



# EVANGEL

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

Summer, which finally has come, seems already to be drawing to a close. Before long kids will be lining up on the corners to catch their bus back to school, leaves will change colors and then pretty quickly the snow will begin to fall. I hate to even think about it, but one inescapable reality of life is that things are always changing and life is always transitioning to the next season.

In the life of Easthaven Baptist Church, this year brought some fairly significant transition and we've not only endured it, but have actually been thriving through it. One significant point of transition was the adoption of a new governing constitution for our congregation. This milestone marked the completion of some 18 months worth of work and the tremendous effort of our diligent committee. Many thanks to each of them!

Also as August draws to a close, so does our denominational church reporting year and 2010 has been nothing short of historic. We will witness more baptisms this year than in the course of any other year in our history. Perhaps most significantly, we will reclaim the benchmark of "evangelistic effectiveness" that has sadly eluded most evangelical churches in our generation. Back

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## FALL NIGHTLIFE 2010

Easthaven's Fall NightLife starts up again  
**Wednesday, September 8th.**

Please join us!

Wednesday Night Supper	5:00-6:00pm
Nursery Available	6:00-8:00pm
AWANA Check-in	6:00-6:15pm
AWANA (2 yrs.-5th grade)	6:15-8:00pm
Middle School Group (6-8th grade)	6:15-8:00pm
High School Group (9-12th grade)	6:15-8:00pm
Adult Bible Study Classes	6:15-8:00pm

*See page 2 for Adult Bible Study selection*

**Fall is starting!**

**School is starting again!**

**It's almost time for hunting season to start!**

**How about you?**

**Looking for a Reason  
to Start Over?**

**Find it Here**

**Sunday, September 12th**



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## MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry is back on track for Fall with our Men's Breakfasts at Perkin's Restaurant beginning again on Tuesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, then continuing throughout the year on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Stay tuned for reminders in the coming weeks!!



This year our Hunters' Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and we will have a very special speaker who will bring his own unique delivery on Hunting and the Word of God. It is none other than Easthaven's own **JEFF MOSER!** We, as a

Men's Ministry team, are very excited to have Jeff on board to help with this outreach to our community. Watch for further announcements in the Easthaven minute, bulletin inserts, and other flyers bringing details on this much-anticipated event. Men, spread the word to your friends, as this will be a great opportunity to reach out to our unsaved friends here in the Valley. If you have any questions, or would like to be involved in the preparations for the banquet, please contact the church office or Mike Crimmins at 314-0320.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies . . . we have a great group of women signed up to attend the **BETH MOORE LIVE** conference in Spokane, this October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, but we would love to have more ladies join us.

The cost is \$60.00 for the conference, plus hotel, food and gas.

Please contact Valerie Gibson for more information (250-8398) or watch for details in the September bulletins.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you are helping or thinking of helping with AWANA this Fall, please keep in mind the following dates:



**Sept. 5th:** Short informational meeting; 9:45-10:15am, Rm. 210. (This meeting is for those who did not attend the meeting on Aug. 29th.)

**Sept 1st:** AWANA Secretaries and AWANA Store Manager Meeting

**AWANA Basic Training** is being offered to all of those working in AWANA and is a two-session course. We would like all workers to attend both sessions.

**Sept 8th:** 6-8pm AWANA Basic Training (we will have Nursery & KidsLife for kids during the adult training time) & AWANA Registration after training in the gym.

**Sept 12th:** AWANA Registration after services in the foyer

**Sept 15th:** 6-8pm AWANA Basic Training (we will have Nursery & KidsLife for kids during the adult training time) & AWANA Registration after training in the gym.

**Sept 22nd:** AWANA Starts

Our AWANA registration form is available on our website, [www.easthaven.org](http://www.easthaven.org). Turn registration forms into the office or at any of the registration tables. Please call Sue Graham at 752-7021 if you have questions.

