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**EASTHAVEN BAPTIST**  
Following Jesus. Growing Together.

Oct / Nov  
2019

Though the average person can go three days without water, physicians report that most people go through each day mildly dehydrated. When we don't drink enough water, our lives will reflect that reality. We develop headaches, may grow dizzy or feel fatigued, and can have difficulty thinking or concentrating – all as results of lacking water. These truths lead us to a conclusion that no one would argue against: we have a continued need for water; our bodies require it to survive.

But just as we experience physical thirst, we can also struggle along in a state of spiritual dehydration, and just as we need a continual supply of water to survive, we also require a sustained source of spiritual refreshing to live.

I was reminded of this lately when I was reading about the Feast of Tabernacles. Israel has celebrated this annual feast since its beginning in the Old Testament. The celebration is in remembrance of the way that God provided for the Israelites as they wandered through the desert after being brought out of bondage in Egypt. The feast also took place at the time of the year when the rainy season was about to begin. All eyes were upon the skies as the anticipation built for the life-giving rain. Throughout the feast, water was poured from a golden pitcher into a basin in the court of the Jewish Temple. This water symbolized the providence of God and reminded Israel of their dependence upon the LORD for survival and sustenance in the nation's past and present. In addition to praising God for providing for the physical needs of his people, the feast also looked forward to the coming of the promised Messiah who would bring enduring spiritual change. On the last day of the feast, the celebration surrounding the water-pouring ceremony was more elaborate than any of the previous days. Everyone was focused upon the beginning of the rainy season and the promise of the one who would be sent by God as the great Deliverer, the one who was the fulfillment of the thirst for eternal provision.

It was at this moment that the promised Deliverer spoke.

*On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:37-38).*

The people celebrating the feast were asking for and eagerly awaiting the provision of God, and God himself was in their midst to answer. Jesus was saying, "You're anticipating the Messiah? I am that one—the only one who can meet your deepest level of spiritual thirst."

Like Israel, we all face the moment-to-moment choice as to how we quench our spiritual thirst. We can rely completely upon Christ and trust that he gives "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). Or we can try to meet our thirst by our own power and make "broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13).

Maybe the skies in your life have been cloudless and stark recently, and perhaps the rains have not come as you have anticipated that they would. Maybe, like parched ground, you're just thirsty and dry. If so, remember the words of Jesus: *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink..."*

Pastor Dustin

*Sunday Night Prayer Time*  
Each week at 5:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Feast**  
Sunday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Don't miss this time of food and fellowship.  
It's potluck, to bring something good to eat!

**Sunday**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Prayer Time / Bible Study /  
Small Groups

**Wednesday**  
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:15 p.m. Midweek Bible Study  
Children's Ministry, The Studio  
Student Ministry, The Hub  
Worship Ministry Rehearsal

**Church Office Hours:**  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday -Thursday  
8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Friday

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**Mark Your Calendar**

Tuesday, October 8	WOM, 11:00 a.m., Williamson's Cabin
Sunday, October 13	Pastor Appreciation Day / Reception
Tuesday, October 15	Women's Ministry, 6:00 p.m. in The Hub
Thursday, October 17	Sr. Adult's lunch at Bogue Chitto Boys
Sunday, October 20	Baby Dedication
Sunday, October 27	New Members Class
Wednesday, October 30	Kidz Fest & Trunk-or-Treat, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 2	Boomers Dinner at Cowboy Jim's
Tuesday, November 5	WOM Missions Study, 10:00 a.m., FBC
Thursday, November 21	Sr. Adult's lunch at Lee's Diner; Hammond
November 22-23	"She Is Enough" Women's Retreat
Sunday, November 24	Thanksgiving Feast, 6:00 p.m.

## CONNECTING & SERVING MINISTRY



Tuesday, October 15  
at 6:00 p.m. in The Hub

**New Members Class**  
October 27 and November 24  
9:15 a.m. in The Fireside Room

This is for those who have recently joined  
or anyone who is considering joining.  
Contact Sonya Foster for more info.

**October 20th is  
Sunday School Appreciation Day!**

Let your Sunday School teacher know  
how much you appreciate them.

small groups ministry

Watch for info on the new small group  
studies that will begin in November.

## KIDZHAVEN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNINGS  
IN ELEVATE

FOR K4-4TH GRADE

JOIN ROANOKE JONES AS  
YOU GATHER THE EVIDENCE,  
FOLLOW THE CLUES, UNRAVEL  
THE MYSTERY, & SOLVE THE CASE!

Baby  
Dedication

Sunday, October 20

See Michelle for more  
information on how you  
can participate in this  
special service



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30  
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! VOLUNTEER  
SIGN UP AND CANDY DONATIONS  
BEGIN ON OCTOBER 6**

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.



Jesus and Culture  
September 29 - October 20

Jesus and Loving Others  
October 27 - November 17

***The Chase***

*Pursuing Holiness in Your Everyday Life*

Sunday Nights at 5:00 p.m.

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN OUTREACH CAMP : JUNE 21-26**  
Cost is \$325 per person Register at [www.easthaven.net](http://www.easthaven.net)

## Missions Ministry

**VISION 2020 : Opportunities to Serve**

Angelic Ministries • Guatemala  
World Changers at Oakwood Deaf Church  
Immanuel in New Orleans

See Bro. Phil for more information

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

October 8 at 11:00 a.m.  
at the Williamson's Cabin

October 29 : State WMU Meeting

November 5 at 10:00 a.m.  
Mission Study at FBC



## Senior Adult Ministry

*Take a Lunch Break!*

Thursday, October 17  
at Bogue Chitto Boys

Thursday, November 21  
at Lee's Diner in Hammond



**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO JOIN EBC'S  
SENIOR ADULTS**

**APRIL 20-23, 2020**

THE CREATION MUSEUM AND THE ARK  
SEE BRO. PHIL FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Boomers Ministry

**IT'S SUPPERTIME!  
AT COWBOY JIM'S  
RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT**

Saturday Evening, November 2nd  
Watch out for them thar details!

*Pastor Appreciation*

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.  
We will have a reception on October 13  
following the morning service.

**STAFF ANNIVERSARIES IN OCT / NOV**

Michelle Mayfield – Children's Dir. – 6 Years  
Keith Smith – Campus Manager – 7 years  
Lisa McGehee – Ministry Assistant – 4 Years

*She Is Enough*

LADIES CONFERENCE

**NOVEMBER 22-23**  
TIMBER CREEK CAMP

Join us for this 2-day retreat led by Rebecca  
George and filled with worship, teaching, and  
connecting with fellow sisters in Christ.

Registration is \$80 and includes sessions, meals,  
and lodging. Register today at [www.easthaven.net](http://www.easthaven.net)

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

2018-2019 Eight Week Report

Needs: \$118,360 Receipts: \$98,723

Expenditures: \$78,370

Closing Balance, September 27, 2019 - \$20,353