

Adult Ministries

Sunday School

High School A Study on Acts with Jordan
Lookout Bible Study in the sanctuary with Kevin Boyer

Managing Finances God's Way downstairs with Dan Stichter

Dorcas Ministry

Meets 1st Thursday of the month

Children's Ministries

Children's Sunday School Classes @ 9:30

Located in the upstairs classrooms

Ages 2-5

K-6

Laura Baker

Jennifer Hefner

Kid's Church K-grade 4

Join us for worship, and are dismissed before sermon

Today

May 1

Laura Baker

Lindsey McIntyre

The Littles Church ages 2-5

Immediately following Sunday School in Preschool room

Today

May 1

Jane Hargrave & Kate Gardner

Walkers

Sunday School Nursery

Down the hallway and to the right

Today

May 1

Renee Baker

No SS

Worship Service Nursery

Today

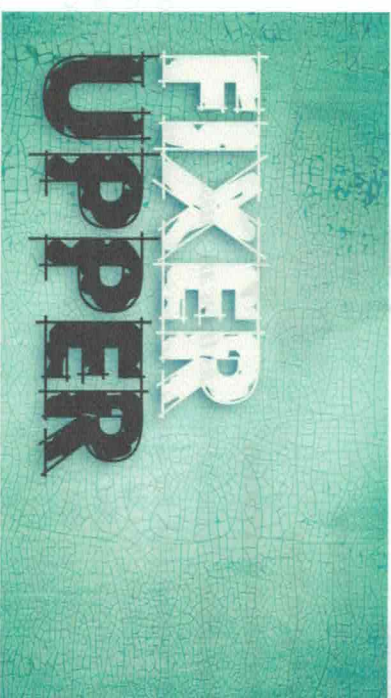
May 1

Adina Klotz & Anna McIntyre

Laura Baker & Lilie Stetzel



Welcome to EGCC



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Order of Service

Worship

Opening Song

Welcome

Scripture & Prayer

Worship in Song

Communion Meditation



THE LORD'S
SUPPER

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

Serving Today

At the Table—Mike Walter

Greeters—Mike & Lisa Zentz

Deaconess—Lisa Zentz

Serving This Week—Wes R., Adam, Tyler, Mason, Kevin

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

Weekly Offering Update

Weekly Goal: \$3000

Last Weeks Offering: \$ 3218

*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

Elders Meeting April 25

Early Bird Breakfast May 1

Dorcas Ministry May 5 begins at 7 PM here at the Church.

Jennifer Hefner is hosting.

New Adult Sunday School Classes begin May 8

Safe House—class on parenting in the digital age—meets in the basement at 9:30

Christ and Coffee—A class that will meet for fellowship and devotion upstairs in our new café/classroom area

Lookout Study—meets in the sanctuary

Men's Breakfast May 14

Mailboxes

You will notice in the coming weeks that the mailboxes are going to be re-arranged. Your mailbox may move slightly. It will still be in somewhat alphabetical order. Also, if you do not have a mailbox and would like one, please let Kim Stetzel know. Thank you!

Shipwreck Island

Vacation Bible School is going to be July 24-28. We still need volunteers for group leaders. Thank you so much for your willingness to support this outreach.

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. Jordan can be reached: Home (574) 858-2300 or Cell (517) 282-9384 or email joickes@gmail.com

*** Our Wifi password is lovedess247

Fixer Upper: Rebuilding our Relationship with Work

Colossians 3:17

Do everything for the Lord. Give Thanks.

God's nature is to create. God creates us in His image, thus we also have as our nature, a desire to create and bring to order.

God tells us to be fruitful and multiply and care for His creation.

Important: God sets Adam to work long before the Fall of humankind.

Sin didn't cause for there to be work. God caused there to be work, because he created us in his image. As his image bearers we care for, create, and bring order, cultivate, work with our hands. God created, and so we also, create/produce.

