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THE EV MESSENGER

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- Pastor Johnny



MOVING FORWARD

John Maxwell said, "Some people see the vision, but they never step toward it. They cannot seem to summon the courage to overcome their fear, or they cannot find the passion to get past their apathy. As a consequence, their vision sits on the shelf until it spoils, or until someone else takes initiative to claim it."

For years our church has had a vision of building a sanctuary. We have prayed about it, studied it, discussed it and raised money for it. But, for many reasons, we have not taken action to build. I am hoping that 2022 is the year we take action and begin the building process.

Our Building Committee has worked hard to develop a plan that can fit our budget. They will present this plan at our Church Conference on January 26. They will provide listening sessions to give you an opportunity to see the plans, ask questions and make suggestions. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and then be present for the January vote.

Let me say that in order to stay within our budget we had to make sacrifices. Our previous efforts had let the building determine our budget. We designed the building the way we wanted it and waited to hear the estimated cost. That cost was always more than our budget could withstand. This time we let our budget determine our building. We asked our builders to design a plan that could be completed on an approximate two-million-dollar budget. That is the plan that is being proposed by our Building Committee.

Suffice it to say that it will lack some things you and I would like to see. If the church desires we can add those things back. However, that can have consequences. If we move beyond our budget that will probably delay building for the near future.

However, if we approve the plan we feel that it is possible to break ground this year. The plan being presented is estimated to cost \$2.2 million dollars. We have approximately \$1.2 million dollars in our building fund. If approved we would like to enter into a partnership with Injoy Stewardship to lead us in a capital campaign this Spring. If that goes well we hope to break ground in late summer or early fall.

No one can say that we have rushed into building. This vision has been before us for many years. However, there is a danger to delaying what we need to do. Most people have never heard of Elisha Gray. More than two months before Alexander Graham Bell submitted his patent for the telegraph, Elisha Gray had already arrived at the conclusion that voice could be transmitted over a telegraph wire. Why, then, is Elisha Gray anonymous and Alexander Graham a celebrated inventor? Because Gray procrastinated two months before putting his vision on paper. Then, when he finally finished his sketch, Gray delayed another four days before taking it to the patent office. When he finally made up his mind to go, he arrived two hours too late. Bell had already secured the patent, and Gray's idea was worthless.

We feel that it is time to build. The plan is sufficient. But it will be up to the church family to embrace the vision and move forward. I ask you to pray, attend a listening session, and come to the business meeting. Let us make this decision as a united church family and let us move forward together. - Pastor Johnny

BUILDING FUND TO DATE

\$1,129,725.33

2021 BUDGET

\$666,203.52

2021 TOTAL SPENT

\$627,246.76

2021 FUNDS RECIECED

\$627,081.61

february 2022

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
30	31	1 Women's Bible Study	2 Worship Matters	3 Thirsty Thursday	4	5 Men's Bible Study
6	7	8 Women's Bible Study	9 Worship Matters	10 Thirsty Thursday	11 Bingo	12 Men's Bible Study
13	14	15 Women's Bible Study	16 Worship Matters	17 Thirsty Thursday	18	19 Men's Bible Study
20	21	22 Women's Bible Study	23 Worship Matters	24 Thirsty Thursday	25	26 Men's Bible Study
27	28	1 Women's Bible Study	2 Worship Matters	3 Thirsty Thursday	4	5 Men's Bible Study

MISSIONS

TIME TO GO!!

What a wonderful time to be involved in missions! Our Lord Jesus has promised His presence with us as we go (Matt. 28:20), our church has trusted ministry partners around the country and the world, and people are open and waiting to hear about our hope in the gospel. With all of these positives you don't have to question "whether" you should go, but "where" you should go. One beautiful truth that continues to impact our members is that when we follow the Lord with an obedient heart, he blesses the effort.

BUILDING A CHURCH, TOUCHING LIVES

Our next mission trip on the calendar is March 23-27 to Baltimore, Maryland. Our church, along with several others from our community, will work with Pastor Charlie and Graffiti Church to reach his community. This trip has two tracks for you to choose from: Construction (including interior, finish work) on their new church and local ministry (including food distribution, care for local families, outreach, etc.). Sign-up today for this trip! The cost is only \$50 and it is open to anyone.



