



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

One of the great joys of pastoral ministry is seeing the church move forward together in unity. Our recent congregational meeting was a beautiful reminder that God has given us not only a shared confession of faith, but also a shared love for one another and a common hope for the future. I left that meeting deeply encouraged by the spirit of unity, trust, and expectancy that filled the room.

This sense of togetherness was further strengthened at our Elders' Shepherding Gathering on January 31st. Our elders spent time in prayer and conversation about how best to care for the flock the Lord has entrusted to us. We "de-drafted" shepherding groups for each Ruling Elder. We reflected on our calling to shepherd with humility, faithfulness, and love, and we sought the Lord's wisdom for the year ahead. It was not merely a planning meeting - it was a reminder that leadership in Christ's church is first and foremost a ministry of prayer, presence, and discipleship.

Looking ahead, I am especially excited for our upcoming Leadership Gathering on February 21st, when all our officers and ministry leaders will come together. This will be a time to align our hearts and efforts around a shared vision: to grow as disciples of Jesus and to help others do the same. When elders, deacons, teachers, and ministry leaders gather around God's Word and prayer, we are reminded that the work of the church is not carried by a few, but by the whole body working together in love.

As we step into 2026, our vision is simple but profound: to Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever. Discipleship is not programmatic- it is a way of life. It happens as we worship faithfully, study Scripture together, pray for one another, and serve side by side. It happens in Sunday worship, in small groups, in friendships, and in ministries where we learn to bear one another's burdens and rejoice in one another's joys.

This year brings renewed opportunities to plug in and grow. Our men's and women's ministries are expanding, offering spaces for encouragement, study, and fellowship. These gatherings are not just events on a calendar; they are invitations into deeper relationships and deeper faith. Whether you are new to the church or have been here for years, there is a place for you to belong and to grow.

I want to encourage you: don't remain on the sidelines this year. Step into the life of the church. Join a group. Serve where the Lord has gifted you. Pray for your leaders. Invest in one another. God uses ordinary faithfulness in extraordinary ways, and He delights to shape His people as we walk together in obedience.

I am grateful for the unity the Lord has already shown us, and I am hopeful for what lies ahead. May this year of 2026 be a year marked by deeper discipleship, stronger fellowship, and joyful service to our Savior. Let us move forward together: trusting God, loving one another, and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With gratitude and hope for the year ahead,

MONDAY MEDITATION

Each week on Monday morning (that's the goal, anyway!), Pastor Zach is sending out an email with the subject "Monday Meditation".

In it, he summarizes the sermon from Sunday, lists a few key takeaways, and provides several practical applications.

We pray that you will find these to be a helpful tool in your study of God's Word and for deeper study of the sermon text.



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, February 16th,
beginning at 9am

If you would like to receive a pedicure done by a medical professional, please call the church office at 309-795-1713 to schedule an appointment.



As we step into a year full of possibilities,
we are grateful for your partnership
in helping to change the world for patients.

YOUR 2025 IMPACT!

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church
69 Registered Donors (Mobiles + Center)
74 Donations Collected
160 Lives Saved!

Thank you so much for your endless commitment and support of ImpactLife, our dedicated donors, our patients, and our Mission. It is a privilege getting to work with you and your organization I don't take lightly.

Cheers,
Tori Tebbitt, Account Manager

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PUT GOOD INTO THE WORLD

BLOOD DRIVE

SAVE THE DATE:

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Saturday, March 7th

7:00am - 10:30am

Last day to donate whole blood: 2/2/26

Last day to donate double red: 12/8/25



To book your appointment, call
Kay Amy at (309) 791-2296, email
Melody VanOteghem at
mjvano57@gmail.com, or scan the
QR code.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Kris Olin	20 - Karrie Fuhr
5 - Judge Fuhr	20 - Klay Goodnight
5 - Debra Wagamon	20 - MaryAnn Vroman
7 - Heather Parchert	24 - Trenton Pearson
8 - Steve Ryser	25 - Kristen Adams
10 - Josey Stegmiller	25 - Shawn Terrill
10 - Rick VanOteghem	27 - Nathan Flickinger
11 - Patrick Shovar	27 - Lincoln Fuhr
15 - Ione Hesck	27 - Hillary Terrill
16 - Stacey Anderson	27 - Liam Youck
18 - Cindy Thompson	27 - Kim Zampogna
20 - Robert Crawford	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

21 - JR & Regina Thomas

Our family wants to thank the church for all the prayers of our arrival of Huntleigh!

*Thankful
&
Grateful*

We also want to thank the deacons for setting up our meal train and thanks to all the families who stopped by and delivered and fed our family. It was so nice, thoughtful, and delicious!

We couldn't be more thankful for our church family!

Dillon, Kayla, Easton, Archer, Beckham, & Huntleigh Weckerly

I heard that the January 3rd Christmas de-decorating and kitchen cleaning was a great success with 14 pairs of willing hands and hearts to serve the Lord!

God bless all of you for tending to our church home!

Sue Miller

*Thank
you!*

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 1st - Melody and Rick VanOteghem
Sunday, February 8th - Nathan and Lyndsey Flickinger
Sunday, February 15th - Bill and Lisa Sloan
Sunday, February 22nd - Eric and Kelly Moel

Date: 1-21-26

Present: Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Darren Hall, Colby Mueller, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Elder Kim Freyermuth.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:30pm.

Minutes for December meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for December reviewed and approved. Barb presented a summary of the income and expenses for the Building Fund in 2025.

Old Business:

- Parking lot extension request. School is currently planning to build a bus barn on their property. They will contact us when they have more definite plans. We anticipate no action on the parking request until the bus barn construction work is completed.
- Shelves for communion closet installed.
- Balcony stair light and ceiling fan pending warmer weather.

New Business:

- Trustees discussed history of church expenses and receipts. Currently expenses are increasing at a faster rate than receipts. Barb will talk with Zach about possibly addressing this at the annual meeting.
- Discussed adding a mini split system A/C unit for the balcony. This area is very warm in the summer – especially for the sound system operators. Will discuss further in the spring.
- It was reported the church bell has become difficult to ring. Trustees will work on lubricating the bell when weather is warmer.
- New wall clock will be purchased for the kitchen.
- Will review surface damage on table at sanctuary entrance.
- Discussed options for new chairs in the balcony. Padded chairs are available at a cost of \$61.50 each. Agreed to purchase 33 chairs.
- Installed new LED light bulb in sanctuary fixture.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



January 6, 2026

Those attending were: Jim & Bailey Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, Cassie Fuhr and Lori Meier.

Jim opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- **Review ministry updates** – Newsletters and emails.
- **Coat Drive:** All the items left over from the coat drive were sorted and separated. Newer items were kept for this year's drive. The older items will be donated to Pregnancy Resources, Youth Hope, and local shelters.

New Business:

- **Annual Meeting:** Jim will give the Annual Meeting Update.
- **Christmas Eve Offering & Match:** A total of \$4,500 will be donated to our Youth Group for their Mission Trip.
- **Mission Partners Budget:** Motion to allocate between 70-75% of our budget to our Mission Partners. Motion was seconded and approved.