## MISSIONS UPDATE

Ahoj (Hello in Czech),

Our team had a God-filled experience in the Czech. We partnered with our sister church in Vysoke Myto, and International Mission Board missionary, Harold Johnson to teach English at a family camp to students ages 2-70. Each day was filled with devotions, worship, teaching classes, games, a devotional teaching time, and creating relationships with the Czech people. Although there are 45% of Czechs that are non-religious, and 34% are Catholic, our team was very encouraged at the openness they had to hear about a relationship with God. Because of the history with oppression from the Soviets, the main obstacle between Czechs and Christ is their fear. Many believers were turned into the Soviets by their "friends", and were beaten for their faith. Czechs fear what their families will think of them, they fear breaking up their families if they accept Christ, and they fear trusting others. Several Czechs that attended camp met with Zdenek (a pastor from Vystoke Myto) to ask questions about having a relationship with God! Praise the Lord! It is important to continue our partnership with the Vysoke Myto Baptist Church as only 2% of Czechs are evangelical Christians.

It is easier to go on a missions trip where you see a lot of visible fruit from your labor. However, God values every life. As the Bible tells us in Matthew, He would leave the 99 to go find the one lost sheep. "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost." Matt 18:12-14

If you're interested in hearing more about the trip, the Czech team will be presenting in services on Sunday, Sept 19th. I pray that God is right now preparing hearts to go on the trip next year. We need to continue this relationship with the Czechs, as we have seen the relationships and trust grow each year. The dates for the 2011 camp are July 21st to Aug 4th. Our goal is to have a team of 16, so consider going as a family. If you're interested in next year's trip, please contact Kristi Willits at [kwillits@easthaven.org](mailto:kwillits@easthaven.org) or 752-7021.

*Grace and Peace,  
Kristi Willits*

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in the 1960's the Southern Baptist Convention consistently maintained a ratio of one new baptized convert for every eight people in our churches. Over the last 50 years that ratio has plummeted to an average of one new convert for well over 40 people in the average church. With all that the Lord has been doing in people's lives this year as evidenced by our baptisms, our ratio will return to this historic benchmark of one baptism for approximately eight people in attendance over the last 12 months.

What does this really mean? First of all it means we are seeing God at work right in our midst in people's lives. That's worth celebrating! Secondly, it means that we are doing what God called us to do: make disciples! Well, we're at least taking the first step. For each of these folks, the journey as disciples of Jesus has begun, but now we own the responsibility to help them grow and mature as fully devoted followers. We must help them understand that our purpose is to make disciples who make disciples for Jesus Christ. We must communicate with passion the vision to gather, grow and go as more than just words on a wall, but as our understanding of our marching orders from our King.

The work is never done until all know or the trumpet sounds. The seasons are always changing, but at least amidst this one, I think we deserve a moment to pause and celebrate the absolute goodness of God and all that He is doing in the lives of people around us. Let's stay focused on making disciples and trust Him to keep the party going!

*Oh the joy of serving Jesus!  
Pastor Daniel <><*

## BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Hello church family,

Here we are entering into what is probably the busiest time of the church year, and there are great things about to happen in life here at EBC.

We have our Fall NightLife program kicking off September 8<sup>th</sup> with opportunities for growth being offered to every age group. So, let me encourage you to take advantage of those Wednesday night offerings. In fact, join us for dinner first, starting at 5:00pm, and get to know some of your church family better.

Secondly, let me strongly encourage you to get involved in our small group ministry this year. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, *And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.* We, here at EBC, are committed to discipleship that happens within relationships, and the context for that is within a small group. We have several small groups that are meeting now and we are looking to start up more this year. Our big small group campaign this fall is going to coincide with our sermon series on Nehemiah starting in October. We will have small groups available for everyone and would love for you to join us. So, stay tuned! If you want more information about small groups or you don't want to wait until October to join one, call me here at the church—I would love to visit with you. God bless you and may this fall be the beginning of great spiritual growth in your life.

*Pastor Matthew*

### Wednesday Night Supper

Do you enjoy cooking, or just helping out in the kitchen? or maybe the fellowship that comes while doing dishes & cleaning up?

If you're looking for a place to serve this Fall, maybe **Wednesday Night Supper** is the place for you!

For details or to sign up,  
contact Darren Banek at 756-9655.

