

WELCOME TO EVANGEL CHURCH

If you are worshipping today as a visitor to Evangel, we welcome you in the name of Christ! You can learn more about Evangel from literature available on the table in the main church atrium, by going to our web site at www.evangelchurchpca.org, or by giving us your contact information on a card you will find in the pew rack and putting it in the offering plate today. Note that audio enhancement units are available; please ask a deacon or sound technician for assistance. We hope you are blessed as you worship with us today!

THE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2017

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Prelude and The Gathering of God’s People
Welcome and Announcements
Time and Preparation and Meditation**

***Pastoral Call to Worship**

The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, My God, my Rock, in Whom I take refuge, my Shield and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. For Who is God, but the Lord? And who is a Rock, except our God...

***Ascription of Praise**

“The Solid Rock”
Hymn No. 526

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-14)

***Responsive Reading of God’s Word**

Psalms 27:1-4

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

Minister: When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

People: Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear;

Minister: though war arise against me, in spite of this, I shall be confident.

Minister: One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple.**

***Hymns of Adoration**

“The Lord is My Salvation”

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from a raging sea,
and I am safe on this solid ground--the Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun-the Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won-the Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flows each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come-the Lord is my salvation.
In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days--the Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won-the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave,
but I will rise, He will call me home-the Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won-the Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father. Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation.
The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our salvation.

Petition of God’s Providence

Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

***Hymn of Worship**

“We Believe”

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
there is only one foundation: we believe, we believe. In this broken generation,
when all is dark You help us see, there is only one salvation:
we believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again. We believe.

So let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the song we sing.

In our weakness and temptations, we believe, we believe!

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again. We believe.

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now,
let love invade, for the pow’r of God will never fade. We believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow’r of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again. He’s coming back again.

The Worship of God with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Worship of God through Music

Choir and Orchestra
“I Look to the King”

On the battlefield, where the fight is waged, my enemy is real and my courage fades.
I lift my eyes; I lift my eyes; where does my help come from?
I look to the King Eternal, Immortal, Invincible God. I stand on the Rock of Ages,
my Savior; He conquered it all. I look to the King. I look to the King.

On the battlefield of all that lies ahead, here Your blood will speak
a greater word than death. I lift my eyes, I lift my eyes; where does my help come from?
I look to the King Eternal, Immortal, Invincible God. I stand on the Rock of Ages,
my Savior; He conquered it all. I look to the King. I look to the King.

Victorious, victorious, reigning over us forevermore.
Victorious! You alone are victorious, reigning over us forevermore.
I look to the King Eternal, Immortal, Invincible God. I stand on the Rock of Ages,
my Savior; He conquered it all. I look to the King. I look to the King.

>Children in K4 & K5 dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 212.

***The Reading of God’s Word**

John 11 (NASB)

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for
every good work.* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

The Exposition of God’s Word

Rev. Alex Goodsell

“Where Are You, Lord?”

***Pastoral Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

“How Firm a Foundation”
Hymn No. 408

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say
than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God
and will still give thee aid. I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up-
held by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross
to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; I will not, I will not desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

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THE SESSION

Buster Ellis ‘20
Joe Ford ‘18
James Garrett ‘18
Marty Hayes ‘20
Hank Henley ‘18
Ben Hixson ‘17
Byron Ketcham ‘20
John Kitts ‘17
Tom Marvin ‘17
Paul Moon ‘18
Lee Russell ‘19
Steve Sanders ‘19
Wade Walker ‘18
Eric Wheeler ‘20

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Virgil Brasher ‘17
Penn Bullock ‘17
Jonathan Davis ‘17
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Chris Martin ‘18
Eric McConnell ‘18
Brian Morrison ‘17
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Lamar Pearce ‘19
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

Please be in prayer for Pastor Lowman as he preaches this weekend for the Chestnut Mountain, P.C.A. Missions Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Evangel Outreach Teams will meet today at 3:00 p.m. in Room 203. There will be a brief class and then proceed out to the community for visitation. Please contact Alex Goodsell for more information at agoodsell@evangelchurchpca.org.

Pastors Wednesday Night Bible Study will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening in Room 203. We are studying "Living in the Power and Knowledge of the Holy Spirit". This week's topic will be *The Marks of Living in the Fullness of the Spirit*.

All Men Welcome: We will be having a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 25th at 7:30 a.m. at Ballentrae Golf Club. The price for the buffet is \$7.50 and you will pay at the door. Make plans to join us for this time of fellowship and prayer.

Simpson World Missions Conference Faith Promise Update

From last Sunday's offering, we received **47** Faith Promise commitments totaling **\$75,584**. Our Faith Promise Goal is \$125,000 for the 2017-18 year. The total receipts for the 2016-17 Faith Promise Commitments was \$103,014.



Outreach Opportunities in March

- ◆ Our outreach focus for March is Missions. Please be praying for the Lord to use our mission efforts both as a church and individually to impact the world for Christ!
- ◆ Share our Easter schedule of events with your friends and neighbors. These postcards are on the glass table in the vestibule.