Our next meeting will be February 17th at 6:30pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.

NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company.
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs!

Your 2025 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy, Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Melody VanOteghem, & Deb Wagamon.



CELEBRATING OUR 90TH YEAR OF MINISTRY! (Click [HERE](#) to read the full report)

Thank you for the amazing support in 2025! You helped meet our Year-End Giving Goal! The outpouring of support has been incredible and has truly blessed us. Thank you for investing in what God is doing here!

Thousands of kids and teens have life-transforming moments because people like you sponsored them to camp, blessed them at Christmas, and mentored them through the toughest times in their lives.

We are grateful to be doing this amazing work, and praise God for ALL He has faithfully done in and through us for the past 90 years. YouthHope began in 1936 as Christian Friendliness, initiated by a group of women who recognized the needs of low-income families and sought to provide them with HOPE.

90 years later, and we are still serving low-income families and bringing the HOPE of Jesus. Thank you for being part of this amazing legacy and continuing the mission to serve at-risk youth and bring HOPE!

– Esther Joy King, Executive Director

P.S. Mark your calendars for our 90th Anniversary Benefit Gala on April 30th! We can't wait to celebrate with you all God has done and plans to do next!

Together, we meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, educational, and vocational needs of at-risk youth through authentic relationships that lead them to Jesus.

Every program at YouthHope includes a meal for every student, access to transportation to and from programs, and a safe, encouraging, and positive space to belong.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT!



The Mission Committee is sponsoring tables for this event. If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary foyer.



(Click on the image to go to the registration page)

2026 YouthHope Banquet

Infinite Impact Fundraising Banquet

Join us to hear how your partnership with YouthHope has Infinite Impact!

WHEN: Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 5:00 - 8:30pm

WHERE: Bend XPO: 922 Mississippi Pkwy East Moline, IL 61244

- Doors Open @ 5pm | Dinner Starts @ 5:45pm | Celebration and Program @ 7pm
- Bid on the Amazing and Unique Auction Items!
- All proceeds support YouthHope programs for at-risk youth in the Quad Cities!

WELCOME TO 2026!

It's hard to believe we're almost through January! Every day at Pregnancy Resources, we meet women who feel they've reached the end of the road. Overwhelmed. Afraid. Pressured to make a decision that would end a life before it begins. BUT...**when life seems impossible, grace makes a Way!**

In 2025, you helped provide:

- 671 Pregnancy testing appointments
 - **ONLY 96 were assessed as likely to carry their pregnancy to term.**

With care and encouragement, **91% of those at risk of an abortion chose life in 2025!**

Pregnancy Resource's theme for 2026 is Waymaker. Isaiah 43:19 *"See, I am doing a new thing... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* In harmony with the hope that this verse holds, you are creating a place where fear is met with faith, where shame is replaced with truth, and where a woman hears, sometimes for the first time, "There is another way."

We believe the Waymaker goes before, and your prayers, volunteering, and financial support help move a woman from fear to faith; from isolation to community; and from death to LIFE!



PREGNANCY RESOURCES BANQUET 2026 - WAY MAKER



2026 Fundraising Banquet Dinner



March 26, 2026

Waterfront Convention Center
2021 State Street
Bettendorf, IA 52722

6pm - 8:30pm
Doors Open at 5:30pm

When life seemed impossible, grace made a way through you! We invite you to join with like-minded friends to become a way maker through **Pregnancy Resources Banquet 2026.**

- Doors open at 5:30 PM
 - Dinner begins at 6:00 PM
 - Program begins at 7:00 PM
 - RSVP required
 - Limited seating, adult only event
- (Click on the graphics to go to the registration sites)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

5:30pm – 8:30pm CDT

Waterfront Convention Center

2021 State St
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Hear how God has made a way despite challenging times through live testimonies and be encouraged as we look ahead. We know **the need is growing.** More women are walking through our doors with complex situations and deep pain - but we believe **the Waymaker still goes before, inviting us to join Him.**

An opportunity to make a one-time or recurring financial gift to make a way for moms and dads to see life will be extended. **Your gift doesn't just support a service - it opens a path.** It helps a woman move from fear to faith. From isolation to community. From death to life. **Thank you for being part of the way He makes!**



Volunteer!

2026 PRC 101 Training

February 17-19, 2026

ALL 3 DAYS OF TRAINING REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER
Minimum 3 participants needed

Choose Between

Morning Session
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Evening Session
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm
(Dinner Provided)

To register, contact **Maia@qcpregnancy.org** or scan the QR code
3825 16th St., Moline, IL 61265





(Traditional Belarusian embroidery)

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END-OF-YEAR REPORT 31 DEC 2025 - B & E UPDATE

Dear partners in ministry,

Thank you for your support! Our partnership has been fruitful this past year, thank the Lord!

Scripture themes throughout the year

Exodus 33: 'Moses said to God, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here... Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"'

Psalms 27: 'Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident... I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.'

Isaiah 61: 'anointed... to bring good news to the poor... to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.'

Matthew 28: 'And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."'

2025 Ministry Highlights

- Sharing the gospel personally, including remarkable conversations with...
- Professor D S (Vice Rector of The National University of O A)
- J (a wealthy farmer/businessman from the United Kingdom who I met in U.....)
- Professor V B, (K D University in I.....-F....., U.....)
- Ashley (Uber driver who cried while I shared the gospel 45 minutes on the way to the airport)
- S (U..... special forces officer I met on our 15-hour train ride)
- Professor I B (International University of E and H, R..., U.....)
- M (B..... university student who decided he is no longer an atheist and is now seeking convincing arguments for following Jesus Christ)
- [Please join us in prayer for them.]

Ministry trips to U..... and P..... in Jan/Feb, May/Jun, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec which...

- Helped our longtime efforts to pioneer a new era for the church to increase its capacity to serve in society as a shining light to bring a greater revelation of who Jesus really is and reach more people with the gospel
- Assisted the formation of new organizations, projects, and initiatives
- Helped unite Christians across denominations (Protestant, Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, U..... Orthodox)
- Contributed to the result of new believers and new church plants

Encouraging examples of some of the impact...

