



I am a big vision guy. I love looking out and seeing where God is leading. I love sitting around with elders and staff members, brainstorming on strategic ways to get where we are going. Some of our meetings lately have been just that, and I am so excited about where the Lord is leading us, as a church. For the past several weeks, in our Hebrews series, we've learned some things about faith. One of those things is that a fundamental element of faith is discontentment. Discontentment produces hope, which leads to faith. And again - this discontentment doesn't mean we are miserable or ungrateful for what we have or where we are. It means we are grateful, but we know there is still something more, something better. It means that we are not going to be complacent and settle for anything less than what God has for us. Contentment can be dangerous because it causes us to get comfortable and lose hope. I believe all of this applies to a church body, as well. I am so grateful for where God has us right now. I love the numerical growth, but even more the spiritual growth I see occurring in so many people. I love what is happening in each ministry of this church. I am just so thrilled to be a part of what God is doing here, but at the same time there is a discontentment about it all. I have a sense of discontentment because, as good as things are right now, I know there is more God has for us. I've seen it. It isn't all crystal clear right now, but as it comes more into focus, you will be hearing about it. As you pray for this church family, pray for discontentment so that we don't become complacent. Pray for hope to rise up in the people for more of what God has in store for us. Pray that our faith is evident by the movement we put with it. I encourage each of you: don't just sit by and watch what is happening, jump in and be a part of it. That's why God has you here, because you play a significant part in fulfilling the purpose God has for us, as a church. You have something we need. Don't be stingy with it. Don't be afraid to use it. Trust - have faith - that if God gave it to you, He will see it through in using you. I can't wait to see how all this plays out, and I hope you get as excited about it as I am.

I'm so grateful to be your pastor

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Service Times

Sunday

Morning Worship.....8:30 AM

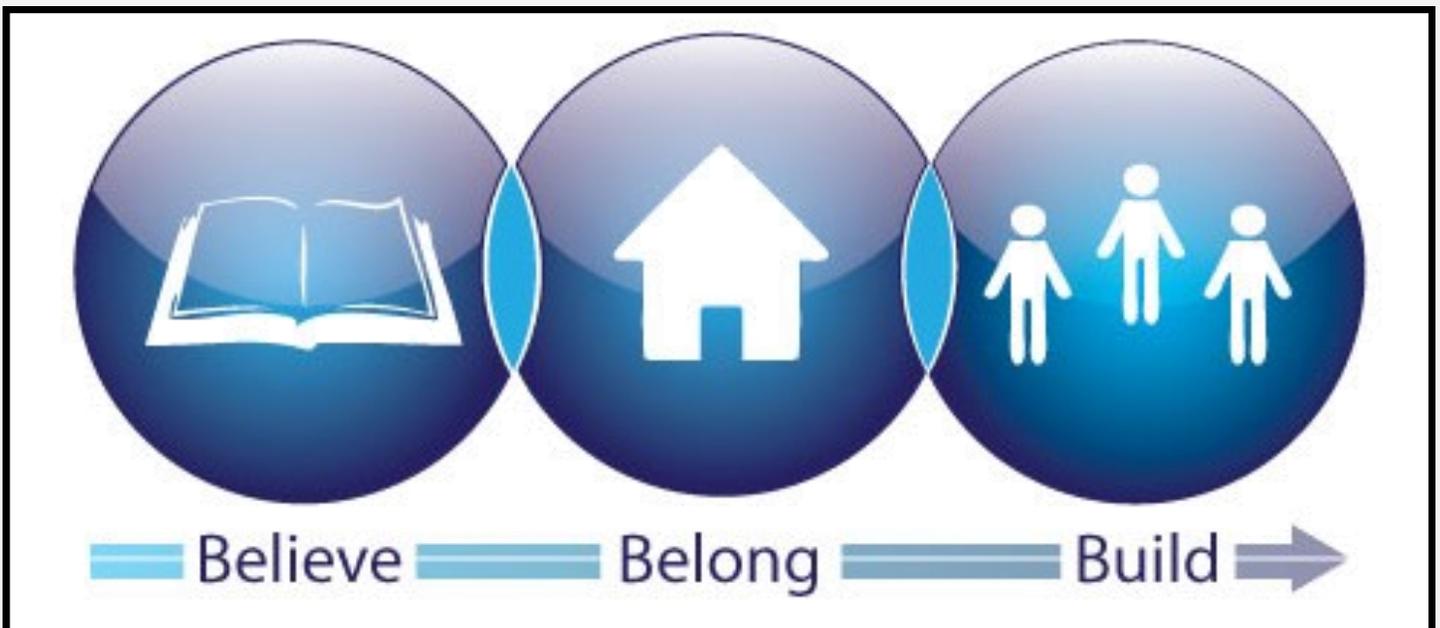
Sunday School.....9:45 AM

Morning Worship...10:45 AM

Wednesday

Meals.....5:15 PM

Classes.....6:30 PM



Danny Rodriguez—Associate Pastor

September, 2019 Fall Newsletter

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” – James

As we look at this summer starting to wind down and kids are now back in school, I ask you, as a member of Evangelistic Temple, to join with us in prayer as we consider all of our church events and ministries for this fall.

