

The Insider

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Where are We Going in 2018? Kevin Hollinger, January 2018



Kevin Hollinger
Senior Pastor

Tony Morgan, the church leadership specialist, has stated that there are three important questions every church must ask itself in order to get unstuck. 1. Why do we exist? 2. Where are we going? 3. How are we going to get there? In this article I would like to discuss the first two questions, and leave the third for next month's newsletter. In the next month the congregation is being asked to spend 21 days in prayer and fasting. If you have not yet signed up please go to the Converge Worldwide website and download the prayer guide. In addition to the congregation praying, the Elders will be spending time together in prayer and planning at the Elders' retreat. By next month, we will have more clarity on the specific steps we will be taking in 2018.

1. Why do we exist as a church? Edgewood Baptist Church exists to glorify God by carrying out the Great Command (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). In other words, the church's purpose is to love God, love people, know Christ, and make Him known. Celebrating and delighting in God is both the motivation and the goal of all we do.

2. Where is God calling us to go? Edgewood has always been a church built on the truth of God's word, the transforming power of the Gospel with a desire to see the message of Christ spread across the street and around the world. None of that is going to change. We seek to be a Christ-centered, multi-generational, and multi-cultural church that loves God, and loves others. We think God is calling us to emphasize:

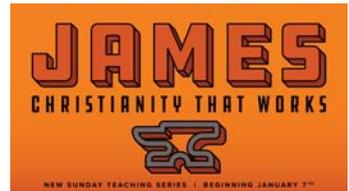
A. Discipleship Pathways. Our aim is to get people on a discipleship path that leads them to delight in God. We want to learn together to know God, to love God, and to share His love with others. We want to make it easy for people to take their next step of faith on the road to Christian maturity. This means that volunteers are not found so that a program can be run, but volunteers are selected so that they will not only serve, but they will grow and mature. The programs and events held by the church need to be thought through, so that they are connected to a clear discipleship pathway. "A discipleship pathway is simply your process for making disciples. It's your GPS that shows directions for how to help individuals get from here (wherever they are now) to there (a closer relationship with Jesus). Ideally, that pathway should be strategic, comprehensive and clear." (John Davidson, What Is Your Discipleship Pathway? <https://influencemagazine.com/practice/what-is-your-discipleship-pathway>) Programs can be tools of discipleship, but they cannot be replacements for discipleship.

B. Empowering and Equipping ministry. As I have shared both in sermons and meetings, we are seeking to build a training center for football players, not a stadium for football fans (not literally, but I think you understand the allegory). We want to include as many people in ministry as possible, because it is good for each individual and it is good for the church as a whole. The apostle Paul speaks of the church as a body (See I Cor. 12). Each member is important. We want to train and encourage everyone to use their gifts and talents to serve the Lord, not only in the church, but in the community. We want to be a place that empowers and inspires Christian living so that the workplace, the home, and the community are impacted.

We are excited about where we are headed. Please email your questions and thoughts to Khollinger@ebc-edmonds.org.

In Christ's joy, Pastor Kevin

*We exist to
LOVE GOD,
LOVE OTHERS,
KNOW CHRIST, &
MAKE HIM KNOWN*
for the glory of God
and the joy of his people



January 14, 2018

Christianity that Listens, Learns,
and Loves
James 1:19-27

January 21

Christianity that Works is Motivated
by Love not Money
James 2:1-13

January 28

Avoiding the Ditches of Legalism
and Useless Faith
James 2:8-26

February 4

Talking the Walk
James 3:1-12

January 10, 2018



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship & Children's Church	9:30 - 10:30 am*
Sunday School for all ages	10:45 - 11:45 am
Spanish-Speaking Service & Children's Sunday School	12:30 - 1:30 pm**
Edgewood Student Ministry (grades 7-12)	7:00 pm

* *Childcare provided for 0 years - 6th grade
1st - 6th grade can join families for Worship service **or**
join Children's church in the Junction*

** *Childcare provided for 0 years - 4th grade only*

MONDAYS: (beginning 1/22/18)

Women's Bible Study morning	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study evening	7:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS:

