



Coffee with the Pastor on Zoom

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Happy Anniversary!

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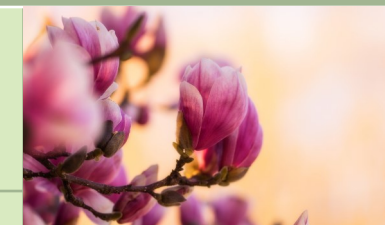
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A Note From The Pastor

By Rev. Asher Panton



October ECU Football

Home Games

Oct 2 - ECU
vs Tulane,
3:30 PM

Oct 28 - ECU
vs USF,
7:30 PM

Parking Lot Ministry

Many thanks to Maria Judge and her team for overseeing parking for the ECU South Carolina football game. We had a good number parking and we made \$1,380. All had a good time.



Meetings & Events

★ Oct 2 ECU vs Tulane, 3:30 PM

★ Oct 17 Deacon's Meeting,
Fellowship Hall, 5 PM

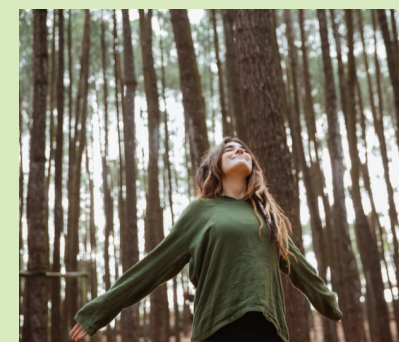
★ Oct 24 Communion

★ Oct 28 ECU vs USF, 7:30 PM

"Taking a Deep Breath"

In a culture that is constantly immersed in everything but the present, Apple recently developed a tool that allows its users to take a 15 second break and be aware and mindful of the breaths they are taking. Just 15 seconds absent of schedules, conversations, text messages, emails, and news stories about the pandemic. 15 seconds to simply stay still and breathe. This state of being present can also be referred to as being mindful. Mindfulness is a state of active, open attentiveness to the present. This state is described as observing one's thoughts and feelings without judging them as good or bad.

The fall has always been my favorite time of year. In the fall, the air feels cooler, and the coffee just tastes a little bit better. Unfortunately, If you were anything like me, last year's fall season is one that I hardly remember as being refreshing. I don't remember a



single time that I enjoyed a deep breath of fresh cool air. All I remember is the incumbered breaths I was taking in a surgical mask while desperately editing a pre-recorded video for Sunday worship services.

This is unfortunate, because there is something refreshing and spiritual about breathing in the cool fall air and being present in the presence of God. I hope that this year will be different for all of us. Even though the pandemic has still not left, I challenge you to take this month to begin to be more mindful. Be mindful of one another and find ways to care for each other's needs. Be mindful of your family and call your relatives to tell them how thankful you are for them. Be mindful of your blessings and thank God that he has given you an other day to enjoy them. And most of all, be mindful of your creator, and take time to enjoy the created world around you have been given. Oh, and one more thing – take time to breathe again.

A PRAYER OF Renewal

Lord, You are the God of abundance and You offer Yourself freely to us. Renew my faith and joy in my daily tasks, knowing Your presence is there with me, ministering to my heart. You are never far, Lord. Realign my heart to walk with you each moment, drawing on the strength that you give. Thank you, Lord, for your promises and for fresh grace today. Thank you for Jesus. Amen.

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

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JO ANNE COREY
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MARIA JUDGE

A Note From Pastor Lee

For A Wonderful October

Everyone dreams of a wonderful life. Randy Alcorn, author of the book 'GIVING', has concluded that the secret to a wonderful life is 'GIVING'. Even Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And Jesus gave Himself to us. GIVING creates a wonderful life and produces amazing results.

So, in October, Korean missions are going to take on a meaningful and wonderful

challenge for those who cannot attend Sunday services due to the epidemic. First of all, we will give them our love in prayer. Because we believe that the greatest love we can give them is prayer. So we are gathering on Tuesday morning to pray for them. And we are going to start praying one-on-one. Second, we will give them our hearts through meeting. In particular, we will meet them through church news and greetings, and in another way, we will visit them face-to-face to encourage and comfort them.