- Provided Christian O A lectures contributing to COA's encouraging results: 3,000 students took the 7-month course since 2022, 1,500 completed all the exams and received a certificate from the National University of O A, and another 500+ students are enrolled right now, including pastors, church workers, university students, public officials, social workers, professors, businessmen, and various professionals—and not just Protestants, but some Catholics and Orthodox, too

- Taught in-person courses in U..... seminaries (with extended online impact; for example, a seminary professor showed me that one of my seminary lectures had 763 online views)
- Taught seminars in churches in various cities to hundreds of Christians (and some non-believers, too) on reformation of family life and multigenerational living, an educational lifestyle in the home, classical Christian education methodology, and Christian service and leadership in society
- Preached in U..... churches in various cities words of encouragement during wartime and the opportunity in this crisis for missional living and reformation of the nation
- Lectured in several universities where faculty and students heard about their own Reformation theologian Andrzej Wolan (subject of my research), the sixth-century Christian statesman Cassiodorus, C. S. Lewis and Dorothy Sayers at Oxford, other Christians in history and big Christian ideas that shaped Europe, all to help their eyes open to the power of Christianity for both personal and national development
- Forged new partnerships with several universities and networked them together for collaborations with a Christian values emphasis
- Initiated and made progress toward launching a new Business Development Center through a three-way partnership of IFR, Regent University Center for Entrepreneurship, and U..... business leaders
- Initiated and organized a law faculty collaboration between 3 professors from Regent University School of Law and the faculty of the National University of O A Institute of Law (O....., U.....), starting with a roundtable meeting that included faculty and administration from several U..... law schools and working toward online teaching and US accreditation programs
- Networked US leaders to partner and serve U....., including 5 law and business professors and 1 Reformed seminary professor
- Met several times with 2 mayors (both Christians) to encourage and advise
- Spent many hours in countless talks with pastors and Christian leaders to encourage, pray, inspire vision, network, resource, advise, and collaborate
- Mentored B..... and U..... Christian leaders, including A K., Z F., P G. V G., A V., Z D.; while E also mentored women from several countries online, including A F., S H., and O Z.
- Supported and served leaders of U..... Christian organizations (especially E E Reformation Foundation, E E Leadership Forum, COA, Christians for U.....)
- Visited Z D in L..... for 3 days to support and help him after his release from a B..... prison on 11 September, where he was unjustly imprisoned for 3.5 years as a well-known Christian advocate for freedom in B..... Accurately described by J as a godly 'ironman', Z led the largest pro-freedom movement organization for the younger generations in B..... for many years, with tens of thousands participating and influenced by it. Unbelievably, his wife N (also a leader in this movement) was imprisoned during the same time in a house-arrest sentence of 3.5 years, while caring for her four children, one of whom was born during her and Z's imprisonments (she is also now released). It was an amazing experience for me to be with Zr for several days, praying, singing out loud, reading Scripture, hearing his stories, and in fellowship! Please pray for their adjustment to freedom and family life and for guidance in next steps.

Encouraging responses—may you be encouraged by this correspondence from those we have touched **TOGETHER** (not just E and me, but you as those who sent and supported us to go)

J L: Thank you so much, dear brother, for the privilege to serve together for the Lord. It is wonderful!

The Dean of International Partnerships at a U..... university: I have never heard this before, but it is so powerful and influential for me personally and for Ukraine today. We need this! Thank you so much!

Z D: B, dear brother, let Jesus Christ bless you and all your generations. Thank the Lord for your kind heart! I often think about you and what you did for me! Thank you, beloved brother, and your family and your church for prayers!

Pastor V: Thank you! Your message was great! I was listening on my way back home.

B (professor and dean of law faculty, National University of O A): B, thank you for your time and our interesting discussion. It was really unexpected (and pleasant) to learn about your academic interests. Thanks a lot for your

initiative and for being the link that made this roundtable possible. And thank you for everything you and your colleagues are doing for U..... and U.....

P G (young pastor I am mentoring; working toward his PhD in history of Protestants in U.....): Dear Dr. A, I am deeply grateful for your service to my country, your open heart, and your eagerness to spread the truth of God's Kingdom to the farthest corners of the world, especially U..... I am also profoundly thankful for the privilege of knowing you personally and for the chance to assist you in your work here. Your influence has been crucial in my own journey of pursuing knowledge, understanding, and wisdom to serve my people *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*. Even the brief two days we spent together in U..... were profoundly enlightening and transformative for me. I am now working through the book you mentioned during your lecture.

Mayor O T (mayor of R..., U.....): I am so honored to know you because you are the person who made a huge impact on me and my life and the life of my family and all those around me. Your messages, your motivation and your stories and history about reformation made a huge impact on my life because I decided I should be a person who should make some difference here in my country. Step by step, in a miraculous way, I became the mayor of the city of R... with almost 300,000 people. So, I am your fruit. I am the person who was impacted by you and your ministry and by your efforts. I can share a lot of stories about how God is great and many things were changed here.

Bishop Y (leader of Union of Evangelical Churches denomination in western U..... and US U..... churches): B, I sincerely thank you for meeting you, for your great ministry that you perform for the glory of God, may God bless your family and your ministry, may it be blessed.

M: Hi, B. It's the guy from our car trip. I just wanted to thank you again for the great discussion and for sharing your story—it was a real pleasure to meet you. You mentioned I could ask for some book recommendations, so here I am :) . I'm looking for a book on the “methodology” of coming to faith. Something that explores a rational or logical path to believing in God as a savior, focusing more on the connection between reason and faith rather than just how to interpret scripture.

Professor I: Hello, B! We are happy that your visit to our university touched our hearts! My colleagues and students discussed meeting you all the following day! We'll be happy to proceed with the collaboration with you.

Pastor K: Hello. We are well. Eya is actually pregnant. On her third trimester. Hope you're doing well too. Yes, we would be interested and would love for you to come. That sounds like a really interesting seminar and something not many people are talking about in U..... We think it would be really valuable to have something like this at our church. Also it means a lot that you still remember the things we spoke about a year ago! May God bless you and hope to see you soon!

ITEN site work

- V..... for a week of teaching in H.... and later online supervision of training sessions; celebrated completion of 5-year program coordinated by E M and team
- Met with P..... ministry partner M in Washington, DC before the International Religious Persecution conference in February; assisted in raising funds for earthquake and flood relief
- Facilitated funds for earthquake relief to our partners in M..... in support of churches reaching B....ist communities; E and I met Dr. T T and his wife A in Maryland in September for a special day of fellowship, encouragement, updating, and united prayer; the civil war and military control remain heavy and difficult; M.. people group started 4 new churches during the difficult civil war period; many churches in C... State were burned

IFR, ITEN, and EPC organizational activities

- Continued service as president of the Institute for Reformation (IFR), leading IFR activities, organizational duties, and our annual board meeting
- EPC World Outreach gathering of all our global workers in Cyprus in June, including ITEN team meetings
- Preaching and speaking in 10 supporting EPC churches in WV, NC, VA, NJ, IL, MI, and NY

Family news

- E worked part-time in local ministry at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater (CPC) with many testimonies of sharing the gospel, saved babies, and changed lives; for example, a mother said E touched her life, and after choosing life and delivering her twins, she said, 'I know you all impact lives every day, but I thank God for leading me to CPC because he saved my twins and, ultimately, saved me! I chose LIFE x2! I'm so grateful.'
- Our son Daniel married Jill April 5th in Raleigh; what joy!
- Grandson Ian was baptized in May; again, what joy!
- Wonderful gatherings with family in our home and in NC and NV; joy, joy, joy!

Profound thanks!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! We are nothing without him! Every good thing comes from him! Please know that the accomplishments we are celebrating are the Lord's work which he has done through all of us as partners together! That includes you!

Thank you for so generously, prayerfully, kindly, and powerfully supporting us all year!

