

Evangelical Covenant Church

April 14, 2024

Life at ECC

Chuck Potts
Pastor of Young Adults

Mission Spotlight

Habitat for Humanity

Worship in Song

“Your Love Awakens Me”
“God So Loved”
“Build My Life”

Morning Prayer

Johnny Park
Council Member

Children’s Message and Blessing

Scripture Reading

Kate Cogswell
[John 9:1-7](#)

Sermon

Bob Anderson
A Real Eye-Opener

Worship in Song

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[Matthew 11:28-30 \(msg\)](#)

To Know God, Follow Jesus, and Pursue God's Purposes in the World

THIS WEEK AT ECC

Today	9:00am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
	10:30am	Worship, Sanctuary and Online Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 years old) Kids Out Loud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5
		<i>mid-service</i> , Kids Out Loud (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	11:45am	4th/5th Grade Gathering, Life Center
Monday	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	6:30pm	Men's Monthly Meal, Teays River
	7:27pm	Young Life, Life Center
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	Men's Group, Room 10
	6:30pm	Youth Group, Life Center
Thursday	3:00pm	Miller Afterschool JAM, Life Center
	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
Friday	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Saturday	2:00pm	Women's Tea, Great Room
	4:00pm	1935 Road Rally

Name Change Update: For the past year, a few of us have been prayerfully considering a name change at ECC. We believe that if God is leading us to change our name, we will discern these things as a community together, so your prayer and input are invaluable. Please join us in prayer over the next week or two by downloading and praying through this [prayer guide](#). As you pray and seek to listen to God, please email us with any thoughts you may have, anything that stands out to you, at namechange@ecclife.net.

Newcomers' Lunch: Are you new to ECC? Are you looking for a way to get connected? If you said yes to either or both of these questions, we invite you to our Newcomers' Lunch on Sunday, April 21, following the 10:30am service. [Please RSVP](#).

Intro to ECC: We are holding our Introduction to ECC class on April 28 at noon. The class includes lunch and will last 2 and a half to three hours. If you're interested in learning more about ECC, we would love to have you join us. This class is required for those who wish to join ECC, but taking part in the class does not obligate you to do so. Sign up [here](#).

Book Club: Join us for our first ever men's and women's book club! We will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm, in the ECC Great Room, to discuss *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann. *The Wager* is a grand tale of human behavior at the extremes told by one of our greatest nonfiction writers. We hope you can join us for this thrilling book. Find out more at [here](#) and get reading today!

Serving Opportunities: So many people faithfully serve up front and behind the scenes every week here at ECC—and we are thankful! Finding a place to serve is an important way to support and engage our mission. If you are looking for a way to get more involved in the ministry and mission of ECC, you can [let us know here](#). Here are a couple of the current areas looking for more people to serve:

- We are looking for people to serve on our with our Audio Visual Team to help with slides during worship on Sunday Mornings
- We are also looking for teachers and helpers in our preschool and kindergarten classroom. Those who serve are assigned to one Sunday per month, and they get to share Jesus' love and care with some pretty awesome kids!

Remember, it will take all of us serving together for us to become a community of people who know God, follow Jesus, and pursue God's purposes in the world, and we'd love to have you join us!

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. This adult class is doing a series entitled *Old Testament Survey*.

Men's Ministry

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship:** Join us each week at 6:30am. The Wednesday Morning Men's group is studying a commentary by NT Wright on Romans 1-8. This group is currently meeting via Zoom. For an invite, please email [Ken Ritchey](#). We'd love to see you there!
- **Wednesday Evening Study:** Pastor Kurt's weekly study meets Wednesdays in Room 10 at 6:30pm. They will do a one hour inductive bible study that tracks with our sermon series. We hope you can join them.
- **Men's Monthly Meal:** Men of ECC, join us for our monthly meal tomorrow at 6:30pm at Teays River (3000 S 9th St) for good food and conversation.

Women's Ministry:

- **Women's Spring Tea:** [Join us](#) for an afternoon tea on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00pm. We will meet in the ECC Great Room. Women and guests aged from middle school and older are welcome! Please bring a tea cup and saucer to participate. Don't have one? Borrow one! We hope you can join us! The afternoon is free, but we will be accepting donations to cover the cost of the supplies.

MOPS/MOMSNext: Whether expecting your first or sending your last off to college, MOPS/MOMSNext has a place for you! MOPS/MOMSNext exists to nurture a community that allows each mom to grow as an individual and in relationships with her family, other moms, and Jesus. Our next meeting is April 23 from 9:30-11:30am. [MOPS/MOMSNext](#) is open to any mom in the community, so we encourage you to invite neighbors and friends who might be looking for a place to connect!