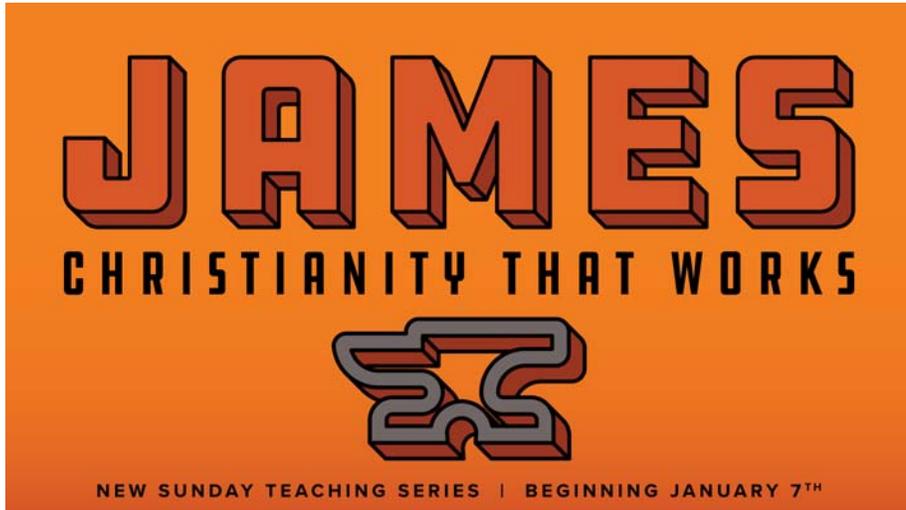
Men's Prayer Breakfast (off-site)	6:30 am
Caleb Community	12:00 noon
Mid-week Dinner	5:30 pm
Awana Kids' Club	6:30 pm
Edgewood Student Min Bible Study	6:30 pm

THURSDAYS:

Women's Precept Study	9:30 am
Talk Time	6:45 pm

FRIDAYS:

Spanish Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
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Be sure to check out Billy's article on page 5 for more details and the link.

students



Kaleb Willey
Student Ministry Pastor

Winter Retreat is coming!

Our annual **Winter Retreat** is set for **February 9th-11th**. We are returning to Camas Meadows Bible Camp. This is my absolute favorite event that we do throughout the year and I would urge EVERY student to make it a priority to attend. Registration is available now at ebc-edmonds.org/students. The cost this year is \$150. See below for details about our fundraiser to help students offset this cost. Thank you so much for the investment you make in the lives of your students! If you have any questions about this information, please contact me.

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LUNCH FUNDRAISER
ALL DONATIONS HELP STUDENTS PAY FOR WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 14TH | 12 NOON
LUNCH SERVED IN THE F.A.C.

children



Shannon Bullock
Children's Director

Coming up in Awana Bible Kids Club:

- January 10 - Round the World Night
- January 24 - Pastor & Popcorn Night
- February 14 - Pink & Red Night
- February 28 - Dr Seuss Night



Playgroup

Come chat while the kids play!

10 am - 12 noon
in the gym
Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 27

Questions? Contact the church office.

STUDENT MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 | ROOM 41
CURRENTLY STUDYING: ACTS

adults



Talk Time

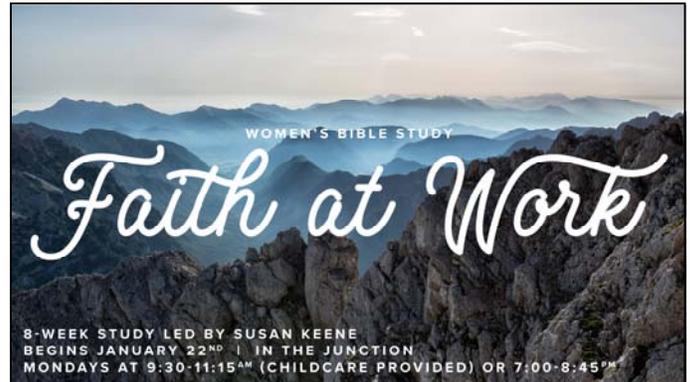
Please pray and consider coming to **Talk Time**, Thursday evenings at 6:45 pm in the gym. Talk Time is an outreach opportunity to converse with international students learning English. Volunteers are needed at the talk tables or kitchen to help serve dinner. See you there!

Women's Ministry Update

For almost 2 decades it has been my joy and honor to serve as Director of Women's Ministry here at Edgewood. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this ministry. We have now stepped down from leadership capacity, but will continue to be involved and support this ministry as God brings new gals with FRESH NEW IDEAS to take up the reigns!

As we begin 2018, it's a perfect time to share some of my fondest memories from the ministry over the years. Some of these events stand out more than others. I'm remembering our many Luncheons and Teas with inspiring speakers and beautifully decorated tables. Also our Women's Retreats with amazing speakers and hilarious, crazy LOL activities as new friendships were formed. There was Uncle Phil's diner which brought our whole church together, and also the many mentoring programs such as *Heart to Heart* and *Heart & Home*. There have been fun outreach activities such as our Christmas Tour of Homes, self-defense classes which were educational yet filled with smiles and giggles as we 'practiced our skills' on one another, as well as several Semi-Amazing Races.

These years have been filled with many activities and the wonderful, creative EBC women who have helped make these events possible. We so appreciate your support and service! We are excited for 2018 and its upcoming events like our annual Women's Retreat and Bible study opportunities. This is a great time for new women to be involved whether by attending one of the studies, or helping plan future events for women.