Thank you! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

B & E

MCCALLUM MUSE/ FUNDING CHANGES

*Serving ITEN (the International Theological Education Network)
Still engaged without global travel not a mainstay of our lifestyle.*

Many of you have stayed with us past our original "5 year ask" and some of you have jumped in along the way toward our 9 years of service. **Thank you!** We no longer need support funds for travel/ministry costs. Our support account is still open, but we think there are ample funds in our support account to cover domestic travel we may be asked to do. Any surplus will be used to help other aspects of ITEN and World Outreach. **Thank you! Prayer is still needed and much appreciated.**

If you are or have been one of our financial supporters, we ask you to consider redirecting monies to assist ITEN's work of training international leaders. See information below of possibilities.

We've been looking back at our life jog, the trajectory Lord had for us has had many serendipitous experiences . Many of you have played face to face roles in this jog. THANK YOU!

All of us have a story of how God has directed and redirected our lives. Four times God redirected us...moving us to a different place and/or calling. We encourage you to reflect on God's leading in your lives. We'd love to hear your stories of direction/redirection. All our roles/occupations are opportunities to live life out-loud. Let's all live intentionally to take the gospel where isn't - across the street and around the world.

Becoming World Outreach global trotters in our mid 60s

It's common for senior adults to have had experiences that can be repurposed for mission.

Our history as a couple

In our first year of marriage we attended Urbana 1973 making commitments to be global Christians. Initially this was praying for workers and financially supporting them. We studied how the gospel could go where it wasn't. As Church educators we taught about God's mission of reaching the lost. Ed realized his pastoral call which moved to seminary where we were exposed to international students and miraculous movements of the Holy Spirit. A summer ministry trip in Japan through TEDS (the seminary) with our elementary aged sons was influential.

During the 19 years Ed sat in the "second chair" of the EPC, his role often was to resource leaders to thrive in their churches and presbyteries. He coordinated the business and logistical arrangements of the annual meeting of the

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EPC 20 times. His grasp of organizational culture and documents grew yearly as well as his connections with churches, pastors, and leaders across the denomination. For 5 years Ed gave leadership to a project in Argentina to assist them in establishing themselves into a thriving Presbyterian denomination in Argentina. Twice yearly he went down to meetings, meals, and meaningful relationships.

Looking back, ministry has always included involvement beyond the walls of church buildings. We befriended international students at universities in each place we have lived...inviting them into our homes and visiting in their theirs. [Nan was taught economically friendly cooking/eating chicken feet resulting from visiting Chinese women.] Receiving needed hair care from a Muslim woman, Nan was asked to team lead a "spiritual women's club" with her! Through the years Nan taught English to Muslim women from Yemen, men from Poland and Saudi, women/children from Japan, and many from Mexico. God provided amazing opportunities to grow and to live life out-loud!

Nan served on the mission committee for about 18 years and later as the short-term mission person for a large church in Michigan. Networking with others, she compiled a Short-term Mission handbook and a Mission Crisis Team and manual for the church.

The mission course Perspectives on the World Christian Movement truly "ruined Nan for the ordinary" as their publicity promised and gave her the words to talk with children or senior pastors. Later Nan was pulled into leadership for 4 local Perspectives courses in Metro Detroit area. Ed took the class and it prompted him to look with new eyes at ITEN.

For a season Ed supervised the World Outreach director giving him first hand grasp the EPC's mission arm. More and more he sensed that a transition was coming. The skills/experiences he had gained in the EPC plus his temperament was needed in ITEN. As Ed was turning 65 instead of retiring we imagined that we could work for five years. ITEN was invigoratingly new yet utilized the skills, talents, relationships, education, and sense of call the Lord had given each of us. Surprisingly our tenure has extended into nine with no ending date set.

Adventures ahead minus all the Globe Trotting

We are in process of slowing down the pace of life. Haven't hit that reality yet. Recently we declined an intriguing leadership role helping retired adults ponder how to participate in meeting global mission needs only to have another need presented! We're not yet tied into rocking chairs yet.

Current commitments are topped by serving on ITEN's leadership team with Team leaders M & S. There is a need to edit curriculum. Why? After teaching our classes we see better ways to equip pastors and church leaders. Sometimes the curriculum has too much information in introductory material. Sometimes things need to be said more simply. Typos and formatting touch-ups will help to improve the learning process. ITEN's curriculum has already been used in multiple sites; we anticipate that it will keep spreading. [Your church can use the material in youth and adult education. Reach out to Ed. Free interactive curriculum at 7th grade English.]

Ed's heart for the Church has put him on three national and presbytery committees. His term commitments continue for a few more years.

Ed gives leadership at All Souls Church Phoenix, an EPC church plant seeking to multiply house church gatherings around the city. We are mentors due to being 20-30 years older than most attending. For fun and to get out of the Christian bubble, Ed joined a community choir. His tenor voice is still strong and beautiful to Nan's ears.

Assorted Salting opportunities

Our dear family from A....., B & F, connected us to an A..... student and his buddies (compliments of nearby A..... State University). They have become our extended family. We are learning the struggles of being international students. It's quite humbling.

We live in a walking neighborhood on a corner lot with eye catching cactus, bushes, and aloes. Being outside on Saturday mornings connects us with people (and dogs!). We believe that our placement is part of God's design

(Acts 17:26b). Being home more, we'll be able to build more and deeper relationships. Nan dreams of Bible studies taking place with people who want to know more about the faith (perhaps an extension of the House Church in our neighborhood?). We are dreaming and praying.

Nan, the networker, has become more like her mother...engages total strangers in conversation. Not only does she share the gospel, but she is convinced spreading friendliness and kindness is greatly needed in our social fabric.

We'd appreciate your prayers as we figure out balance in this phase of life. We have scheduled an upcoming relaxing chunk of time away. Suggestions are much appreciated.

Please send us your transitional/redirection stories. Looking forward to seeing how the Lord has worked in your lives.

Jesus teaches us in John 15:16-17: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."

Thank you for your love and friendship. For standing with us in prayer and financially.

With grateful appreciation,

Ed & Nan McCallum

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Project NOW
Community Action Agency



For many years now Edginton EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are now open here for meals **EVERY WEEKDAY!**

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$4 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other's company for a little longer than just meal time.

If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE

Are you aware that the church has a variety of medical equipment available for you to borrow as needed? We pray you never do need it, but life happens & if you need to borrow something, just contact the church office.

