



Jason Harris, Pastor

Believe the gospel - belong to the family - build the Kingdom. You hear that a lot at ET, because that is what we believe God has called us to be about, as a church. For this newsletter, I want to remind us of the Kingdom part. The Kingdom of God isn't something we go to when we die, it was inaugurated and brought to earth with Jesus. Wherever He went, He brought the Kingdom with him, demonstrating how it operates. When He ascended back to the Father, He commissioned the disciples to do the same. That mandate still exists today, for all who belong to Him. We are representatives of His Kingdom. *"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"* means, "Let the way things are done up there be done down here." Whether we are at home, at work, at Walmart, or wherever, we are to demonstrate the Kingdom in operation.

Summertime has begun, which is a time of taking vacations for many of you. Whenever we take vacations or 'get away' from home, we also have a tendency to 'get away' from living out our faith. At times it can be like we take a vacation from that, too. I just want to remind and encourage us - me included - that even when we are away from home, we still represent the Kingdom. While some will go on vacations, others will go on mission trips this summer. But the truth is, for those of us who belong to Jesus, every time we leave home we're going on a mission trip. Every vacation we take should be viewed as a mission trip for a follower of Christ. That doesn't mean you have to share the gospel with everyone you meet (although there wouldn't be anything wrong with that), it means the way the Kingdom of God operates should be on display in everything you do. And if you know what it means to be a part of that kingdom, you know that it's not 'we *have* to do this', but rather, 'we *get* to do this'. Because Jesus has set us free, filled us with His Spirit, and brought us into His Kingdom, we now get to show how that kingdom operates. It's a privilege, not a duty.

Between our summer and fall Wednesday night class sessions, I would like for us all to meet together and have a time of sharing testimonies. Hearing how God works in the lives of others goes a long way in encouraging and building everyone's faith. I would love to hear how the Kingdom had an affect on wherever you went this summer. By calling us out and making us His own, the Lord has invited us on an incredible adventure, where we get to see and experience things many people don't and never will. Let's take advantage of it as much as we can!

