



Koinonia

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Dear Eagle Pointe Family,
as we wrap up rendezvous, I want us to begin putting into practice some of the things we have learned. We need to “practice the presence of the Lord.” We all have way too much on our plates and in a perfect world we would all live within our means, only one parent would have to work outside the home, and we would have an extra 4 or 5 hours per day to send with family and God. Unfortunately that is not the case. So we must be creative and learn to balance everything within our lives. I think we all recognize that this balance is impossible to achieve without allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in our decisions. As we learned in Rendezvous He’s waiting. We do not have to be alone on our prayer closets to seek God and spend time with Him. Sometimes it is on the way to and from work, sometimes it is in the laundry room, but the important thing is we seek Him.

As we have journeyed together through this I kept coming back to the one spiritual discipline that is so easy to do, yet so easy to forget. -Prayer. Yet, without prayer, the rest of it doesn’t matter. We can spend time meditating on God’s word but without prayer there is no discernment and very little revelation and comprehension. We can spend time alone with god but if we do not talk to him in prayer... we are just spending time alone. We can celebrate but chances are

without prayer we will not feel like celebrating. We can witness to others and share our faith, but our lives will be so empty and meaningless we will just be talking to hear ourselves talk. Prayer is where it all begins. Churches cannot survive without prayer, families will fall apart without prayer, and our lives are hollow without prayer.

I have just returned from Catalyst. Wow, does not begin to describe this experience. Awesome is much too over used to be effective and incredible...well indescribable is the best I can say. We heard John, Maxwell, Andy Stanley, Erwin McManus, Dave Ramsey, (Financial Peace University), Francis Chan, Rick Warren and many others. All of them had 3 things in common

- 1 A Love for God.
2. A Love for People
3. A God sized Vision

One Speaker challenged us to pray for **God to disturb us!** This is a Counter cultural message to a society who loves comfort and peace. Rick Warren Challenged us to help him and Saddleback eliminate AIDS in the world, Another plans on having over 200 satellite locations for his new church within 5 years, Dave Ramsey Challenged us to Get out of Debt and give our money to God so that it may be used for His Kingdom. He pointed out that the word “steward” originated in the

King James translation of the bible. A Steward was the “manger” of their Lords affairs. The money they managed did not belong to them. It belonged to their Lord. As long as we have debt our money doesn’t even belong to us. When we live in financial peace, it frees up Our Lords money to be used to multiply His kingdom. Andy Stanley challenged us to increase our vision, and to create the systems for success instead of complaining about our current system. Systems determine behavior.

None of this is possible without prayer. If we could measure our prayer life in weight how much would it weigh, Ounces, Lbs, or tons? In the next few weeks We will be launching our next series which would take us near our saviors birth. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate our savior’s birth than learning about Prayer? **Horizon Wireless** is the name of the New Series. My goal is to highlight the importance prayer even before we do. I want to reintroduce prayer into the life of Eagle Pointe so that is part of the DNA.

“Can you hear me know?”

Dare to SOAR!

Pastor Jeff

Our mission:

is to seek opportunities to build authentic relationships in order that we may earn permission to share Christ.

Our vision:

To SOAR beyond the mediocrity of mere Christianity.

#1



Encountering Christ in My Faith Community

Dear Friends;

God created us to be together. The second chapter of Genesis makes this clear: "It is not good for the man to be alone" (v. 18). When we are with our closest friends and in small groups, God is right there with us enjoying our fellowship with each other. He is also present when we gather as an entire faith community, but in marvelously new ways. Worship is richer and more powerful when a whole body of believers gets together. We discover we belong to one another, that we are one large family. Our lives take on new meaning and God is magnificently present when we celebrate together all the great things He has done.

This week we will look at what it means to meet God in our faith community. We will explore what it's like to worship and serve as Christ's gathered Body

Most importantly, we will find that Christ marvelously and intimately joins us in all we do. He sits with us at our potlucks, He laughs with us as we play, and He strengthens us as we work hand-in-hand to help others. We will see that in a gathered faith community our reach is wider, our lives are fuller, and our fellowship with Christ is deeper. There are so many extraordinary things to experience when Christ's Body gets together.

Halloween Outreach

Auburn has Trick or Treat on the street and closes off downtown Auburn Halloween night. Last year we had 500 caramel apples and they were gone in less than 30 minutes.

This year we will be giving Caramel apples to all of the kids with a card attached that Says "You're the Apple of Gods Eye. Psalm 17:8

You are the **APPLE** of God's eye!



Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings - Psalm 17:8

We will have the Eagle Pointe tent and T-shirts for the occasion.

This year we are excited because unlike last year we can invite folks to a place to worship with us.

We are also planning to tail gate some of the home games this year as well.

In-reach

We continue to seek out others in need within the community

we have the ASD IMPACT team scheduled for November 3-4.

We will be working at Michael Balsar's house. He needs some yard work and light painting done.

Prayer Station We will be setting up the prayer station at some public events in the community and simply asking people if we can take their prayer requests and pray with them.