Korean Mission hopes this GIVING will be a valuable challenge to lead them back to the church. Please pray for the Korean Mission to have a wonderful October through 'GIVING'.



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Welcome Ride 2021—Capital to the Coast

Over a four-day period, October 14-17, 2021, CBFNC Executive Coordinator Larry Hovis and a small cycling team is returning this year to ride from the bustling state capital to the beautiful NC coast. The team is riding to raise awareness and funds for CBF of North Carolina's new Missions program, Welcome House Community Network (WHCN). Last year the team raised \$20,000 to provide grants to churches starting this new ministry. This year they hope to raise more funds. With the current crisis of Special Immigration Visa (SIV) refugees arriving from Afghanistan, Welcome Ride 2021 is more important than ever. There is an URGENT need in North Carolina for temporary housing for these Afghan refugees, who helped our American troops, that will be arriving in the coming weeks and months.

When the biking team arrives in Greenville at Oakmont Church on Friday, Oct 15 some of our Immanuel people will be there to cheer them and the Missions Council will make a contribution.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT NEWS AND EVENTS

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES BY LESTER ZEAGER

The Immanuel college ministry is in a rebuilding phase this fall. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to connect with new students between March of 2020 and August of 2021. Many of the students we had before the pandemic graduated and moved on to other places. Those departures included Ish Strickland, the leader of our campus ministry group.

We began the rebuilding task by updating the college & young adult ministry website (www.ibcg.org/college) for fall 2021. We created two new flyers to let prospects know of our aims and activities, one for the church group and another for a new campus group. We had the first flyer prepared in time to display at the campus-wide information session held near the beginning of the semester—in collaboration with the CBF campus ministry group, led by Charity Roberson.

As the semester was getting underway, we learned (through Ish) of a person with interest in leading the campus ministry group. Pam Cuddapah, a participant in the Thursday college & young adult ministry group founded by Ish, was feeling a call to campus ministry. She had some experience in this area through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship during her time as a student at ECU. She chose the name for the group (Christ's Mosaic) and helped to design the campus ministry flyer. The name captures the beautiful way in which the sacrificial love of Christ attracts all kinds of people and forms them into a diverse, agape-love community.

Eunice Zeager was inspired to invite our students, new international students, and young adults to play tennis on Monday evenings. They meet at Elm Street Park or the River Birch Tennis Center (Arlington Boulevard). The events have been a good way to help people who are new to Greenville meet friends and develop meaningful relationships. Some of these new friends will find their way into worship. It is easy to find from Elm Street Park!

We have redesigned our meals and held the larger ones outdoors to protect our students from the virus. We do Free Food Mondays at a shelter in Elm Street Park. Here we collaborate with Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang, the Presbyterian campus minister whose office is at 1st Presbyterian Church, next to Immanuel. Gabriel (Gabe) Abuna grilled pork, Italian sausage, vegetables, and a pineapple for a Labor Day cookout at the park.

David and Jane Archer hosted our students and young adults for a wonderful lunch after worship in their backyard. Pat Dunn worked with ECU Global Affairs to arrange a tailgate in the church parking lot before a recent football game. We are also working with them to organize a cookout for the international students at Elm Street Park on Saturday, October 23, with J.P. Utz as the grill master.

As you can see, God is raising up young people to leadership positions. How can you help? Young people thrive when given opportunities to lead, encouragement, and affirmation. Learn to match a face with a name that you see in this report. Give words of encouragement to that person and pray for them to develop confidence as they gain experience. This also goes for the young persons who lead the music in worship. These are formative years in their lives. What you invest in them will pay dividends in God's kingdom for years to come.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

-YOUNG ADULT
BIBLE STUDY
THURS-7PM

-ECU CAMPUS BIBLE
TBD

-TENNIS
STUDENTS &
YOUNG ADULTS
MON NIGHTS

-FREE FOOD MONDAY
ELM STREET PARK
OCT 18-6PM

-INTERNATIONAL
WELCOME COOKOUT
ELM STREET PARK
OCT 23-4PM