Here is some of what we have available:

- Bath/Shower Chair
- Bedside Commode
- Commode Safety Rails
- Cane & Quad Cane
- Crutches
- Knee Scooter
- Medical Seats
- Raised toilet Seat
- Walkers
- Walkers w/seats & brakes



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2025



	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 88,379.36	\$ 53,215.74	\$ 25,046.33	\$ 116,548.77
Education Fund	16,276.62	173.92	-	\$ 16,450.54
Building Fund (see below)	109,840.57	1,164.65	-	111,005.22
<i>Checking</i>	2,701.38	1,164.65	-	3,866.03
<i>Money Market</i>	107,139.19	-	-	107,139.19
Youth Group	15,571.94	7,257.12	184.70	22,644.36
	<u>\$ 230,068.49</u>	<u>\$ 61,811.43</u>	<u>\$ 25,231.03</u>	<u>\$ 266,648.89</u>

December 2025 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - December 2025

Pledges	52,841.70	
Interest Income - General Fund	14.04	
Per Member Asking	360.00	
Basement Rent	-	
	<u>\$ 53,215.74</u>	\$ -

Expenditures - December 2025

Administrative

		<u>\$ 5,248.22</u>
ABS (copier rental)	188.25	21.0%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	248.90	
Cemetery Upkeep		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	1,094.89	
Insurance		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	743.24	
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,426.33	
Kone (elevator)		
MidAmerican Energy	564.00	
Millenium Waste	83.30	
Office Supplies	63.95	
Repairs & Maintenance - general	550.00	
Reytel - Internet	121.04	
Shipping/Postage	53.28	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	111.04	

Discipleship (Internal)

		<u>\$ 9,249.11</u>
Children's Director	393.25	36.9%
Continuing Education	424.81	
Deacon Expense		
EPC General Assembly		
EPC (health)	24.27	
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	1,084.98	
Flowers	(70.00)	
Housing Allowance	4,000.00	
Meals		
Mileage	23.10	
Music		
Pastor Salary	3,452.70	
Presbytery Expense		
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials	-	
Sunday School	(84.00)	
Worship Supplies		

Mission (external)

		<u>\$ 10,549.00</u>
Mission - International	\$ 6,375.00	42.1%
Mission - US	1,050.00	
Mission - Local	3,124.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 25,046.33
100.0%

NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ 28,169.41

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

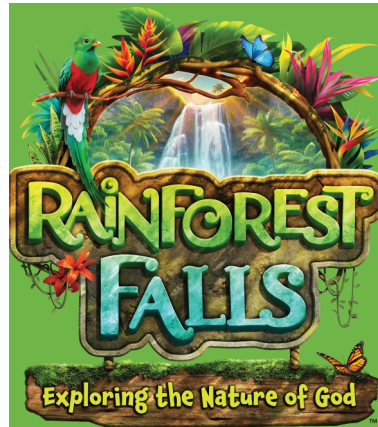
Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is \$17,855 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2025

December 2025 - Building Fund Detail

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,840.57
Receipts	
Investment Income	1,163.60
Checking Interest	1.05
CD Interest	-
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Expenditures	-
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Ending Balance	\$ 111,005.22



VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, February 15th,
12:15pm

VBS Dates: July 20 - 24,
2026

This year's theme is
**Rainforest Falls -
Exploring the Nature of**

God where campers will step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

We would love for every high school, college, young adult, and not-so-young adult interested in helping in any way to come to our meetings. We have all the meeting set in advance for this year, so please put them on your calendars now and plan to attend. This community outreach takes MANY hands, MUCH work, and LOTS planning!

We could use your help!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162.

Meeting Dates:

**Sundays at 12:15pm: February 15th, March 22nd,
April 26th, May 31st, and June 28th**



ACOLYTE SIGN-UP

Please scan the QR Code & enter your name on the Google Sheet for the date you would like to serve as an acolyte.



Click on this QR Code to view the Acolyte's Basic Guidebook.



ACOLYTE TRAINING & SIGNUP

We love having our 2nd grade and older students take part in the weekly lighting of the candles! To try to make it easier to fit into everyone's schedule we have a new way to sign up.

We now have a QR code for registering your child or children to participate in lighting the candles in the sanctuary. We also have a QR code for you to scan if you and your child want to review the steps to lighting the candles.

We want to again encourage all 2nd grade students and older to sign up.
If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Johnson or Tara Johnson.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

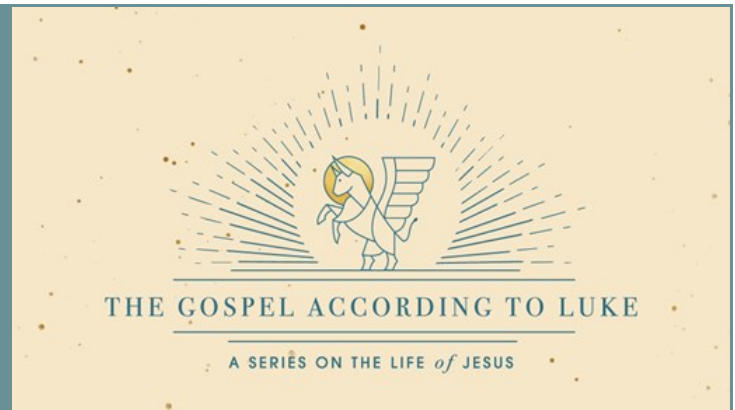
Pastor Zach continues preaching through The Gospel According to Luke through February. Please join us each week! We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!

Sunday, February 1st - [Luke 17:7-10](#)

Sunday, February 8th - [Luke 17:11-19](#)

Sunday, February 15th - [Luke 17:20-37](#)

Sunday, February 22nd - Rev. Dr. George Salnave, Guest Pastor



SCRIPTURE LINKS - Download the apps!



ESV.org is an online Bible reading tool created to help you read and engage with God's Word. While many features of the site are available without signing in, we invite you to **create a free account**, which makes it easy to save personal notes, highlight favorite verses, and start interactive reading plans.

(Click on the images to go to their websites)



Blue Letter Bible provides powerful tools for an in-depth study of God's Word through our free online reference library, with study tools that are grounded in the historical, conservative Christian faith. We view the Bible as central to our study resources. We intentionally designed the website to include study tools that are linked directly to Bible passages. Dig deep into the Word using commentaries, encyclopedias, maps/images and much more. One of our most used tools is the Lexicon search, which gives users immediate access to the original Hebrew and Greek words.

REDEPTIVE-HISTORICAL BIBLE READING PLAN

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Each year Pastor Zach provides a new reading plan to help equip you to spend time reading through God's Word. This year he has chosen a redemptive-historical reading plan from Greg Lanier, who is an associate professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando (full-time) and as associate pastor at River Oaks Church (PCA) (part-time).



Daily Bible Reading
MAKE IT A HABIT THIS YEAR

Annual Bible reading plans are great. But there are tradeoffs. They can be oppressive for some, and they require a heavy load of reading spread equally across all chapters and books with little time to reflect, pause, connect dots, etc. One may not, at the end of reading the Bible through in a year, emerge with a much better understanding of the 1,189 chapters you just read. The plan provided on the next few pages and linked to the image takes a different approach meant to complement (not replace) the normal one. It curates the key chapters of the OT that help frame the flow of redemptive history (how God has worked in history to bring about his plan of salvation). Most sections of OT readings include NT chapters that shed light on fulfillment in Christ. You can go at your own pace and pause however often you want to dig deeper and reflect on what you are reading. At the end, you will have a solid grounding in the entire message of the Bible, which can then help you revisit those 1,189 chapters afresh.

In the year ahead, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture passages you read. Be expectant, and let your continual exposure to God's Word reshape your attitudes and behavior as you gain a better understanding of every part of His written testimony to us.

