



DISCOVER~DEVELOP~DISCIPLE
Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ

A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS

The WORD

In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. (1 Samuel 3:1)

It is hard for us, in this day and time, to comprehend the Word of the LORD being rare. We have copies of His Word readily available to us in many different forms. And, if we want to hear the Word expounded, there are quality sermons available 24/7, 365 days a year. For us to “rarely” hear a Word from God is not God’s fault. We might not take the time to listen, or our hearts aren’t ready to receive.

⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, “Here I am.”
⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.
⁶ Again the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” “My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”
⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.
⁸ A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy.
⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:4-10)



Here are some thoughts:

- 1) Be able to recognize the voice of God. Samuel did not realize it was God because he didn’t recognize His voice. Maybe we are too busy, or we might not want to hear what He says. Why would God talk to people who ignore Him?
- 2) Rely on a spiritual mentor to help you. Eli helped Samuel to recognize God’s voice.
- 3) Listen. Samuel was ready, so he listened. God speaks in myriad ways, but a still, small voice is one of the most important ways He speaks to us. If He shouted, listening would not be required, but a whisper forces us to pay attention and strain to hear His voice. If we listen, the One who is with us until the end of the age will come.

Have you heard from God lately?

Your Word

Your word is a light to our feet and a lamp to our path. Your word is a glue of the universe wherein the whole creation coheres. Your word is the address of promise and command by which we live. Your word has come fleshed among us full of grace and truth. We are creatures of your word and we give thanks for it. For all that we are more dazzled that your word is carried, uttered, acted by frail vulnerable human agents. We ponder and give thanks for those who this day speak your word where it is desperately needed and deeply resisted. We ponder and give thanks for those who this day act your word for newness and peace and justice. We ponder with trepidation that among us you will yet designate such carriers, such speakers, such actors. In our thanks for your word, we pray for courage in the name of the one who emptied himself. Amen.

(In anticipation of reading 1 Samuel 3 / 2000, Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth Prayers of Walter Brueggemann)

I love being your pastor,
Chris / #God’sNotDone

All scripture is God-breathed and He doesn’t waste His breath.
~ Jim McCotter, an American entrepreneur

COMING SOON

PRINCIPLES	PROCLAMATION
PRAYER	PEACE
PEOPLE	PERSEVERING
POWER	POSITIVITY
PROPHECY	PROGRESS
PRIORITIES	PASSION

Put them all together and what do you get? A great new sermon series from Pastor Chris — “That’s MY Church!”



APRIL MISSION PROJECT AT EBC

Who is Annie Armstrong?

Each year, we honor the life and advocacy of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in missions endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman’s Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.



Annie believed in and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our missions efforts. Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food, clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God’s love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more for reaching people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

As Annie Armstrong said,
“What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ.”

Thank you for being a coworker and helping win the world for Christ. Your support matters.

Our 2024 Goal is \$1,500
Offering will be taken March 31 ~ April 30



Happy Birthday April Babies!



TUESDAY MORNINGS AT EBC

Join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning for Bible Study: *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven* by David Jeremiah.

Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven will answer and clarify the most important questions Christians have about their future eternal home. If you have had questions about heaven—especially about how to get there—let Pastor David Jeremiah help you close the gap between what the Bible says about heaven and what you know. This series pulls the curtain back—to the extent Scripture allows—to reveal the glorious and utterly amazing realm of heaven. It will transform your perspective here on earth!

Prayer Meeting follows at 11:30 a.m.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I can never thank you enough for the prayers, thoughts, phone calls, cards and texts from my precious church family during my recent “hiccup.” Each of you have a special place in my heart and I am so thankful for all of you. May God richly bless you as you continue forward in your walk with our dear Lord Jesus Christ. I know I could not have come through without His loving care. Again, thank you from the depths of my heart. *Love in Christ, Brenda Reese*



Well...we got the girls together and had a great time. Just look at that spread! It was a **"Baptist Ladies' Luncheon"** for sure! Plenty of fine food, laughter and fun, including that "crazy memory game" (you had to be there). We proudly served what you brought and it was fantastic. If you missed it, please keep watching the calendar for our next exciting ladies' event. We want you there and we'll save you a seat!



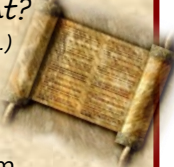
Ladies' Luncheon, March 23, 2024



Grades 7-12 - Join us Sundays at 6 pm
Something different each week...
Weird stories of the Bible...
Movies with a message...
Bible games...and much more.
It's a bunch of fun y'all...Come on by!

How well do you know the Old Testament?
(Answer True or False and watch for correct answers in May.)

1. ____ Isaac was the son of Abraham.
2. ____ Matthew was David's firstborn son.
3. ____ Solomon's son Shaphat became king after him.
4. ____ In the Bible, sin is called the sting of death.
5. ____ Ravens brough Elijah food in a dire situation.
6. ____ Mount Horeb is called the mount of God.
7. ____ King Solomon had twelve thousand horsemen.



SMALL GROUPS AT EBC



This spring the **DAILY WITNESS CLASS (MEN)** is studying Genesis chapters 20 through 50.

In these chapters we read of God's relationship with His people. God's character is revealed through His actions and purposes, offering us a clear understanding of His identity and nature. We see His heart for people and His willingness to extend mercy; through it all we see His trustworthiness. Simply, God does what He says He will do. What began as a promise to Abram in Genesis 12 unfolds in unexpected ways that only God could have orchestrated. Through it all, His faithfulness is unmistakable.

Men of all ages are welcome and we meet in the classroom right behind the sanctuary at **9:45 a.m. on Sunday Mornings**.



Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

APR 07	6:00 p.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting Youth / CIA
APR 09	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 14	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	2 nd Sunday Celebration Bible Study with the Pastor Youth / CIA
APR 16	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 21 ABCCM Sunday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Family Night Adults on Mission Youth / CIA
APR 23	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
APR 27	8:00 a.m.	THE BREAKFAST CLUB Men's Breakfast
APR 28	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study with the Pastor Youth / CIA Church Council
APR 30	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting