

Ebenezer Community Church

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Spring is here, and for me, after the seclusive cold of the winter season, the chance to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of God's creation cannot come soon enough. I love this time of year and the excitement of longer days, warmer temperatures, and seeing things come to life and begin to grow after a period of dormancy that seems to last forever. It reminds me of what God wants for us as individuals and as churches. He wants us to be willing to allow His Spirit to breathe fresh, new life into us and to spur us to experience growth that comes from spending time in His Word. Psalms 1 reminds us of the "tree" that is firmly planted by the water and is not only stable when the winds of change begin to blow but is fruitful in season.

At ECC, we are watching as God's Word is taking hold in hearts, and lives are being transformed for His glory. This spring is presenting new opportunities to share God's Word with others and to encourage them to grow deeper and stronger in their walk with the Lord. We will begin men's and women's Bible studies next month. We will also be starting a regular Bible study at Recovery Point in Huntington for those who have expressed a desire to study God's Word together with fellow believers. Our Children's Church ministry continues to grow as children from the neighborhood are coming faithfully and are being taught the importance of knowing Christ and learning the stories of Scripture. Ben Smith has been hard at work coordinating preparations for our first community-wide health screening event on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is yet another opportunity to serve others and invite them to attend church, where they will be introduced to a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray with us as we endeavor to take advantage of every opportunity to intentionally share the good news of the Gospel with those around us so they can experience "new life" as well.

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