Have you ever stopped to consider that in the beginning, God worked? And Jesus tells us that God continues to work (John 5:17). Not only that, but God has given us, His image-bearers, good work to do. Are you walking in the good works God prepared for you before the foundation of the world?

To consider this question and many others, please join us for our 8-week Women's Bible Study, *Faith at Work*, which begins January 22nd. The study will be offered on Mondays in the Junction from 9:30-11:15 am or from 7:00-8:45 pm. Childcare will be provided for the morning study. To sign up, please contact the church office by Jan15th.



Our next gathering will be **Saturday, February 24th from 10 - 11:30 am**. C3 is a support group open to gals affected by cancer.

The support of this group was never more evident than when we visited one of our own, singing Christmas carols and praying over our dear friend just days before our Lord took her home. So thankful for the love and care this group demonstrates to one another.

For more information about C3 contact the church office.

Dear Edgewood Family,

We ask you to please join us in a period of concentrated prayer and fasting.

“It goes without saying that prayer is at the heart of all we do in the church and in the world. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us, and it ushers us into continual communion with our Father God.

When was the last time you entered an extended time of prayer and fasting for a spiritual, relational, or missional breakthrough? Throughout the history of God’s people, great leaders reached out to God for a fresh encounter or divine intervention.”

We encourage you to click on this [link](#) or go to <https://converge.org/prayer> where Converge has provided resources to help you start your personal 21 Days of Prayer right now, or as soon as possible! We encourage you to print this resource. We have a limited number of copies at the church for those who are unable to print it off the website.

In Christ, Billy



Billy Crompton
Interim Director of

Connect Groups

I have spent 10 years working with orphans in Thailand. What do these kids desire? Love, acceptance, value, security, identity - all of which the family was supposed to provide for them. You - Christian - are an adopted child of God. You have been adopted into the family of God. God has met your needs by making you His own and bringing you into His family. However, sometimes we act like adopted orphans who, after finally receiving their hearts’ desire, reject and neglect the very family they once longed for.



Scripture reveals to us that we were created to live in communion with God - not just individually but also corporately. In fact, the biblical picture of growth in Christlikeness is only attainable in the context of the Body of Christ...we were created to grow together! Do you desire to grow in Christlikeness? If so, I encourage you to join a Connect Group, in which you can connect with brothers and sisters, reflect upon God’s Word together, and live life together. **Connect Groups are about to start up again. Join us Sunday, January 21st at 7pm for a launch party in the Junction.** We will worship, pray, enjoy dessert, and select which group we would like to join. (Kids welcome - but no childcare provided on the 21st) — Billy

new Sunday classes

Assurance of SALVATION

R.C. SPROUL VIDEO SERIES
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS | BEGINNING JANUARY 7TH
SUNDAYS AT 10:45^{AM} | FACILITATED BY MIKE OLSON

Already Not Yet

BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS | BEGINNING JANUARY 7TH
SUNDAYS AT 10:45^{AM} | TAUGHT BY BILLY CROMPTON

SOUL CUSTODY

HABITS TO CARE FOR YOUR SOUL
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS | BEGINNING JANUARY 7TH
SUNDAYS AT 10:45^{AM} | FACILITATED BY GARY RAMM



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Many thanks to the ladies in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** who knit and crocheted Christmas gifts which were distributed to two long-term care centers in our community. Over 100 gifts, such as shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats, and slippers were made and individually gift-wrapped. Every resident in the two care homes received a gift. Residents and staff alike were thrilled and blessed to receive these. Thank you to each one in the prayer shawl ministry!

ministerio hispano



Julio Jiménez
Pastor of Spanish Ministry

NUEVO HORARIO

Servicio de adoración - 12:30-1:30pm
Escuela Dominical - 10:45am - 11:30am
Almuerzo gratis (en el gimnasio) 11:30am -12:15pm

IGLESIA BAUTISTA DE EDGEWOOD

Viernes de Oración

CADA OTRO VIERNES 8-9PM, SALA #39

SANTIAGO

¡EL CRISTIANISMO QUE SI TRABAJA!

NUEVA SERIE DE SERMONE | EMPEZANDO ENERO 7

Caminando con Cristo

Domingos, 10:45 Sala #39
Clase para adultos

Edgewood Ministerio Hispano

clases de DISCIPULADO

MIÉRCOLES 7-8PM, SALA #36

MIS PRIMEROS PASOS

Diseñado para aquellos que están dando sus primeros pasos en la fe y nuevos convertidos

Domingos 10:45 Sala #36

Spanish-Speaking Ministry's 6th Year Anniversary Celebration

February 4th
12:30 service
followed by a meal

Descubriendo a Cristo (Clase para bautizos y membresía)

Domingos 10:45 am
En la biblioteca