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Church Wide Discipleship Night
"Ways to give the Gospel"
Presented by: the Pastoral Staff of East Athens
February 8th @ 7pm

Church Family Supper
February 15th
In the Family Life Center
5:45pm-6:30pm

YOUTH NERF WAR
FEBRUARY 25TH, 6PM- 8:30PM

HYMN SING & DESSERTS
CHURCH FAMILY
GATHERING
February 26th @ 6pm

EABC MINISTRIES-IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Church Activities

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30 A
Morning Worship10:45 A
Youth Choir6:00 P

WEDNESDAY

Children's Ministry6:30 P
IMPACT Student Ministry.6:30 P
Bible Study / Prayer7 P
Missions Organizations7 P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal7:50 P

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY:
8 AM - 3:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
<https://eastathens.org/livestream>
(Livestream of the Sunday Morning Service and Previous Services)
<https://eastathens.org/calendar>
(Happenings at the Church)
<https://eastathens.org/contact>
(Guest Information)
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nVw1a3wrtc8ZKG7dqV4Xw>
(YouTube Channel)

February

- 5 - Deacon's Meeting
- 6 - WMU
- 7 - Church Council
- 8 - Churchwide Discipleship Night
- LIGHT Women's Group
- 12 - Children's Volunteer Training
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Homegroup Interest Meeting
- 13 - Brotherhood
- 15 - Business Meeting
- Church Family Supper
- 25 - Youth Nerf War
- 26 - Church Family Gathering Hymn Sing
- Missions Committee Meeting



Dr. Brian Trapp
Senior Pastor

As we work to equip disciples at East Athens and engage the nations it is my hope that you would consider participating in a community group if you are not already part of one (Sunday School, Small Group Bible Study, and Home Group). One group I am excited about starting at East Athens are homegroups. This particular group does not take the place of Sunday School or Small Group Bible Study, but is an additional opportunity for close community. Home Groups are for believers and unbelievers alike, church membership is not needed to be part of any group. The truth is, unbelievers may not feel comfortable in a corporate worship service, but they may accept an invitation to come to a homegroup to share a meal and discuss the Bible. Places other than the church building may be a safer and welcoming environment for an unbeliever to ask questions and learn about God's love for us. We must always remember the Great Commission in everything we do at East Athens to ensure we are on mission to equip disciples and engage the nations to encounter Christ.

In Acts 2, Luke tells us the early church was committed to the apostles' teaching, the breaking of bread, and to prayer (Acts 2:42) Each week in our Sunday worship service, I preach the Word of God and my prayer is for God to work in and through the hearts and minds of those attending or watching online. However, other aspects of the early church such as fellowship, giving possessions away to those in need, and sharing a meal at a home are experienced in home groups (Acts 2:42-47). Home Groups effectively take the large gathering at church and make smaller gatherings of 10-15 people so they can do more community together (All Community Groups do this in varying ways and degrees). Although it is essentially impossible to deeply fellowship and to live in community together with the entire body of East Athens Baptist Church throughout the week, members of Home Groups will study, pray, eat, and live in Gospel Community with other people in their group. If you are interested in leading, hosting, or attending a Home Group, please contact me.



REV. MIKE DANDEL
Executive Pastor/ Worship Pastor

MUSIC NEWS

Calvary Is The Sea

How much do we love Jesus? Do we love Him as much as He deserves? Paul prays in Ephesians the 3rd chapter that God would give us the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. His love is like a vast ocean, but our minds are like thimbles---too small to contain it. Paul goes on to ask God to help us to know this love that surpasses knowledge (v. 19).

How can we truly grasp God's love for us? Verse 16 says: "He strengthens us with power through His Spirit, for apart from Him we can not know this love." Second, this allows Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith (v. 17). This abiding presence of Christ within us allow us to deepen our experience of His love. Jesus says in John 15:9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

The third verse of the song "Calvary is the Sea" says: "If I should ever doubt your love, my only prayer would be, that You would keep Your rugged cross etched upon my memory." (Alexander, Clark, Wood 1997)

If we ever need our love for the Lord renewed, we only need to come back to the cross and gaze upon the One who died there. Jesus willingly suffered, bled and died so that we might have life. We must focus our love on His love for us. "No sacrifice I could give to You could match what You've given me. For my everything is but a drop of dew, and Calvary is the sea." (Alexander, Clark, Wood 1997)

John wrote these words so beautifully; "This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." When we gaze at the cross, we are once again confronted with the magnitude of the love of God.