This fall we have many opportunities to get involved the in way of **life groups**. We currently have thirteen life groups and I ask that you be in prayer for each leader and home host. There are also five different adult Sunday school classes that start at 9:45 AM, between our Sunday morning worship services. There are also four different Wednesday evening groups that begin at 6:30 PM following a 5:30 dinner served in the fellowship hall. The Wednesday night groups offered are a Men’s Class, **“Manhood Restored”**, a Women’s Class, **“Its Not Supposed to Be This Way”**, and from the B3 courses, **“Believe”** and **“Belong/Build”**. Please be in prayer for every teacher and the proclamation of the Gospel that is going forth.

Also, please be in prayer for our **ET Youth Group Ministry and our ET Children’s Ministry**. This would also include the work that is being done in the **ET Learning Center**. God is doing such a beautiful work in our kids.

The Word of God teaches us to pray for those that are in **leadership roles** within the church. So please keep the Elder, Pastoral, Deacon and Ladies Embrace teams lifted up in prayer so that each one of us will be sensitive to God’s Spirit and His leading in the ministry that He desires to go forth.

There are so many other ministries within Evangelistic Temple that can be mentioned, and so **please remember to pray for your church**. As we go forth in these fall months, we want to see Jesus lifted up and His Presence poured out over this congregation and city! I love you and thank you for the opportunity to serve here at Evangelistic Temple!



Casey Vickers



Summer 2019 has come to an end, and as families gear back up for

this school year, let's recap all that's happened this summer. First of all, Guatemala 2019 was huge for our youth as several went to serve the people there. From loving on kids in the surrounding villages to working on projects at the Jungle School, our youth learned first hand what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus. What a valuable lesson to serve others, putting personal desires and comforts to the side. After Guatemala came Mission Camp in Rome, Georgia. Here our kiddos, once again, put on their servant hats and tackled various projects in the community of Rome. From clearing vegetation for a community garden to serving the folks at the Salvation Army, to sharing the Gospel at the campus where we stayed and in the community as well, these guys radiated the love of Jesus and impacted a whole community for His glory. What an amazing thing to be a part of, and I know this is just the beginning of something bigger than we see. I challenged the church body a few weeks ago during the youth service to get involved with our kids. They need you! They need your encouragement, they need your wisdom. Jesus is moving mightily in our youth, come alongside them and be a part of what Jesus is doing.

Summer Wednesday Classes 6:30PM

B-1 BELIEVE

B-2 BELONG/ BUILD

It's Not Supposed to be this Way (Women's)

Manhood Restored (Men's)



Women's Embrace is busy the next few months! At the June get-together, we had a talk on "The Duffel Project" which was such a blessing! Through Women's Embrace and ET we were able to raise almost \$2000 to help foster children transitioning to foster families and many tangible items were also donated. Last Monday, we had a wonderful get together. After praying and singing praise music, we spent much time in laughter and fun.

Starting September 4, women's embrace will be leading a Bible study called "it's not supposed to be this way" led by Janis Harris and Jessica Lusk. Then on October 14, Jessica Lusk will be giving her testimony on trusting God. For those of you who do not know Jessica, her story is one of enduring tragedy and holding on tightly to her trust in God, even when it's an incredibly hard battle!

October 26th we are going on a road trip, but just for a day 😊. We are going to Jefferson to shop, eat and just have fun together. There is much more going on over the next few months so please come and join us. I have so loved getting to know more of the women in our church family!

Always remember: Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." What a blessing!



ET Kids Ministry
MAKING AN IMPRESSION, ONE KID'S HEART AT A TIME.

I love when the new Fall classes start because that means a new school year, new bible drill year and cooler weather. There are going to be some exciting changes in the

new year. We are so happy to announce that we are starting a new class during second service on Sundays for 6-8 year olds! It will be a transitional class to prepare those children for church service. They will focus on worship, sitting longer for lesson and prayer. I am looking for volunteers to assist in making this new class a success so please let me know if you would like to get involved. We will also start bible drill on Wednesday nights for all ages. Starting at 6:00, there will be three different classes. Mrs. Elaine will have 0-2 year olds, Mrs. Regina will have 3-6 year olds and I will have a class for 7-11 year olds. Our focus in the fall will be on book order, scripture memorization and telling the story of Jesus from old to new testament. We are looking forward to exponential growth in the Children's department over the next year, with a new church side vision of focusing on the youth of ET and pouring in to the ET kids ministry. Get in touch with me if you would like to get involved and again, thank you all for the prayers. Love yall!!

Jenifer DeFreece



ETLC just began it's 5th school year with 104 students enrolled. This is our second year to have a private kindergarten and we have 10 students enrolled in that program. Summer camp was a huge success this summer with 75 campers from 5-12 years old enrolled. We had a blast including weekly field trips to the movies, the YMCA pool and the park. God is always faithful to bring us the perfect amount of students and teachers. We were able to use our profits from last year to make improvements throughout the building and on the playground. In creating our 2020 budget we hope to replace more flooring and make further improvements to the building. ETLC wants to thank you all for the prayers and support.

Jenifer DeFreece, Director