

ENKA Baptist Church

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"A Great Commission Church"



MEGAPHONES FOR CHRIST 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-20 (TLB)

¹ From: Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

To: The church at Thessalonica—to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: May blessing and peace of heart be your rich gifts from God our Father and from Jesus Christ our Lord.

² We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.

³ We never forget your loving deeds as we talk to our God and Father about you, and your strong faith and steady looking forward to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ We know that God has chosen you, dear brothers, much beloved of God.

⁵ For when we brought you the Good News, it was not just meaningless chatter to you; no, you listened with great interest. What we told you produced a powerful effect upon you, for the Holy Spirit gave you great and full assurance that what we said was true. And you know how our very lives were further proof to you of the truth of our message.

⁶ So you became our followers and the Lord's; for you received our message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the trials and sorrows it brought you.

⁷ Then you yourselves became an example to all the other Christians in Greece.

⁸ And now the Word of the Lord has spread out from you to others everywhere, far beyond your boundaries, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your remarkable faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it,

⁹ for they keep telling us about the wonderful welcome you gave us, and how you turned away from your idols to God so that now the living and true God only is your Master.

¹⁰ And they speak of how you are looking forward to the return of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God brought back to life—and he is our only Savior from God's terrible anger against sin.

Imagine that you're at a professional sports event. Thousands of people cheer loudly, as if their shouts could actually will their team to victory. **How many believers do you know who put that same passion and intensity into their faith?**

In his letter to the church at Thessalonica, the apostle Paul rejoiced in the congregation's passion for telling the world about Christ. Because the city was a busy seaport, the church there had the ear of the entire world. Travelers would hear the gospel and then take it back and share it with their own communities.

Paul praised the Thessalonians because "the word of the Lord...sounded forth" from them (1 Thess 1:8). The apostle painted a powerful word picture. The Greek verb he used refers to a sound that projects like a trumpet blast or thunder. **So Paul was praising the Thessalonians for being living megaphones proclaiming Christ.**

If you're a "fan" of Jesus, then you have the responsibility of sharing with the world who He is and what He has done for you. Shout it from the rooftops! Fill entire stadiums with the thunder of your praise! Don't just show the people around you who your favorite sports team is. Make sure they know who your Savior is as well.

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June 2025 EBC Connect

DISCOVER~DEVELOP~DISCIPLE

Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ



In 1909, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for

her idea, and she was successful. Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge gave his support to the observance, and in 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

So, on Father's Day we honor and appreciate our fathers and father figures in our lives. What better way to celebrate than with a touch of heavenly "dad" humor?

When My Dad Taught Sunday School

The Sunday school lesson for the day was about Noah's Ark, so my dad decided to get his small pupils involved by playing a game in which they identified animals.

"I'm going to describe something to you. Let's see if you can guess what it is.

First: I'm furry with a bushy tail and I like to climb trees."

The children looked at him blankly.

"I also like to eat nuts, especially acorns."

No response. This wasn't going well at all!

"I'm usually brown or grey, but sometimes I can be black or red."

Desperate, my dad turned to a perky four-year-old who was usually good about coming up with the answers.

"Michelle, what do you think?"

Michelle looked hesitantly at her classmates and replied, "Well, I know the answer has to be Jesus — but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"

To the world you may be just a dad,
but to your family, you are the world.
You are loved beyond measure!

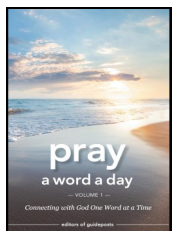


★ ★ ★ Book Review

"I don't know about you, but I would find myself repeating the same prayers every day. I wondered if I was boring my Heavenly Father. I needed something fresh and new.

Recently someone recommended the book, *Pray a Word a Day: Connecting with God One Word at a Time*, by the editors of Guidepost. I find that it helps enrich my prayers. It contains 365 devotions, each one focusing on an ordinary word, then continuing with an inspirational quote or scripture centered on that word. A short, true story and a prayer follows, motivating one to see God at work in that word. Communication with God every day is an effective way to know Him better and to understand His message. Using this devotional will help grow your spirit closer to God.