Hard copies are located on the table
in the sanctuary foyer.

Redemptive-Historical Bible Reading Plan

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1. Creation

Few things are more foundational to Christianity than the doctrine of the special creation of all things by the Triune God, with the Father, Son, and Spirit all at work in the unified act of creation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 1 ("In the beginning, God") | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1 ("In the beginning, Word") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 2 (Adam and Eve) | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 1 (Agency of Christ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 19 ("Heavens declare...") | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 4 (Light of Christ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job 38 ("Where were you when I...") | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 1 (Agency of Christ) |

2. Fall, Original Sin, and Judgment

What distinguishes the Judeo-Christian worldview is the doctrine of the original fall of Adam into sin. It is the 'problem' for which the rest of Scripture provides the 'solution.'

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 3 (Eating the fruit... "Offspring") | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 1 (Downward spiral of sin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 6-9 (Judgment of the flood) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5 (Sin/death through Adam) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51 (Sinfulness from birth) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8 (Unwinding the curse) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 3 (Reflections on the flood) |

3. God's Covenant Promise to Abraham

The central promise that drives OT history is that of God to Abraham: a nation coming from his offspring, a land in which to dwell, and the blessing of all nations through him—all by *faith*.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 12 (Abram's call) | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 11-17 (Abraham's lineage to Christ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 14 (Abram and Melchizedek) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 4 (Abraham the heir of the world) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 15 ("Abram believed God...") | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3 (Justification by faith) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 17 (Circumcision) | <input type="checkbox"/> James 2 (Reflecting on Abraham's testing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 22 (Testing of Abraham) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 7 (Jesus, Abraham, Melchizedek) |

4. Promise Continued through the Patriarchs

God fulfills his promise to Abraham by giving him twelve descendants from which the tribes of Israel emerge.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 26-27 (Promise to Isaac; Jacob-Esau) | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 7 (Stephen's 'OT History' 101) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 32 (Jacob renamed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 9 ("Jacob have I loved, but Esau...") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 49 (Blessings on the twelve sons) | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 4 ("We are like Isaac") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 105 (Remembering the patriarchs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11 (Commending the patriarchs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Chronicles 2 (Genealogy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 22 (God of Abraham/Isaac/Jacob) |

5. Exodus from Egypt

The exodus from captivity in Egypt is *the* central redemptive work in the OT—the thing to which and from which all OT theology flows.

- ❑ Exodus 3 (Moses encounters God)
- ❑ Exodus 12–14 (Passover and exodus)
- ❑ Exodus 15 (Moses' song of praise)
- ❑ Psalm 78 (Remembering the exodus)
- ❑ Psalm 136 (Praise for God's deliverance)
- ❑ Hosea 11 ("Out of Egypt I called my son")
- ❑ *Matthew 2* (Jesus' flight to Egypt)
- ❑ *Matthew 26* (Jesus keeps the Passover)
- ❑ *1 Corinthians 5* (Christ is our Passover)
- ❑ *Jude* (Jesus saved the Israelites from Egypt)

6. God's Covenant Law Given through Moses

Having redeemed his people, God immediately extends and concretizes the Abrahamic covenant for the new nation of Israel. God gives the law that declares his righteous standards as well as a sacrificial system (based on substitutionary atonement) that provides a means to deal with sin.

- ❑ Exodus 19–20 (Decalogue)
- ❑ Exodus 24 (Blood of the old covenant)
- ❑ Exodus 34 (Moses' shining face)
- ❑ Exodus 40 (God's glory fills the tabernacle)
- ❑ Leviticus 16 (Day of Atonement)
- ❑ Deuteronomy 5–6 (Covenant re-confirmed)
- ❑ Deuteronomy 28–30 (Blessings and curses)
- ❑ Psalm 119 (Goodness of God's law)
- ❑ *Matthew 5* (Fulfilling the law)
- ❑ *Mark 10* (Reflecting on the Decalogue)
- ❑ *Luke 22* (Blood of the new covenant)
- ❑ *Romans 10* (Righteousness and law)
- ❑ *2 Corinthians 3* (Moses' shining face)
- ❑ *Galatians 3* (Reassessing law)
- ❑ *Hebrews 9* (Christ's atonement)

7. Rebellion in the Wilderness

Israel immediately falls into a pattern of sin and hardness against their redeeming God, resulting in their judgment in the wilderness prior to entering the land promised to Abraham.

- ❑ Numbers 11 (Manna and quail)
- ❑ Numbers 14 (Rebellion)
- ❑ Numbers 20 (Water from the rock)
- ❑ Numbers 21 (Bronze serpent lifted up)
- ❑ Psalm 95 ("Do not harden your hearts")
- ❑ *John 3* ("Son of Man lifted up")
- ❑ *John 6* (True manna)
- ❑ *1 Corinthians 10* ("Rock was Christ")
- ❑ *Hebrews 3* ("Do not harden your hearts")

8. Conquest of the Land and Early Leadership

Joshua leads the nation into the land promised to Abraham, and the initial period of leadership by the judges is one of ups and downs.

- ❑ Deuteronomy 1–3 (Preparing to enter)
- ❑ Joshua 1 (Commissioning of Joshua)
- ❑ Joshua 6 (Jericho)
- ❑ Joshua 24 (Covenant renewal)
- ❑ Judges 2 (Summary of the period of judges)
- ❑ Judges 13–16 (Account of Samson)
- ❑ *Acts 13* (Recap of Israel's history)
- ❑ *Hebrews 4* (Promise of rest still stands)

9. Establishing the Monarchy

God installs a king over Israel as his vice-regent to bring security to the nation and build a temple where his manifest presence would be made known.

- ❑ 1 Samuel 1–2 (Samuel as interim leader)
- ❑ 1 Samuel 8–10 (Saul anointed king)
- ❑ 1 Samuel 16 (David is anointed)
- ❑ 2 Samuel 5 (David rules a united kingdom)
- ❑ 2 Samuel 11–12 (David, Bathsheba, Solomon)
- ❑ 1 Chronicles 17 (Covenant with David)
- ❑ 2 Chronicles 5 (Solomon completes temple)
- ❑ Psalm 2 (God's royal son)
- ❑ Psalm 18 (David's song of God's deliverance)
- ❑ Psalm 89 (Covenant with David)
- ❑ Psalm 110 ("Sit at my right hand")
- ❑ *Matthew 12* (Jesus > temple, > Solomon)
- ❑ *Luke 1–2* (Jesus, the Davidic King)
- ❑ *Luke 20* (Jesus and Psalm 110)
- ❑ *Romans 1* (Jesus, of David in the flesh)
- ❑ *Philippians 2* (Jesus exalted as king)
- ❑ *Hebrews 12* (Jesus on the throne)
- ❑ *Revelation 7* (Worship the enthroned Lamb)

10. Religious Life of the Nation

During the early monarchy, Israel's devotional life flourishes in psalms and wisdom writings.

