



EVANGEL

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

One inescapable reality of pastoral ministry is that it can really be messy. It is this way because our lives are messy due to sin and the consequences of our choices. As a pastor, I have the immeasurable joy of being with people in their greatest moments and their darkest days. Obviously the joyful times are much easier than the difficult seasons, but they seem to come as a package deal. The past couple of years have brought more than their share of heart-ache. The destruction of several lives due to divorce in marriage has caused such deep, heart-felt grief. My emotions have spanned from anger over how blinded the enemy can make us, to grief that rivals the loss of a loved one. Once you have witnessed the destruction that this kind of loss brings into every life it touches, there is no other spectrum of emotions that seems appropriate. The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth and said, *“For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not so that you would be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.”* I share these thoughts for the same reason. I certainly do not want to further the sorrow among us in any way, but in my “affliction and anguish” over the pain and struggle in our shared journeys, I am made more aware of the

intense love I have for God’s church here at Easthaven.

I visited with a dear friend recently and listened to part of his story. This friend served as a pastor in years past, but has since changed directions in life. At one point in the conversation he said, “You know, I miss my opportunity to serve in ministry. I miss being a pastor.” Listening to him made me stop and think what life would be like if I was not serving the Lord in this way, and honestly, I couldn’t imagine a more difficult road. God has given me such an intense love and affection for you, my church family. It is a great honor to serve Him with you and I appreciate so very much this opportunity. I hope I never take for granted this gift from Him and you.

With much love in my heart!
Pastor Daniel <><

**DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS**
Sunday, November 7th
*Don't forget to
set your clocks back!*



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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Our Senior Adult Ministry is off to a good start this season. All seniors (55+) are invited to attend our fellowship in the Theater at Easthaven on the first Friday of every month at 12-Noon for fellowship, food and fun. We will alternate the meals—potluck or \$3 for a served luncheon. Exciting programs are planned for each gathering. Hope to see you November 5th at Noon for our potluck. Bring a dish and a friend. Our theme this month is Western, so wear your western attire. Special guests will be Joe and Paula Foster, entertaining us singing gospel songs. Any questions, call Noemi at 752-5863.

One aspect of our Senior Adult Ministry is the Devotional Time held at the assisted living residences and nursing homes around the Valley. We need new leaders and helpers for this outreach. Anyone who has a heart for God and for the elderly is welcome to join us—even if you can only serve part-time. If interested, call Lorraine at 752-2849.

Noemi Lund
 Director of Senior Adult Ministries

MISSIONS UPDATE

Last September, Pastor Daniel headed up a mission team to Uganda, with the primary focus being to provide medical clinics to children and adults and also to give a pastor training seminar for local pastors. Following are a few testimonies from some of the members of this team:

“It was such a special privilege to share this year’s trip to Uganda with my son, as he was exposed to real third-world living for the first time in his life. I can’t help but feel like his world got a whole lot bigger over the course of the 10 days we were gone, and obviously God really spoke to him in ways that will affect the rest of his life.

It was one of the real blessings of the trip to serve the Lord alongside such a wonderful, united and supportive team. Every member gave 100%. There was no complaining or whining, but just a real sense of sacrifice and service.”

Pastor Daniel Lambert

“From the moment Pastor Daniel announced his desire to send a medical team to Uganda... I knew God had called me to be a part of that team. What an honor it was to serve with Pastor Daniel and each and every member on the team. It was a special bonus to have “Little D” (Daniel Jr.) on the trip as well. God went before us and united us as a team which allowed us to be effective for His kingdom and His glory.

Though many things were learned and discovered on this mission trip, two learning points hail my experience. The first... never before have I felt the “carrying of Christ” as much as I did on this mission. Jesus truly carried me through Uganda with all of it’s emotional and physical challenges. Second learning point.. It’s amazing how interactions, even brief moments... can connect human hearts together.”

Libbi Martino

“I was given a tremendous opportunity to serve our Lord alongside some very skilled nurses this fall. My perspective has been changed forever and the world became less removed. I am truly blessed to have had the chance to serve God in this way.”

Patricia Day

Harvest Dinner

Reserve
Sunday, November 21st

for our
**Annual
 Harvest Dinner
 Potluck**

Watch for more details in
 this month’s
 bulletins



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Hey, Girl, Hey! I look forward to being your team leader for Women's Ministry. I have had the chance to catch some of you and share what God has laid upon my heart for all of us this year. And, let me tell you, I feel as if He has prepared all of us for *...such a time as this (Esther 4:14)*. It is hard to contain the excitement and anticipation that comes with that call!

Easthaven has been my church family for six years now and God has utilized me in the Pre-school wing, High School Sunday School, Music Ministry, Small Group Ministry, and lately, in our studies of His Word with many of you. I am so thankful for the many **GIRLFRIENDS** He has brought into my life. I hope you can say the same of your EBC family. If not, plug yourself in! A great way is with Women's Ministry!

I believe God has not called me to "Drive Miss Daisy" if you will... He has called each and every one of His daughters into action. I cannot do this in my own strength and power, but in God's; and I am encouraging and enlisting each and every one of you to assist me in this ministry opportunity. *Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5.* There are several ways for you to participate. Please call me at 756-1230 or email me at cheffs@sd5.k12.mt.us and let me know how or where you would love to help. (This doesn't sign

you up for every event; but just as it fits into your schedule.) I SO look forward to getting to know you better and partnering with you to serve our Girls and Valley!

Sue Cheff
 Director of Women's Ministries

UPCOMING WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS:

Here are some upcoming events. Hope to see you there -- please invite your best girls or un-churched friends! Let's make an impact for Jesus together!

Crafters R Us!

November 6th at 3:30 in Room 410. We'll be making earrings & bookmarks. \$10 per person. Looking for jewelry makers to share or loan out their tools!

Chick-Flick Movie Night

November 19th at 7PM in the Theatre. Wear sweats, slippers; Last names A-J bring popcorn, K-Z bring soda or drink.

Cookie Exchange and White Elephant Gift

December ? (TBD) Bring a plate of cookies, 10 copies of the recipe, & your gift (under \$2). Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

ATTENDANCE~GIVING RECORDS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (OCT. MONTH TO DATE AVERAGE)		SEEKING GOD THROUGH HIS WORD (OCT. MONTH TO DATE AVERAGE)		FINANCIAL REPORT (MONTH TO DATE AS OF OCT. 24)	
Easthaven Baptist Church	661	Sunday Morning Bible Study	117	YTD Budget Requirement	\$741,726
Kila Country Church, Kila	66	Nightlife (Discipleship studies)	469	YTD Receipts	\$631,104
Convergence Ministries, Missoula	45	Assisted Living Bible Studies	45	Month to date budget requirement	\$71,045
		Total Average	631	Month to date receipts	\$67,295



Operation Christmas Child: If you haven't done so yet, pick up a brochure at the Ministry Information Center, follow the directions on the brochure and fill up a shoebox with gifts and toys. Bring the shoebox with you to church **by Nov. 14** and place it on the stage in front of the grand piano. If you don't want to pack a box, but would like to contribute items, suggestions include school supplies, toys, hygiene items or monetary offerings (mark offering envelope OCC). **DO NOT INCLUDE:** used or damaged items, war-related items, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions. **AWANA collected 76 boxes (& many individual items) for this ministry last month. Thank you to all the kids and parents for participating in this great program!**

MEET YOUR DEACONS . . .

To help you get better acquainted with our Deacons you will see their pictures in our newsletter regularly. Their names and phone numbers are listed in the church bulletin, and three of them are assigned for service each week. Please call one of them if you have need of assistance.



George Strickle



Dexter Hamilton



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