

Summer Ministry at EBC

Corporate Worship Service – 10 AM

When? – The first Sunday of each month: June 7, July 5, and August 2

Why? - *And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.*-- Hebrews 10:24-25 When we meet together it provides opportunities for us to love and encourage one another and it is simply an act of obedience to God. We have enjoyed Drive-In Church, but believe that it is once again time to gather together in person. God moves in unique and powerful ways as His people gather with one another for public worship.

Who? If you are feeling healthy and well, please come. Our building will be clean, and many safety precautions will be in place. The service in the Worship & Activity Center (WAC) will look and feel a little different. Even though childcare will not be provided, we want families with young children to come, too. We expect there to be spontaneous “singing” and “joyful noises” from our younger worshippers, and that will be celebrated.

The Youth Center will also be open for worship for anyone who wishes to be in a quiet environment (no talking or singing) with additional spacing between households. If you choose to worship in the Youth Center, we are asking you to please wear a mask if you are able. The entire service will be shown on the screen. Please enter the Youth Center using the Coddington St. or the Detroit St. (the ramp) entrances.

What to expect?

- Ushers and greeters will be wearing masks. When you arrive please wait near the back of the WAC for an usher who will seat families and households together. Please arrive a few minutes early. The service is scheduled to last about one hour.
- Prepackaged communion elements and bulletins will be available near the doors for you to pick up as you enter.
- The floor space in both the WAC and Youth Center enables us to provide what we believe is adequate distancing between households.
- Restrooms will be available if needed.
- There will be no childcare provided by EBC volunteers.
- At the close of the service, you will be dismissed by the ushers. We ask that you exit the building. Conversations can continue in the parking lot.

The Worship Service:

- Celebration in giving, testimonies, and song!
- Corporate prayer and prayer within households
- A short message, followed by communion served to those worshipping in both the Youth Center and the WAC
- Baptism and church membership moments

Families with young children

- The Children’s Ministry Team would like to have kid-sized furniture and activity sheets already set up for your children when they arrive. Please let us know that you are coming. Simply reply to the email that you will be receiving from the children’s director. You may also contact Tabetha Moore or Krista Greenwell with any questions or concerns.
- Please feel free to bring snacks, something to drink, and other activities for your children.
- Please bring your own pencils or crayons for your children to use. If you forget, just ask, and we will provide some for you.
- If your children need to move about, you are welcome to take them into the Fellowship Hall or outside weather-permitting. Just please keep them under your supervision.

Summer Care Groups

Care Groups – a gathering of Christ-followers who are on mission “honoring God and loving people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.” Care Groups will provide a special way for us to worship and fellowship during these unusual circumstances that we are facing this summer.

When? 10-11:45 AM on the following Sundays:

- June 14, 21, and 28
- July 12, 19, and 26
- August 9 and 16

Why? Connections which allow us to live out the “one another” commands in scripture. Some people may not be able to attend the worship service because of sickness, travel, etc., but everyone can connect each week this summer with their Care Group. Each Care Group will provide a place for prayer, accountability, application of truth, conversation, and connections-- all important ingredients for growing disciples.

Who? Each Care Group will be served by a leader who will provide organization and communication. All members and regular attenders will be invited to participate in a Care Group. If you are a member of EBC you are expected to participate each week with your Care Group. Everyone is also encouraged to invite visitors and unchurched people to participate also.

What to expect?

- The leader will work with the members of their Care Group to determine how to best meet together. Care Groups may agree to meet in person at someone’s home, someplace outdoors, by Zoom, or by some other means. The way that each Care Group chooses to meet may change throughout the summer as our society continues to adjust to the impact of the virus. The important thing is not how we meet, but that we are meeting with one another each week this summer.
- Care Groups will meet on Sunday mornings from 10-11:45 AM. Care Groups will watch the worship service “live” online. At the close of the worship service, the leader of each Care Group

will lead a discussion in response to God's truth that was presented, along with prayer, and fellowship.

Families with young children

We encourage you to try to involve your children along with your Care Group activities. It would certainly be wonderful to include children in singing and prayer. Additionally, the Children's Ministry Team at EBC will provide a 20-minute video lesson that children could watch during the sermon time. This video lesson will often include suggestions for a craft or other activities that can be done with your family or even with your Care Group.

Family Meetings

When? 6-7:30 PM on the following Sundays: May 31, June 7, July 5, and August 2

Why? Family meetings provide a unique setting for sharing between the elders and the congregation. This summer it will be especially important to dialogue with one another about how are things going and refocusing on things ahead.

Who? All members and regular attenders are invited. If you are a member of EBC, please make family meetings a priority.

What to expect? All sorts of important things such as...

Prayer, missionary updates, reports from the elders, deacons, staff and ministry leads; discussion and planning for fall ministry at EBC; testimonies; and discussion and voting on any budget adjustments that need to be made. Family meetings will continue to be held via Zoom, but in-person meetings may become an option for later this summer.