- ❑ Psalm 1 (Two ways to live)
- ❑ Psalm 22 (David's lament)
- ❑ Psalm 51 (Repentance for sin)
- ❑ Psalm 72 (Prayer for the king)
- ❑ Psalm 118 ("Blessed is he who comes")
- ❑ Proverbs 1–2 (Wisdom and fear of the Lord)
- ❑ Proverbs 8 (Praise of Wisdom)
- ❑ Ecclesiastes 1 ("Vanity of vanities...")
- ❑ Ecclesiastes 12 (Fear God)
- ❑ Song of Songs 1 (Goodness of marital love)

11. Degradation of the Monarchy

After Solomon, the monarchy splits into the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes, 'Israel'/'Ephraim,' based in Samaria) and the Southern Kingdom (2 tribes, 'Judah,' based in Jerusalem) and spirals into sin.

- ❑ 1 Kings 11–13 (Kingdom divided)
- ❑ 1 Kings 17–22 (Example: Elijah and Ahab)
- ❑ 2 Chronicles 33 (Example: Evil under Manasseh)
- ❑ *Luke 4* (Remembering Elijah's ministry)

12. Israel and Judah in Exile

Due to repeated cycles of sin, the covenant curse of exile is poured out. Assyria defeats the Northern Kingdom/Israel (722BC) while Babylonians defeat the Southern Kingdom/Judah (605–586BC).

- ❑ 2 Kings 17 (Fall of Israel to Assyria)
- ❑ Isaiah 7 (Assyria assails Judah, Immanuel)
- ❑ 2 Kings 24–25 (Fall of Judah to Babylonians)
- ❑ Micah 1 (Pronouncing judgment of exile)
- ❑ Hosea 1–2 (Warnings to "Not-my-people")
- ❑ Zephaniah 1 (Punishment from the Lord)
- ❑ Ezekiel 11 (God's glory leaves the temple)
- ❑ *Matthew 1:18–25* (Immanuel fulfilled)
- ❑ *1 Peter 2* (Grace to "Not-my-people")

13. Grief and Consolation during Exile

Judah grieves during exile but is comforted by the prophets, who reiterate God's promise of restoration.

- ❑ Lamentations 1 (Mourning over Jerusalem)
- ❑ Psalm 44 (Plea for God to rescue them)
- ❑ Psalm 69 (Zeal for the temple)
- ❑ Jeremiah 25 (Promise of 70 year exile)
- ❑ Habakkuk 2 (Faith to endure judgment)
- ❑ Daniel 1–2 (Babylon to be judged)
- ❑ Daniel 9 (Revisiting Jeremiah's promise)
- ❑ John 2 (Zeal for the temple)
- ❑ Hebrews 10 (Faith to endure judgment)

14. (Partial) Restoration from Exile

Though the N. Kingdom is never fully restored (rather, repopulated with Samaritans), the S. Kingdom is released under Persian rule to rebuild the temple. But things are never quite the same.

- ❑ Ezra 1–6 (Return under Cyrus, rebuilding)
- ❑ Nehemiah 8–9 (Covenant renewal)
- ❑ Haggai 1 (Encouragement to rebuild)
- ❑ John 4 (Jesus and the Samaritan woman)

15. Anticipating an Eschatological Deliverer

Throughout the period of the prophets, we get glimpses of an eschatological savior-figure (a "Messiah," though not always using that term) who will bring deliverance to God's people.

- ❑ Isaiah 9 ("A child is born")
- ❑ Isaiah 11 ("Root of Jesse")
- ❑ Isaiah 52:11–53:12 (Suffering servant)
- ❑ Jeremiah 23 (Righteous "Branch")
- ❑ Ezekiel 1 ("Likeness of the glory of God")
- ❑ Ezekiel 34 (Shepherd of Israel)
- ❑ Zechariah 9 (King on a donkey)
- ❑ Daniel 7 ("One like a son of man")
- ❑ Matthew 21 (Jesus as king on a donkey)
- ❑ Mark 13 (Returning Son of Man)
- ❑ Romans 15 ("Root of Jesse")
- ❑ John 10 (Jesus the good Shepherd)
- ❑ Acts 8 (Who is the suffering servant?)
- ❑ Revelation 4 (Throneroom glory)
- ❑ Revelation 5 ("Root of David")

16. Anticipating the Day of the Lord

In conjunction with the coming of a deliverer, the OT prophets also envision a new covenant, the return of God's presence, the outpouring of the Spirit, the engrafting of the Gentiles (fulfilling the Abrahamic promise), cosmic renewal, and resurrection in the Day of the Lord

- ❑ Jeremiah 33 (New covenant)
- ❑ Isaiah 42 (Justice and a light to the nations)
- ❑ Isaiah 65–66 (New heavens / new earth)
- ❑ Joel 2 (Spirit outpouring)
- ❑ Ezekiel 36 (Spirit and a new heart)
- ❑ Ezekiel 43 (Return of the Glory of the Lord)
- ❑ Malachi 3–4 (Messenger before the Day)
- ❑ Daniel 12 (Eschatological resurrection)
- ❑ Mark 1 (John the Baptist as messenger)
- ❑ Acts 2 (Pentecost and Spirit outpouring)
- ❑ Romans 11 (Jews and Gentiles)
- ❑ 1 Corinthians 15 (Eschatological resurrection)
- ❑ Ephesians 2 (Ingrafting of Gentiles)
- ❑ Hebrews 8 (New covenant)
- ❑ Revelation 21–22 (New heavens / new earth)

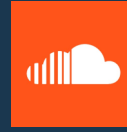
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Join us for a deep-dive into Paul's letter to the Galatians - one of his most powerful and foundational writings on the gospel of grace and Christian freedom.

As Pastor Zach unpacks the text verse by verse, you'll not only grasp Galatians more deeply, but also gain tools for reading and understanding all of Scripture.

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



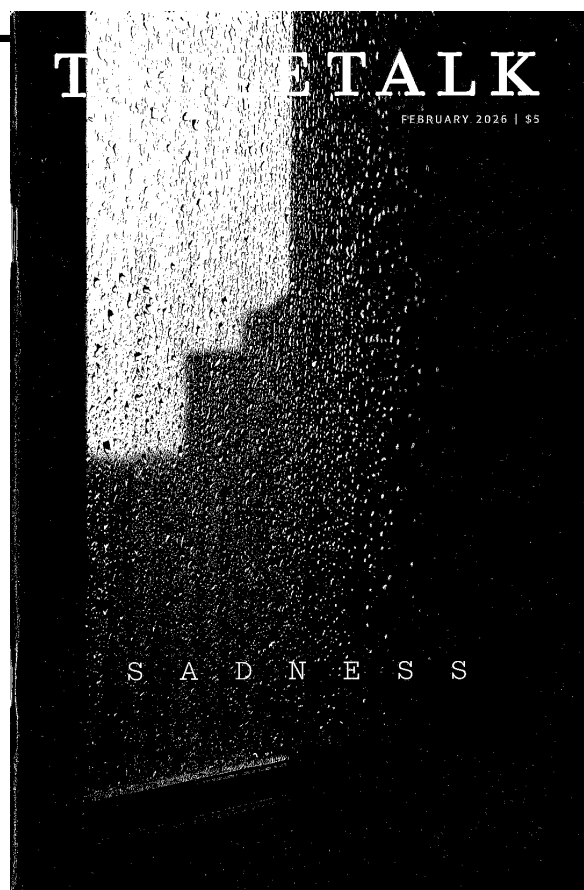
Toddler	- Hillary Terrill & Kortney Gierlus
Pre-K	- Beth Flickinger
1st-2nd	- Katie Pearson & Sue Miller
3rd-5th	- Kathy Stegmiller
Junior High	- Tara Johnson
Senior High	- Nathan & Lyndsey Flickinger



All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.