Come step back in time as the ECS Advanced Drama Class presents **Radio Days Circa 1944**. Join us as we remember the classic radio programs of *Flash Gordon*, *Baby Snooks*, *Archie Andrews*, and *Dick Tracy*. Enjoy the sweet sounds of our Gala Gals as they sing *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* and *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*. In addition the evening will include classic radio commercials, a rendition of Bing Crosby's *Pennies from Heaven*, and a big swing dance number. It is an evening extravaganza you don't want to miss. Show time is Friday March 31st and April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Evangel gym. Admission is free but donations will be taken. Come join us as we have fun remembering an important time in our history.

SAVE THESE DATES



- 4/09/17** - Palm Sunday Worship Service, Picnic (lunch provided), and Easter Egg Hunt
4/13/17 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service
4/16/17 - Easter Worship Service

WEEKLY PRAYER COLUMN

Ministry: Evangel's Summer Belize Team

Missions: Gary & Jackie Burnett-Columbia

Praying for the Joy of Heaven: Adam, Joy, Margil

Women of Evangel Book Club

We will be meeting April 11th at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Harris, 821 Maplewood Trail, Alabaster. The book club selection this month is *Hidden Places* by Christy award winning author Lynn Austen. This Christian historical fiction novel set during the Great Depression, is about a young woman who finds herself alone, raising three children and attempting to manage the family apple orchard. It is a story of God's love and forgiveness and how to apply His word even in the most difficult of circumstances. "Lynn Austen's writing about faith and the Lover of our souls always strikes me right to the core", was just one of the many glowing reviews of this hard to put down novel. Come join us for the discussion!

Visit www.evangelchurchpca.org for the discussion questions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 19, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
 3:00 p.m. Evangel Outreach Team (Room 203, contact Alex Goodsell 837-3376)
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 5:00 p.m. Home Groups and Youth Bible Study

Monday, March 20, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Men's **Colossians** Bible Study
(Shelby Hospital Cafeteria, contact Grady Simpson 223-9830)
 7:00 p.m. Trail Life Troop Meeting (gym, contact Ralph Nelson 903-5855)

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

- 5:00 a.m. Women's Walk in the Park (Veterans Park, contact Penny Lowden 837-2514)
 6:30 a.m. Men's **The Ten Commandments** Bible Study
(Chick-fil-A, Alabaster contact David Maginnis 835-0890)
 9:00 a.m. Crochet Class (Quad 208, contact Jeani Atkinson 663-0399)
 10:00 a.m. Women's Walk in the Park (Veterans Park, contact Debbie Marcus 612-3106)
 10:00 a.m. Women's **Look at The Lord's Prayer** Bible Study
(at the home of Debbie Elliott, contact Debbie 664-1291)
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (gym contact Chris Martin 223-8324)

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

- 6:30 a.m. Men's **I Peter** Bible Study (Chick-Fil-A Alabaster, contact Alex Goodsell 837-3376)
 11:00 a.m. Women's **Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood** Bible Study (at the home of Nancy Kitts, contact Nancy 229-2263)
 6:15 p.m. Home Groups, Youth, Faith Factor, Evangel Kids
 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Midweek Bible Study (Room 203, contact Jeff Lowman 585-0747)
 7:30 p.m. Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (Choir Suite & Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 23, 2017

- 6:30 a.m. Men's **Looking for the Good Life (Ecclesiastes)** Bible Study
(I-Hop Pelham, contact Jeff Lowman 585-0747)
 8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ladies' Parlor, contact Lynda Beebe 299-1800)
 9:30 a.m. Women's **Sermon on the Mount** Bible Study (contact Patti Ketcham 305-9233)
 11:00 p.m. Pray for the Nation (Ladies' Parlor, contact Barbara Ethredge 685-9430)

Friday, March 24, 2017

- 6:30 a.m. Men's **Paul** Bible Study (Chick-Fil-A Alabaster contact Byron Ketcham 670-9945)
 8:00 a.m. Women's **Isaiah** Bible Study
(at the home of Ramona Ford, contact Debby Marvin 492-2018)

Saturday, March 25, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Ballentrae, contact John Kitts 230-8632)

LOOKING AHEAD

03/26/17	Diaconate Meeting	12:00 p.m.
03/38/17	Session Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/09/17	Palm Sunday Picnic	11:30 a.m.
04/16/17	Easter Worship Service	10:15 a.m.
04/20/17	Third Monday Men's Bible Study	11:15 a.m.
04/20/17	Sr. Adult Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
04/23/17	Diaconate Meeting	12:00 p.m.
04/25/17	Session Meeting	6:30 p.m.
04/26/17	Graduates Dinner	6:15 p.m.

Contact the church office at 664-0889 or www.evangelchurchpca.org for more information.

For the Week of March 19th

Deacons on Duty

Oldfield, Pearce Sikes, Stewart

Week's Nursery Schedule

Infants: Bell, Collins D & P, Davis J & K

Toddlers: Brasher, Willoughby

2's: Biggs, Coston

This Week's Children's Church

Marcus

Next Week's Nursery Schedule

Cole, Collins B & K, Davis L & L,

Efferson, Ellis, Fochtmann, Gardner

Next Week's Children's Church

Morrison

Financial Update

Month to date through March 12, 2016

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Offerings	\$24,638	\$24,327
Total T/O for Feb.	\$48,100	\$105,417

Building/Property Maintenance

March Receipts: \$0

Faith Promise

Giving to Support the Work of Missions

March Receipts: **\$6,249**

Tithing is an act of worship

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows." Malachi 3:10



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 AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER