



ECPC Newsletter ~ March 7

Sunday's Preview

Marriage: Rights & Responsibilities, Grace!

Sunday we considered the calling and purpose of marriage, "To glorify God by pursuing righteousness in my life and my spouse's life with all the means available." Jim Newheiser, in his book *Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage*, says pursuing righteousness is like performing eye surgery: it should be done carefully and lovingly. There are many things to consider before we speak the truth into our spouse's life, but at the end of the day, we're called by God to pursue righteousness in their life, as well as, in our own.

This Sunday we're going to consider what it means to live in God's grace today. No matter who you are, today, you woke up a work in progress. You woke up a sinner saved by grace. If you're married, your spouse woke up next to a sinner and so did you. The closer our relationships grow (from acquaintances all the way to spouses) the more we need God's help.

God offers us a path for growing in grace and extending grace to the people in our lives. In our failure and shame, God speaks to us words of comfort and hope. In our weakness, he offers strength. In our conflict, he offers healing and grace for forgiveness.

So come Sunday, and consider the grace of God for your marriage.

~Pastor Tim

Upcoming Events

March 16 - 18	Women's Retreat
March 18	Starting Point
March 24	Church Workday - see sign up
March 30	Good Friday Service
March 30 - April 7	Panama Mission Trip

Memorial Service for Barb Royer, Thursday, March 8

There will be a memorial service honoring Barb Royer on Thursday, March 8 at 6:30pm in our sanctuary.

Barb and Joe (Teresa Staley's brother) were members at ECPC for some 30 years. Joe was a deacon and led the Mission Ministry Team for many years. On Thursday, there will be a time to receive friends at the church at 6pm followed by the service at 6:30pm.

If you would like to help provide food for the reception (family only) that will be at the Staley's home, [sign up here](#).



Silent Auction Ends THIS Sunday at 11:35am!

We have a lot of items still available! Including a week at Big Canoe in Northern GA and a condo in Williamsburg, VA. The Silent Auction offers a wide arrange of items and services! Go take a look in the church atrium & narthex! All money raised goes towards the Youth Mission Trip to Panama. **This Sunday is the last day to place your bids!**

Starting Point, March 18

Starting Point is for visitors and is designed for those in our community who want to meet our pastor and his family. Our next Starting Point will be on March 18 from 11:45am - 1pm. Come enjoy lunch and a time of fellowship at the home of Pastor Tim & Debbie Locke. Children are welcome. [RSVP here](#) or contact Donna in the church office to reserve your place.

Spring Church Workday, March 24 from 9am-noon

Can you help? We will be working on the landscape plan, moving some of the plants that we have and planting some new ones. There are still some leaves around the area that need to be raked up and disposed of, and mulch that needs to be spread. There will be something for everyone (any age) to do or help with!

Can you come? If so, please let us know so we can prioritize the work that needs to be done. [Sign up here](#).

We will need some shovels to plant with and rakes to move the leaves. Contact Dennis Carter if you have any questions at dennis@ecpca.org / (970) 290-1282.

Good Friday Communion Service, March 30

Join us and invite your friends to hear a dramatic presentation of Mark 11-16:8 by Drew Archer (www.theatheos.com) on Good Friday, March 30 @6:30pm. Childcare for infants through 3 year olds is by RSVP only. [Click here](#) to make your RSVP.

Newsletter Makeover

Pretty soon our newsletter will have a new look! We hope you will like the more streamlined format that gives you access to the information that you need & want to know.

Facility Director Job Opening

As we search for a replacement for Dennis Carter, who has retired as our Facility Director, we would appreciate your help in sharing the job opening and description on your social media outlets (FB, LinkedIn, etc). You can go to the church's Facebook page and share it right from there onto your own page and/or send it to those whom you think might be interested. [Click here for the job description.](#)

Early Education (Nurseries, 2s & 3s)

Visit this [link](#) to view your serving schedule and confirm your volunteer dates. Questions? Contact Christina at christina@ecpca.org or text 540-538-9237.

EARLY EDUCATION VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

- Please [click here](#) view the volunteer schedule for Children's Ministries winter quarter. There are a number of dates on which volunteers are still needed. If you're available to serve, please email christina@ecpca.org, or click [here](#) and select the OPEN tab to sign up.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

- If you've been looking for a place to get plugged in, we'd love to add you to our Early Education serving team in 2018! Volunteers must be members of ECPC and must go through our security screening. We are hoping to add 3-4 new volunteers each to our infants, toddlers, and 2- and 3-year-old classes. Volunteers will serve twice a quarter (that's only 8 Sundays a year!). Contact Christina Fisher (christina@ecpca.org) to find out more.

Serving March 11:

Purple Lambs (infants): Kathy Grady & Mary Jo Napolitano

Yellow Lambs (toddlers): Dawn Roach

Green Lambs (2s): Brian, Natalie & Sarah Wallace

Blue Lambs (3s): Andrew & Rachel Wideman

Assistant: Carter & Kaitlyn Wallace



Women's Ministries

For information on our bible studies and upcoming events visit go to ecpcwomen.com.



Women's Retreat March 16-18

Escape with us to Callaway Gardens as we study *Friendships Rooted in the Garden of the Gospel*. Get details and register [here](#) (ecpcwomen.com/2018retreat).

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Student Ministries

Check out our new youth ministry website (www.eastcobbyouthministry.com) for all things ECPC youth news, calendars, event registration, mission trip donations and more!

JUNIOR HIGH LIFE

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

- **Jr High Life** - March 11, from 6-8pm. Meets in the Youth Room.
- **JHL Spring Retreat** - March 16-18. Space is still available. Sign up at eastcobbyouthministry.com. Deadline to Register is March 7! **We need 1 parent chaperone/driver. Contact Jordan or Jarrod.**

SENIOR HIGH LIFE

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

- **Sr High Life** - Wed. March 7, from 7-9pm with fast food hangout following.
- **SHL Event Night** - Friday, March 23. Save the date!! Details coming!

Giving Status as of 02/28/2018

Ministry year started July 1.

Budget Income:	\$618,292
<u>Tithes & Offerings:</u>	<u>\$602,614</u>
Variance:	(\$15,678)

Giving on the Go...from your phone!

You can give even from your mobile phone whether you are in or out of town. 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.

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