one of Christian music’s more dynamic new singers, BEC recording artist David Dunn. You’ve probably heard his recent smash single, “I Wanna Go Back” on the radio. But now you can experience it live. Bring your friends to church, my friends, and don’t forget the potluck that follows worship.

“Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.” Mark 13:35-37

In God’s Gracious Grip,

Scott

And then there’s this

DECEMBER DATES...

- *Dec. 2 @ 10AM (Saturday): Setup Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary.
- *Dec 3 – guest musician David Dunn
- *Dec 13 – next session meeting at 6:30
- *Dec 17 – guest musician Austin French
- *Dec 20 – service of healing and wholeness at 7pm
- *Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): because this is a Sunday this year, there will only be one service held, at the normal Sunday time of 10AM.
- *Dec. 31 - After church, congregation takes down Christmas decorations and tree.



Committee news...

Building and Grounds

The power for the new sign is scheduled to be completed on Friday. The trench has been run and they are in the process of placing the conduit/wire in the trench. It is hoped the new sign will be in mid-December.

Community – fellowship

There is no book club meeting in December, but there is still a chance to eat and visit. The monthly pot luck fellowship meal is this coming Sunday, December 3. The theme is (what else would it be?), Christmas.



The Fellowship Committee truly appreciates all the volunteers who provide food for treats after church! In order to help you remember, here's a list of those who have signed up for future dates.

December 3: Christmas Pot Luck

December 10: Barb

December 17: Val ?

Christian Ed:

Scott is planning a confirmation class in January. If you know of any young teens who might be ready for this, please pass the word and have them talk to Scott about it.

Community – mission/outreach

*Graceworks West, in Fairview, is one of the organizations supported both financially and through hands on work by EPC members. Go to graceworksministries.net to get more information and sign up to help. **There is always an opportunity to help in many different areas.** Did you trot with the turkeys Thanksgiving morning? Let me know!

Tuesday night there was a large house fire that pretty much took everything from a couple (Julie Lawson and Deb Krueger) in Fairview. There were no children, but the 2 women, 1 cat and 3 dogs (small, med, and large) are left wondering where to go and where to start first with their lives in ruins around them. Barb & I made the executive decision and offered them the assistance of our church. If you are able to help I think the best thing is gift cards for groceries, a store like Wal-Mart/Target, and/or pet supplies. I met one of the ladies, and size wise she is about the height of Terry Denton and may wear a x-large sweat shirt. I neglected to ask about size of the other women and did not see her so not even a guess. Please do what you can or feel moved to do and bring items to church on Sunday. I, or some of us, can deliver to them Sunday afternoon.



Personnel:

Norris has raised his hand and said I do! Did that get your attention...? Keep reading.

Norris has agreed to be the interface person on the committee dealing with the EPC Mission Study. That was before he knew there was a 34-page instruction document involved. These many requirements must be completed and approved by the Presbytery before the pastor nominating committee (PNC) can begin its search. One of the early tasks is to complete a number of background analyses and the committee felt that they would like to let the general congregation know what we are doing about working on the project.

I admit, this is just a teaser because I don't know enough about what is going on to communicate it effectively. Keep reading your newsletter and I will try to have additional information for you as it becomes available. If you just can't wait, ask Norris, Terry D or Ginia!



Communication/Fellowship

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, and in case you didn't know, December is coming here and the end of 2017 is coming. The end of the calendar year also brings the end of an elder's 3-year term on the leadership team, known as the session in Presbyterian terms. This year, both Elizabeth and I will be stepping down from session and with new people and new roles things will change. I have tried to list a few things in the communication area that are currently done, some days better done than others. It is up to you, the congregation, to decide if it is important enough to continue. I am stepping down not only from the session but am needing a break from many of the communication tasks and I will no longer be committee chair so... who will? Please consider your availability and listen to your heart if you feel like you are being pulled to taking an active role in any of these areas. No one says it has to be all you, but we do need at least one of you to start the ball rolling!

- *Newsletter *update website *post on FB *congregational care
- *make nametags *order/print contents for visitor packets (available Sunday!)
- *write Observer articles *stock gifts for visitors *meal train organization

Worship:

Sunday we will welcome guest worship leader, David Dunn, one of the hottest new artists in Contemporary Christian music today. "When I write songs, they are usually about what I've



been learning. Art is my context for being able to say what's on my mind, and hopefully, it can help encourage those who are in a similar place in life." Filled with confessional songs that engage both the ear and heart, Dunn's music, like the artist himself, just can't help standing out. Drawn from a personal place of reflection and crafted with a creative type's attention to detail, he is an artist who doesn't pretend to have life and faith all figured out. At the end of the day, however, he still knows where his help comes from, and that's definitely worth hearing about again and again.

ETC....

Who ya gonna email...???

Elders

Class of 2017

Faith Hanchey, communications
John Sevier, director of music & young adult education
Elizabeth Todd, community – fellowship & building and grounds

Class of 2018

Spenser Aden, worship
Alfred Takop, personnel
Jan Russell, Community - outreach & missions

Class of 2019

Norris Hoover, finance
Kerri McCullough, children's education

Pastor's Office Hours & Open Sanctuary:

Pastor Scott's office hours are on Wednesdays 9-5pm. Feel free to come by Emmanuel during these hours and use the sanctuary for a time of solitude, reflection and prayer.

Anyone wanting to have an announcement printed in church bulletin needs to email information to Scott Huie at scotthuie@comcast.net by Wednesday morning.

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Emmanuel Presbyterian Church is located on Highway 96, near the intersection of Highway 100. We are close to Bellevue, Fairview, Franklin, Leipers Fork, Pasquo, Westhaven and West Nashville. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!