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

This year we have two different locations outside of the country where we will have an opportunity to serve the Lord. If you plan to go internationally you need to get your passport now!! We will send a small team to the Middle East in May to work with our friends and partners there. Also, July 30-August 5 we will partner with Filter of Hope and provide clean water and the gospel for the people of Costa Rica. We have lots of room on this trip and encourage everyone (highschool and older) to consider this as an opportunity of service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

As we start off the new year we look forward to what God has in store for our students. We will focus on studying and understanding scripture in early 2022. Our focus on Wednesday nights will be about developing tools to help us engage with God's Word on a higher level. I am looking forward to our upcoming DNow March 11-12 at Peace Haven Church in Yadkinville. We will have sign-ups and information available for those interested. The cost for each student is \$20. For any student who didn't receive our yearly devotional please see me and I will get you a copy. We are encouraging students to work through the devotional together and hold each other accountable. I look forward to what God has in store for the upcoming year. I hope that we will continue to grow in numbers and in relation to God. - Cory Combs

SPIRIT LIFTERS

The Seniors' ministry of EVBC, aka the Spirit Lifters, would like to invite everyone of all ages to an afternoon of Bingo, snacks & fellowship! Join us February 11, 1-2:30 in the CLC. Our March event will be a time of Bunko with the EVBC Ladies ministry. Details coming soon. Contact Sarah Diehl 336-428-4682

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The EVBC Women's Ministry is excited to get things going in 2022! January 29th join us for Celebrate Life, a baby shower in honor of LifeLine Pregnancy Help Center, from 4-5:30 in CLC room 106. Please bring an unwrapped baby item for LifeLine. Their biggest needs at the moment are onesies & one-piece sleepers, wipes, & diapers, especially larger sizes. If you plan to attend, sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary foyer.

Tuesday morning Bible study resumes February 1st at 10am. Join us in CLC room 106 for David Jeremiah's "Where Do We Go from Here?" This 10-week DVD study looks at end times prophecy and how they apply today.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our community needs you! Men from this church have a reputation for serving those around our city and county through construction and hands-on projects. We have a "militia" style group of men that are ready and able to go and help build a ramp, repair a broken floor, put up walls, etc. Would you like to join this group? Contact Mr. Andy Murtiff and he will get you added to the call list. The most current project for this team has been an addition to the kitchen at our local halfway house. Also, a group of men meet every Saturday morning for breakfast and prayer at the church. Join these men any Saturday at 7:00am.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship is why we exist. John MacArthur defines worship as, "any essential expression of service rendered unto God by a soul who loves and extols Him for who He is." Whatever we do, we are to do it for the glory of God. One important way that we declare the glory of God is through singing. In fact, the Bible mentions singing over 400 times within all of scripture. In at least 50 of these instances singing is given as a command. Scripture is clear that singing is a vital part of a worshipper's walk. Starting February 2nd, at 6:30pm, we are offering a 4 week long class where we will discuss the biblical foundations of worship through observing several biblical characters and what they teach believers about worship. This class will meet in room B202, in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

MISSIONS WEEK 2022 – July 9-16

For the first time ever, our church has planned multiple, simultaneous mission trips. On this one week we plan to have mission teams in Brownsville, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; Clarkston, Georgia; and Elkin, North Carolina. We want church members to sign-up for one of these locations. Our hope is to have everyone in our church involved in missions one way or another during this special week! If you go to Texas (July 10-16) you will train in evangelism and work with local church planters in outreach (cost is approximately \$450 but fundraising is available). If you go to Baltimore (July 10-16) you will work with pastor Charlie Brown and our partners at Graffiti Church. This trip focuses on local children's outreach and meeting needs (cost is \$75). Those who go to Clarkston (July 9-15) will work with refugees and local, needs-based ministries and have opportunities right here in our own backyard (cost is \$150). Finally, if you are not able to get out of town for the week, we will have several local mission opportunities planned for you and your family to participate in right here in Elkin and the surrounding area! Everyone at Elkin Valley can participate! Praying, going, giving, and serving together this week will keep us focused on the Lord and His calling on our lives.



And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

- Isaiah 6:8

EV KIDS

January 23

1st Service: Abigail Pardue

2nd Service:

1-2 yr. old: Kimberly Ledbetter, Brooke Combs
3 - Pre-k: Savanna Wilkens, Becky Durham

January 30

1st service: Lori Pendry, Maggie Wagoner

2nd service:

1-2yr old: Kimberly Ledbetter, Amanda Beaver
3 - Pre-k: Sherry Powell, Megan Durham

February 6

1st service: Shelly Nicholson, Amanda Combs

2nd service:

1-2yr old: Kimberly Ledbetter, Rachel Robbins
3 - Pre-k: Kimberly Blackburn, Alexis Ponce De Leon

February 13

1st service: Amy Rector, Julie Osteen

2nd service:

1-2yr old: Kimberly Ledbetter, Amanda Stanley
3 - Pre-k: Alisa Christian, Angela Wyatt

February 20

1st service: Abigail Pardue, Nicole Manigault

2nd service:

1-2yr old: Kimberly Ledbetter, Brooke Combs
3-Pre-k: Savanna Wilkins, Ashley Billings

February 27

1st service: Lori Pendry, Maggie Wagoner

2nd service:

1-2yr old: Kimberly Ledbetter, Amanda Beaver
3 - Pre-k: Sherry Powell, Megan Durham