In the wonderful book of 1st John, John the apostle wrote: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God..." "By this perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us;..." "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." (1 John: 3:1, 16; 4:9)

How much do we love Jesus? "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome." (1st John 5:3)

Mike

Sanctuary Choir: We have completed the first month of the new year and I am excited about the opportunities we have to praise our Savior again in the year 2023. If you are 18 years old and up the Sanctuary Choir is a wonderful opportunity to life up praise in corporate worship each Sunday. Come join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:50pm. We are beginning work on our Easter musical: "YOUR GRACE STILL AMAZES ME" and continuing rehearsals on our Sunday anthems. Sing your praise to the Lord!

Youth Choir: Rehearsals each Sunday evening at 6pm in February. I hope that we can be ready to share at least one song on Sunday evening, February 26, during our hymn sing. In order for us to be ready we must have everyone present during the month of February. More details during rehearsal times.

Handbells: Rehearsals each Sunday in February at 4pm. We will ring for the morning service and the evening hymn sing on February the 26th.

Hymn Sing

On Sunday evening, February 26, at 6pm we will have another hymn sing along with a desert fellowship. Come prepared to request your favorite hymn to be sung. In addition to the favorite hymn sing, the Handbell choir will ring and possibly the Youth Choir will sing. Looking forward to a great evening of singing and fellowship.



REV. WAYNE STOWERS
Family Pastor

STUDENT MINISTRY

It is February and we are looking forward to another great month! This month's Youth Activity is on February 25th, it is our NERF WAR!!!! This is one of the most anticipated events of the youth group and I am super excited to be able to hang out with all of our kids and have the time of our life. There will be a sign-up sheet, but the event is absolutely free and a great opportunity to invite friends! If parents would like to join in the fun, please let me know!

For our Children's Ministry, we have a workers' meeting on February 12th right after our morning service. This meeting is for all of our current workers and those who are interested in working. We need all of our workers to be there. We will be providing lunch for the meeting as a "thank you" for all that you do! If you have any questions, please see either myself or Makala Harrill.

I am so thankful that we have the opportunities to serve our students, no matter the age. East Athens has partnered up with Delano Baptist in Etowah to be able to reach kids at Mountain View Elementary through the Good News Clubs. Good News Clubs are an after school bible club that we do once a week in elementary schools, and is one of the best evangelism programs I have ever been a part of. We had our first two clubs in January and are super excited as we have already seen a bunch of kids sign up for the club. If you would like to be a part of our Good News Club ministry and want to make an impact in the lives of kids in our county, please come see me!

Deacons of the Week and Hospitality Team

<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Stacey Wade	Steve Casteel	Steve Bridges	Rodney Scarbrough
Phil Hadorn <small>(Front Entrance)</small>	Jerry Millsaps <small>(Front Entrance)</small>	Rodney Ammons <small>(Front Entrance)</small>	Donny Anderson <small>(Front Entrance)</small>
Nathan Odom <small>(Nursery)</small>	Ed Mazanek <small>(Nursery)</small>	Mike Kelly <small>(Nursery)</small>	Debo Toomey <small>(Nursery)</small>
Jamie McConkey <small>(Family Life Center)</small>	Steve Bridges <small>(Family Life Center)</small>	Darrell McCormick <small>(Family Life Center)</small>	Jack Stout <small>(Family Life Center)</small>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Joe Wilburn - 4
- Nina Smith - 8
- Claude Womac - 9
- Linda Bacon - 13
- Orville Harris - 13
- Brenda Mullins - 15
- Sarrah Bush - 16
- Amy Sherlin-Watson - 17
- Tammy Pate - 19
- Vickie Miller - 20
- Carolyn Barnett - 21
- Dorothy Cowart - 22
- Ronnie Morris - 22
- Ashley Knox - 23
- Richard Harrill IV - 27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Rick and Sharon Bright - 8
- Brett and Shan Miller - 14