

Adult Ministries

Sunday School

All adults meet in the Sanctuary for "Why I Still Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist"

with Dr. Frank Turek

Dorcas Ministry

Meets 1st Thursday of the month

Children's Ministries

Children's Sunday School Classes @ 9:30

Ages 2-5

K-6

Athena Stenstrom Jennifer Hefner

Kid's Church K-grade 6

Join us for worship, and are dismissed before sermon

Today

Feb 7

Lindsey McIntyre Lindsey McIntyre

The Little Ones Church ages 2-5

Immediately following Sunday School in Preschool room

Today

Feb 7

Heckamans Walkers

Sunday School Nursery

Down the hallway and to the right

Today

Feb 7

Holly Sellers NO SS

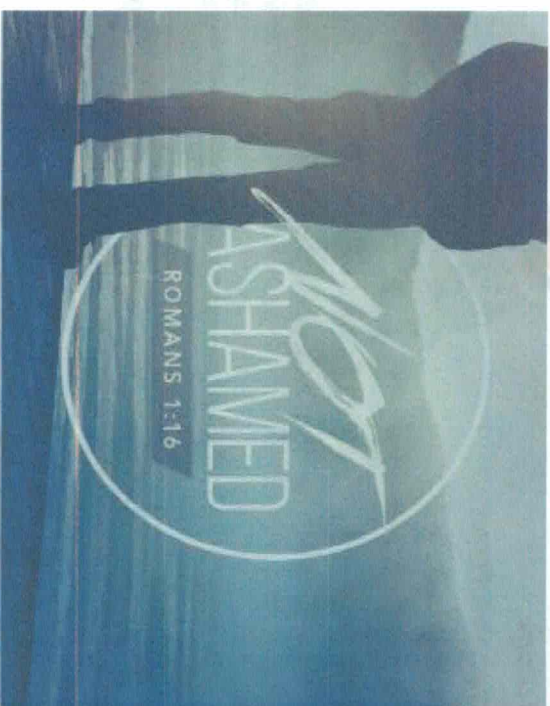
Worship Service Nursery

Today Feb 7

Linda Flenar & Anna McIntyre Megin & Riley Chickering



Welcome to EGCC



Jordan Ickes, Minister	574-858-2300
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Dick Stouder, Elder	574-858-9426
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Order of Service

Worship

Opening Song

Welcome

Scripture & Prayer

Worship in Song

Communion Meditation

Communion—Please partake as trays are passed.

Participation with the Lord's Supper is welcome. We remember together Jesus, his sacrifice for us and the new life we have in him. It is a meal that we celebrate together. Although the meal may be small in size, it is not representative of its significance to God's people.

Offering—Please place cards and prayers & praises in the trays. *Kid's church is dismissed for an age appropriate lesson upstairs.*

Message—Jordan Ickes

Fellowship Prayer

Closing Chorus

THE LORD'S SUPPER



Serving Today

At the Table— Dick Stouder

Greeters— Barry & Laura Baker

Deaconess— Tammy Tutorow

Serving This Week— Brent, Mason, Jerad, Matthew, Reece

Serving Next Week— Garry, Rey, Michael, Nick, Brent

Weekly Offering Update

Weekly Goal: \$3000

Last Weeks Offering: \$ 2094.49

Total Sole Hope YTD: \$502.00 Still need \$98.00

*Attention: For church safety, we will be locking the basement and back doors at 10:35. The front double doors will remain unlocked for the duration of the service.

Important Information

Upcoming Events

Today—Fellowship Dinner after worship.

February 4—Dorcias Ministry meeting here at the church at 7 pm. Wendy Ickes will be hosting.

February 7—Early Bird Breakfast

February 7—Budget finance meeting/lunch after worship.

February 7—Elder vote/Re-confirmation. Up for Re-confirmation is Elder Mike Walker. Up for Election are Kevin Boyer and Rey Brandt.

February 20—Go-cart racing day. The cost is \$50.00. See Barry Baker if you are interested in going.

February 28—Ekklessia Sunday Night Worship 6:30

Baby Shower

Brent & Lisa Hammond are expecting a baby girl. We are having a shower for her on Feb 21st at 2 pm here at the church.

Wednesday Kid's Night

There is a sign up sheet at the Info Center to bring cookies for WKN. Please have your cookies Wednesday evenings at 5:30. Thank you!

House Warning Shower

Renee Baker has purchased a home and will be moving out. She is in need of many home furnishings. We'd like to throw her a shower to help her out. Sunday, March 13 at 2 pm we will gather at Emily Stichter's home and bless Renee with a shower of gifts. Everyone is invited.

To our Guests:

We are grateful that you are here with us today. We have a gift bag for you at the Welcome area. Please fill out an information card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We hope you enjoy our worship service. If you have any questions please see Jordan after the service.

*** Our Wifi password is lovedoess247

Sermon Notes

Jesus' Gift of Peace, Reconciliation, Character and Hope

Romans 5

Key ideas from today's message:

Suffering is inevitable for everyone. It carries with it an opportunity to form us as Christians and deepen our hope in Christ.

Hope is strengthened by suffering.

Patience, perseverance and long suffering produce a well-formed character. So what comes of people who have no patience? What comes of a people, a culture that take a shortcut at any and every opportunity?

Vampire Christianity – People want the blood of Jesus but not the way of Jesus. They want forgiven, but don't want to follow the commands of Christ.

Christianity is not easy. It takes time to care for people, for yourself to grow and mature. The seed of faith grows in you, ever slowly, but methodically and purposefully. The caretaker of the tree, might strike the sapling, so that it can brave the more difficult storm later.

Romans 5:8 is a perfect framework for sharing our faith with others: God loves us, even in our sin, and Christ gave his life for all of us.

We have Peace with God; because of Jesus our sins are no longer held against us.

We have been Reconciled with God; because of Jesus we are in a restored relationship with God.

We will have greater hope, because today we decided to take on the patient, character-building way of Jesus, that denies self, and takes up the cross of suffering daily.

Response to text:

Examine our character development – are we avoiding suffering?

We are called to the patient way of Jesus.

We need to make a commitment to following the difficult way of Jesus.

Prayers and Praises

Kay Tungate—She is fighting breast cancer

Those dealing with Cancer

Michael Schollmeier
Nancy Heald
Jimmy Webb
Bryan Everett

Jim Fawley

LuAnn Long Wiseman

Nicole Snyder

Norene Stolle

Those with heart condition

Chandra Damon

Greg Ladewsky

Sally Ladewsky

Those dealing with failing health

Betty Zimpleman
Rev Higgenbotham
Jerry Higgenbotham

Amber Hollar

Susan Lemler

Thomas Skeens

Those with other health concerns

Sandy Lindsey-CAD
Marilyn Harvey—Aneurysm
Don Waggoner—Increased strength
Jean Price—Failing health

George White—Parkinsons

Ed Barrett—Nursing Home

Lisa Weissert—Brain Tumor (benign)

Missionaries and Missions

Larry & Debbie Kineman (England)
Alan & Janet Bemo (Thailand)
Tom & Jill Neyhart (Impact Ministries)
Scott LaRue (Russian Outreach)
Great Lakes Christian College
Lake James Christian Assembly

National/International

Our Nation's leaders & Military, Peace, Justice, Sex trafficking, orphans, widow/widowers, impoverished nations, AIDS, Prayer for the Gospel Message to spread

Ministry

Ickes Family
Little Lambs Preschool
EGCC's Elders
Generosity
Food Pantry
WKN

Children in our Community

All of our students and teachers