## FALL NIGHTLIFE ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

NightLife resumes on Wednesdays here at Easthaven on Wednesday, September 8th. Following is a list of the adult Bible studies being offered this quarter:

Here and Now... There and Then by Beth Moore, led by Jill Hembroff. In this lecture series on the book of Revelation, Beth presents many points of view. She teaches that God is as specific about what He reveals as He is about what He doesn't reveal. Room 410a. 11 sessions. Cost: \$10.00/book

Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, led by Heather Landis. What do you want for your marriage? Want some peace? Want to feel close, feel valued, and experience marriage the way God intended? In this class Dr. Eggerichs gives you the tools you need to have a God-honoring marriage. Room 104. 13 sessions. Cost \$10/book.

Dream Giver: Following Your God Given Destiny by Bruce Wilkinson, led by Zel Brooks. Bruce Wilkinson, the author of the Prayer of Jabez, believes that each of us has a deep desire to know and fulfill our life dream. Therefore, as you search for that perfect gift, remember that one of the greatest gifts you can give to your loved ones is an opportunity to understand and live out their life dreams. Room 217. Cost TBD.

Experiencing God for Women led by Bobbi Nygaard. A wonderful study on how to do the will of God. Come and learn how to know God better; how to know when God is speaking, and how to adjust your life and ministry to God's revelation of His will! Room 410b. 12 sessions. Cost \$15.00/book.

The Man God Uses led by Pastor Matt Fitzwater. This study helps men understand their encounter with God and how this encounter affects all areas of their lives: personal, family, work, church, and community. It's all about moving from the ordinary to the extraordinary. This is a great study written by Henry Blackaby, the author of Experiencing God. Room 310. 7 Sessions. Cost TBD.

Sign-up sheets for all classes are currently available at the Ministry Information Center.

## CARE MINISTRIES

The Care Ministries team has seen a lot of exciting things happening this summer. We have finished painting a house for a lady and repaired a roof for another. We have purchased tires, repaired cars and given away at least four cars through Resurrected Wrecks. A local steer was donated to our shepherd shelves and many people who have been without work have been helped with the meat and other food.

Our community garden has produced some wonderful vegetables for six families and so far, 26 pounds of lettuce have been supplied to the Food Bank in Kalispell. Other vegetables are being given away as they become available.

We recently purchased a truck load of logs for firewood to prepare for the coming winter.

The "Loving Each Other Fund" has kept many families from falling and has led to another opportunity of financial counseling to help these families better use the assets they have.

Whew! God has been so faithful to supply the needs of our family through the many helping hands of our church body. Without you, who have given so much of yourselves, none of this could have been done. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

If you're able to get involved with this satisfying work by donating your time, old cars or other assets, you won't be disappointed. God has gifted us all to serve in one capacity or another. What is your gift?

*Sharon Shropshire*

## HARVEST BAPTIST UPDATE

After serving as the pastor of Harvest Baptist for the past seven years, the church has commissioned me as a full-time missionary chaplain serving emergency responders and citizens in crisis. I will continue serving in the Kalispell Fire and Police Departments where I have volunteered for the past five years. I will also have the opportunity to be a chaplain in the Flathead County Sheriff's Office, beginning in early 2011. Being a missionary chaplain fulfills a calling I sensed as a student at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in the late 1980's. I will be serving through Braveheart Chaplain Ministry, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that I formed in response to God's leading.



Harvest Baptist will continue meeting together under the leadership of Dave Creighton, one of the church's elders.

*Thanks for your faithful prayers,  
Drew Buckner*

## ATTENDANCE~GIVING RECORDS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (AUG. MONTH TO DATE AVERAGE)		SEEKING GOD THROUGH HIS WORD (AUG. MONTH TO DATE AVERAGE)		FINANCIAL REPORT (MONTH TO DATE AS OF 8/22/2010)	
Easthaven Baptist Church	803	Sunday Morning Bible Study	84	YTD Budget Requirement	\$599,402
Kila Country Church, Kila	61	Nightlife (Discipleship studies)	110	YTD Receipts	\$496,839
Convergence Ministries, Missoula	57	Assisted Living Bible Studies	49	Month to date budget requirement	\$74,720
		<b>Total Average</b>	<b>243</b>	Month to date receipts	\$57,739

**GLACIER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2010  
10:00 AM**

**TROY COMMUNITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Our church is allowed a specific number of representatives—if you are interested in attending, please call the Easthaven church office.

**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 are assigned for service each week. Call one of them if you have need of assistance.



*Tom Thurston*



*Larry Meadors*



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