1935 Road Rally: Our Young Adult Ministry is hosting a special event on Saturday, April 20 at 4:00pm, our first ever "Road Rally: Scavenger Hunt". Participants will be put into teams for a photo scavenger hunt around town. Since many of our young adults are parents of young children... if you are also parents of young children or just want to spend time with our young adults, you are invited to join! There WILL be childcare provided while the adults are playing the game, with a meal to celebrate at the end. [Registration is required](#). If anyone that is not participating in the event but wants to help make it all happen, [Pastor Chuck](#) will be looking for help with things like serving the dinner and with childcare.

Youth:

- **Gatherings:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the semester for a time of snacks, getting to know other students, Bible study, and small group. We meet from 6:30-8:00pm each Wednesday in the Life Center. Doors open at 6pm each week for those who would like to arrive early. Contact [Pastor Kristin](#) or [Pastor Chuck](#) with questions.
- **Youth Group Plus:** All Middle and High School students are invited to join us on the 4th Sunday of every month, from 6:30-8:00pm, for a night of community together. We recognize that not every student is available on Wednesday nights consistently, so these gatherings will be another great opportunity to come and have fun together and meet new friends.
- **Young Life:** Youth 9th-12th grade, join Young Life on 4/15 in the life center. It will be a time to connect with your Young Life leaders and friends in a small group setting. We will catch up with one another, watch the Club video, and take a few moments to process the Club Talk together.

4th and 5th Grade Gatherings: Our 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join us TODAY for lunch, Bible study, games, and more! We'll meet over in the Life Center, starting after worship, and go until 1:45pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Please contact [Pastor Kristin](#) for more details.

Children's Ministry:

- Our nursery, preschool, and kindergarten children meet in the main building, down the hall from our worship space. You can check in for these classes at the west entrance table. Our 1st-5th grade students begin in worship with their families. Midway through our worship service, they are invited to a class in the Life Center building.

Pickle Ball at ECC: Pickle ball is now available at ECC!! If you've never played, now's the time to get involved! We'll teach you how to play. We have 3 courts and plenty of spare paddles and game balls. Just be sure to wear tennis shoes. We're open to all levels of play and especially looking forward to making new friends. We'll limit play to members and attenders of ECC and their invited guest. If you would like to get an email with schedule updates let us know [here](#).

Please Pray For:

Comfort: Laynah and Austin Sheets and their family in the passing of Laynah's dad, Sequoyah Bible

Recovery from Surgery: Nancy Crum, Marilyn Ziemer, Allen Busenitz

Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Terri Clark, Matt Helmerick, Westyn Antonian, Marilyn Grenat, Destiny Hatke, Esau Hatke, Maxine Balkema, Freda Brock, John Brock, Bonnie Brockman, Marge Elliott, Tammy Faulkinbury, Shelly Fishback, Vickie Henry, River Lail, Margaret Maitlen, Judi Stanfield, Jill Taul, Jane Warner, Dawn Witter

ECC Attenders' Family: John and Andrea Barrett's niece (Jenn Edwards), Deb Burrow's parents (Chuck and Rosemary Vendl), Reba Kinder's sister (Trudi Morgan), Kim Gibson's mom (Kay Brady), Kyra McIntosh's dad (Mike), John Barrett's sister (Pat Sheahan), Lynette Hamer's mom (Caroline Wiatt), Pam Gellenbeck's brother (Mike Swindle), Bill Senesac's brother (Don Senesac), April Wiley's dad and stepmom (David and Mary Holscher), Linda Jones' husband (Roy Jones) and father (Don Nelson), Sandy Waninger's father (Jim Siegfried), Matt Waninger's sister (Lisa Reynolds) and brother (Brian Waninger), Lisa Kohl's brother (Tony Kohl), Kari Ekenstedt's father (Bob Ekenstedt) and mother (Sheila), Linda Shute's mother (Judy Shute)

Mission of the Week: Margo Theivagt, WDA Disciple Building, Georgia

Service Person of the Week: Travis Crites, Army, Liz and Rick Schmalzried's nephew

Prayer Focus: Mission Commission (Chair Audette Taylor)

Care Team: As Care Team members, our hope is to care for and support those who are hurting during challenging times. We will listen, be present with you, and pray for you. Please respond [here](#) to have one of our referrals coordinators contact you.

Stewardship at a Glance

April Budget (4 wks)	\$65,283	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.23-3.31.23	\$652,830
Weekly Amount Needed	\$16,321	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.23-3.31.23	\$626,576
Last Week's Offering	\$11,868	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.23-3.31.23	\$671,773
April Amnt Received (1 wks)	\$11,868		
April Amnt Needed (3 wks)	\$53,415		

Go to ecclife.net/connect to find out ways you can connect with others in the ECC community.



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