Pastor Jason

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**Service Times**

**Sunday**

**Morning Worship.....8:30 AM**

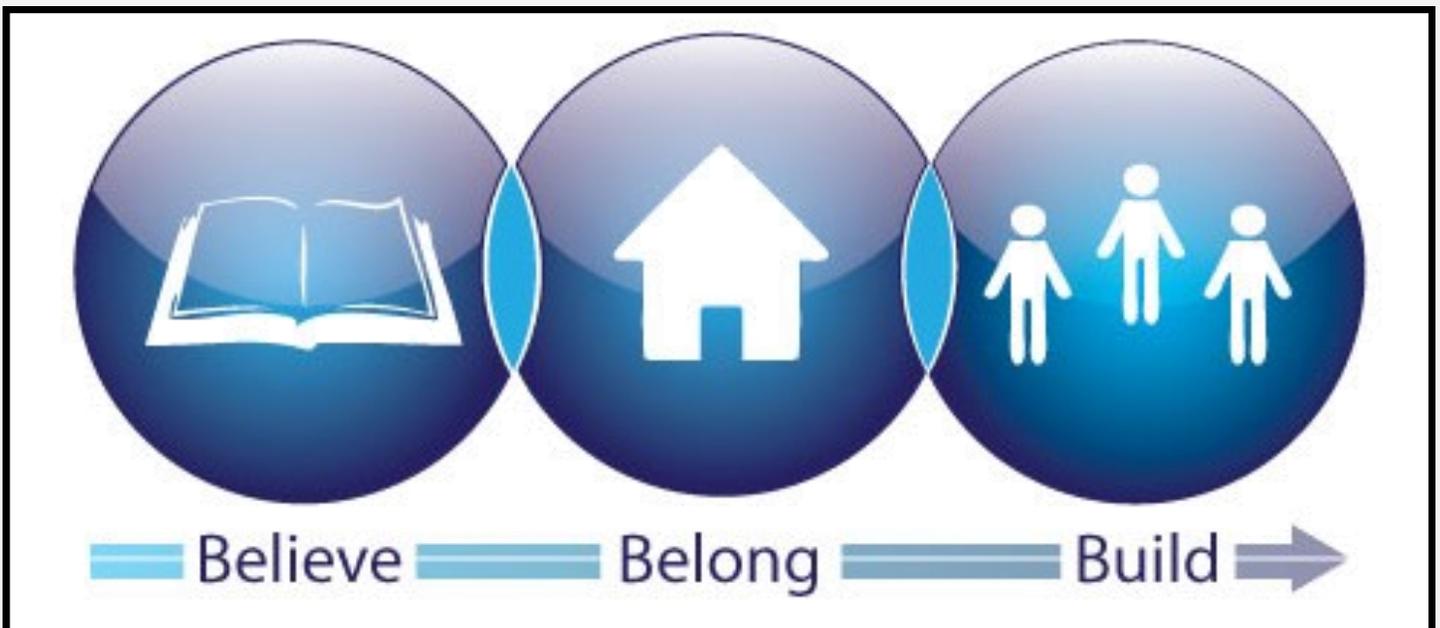
**Sunday School.....9:45 AM**

**Morning Worship...10:45 AM**

**Wednesday**

**Meals.....5:15 PM**

**Classes.....6:30 PM**





## ***Danny Rodriguez—Associate Pastor***

**May, 2019 Summer Newsletter**

**“There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ as by prayer.” - Jonathan Edwards**

As we look at this summer, I ask you, as a member of Evangelistic Temple, to join with us in prayer as we consider some of the different ministries. There will be a **mission trip to Guatemala** on June 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you pray for the nineteen members of our church family that will be serving in the following areas: evangelism, medical, construction, education and children’s ministry. Please pray for the safety and protection of each person as the Gospel is being preached in both word and action in this foreign country.

This summer we have many opportunities to get involved in way of **life groups**. We currently have eleven life groups and I ask that you be in prayer for each leader and home host. There are also six different Sunday school classes that start at 9:45 AM, between our Sunday morning worship services. There are also two different Wednesday evening groups that begin at 6:30 PM. Those Wednesday night groups offered are Kingdom Marriage and The Truth Project. Please be in prayer for every teacher and the proclamation of the Gospel that is going forth.

Our youth group will be going to Rome, Georgia for a **youth mission camp** from July 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep each youth and adult volunteer lifted up in prayer as they travel. We long to see the hearts of our young people to continue to burn full of passion for Christ and believe that this can be a very special time for each one going. Also, our **children’s ministry** has touched the lives of our kid’s and we want to remember each child and teacher in prayer. This would also include the work that is being done in the **ET Learning Center**.

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 summer 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 is here!!!

For most, its a very welcome time of year. No school, family vacations, time with friends, but for me, and please don't hate me, summer is not the time of year i look forward to the most. However, this summer is different. Jesus has opened up so many opportunities for His Gospel to be shared through our youth this summer. July 7, 28 of us leave for Rome, Georgia to serve the residents and community there through Student Life. While there we will do mission and service programs in the community as well as at Shorter University, where we will be staying. Our kids are looking so forward to serving this community and being the hands and feet of Christ. Please be in prayer for us as we travel and serve in Georgia. Shortly after returning, many of our older kids have committed to serving on the upcoming Vida Nueva weekends, which is a youth leadership movement. Those dates are July 18-21, and 25-28. Please be in prayer for these dates and the preparation leading up to them.

## **Summer Wednesday Classes 6:30PM**

Kingdom Marriage  
w/ Joe and Tamie Fife

Truth Project  
W/ Danny Rodriguez



My name is Pam Barnard. I am one of three women chosen to lead the Women's Ministry over the next two years. Basically, we will be responsible for the planning of meetings, speakers, retreats and fundraisers. Just to tell a little about myself, I have lived in Palestine since moving here with my husband, David, when I was 24. We have

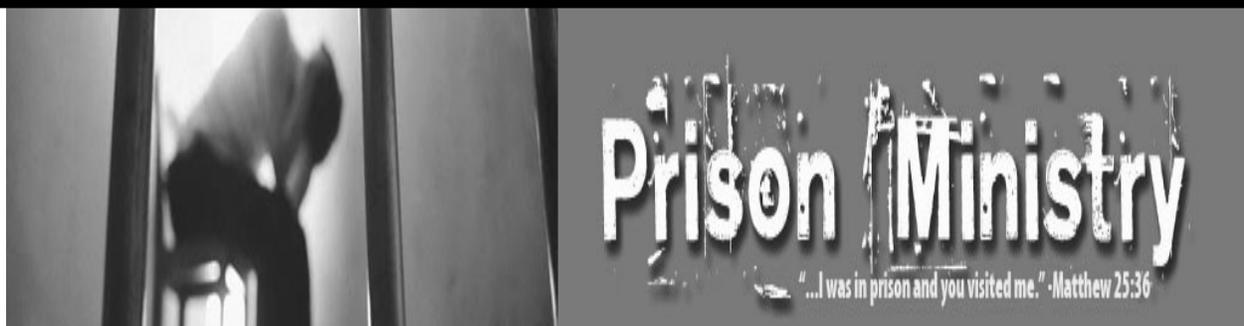
lived in Palestine most of my life and have raised 3 daughters here. While we have only been members of ET for about five years, I love this church and the women in this church! I have been so blessed to get to know so many women who are seeking to grow in the Lord while welcoming me with open arms. I am very excited about serving with the women in ET over the next two years and getting to grow alongside of them.