We look forward to the privilege of caring for and teaching your children about Jesus each Sunday!

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THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



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QUILTING

Thursday, February 19th, 9am

Please join us on the third **THURSDAY** of nearly every month from 9am - noon as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as donate to various ministries.

Even if you don't know how to sew, but can operate a pair of scissors and/or an iron, we would love to have you! If we can increase our production, we will be able to bless even more people in the community.

Hope to see you there!

If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, **please** be sure to have it in by the deadline.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

ALL submissions for the March 2026 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, February 18th or they may not be included in the newsletter.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much for your help!

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

5:30-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

2.1 - GARGONS

2.8 - SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY

2.15 - TRIVIA

2.22 - GAME NIGHT

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



EDGINGTON MEN

CHILI COOK-OFF

2.1.2026 **BRING THE HEAT!** 3-5:00 PM

ballot taste testing to crown the "Chili Champ"

enter your chili to win! come and eat!



For ALL generations of EEPc Men

"Membership Matters"




Adult New Member Registration

SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays, April 12th, 19th, 26th & May 3rd at 11:30am
New Member Reception on May 17th

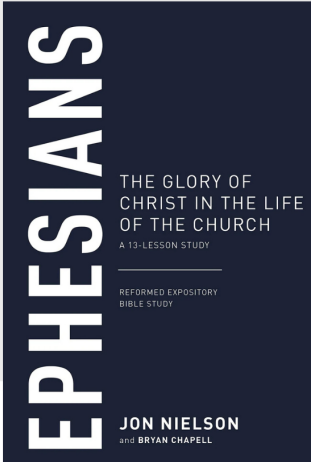
This class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out!

If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar!

Register by scanning the QR Code or clicking on the image.

BIBLE study

Wednesdays - 6:30 pm - Starting 2/4
Saturdays - 7:00 am - Starting 2/7



study books \$5
available for pickup
Sun. Jan 25

EEPC MEN

Commit to getting sharper in 2026 and join us in prayer, fellowship, and study.

*Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.*
- Proverbs 27:17

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATES & EVENTS

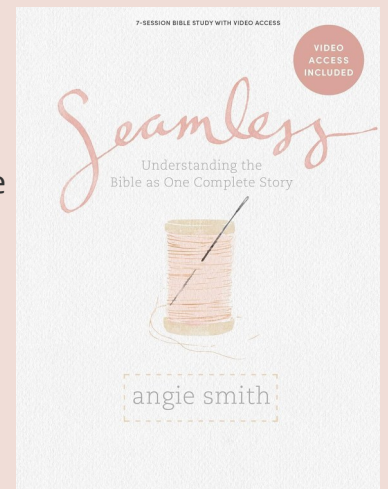
Our next Women's Ministry meeting is March 4th, 2026, a WEDNESDAY at 1pm. In December, we had 14 ladies present, including a couple of new faces, and we got a lot accomplished in this fellowship! Come join us as we seek to serve our Lord!

Women's Spring Bible Study will kick off Tuesday, February 3rd at 10 am & Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:30pm (a repeat of Tuesday). We offer two different times each week to allow flexibility for your schedules. Our goal is to finish each session in an hour and a half, but ladies come and leave according to what works for them. We will wrap up our study before Easter.

We will be using the Bible study *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story*, by Angie Smith. It is a 7 week study that covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You'll gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

Seamless will help replace the insecurity that holds you back with clarity and helping you move forward with confidence in their understanding of Scripture. Each week of study features key information that ties all of Scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is accompanied by videos (approx. 20 minutes each week), maps, general Bible facts, and word studies. The videos are accessible online, so they can be watched at home anytime, if someone is wanting to watch them in advance of the class or maybe again at a later date.

Books are \$17 each. Please let Kathy Stegmiller - (309) 791-1162 or Beth Flickinger (309) 648-1219 know if you would like a book.
We hope you can join us!



WOMEN'S PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

All women are welcome to attend every week or when they feel a need to be closer. We are using the "Monday Meditations" that Pastor Zach is sending out as a guide.

We meet every Wednesday night for fellowship, devotion, and prayer and we hope you will join us!

We will continue to meet while the Women's Bible Study is going, but have changed the time to 5:30pm, one hour prior to the Study.
We hope you will join us!



2026 Youth Mission Trip

June 21st - 27th

WHO: High School Students / Ages 14+

WHAT: You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. Projects typically include painting houses, repairing porches, and general home repairs.

WHY: Because you want to have a meaningful summer experience of service and Christian growth while making new friends from all over the country.



6/21 - 6/27 Worksite projects in Lincoln, IL
Lodging: Open Arms Christian Fellowship
 100 Campus View Dr.

WHERE & WHEN?

Date and time for a parent information meeting will be announced soon!



- **I think I want to go! What do I need to do?**
 - Get this trip on your calendar! Make sure you don't have any schedule conflicts. Spots are limited so we need to be sure that those students who sign up can go.
- **How much is this going to cost?**
 - A deposit of \$100 will secure your spot. Turn this into the office ASAP.
 - A second payment of \$150 is due before the trip.
 - The total of \$250 covers **everything**
 - Except whatever random snacks or weird things you might want to buy – that's on you!
 - Please don't let finances be a factor, there are support opportunities available to help you cover your costs. Just ask!
- **What's next?**
 - Register online – talk to Cade Reimers or Nathan Flickinger
 - When we have our spots filled, there will be more info including: lodging details, tool lists, estimated schedule, and more!




FEBRUARY 2026



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday Men's Chili Cook-Off, 3-5pm Comm. Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	2 Groundhog Day Meal Site 	3 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	4 Meal Site Women's P&F, 5:30pm Men's & Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Men's Bible Study, 7am
8 B/P Checks Officers Ordain/Install Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Communicants' Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	11 Meal Site Women's P&F, 5:30pm Men's & Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Valentine's Day Men's Bible Study, 7am 
15 Communicants' Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	16 Presidents' Day NO Meal Site Foot Clinic 	17 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	18 Meal Site Women's P&F, 5:30pm Trustees' Mtg., 5:30pm Men's & Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	19 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	20 Meal Site	21 Men's Bible Study, 7am
22 B/P Checks Communicants' Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm VBS Mtg., 12:15pm	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	25 Meal Site Women's P&F, 5:30pm Men's & Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28 Men's Bible Study, 7am