~ Debbie Glaser



God is always with you.

I pray you'll remember that He's not just near...He's here.

Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous?
Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is
with you wherever you go. JOSHUA 1:9 (HCSB)

Mark it down. You will never go where God is not. ~ MAX LUCADO

Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2025

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? THERE IS NOW!



In her freshman year of high school, **Kaitlin Alice Roberts** made the decision to become a pharmacist. Wanting to be known as “Dr. Roberts,” she actively pursued her dream through undergraduate and Pharmacy School. On **May 16, 2025** she realized her dream as she concurrently earned both her **Masters of Public Health and her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degrees**. Graduating **magna cum laude (with high honors)**, Kaitlin will spend a year in Residency at the VA in Mountain Home, Tennessee, while she hones her skills and further prepares for her career. *(She promises to be at church as often as her schedule allows.)*



On June 13, 2025, four of our special young people will graduate from Enka High School:



Andrew Barnett has faithfully attended Enka Baptist Church for the past 15 months and is a member of the Young Adult Bible Study class and EBC Youth.

He played percussion in Enka’s marching band, and has held roles in many theater productions such as Aslan in the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Andrew graduates with honors in both Marching Band and Theater and plans to attend AB Tech in the Fall with a desire to study Software Engineering.



Rebekah Marie Reese graduates with highest honors as a top scholar, top ten in her class, and a member of the National Honor Society.

She will attend Appalachian State University in the fall majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Math.



Samantha Brooke Reese graduates with honors. She has played on the varsity softball team for the past three years. *(Once a Sugar Jet, always a Sugar Jet!)*

This fall she will attend Brevard College and recently signed a Letter of Intent to continue her softball career with the Brevard College Tornados. She will major in Exercise Science and pursue a career as a physical therapist.



Hailie Paige Vick graduates with high honors. She played on the varsity softball team, was in the drama club and participated in theater all four years of high school. She had roles in many plays, such as I Hate Shakespeare, James and the Giant Peach, Almost Maine, and A Charlie Brown Christmas to name a few.

She will attend Western Carolina University this fall, majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in theater or photography.

Well...you all did it! As your biggest supporters, your church family *(and especially your mama)* is thrilled to stand by you today and celebrate all your efforts! Congratulations on graduating and making it to the next chapter in your lives. Now, go out there and take the world by storm! God Bless You!



MISSIONS

across the street and around the world



Summer break is almost here for our kids!

Our June mission project will be assisting ABCCM with their increased demand for kids’ lunch items.



Let’s stock their shelves with **box juices**, **plus jars of peanut butter and jelly** to help those who need it most during the summer while school is out.



Enka Baptist Church is so grateful for how much time, energy and love you contribute to our ministry, and its such a blessing to know we can always count on you!



IT’S A HYMN SING!

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.* Psalm 95:1

Get Ready! Practice your best song, pull out your favorite instrument and prepare for an awesome MUSICAL service of praise and worship together on **June 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**. This will be our second **5th Sunday Night Hymn Sing** this year! It’s fun when YOU decide what hymns we sing. There will be special solos, instrumentals and who knows what other surprises the Spirit will lead us to experience. So...be ready to shout out your favorite hymn number and we’ll praise the Lord together with our great church family! It should not be dark at this time of day, but if you need a ride that evening please let someone know. *Let’s be excited to praise God together in song!*

<div> <h1>June 2025</h1> </div>		<div> <p><i>Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)</i></p> </div>
JUN 01	6:00 p.m.	Brief Business Meeting Bible Study with the Pastor CIA/Youth
JUN 03	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
JUN 04	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
JUN 08	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	2 nd Sunday Celebration Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
JUN 10	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
JUN 11	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
JUN 15 ABCCM SUNDAY	<div> </div>	No Evening Service
JUN 17	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
JUN 18	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
JUN 22	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
JUN 24	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
JUN 25	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
JUN 28	8:00 a.m.	<div> <p>Men’s Breakfast</p> </div>
JUN 29	5:00 p.m.	<div> </div>