Hi, I am Irl Gray! I am so excited about this journey that the Lord called me to. The joy of walking along side of women of all ages, to encourage, lift them up and share in their lives, with our focus and gaze being on Jesus! I am also so honored to be partners Pam and Andi as we pray and seek God's will for the Embrace Women's Ministry for the next two years. My husband Randy and I and our 3 children and their families have been members of Evangelistic Temple for 26 years.

I am Andrea Sims, but go by my nickname Andi. My family moved to Palestine when I was 17. I met my husband at 19 and we have been married for 40 years. We began attending and joined Evangelistic Temple about 4 years ago and I love worshiping there. I have a passion for women's ministries and I want to know more of the women in our church and love to visit with other believers. I have been involved in Women's Embrace since joining the church. I am a nurse and work for Solaris Hospice.

It is our fervent desire to get to know women within our church body especially because we truly are family. Pastor Jason speaks often about building community within our church. We truly want to work toward that by walking alongside each other, lifting each other up, encouraging and discipling one another while always knowing that our trust is in God alone. The only way we can pursue this is by getting to know each other and growing together. Please, if at all possible, come to our get-togethers. No one will put you on the spot, we will just welcome you and always feel free to bring a friend.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 27th at 6:15 PM. We will have dinner (nothing fancy - just yummy - a taco stack-up and of course, desserts). Candy Bowman and Holly Wansley will be talking to us about "The Duffel Project" which is a way we can help foster parents who don't have time to prepare when they get the call to help with children ages 0 to 2. We will not be trying to collect anything that night, but we will set up a donation box in the entryway of the church for a few weeks afterward. Please come and visit with us, sing praise music and listen to a way we can serve together. We will also be having a get together On August 26th. It will probably be pretty similar to our first meeting we had at the end of April since it was so much fun. Mark your calendars and come!



We are forming a team for the next Michael Unit Kairos. The actual dates are Thursday October 24 thru Sunday October 27. Please pray about serving on this team. Jimmy Pryor, Gary Cotton, Toby Black, Steve Hall, or myself can get you an application and tell you a little more about the process.

Please don't wait until the last minute as the State of Texas also has a requirement that has to be accomplished prior to the weekend.

Come see what the Lord is doing among those society has written off. The basic question for all of us is do you want these men released back on the streets "bitter" or "Better".

Read Matthew 25:34-40

# ET MEN'S MINISTRY

Tim West

Bible Study Fellowship (better known as BSF) will start again on September 10. This year we will be going through the book of ACTS. BSF is a 30 week long study that occurs every Tuesday night in Athens, Texas starting at 6:45pm. The study is held at Grace Bible Church, this side of the loop on hiway 19. Several men already attend from Palestine. Those from ET are Ron Poor, Toby Black, Josh Tingler, Gary Cotton, Steve Hall, Jerry Fisher, and myself. Car pooling is available. BSF has men of all ages and tries to accommodate those with young children by being thru by 8:00 pm to enable them to be home to tuck them in bed.

Please pray about joining this group of 50 men study God's word.

More information can be obtained by talking with one of those listed above or by going to [www.mybsf.org](http://www.mybsf.org)

Your brother in Christ

Tim West



ETLC celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It is amazing to see how God has blessed our learning center in such a short time. We currently have 112 children enrolled in the school, 75 children in our summer camp program and over 30 employees. We had our first ever kindergarten class graduate this year and also said goodbye to some of our kids that have been with us since they were infants. In the last year, ETLC has expanded the playground, built canopies, added sidewalks, created new classrooms, created new offices, replaced flooring in 6 classrooms and a hallway. We are certainly making a positive impact on our community and in the kingdom. We are so excited to see what the next 4 years have in store.