Sin didn't cause there to be work. Sin caused work to become difficult.

How should I consider work, now that Jesus is my King?

Because Jesus is our King:

1. Our work does not define our identity. Our identity is in Jesus Christ. We are not defined by our work, we are defined by the work that Christ is doing in each and every one of us, that we are righteous in him.
2. Our identity defines our work. Everything I do, I do for the Lord. If I make tools, I do so for Jesus. If I care for children, I keep in mind the love God has for them.
3. In light of the resurrection, we are unhinged from the rat race of production and prominence. We no longer have to define ourselves by how much we produce and moving up a ladder of self-worth to attain a certain lifestyle or stature. We are free to explore good work that cultivates life. We are no longer confined to making a good life for ourselves, because that good life is rooted in Jesus.
4. We must, in the words of C.S. Lewis, "mortify our avarice." That is, we must admit that greed has played a significant role in the work we've chosen for ourselves. Because we are new in Jesus, greed can give way to generosity and contentment.
5. If you let God work on your heart, God will be at the heart of your work

Add to your life Gentleness - Blue Prints Week 4

Monday – Matthew 11:25-30 – paying particular attention to verse 29, our Lord Jesus is both gentle and humble in heart. We are to learn from Jesus the way of gentleness and humility. Culturally, we know that gentleness is often perceived as weakness. But in Jesus we see the way of gentleness is a matter of true strength. Learn this week, the way of our gentle Savior.

Tuesday – Philippians 4:4-8 - “Let your gentleness be known to everyone.” That’s a great challenge in and of itself. Make a deliberate effort today, to live out this important imperative to let our gentleness be known to all. There will be times today where you will want to be abrasive to get done what you must. Clothe yourself in gentleness, making it known to everyone.

Wednesday – Titus 3:1-2 – Paul reminds Titus to encourage the congregation to be ready for every good work, and to speak evil of no one. The way that is done is through gentleness, avoiding quarrels and showing courtesy to everyone. There’s a lot there to keep in mind today! The main thing is that gentleness is a matter of showing courtesy to others.

Thursday – James 3:13-18 - Is the work you do, born out of selfish ambition and envy? Or is your good work, born out of the gentleness from the wisdom of God? Something to think about is our motivation. Bitterness, envy, selfishness are enemies of gentleness. Examine your heart today!

Friday – Galatians 6:1-2 – Restore one another in a *Spirit of Gentleness*. That’s an ongoing and important challenge for all Christians. There will definitely be conflict with other Christians. It’s inevitable. But how we go about helping each other, ought to be done in a Spirit of gentleness. It takes some time for us to figure that out, but extremely important in the health of the church family.

Prayers and Praises

Those dealing with Cancer

Melvin Heald
Nancy Heald
Jimmy Webb
Bryan Everett
Kay Tungate

Jim Fawley

Linda Hedington

Nicole Snyder

Susan Gochenour

Pat McAndrews

Those with heart condition

Chandra Damon
Greg Ladewsky

Those dealing with failing health

Betty Zimpleman
Bev Higgenbotham
Jerry Higgenbotham
Laura Skeens

Those with seizure disorders

Amber Hollar
Susan Lemler
Thomas Skeens

Those with other health concerns

Sandy Lindsey-CAD
Jean Price—Failing health
Don Waggoner—Increased strength
Connor Kauffman—Suck/Swallow reflex

George White-Parkinsons
Ed Barrett—Nursing Home
Pat Mullins—Severe back pain

Missionaries and Missions

Larry & Debbie Kineman (England)
Alan & Janet Bemo (Thailand)
school

Ministry

Ickes Family
Little Lambs Pre-

Tom & Jill Neyhart (Impact Ministries)
Scott LaRue (Russian Outreach)
Great Lakes Christian College
Lake James Christian Assembly

EGCC's Elders

Generosity

Food Pantry

WKN

National/International

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

Children in our Community

All of our students and teachers

