

ECPC Newsletter ~ July 5, 2017



Teach Us To Pray, Your Will Be Done

Sunday we considered what we're asking when we pray, "Your Kingdom Come." This is one of the two "most dangerous" prayers in the Scripture. To pray for God's Kingdom is to pray against the kingdom of evil, and the construction of our own. It's to pray for God to rule our hearts and thereby our lives. It's a declaration of our desire to be willing to "seek first" God's Kingdom.

This week we consider the second of the "most dangerous" prayers in the Bible, "Let your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." This text asserts the separation of heaven and earth as two distinct places. It also assumes that God's will is obeyed in heaven, which even Satan must comply when in His presence. It also teaches that earth is in rebellion to God, refusing to submit itself to him. Since mankind has dominion over earth, this is a condemning statement against us.

This text also raises a question, "Can we refuse or change the will of God?" Here Scripture makes a distinction between what God has revealed, and what we actually see under his providence. The first is called his revealed or declarative will; the second is referred to as his providential or decreed will.

Scripture is adamant that no one can thwart God's providential work (decreed will). Isaiah asks the question, "For the Lord of Hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and how will turn it back?" (Is. 14:27) But it also teaches that God has revealed his will in declared and written form, his holy laws, by which we live our lives and order our communities.

Deuteronomy 29:29 summarizes this distinction. Moses writes, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

So we don't ask God to do what he is already doing, "continue your providential work," for certainly he will do that regardless. We ask God to turn the hearts of all mankind to obey his word.

So come Sunday as we consider the prayer, "let your will be done."

~Pastor Tim

Upcoming Events

July 9	Family Picnic Sunday - Ross Family Meet & Greet
July 16	Communion
August 1	ECCS - first day of school
August 6	Communion
	Summer Celebration Lunch



Meet Jordan & Jessica Ross

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Youth Parents - Saturday, July 8 from 9-10am, come for bagels and coffee in the atrium to have an informal time getting to know Jordan. Please click the link to [RSVP](#).
- Family Picnic Sunday: Attend the church picnic and engage with the Ross family.
- Students: Jr High, 5-7pm; Sr High, 7-9pm.



Family Picnic Sunday - July 9

Don't forget that this Sunday, is our Family Picnic Sunday - bring your own lunch, chairs, etc. The church will supply the drinks. If the weather is inclement (shhh), we will set up in the gym.

Take the opportunity to meet our new Student Ministries' Director

Jordan Ross and his family.

Giving Status as of 6/30/2017

Ministry year started July 1.

Budgeted Income: \$925,000

Tithes & Offerings: \$916,876

Variance: (\$8,124)

Giving on the Go...from your phone!

We have a new mobile-friendly way to give a gift even if you are away on vacation and not at church.

From your phone, go to the church website, ecpca.org, click Give Online, and you'll see the new simple online giving page. Just enter the amount of your gift, choose the fund to give to, enter your credit card number and some basic information, and you're done! It's that easy.

Tip: If you are using an iPhone and you've stored your credit card number in Safari on your phone, you can autofill that information into the form to make giving go even faster.



Our Summer at Summerhill: Ten-Two-School

This summer we have been investing in the ministry at Summerhill Community Ministries in three ways:

1. We surpassed our goal to sponsor 10 children to camp, and were able to send 12.
2. We were able to schedule teams to provide hot lunches for 10 camp dates.
3. We are continuing to collect school supplies this summer to help get the Summerhill children ready for the new school year. The donation bin for school supplies (notebook paper, notebooks, pocket folders, pencils, pens, erasers, etc.) is located in the atrium.

After Worship Refreshments

We have dates still available throughout the summer for which we would like to provide cookies and beverages for the children (and adults too) after worship while we take the opportunity to know each other. The cost averages about \$25. If you would be interested, you may read more information and/or [sign up here](#).

MUST Ministries Meals

The Elizabeth Inn (part of MUST Ministries) "is a shelter that provides a safe sanctuary of rest for those who find themselves in distress. Open to men, women and a child, the 72-bed Elizabeth Inn provides three meals a day and extensive support services including case management, education and employment, computer lab, recovery meeting and assessments."

Joe LaRocca would like to organize a meal to serve the residents. The meal will be served on August 14, at 6 pm in their Loaves and Fishes Kitchen located at 55 Elizabeth Church Rd., Bldg #200, Marietta. He will need several people to help serve the meal, as well as, financial support to purchase this - and hopefully future - meals. Joe is willing to organize meals as long as funds are available and interested volunteers to serve the meals. Prayer for this ministry is certainly welcome. You can reach Joe at joenjoell@yahoo.com or by calling 770-558-4302. Thank you in advance for your participation.



Children's Ministries Serving Opportunities

2- & 3-year old classes

We are looking for a few more volunteers to add to our fall serving schedule in Children's Ministries. We currently need:

- * 5 additional teachers for our 2-year-old class
- * 4 additional teachers for our 3-year-old class

Volunteers serve about 2-3 Sundays per quarter (September - November). All adults who serve in our Children's Ministries are required to be members of ECPC, complete Child Security forms (available at <http://www.ecpca.org/children>), submit to a nationwide background check, and be interviewed by our Children's Ministries' Director and an elder. Want to serve or find out more? Email christina@ecpca.org.

KidConnect

- * Small group leaders (serve 1 month per quarter)
- * Large group leaders (storytellers) (serve 1 month per quarter)

Interested in learning more about what we do in KidConnect? Contact Marj Swierenga (marj@ecpca.org).

Early Education (Nurseries, 2s & 3s)

Thank you for being the "hands and feet of Christ" to the body! Please let me know if you have any questions, please contact Christina Fisher (christina@ecpca.org)

Thank you for serving July 9:

Infants: Mary Jo Napolitano and Amanda Williams

Toddlers: Mary Ghasemi and Patty Robinson

2s: Katie, Emily, Abigail, and LeeAnne McElvy

3s: Teresa Staley and Peter Jacobson

Serving Special Needs: Cheryl Dorsch and Bob Edwards



Student Ministries

JUNIOR HIGH LIFE

If you are interested in signing up for our JHL text reminders, just text @easypeazy to 81010!

- **Sunday Nights** - Jr High Life meets back again this Sunday July 9th from 5-7pm ****NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**** at the Bates' house (2143 Bishop Creek Drive, Marietta, 30062). Our new Student Ministries' Director Jordan Ross will be there. Come out and enjoy this opportunity to get to know him! Bring \$3 for pizza.
- **Jr High Life Bible Study** - meets back again this Monday from 1:30-3pm. Girls will meet at the Trapnell's home (2264 Catskill Ct., Marietta, 30062). Guys will meet at the Masters' home (4101 Summit Dr., Marietta, 30068). Can't wait to see you there!
- **Tuesday Morning Prayer** meets this Tuesday at 9am in the church's conference room. We'll head to Chick-fil-A for a breakfast together afterwards.
- **Save The Date:** Next Wednesday, June 12, we will meet at Six Flags at 9am. Pick up at the park will be a 8pm. We will NOT be buying group tickets, so you will need to buy your own in advance or at the gate. Make sure to send your student with money to buy lunch and dinner in the park. This event is for junior AND senior high students! Can't wait to see you all there!

SENIOR HIGH LIFE

If you're interested in signing up for our SHL text reminders, just text @JordanRoss to 81010!

- **Sr High Life Bible Study** meets back again this Monday, June 10 from 7-8:30pm. Girls will meet at the Ragan's home (724 Scottish Mill Run, Marietta, 30068). Guys will meet at the Loech's home (3535 Saxon Way, Marietta, 30062). We'll head to Chick-fil-A afterwards for food and fellowship!
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- **Save the Date** - This Sunday, July 9 from 7-9pm at the Bates' pool (2143 Bishop Creek Drive, Marietta, 30062). We'll meet for a time of fun and fellowship with our new Student Ministries' Director Jordan Ross! Come out and enjoy this opportunity to get to know him!
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Opportunity For Further Investment

Preston Bates is traveling with World Race Expedition 10/40. He'll spend a year traveling and spreading the gospel. For more information, contact Preston directly at (404) 403-5925. You can learn about this opportunity at prestonbates.theworldrace.org.

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