Homecoming

At Holten Heights-October 21st Pray that God will use me according to His will as I speak at Holten Heights homecoming. I am a little nervous. This is my home church and there will many old friends there whom new me when I was slightly less mature ;-)
(YES I have matured I at least act a little over 18 now. Ha-ha) I am still a child of God.

Foster/Adoptive parent Seminars

Families 4 Alabama's Kids



Lee county foster parents are in desperate needs of someone to help equip them to meet the needs of some of these foster children from DHR. Many of these children suffer from attachment disorders, Oppositional Defiant disorders and many others. These seminars will equip these parents with strategies and expectations for dealing with these various behavioral disorders.

Judy Hardy- LPC has agreed to be our speaker for these seminars.

This will be an additional outreach to the community. If you know a foster adoptive parent in the Lee County area; inform them of these upcoming seminars.

A Date is yet to be determined so keep an eye on your email or the eagle Pointe website for news related to this.

Come Out! Come Out ! Where Ever You Are!

Hide and seek, a game we have all played as children. It seems the first game that our babies learn is Peek-a-boo. They cover their little faces and are delighted as they are discovered by the one who sees, nourishes, and loves them.

From fun to fear

Our society is becoming more and more isolated. We sit in offices or cubical and communicate via e-mails. At the end of a long day, we retreat to a television, a computer or a movie screen. We feel depleted so we seek escape. We hide. We sleep. Then, we awaken and repeat the same routine over and over again. Until days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months and months turn into years. We sense our loneliness, but our fear of change or perhaps, rejection spurs us on day after day, week after week and year after year.

We were created for community

As God spoke creation into being, he affirmed it by saying, "And it was good." That is with only one exception. Once God had completed all of creation, He looked upon man and said, "*It is not good for the man to be alone.*" Before sin ever entered the creation story, God declared that man being alone was not good.

Then entered the serpent

Eve was enticed by the serpent to disobey God's command not to eat of the tree of knowledge, "*You will not surely die,*" the serpent said to the woman for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

As she ate and offered the fruit to her husband, along with their knowledge came their loss of innocence. Suddenly their focus became self-directed rather than God-directed and an emotional imbalance stirred within their souls. Their fear of being exposed caused them to gather fig leaves and hide within the trees of the garden. As God came to them for a walk in the cool of the day, He called out. "*Where are you?*" Adam answered God, "*I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.*"

"So they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."

Today our fig leaves are often; people pleasing, eating, not eating, anger, drugs, alcohol, pornography, exercise, or isolating. These are all defenses we use to hide from ourselves, from others and from God. I have discovered in my own spiritual healing and in my counseling practice most of our defenses stem from childhood wounds and other painful experiences throughout our life. Whether it is our past or our current circumstances, we hide because we feel naked, vulnerable.

Created for God and others

You would think after their disobedience God would have said now Adam, you go toward the East and Eve, you go toward the West, but He didn't. God sent them on their way together.

Even after Adam and Eve rebelled against God's authority,

"*The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*"

He "made and clothed." What a merciful thing for God to do after He was betrayed. God *tended* them.

God ordained us for community so that we could understand his love, grace and mercy. How would we have known love unless we have experienced love? How would we have known grace unless we have experienced grace? How would we have known mercy unless we have experienced mercy? Emotional and spiritual healing does not take place in isolation. God most often brings our healing through others.

One of them an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

God is calling, "**Where are you?**"

Judy Hardy MS
Licensed Professional Counselor
National Certified Counselor

PRAYER REQUEST



Jack Chandler Family

This is the grandfather of Gwen and Ross Bearden. Gwen works for a customer as the CFO. You will recall we requested prayer for Ross during the summer as he almost lost an eye due to an accident at work. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers. #3

Auburn Opelika Community

The longer I live in Auburn the more I realize how dependent much of the Auburn economy is on the real-estate and developer market. The current situation with the mortgage market and the credit crunch could pose serious problems for many of the small businesses in the Auburn area. Many of them are dependent upon each other and if one falls it can have a domino effect.

Julia Garbe

This is the daughter of Linda who is new to our church. Julia fractured her growth plate in her ankle.

Julia- Lindsay's Daughter Ankle is healed over 80%- She will soon get her leg brace off.

Linda Tradewell (Julia's mother)

Her health is better but she still needs more healing. She also just got some more bad news from her doctor. It is most likely related to her Lupus. It also means she will be adding 3 more drugs to her life. She needs our serious prayers.

Praise Report

Linda has been told that she had a misdiagnoses from the Dr's in Montgomery. She does NOT have Dandy walker. Continue to pray for her and Dan though as they still face many giants.

Dan Tradewell

Dan is under employed at Wal-Mart ,He needs a better job to help support his family. Dan's house to sell in Louisiana, to get a good report from his orthopedic doctor on Tuesday.

Hayden's court Date

Pray for God's will. The state is very confident in its case. I am less confident in the State but Very Confident in God.

Dixie, Scott and Dylan

Another family we are working with. They are good friends with Dan and Linda.

Rebecca Ibrahim

That school goes well for her and she has a positive experience in Auburn.

A Place to meet for morning worship

Pray for an affordable place for us to begin meeting on Sunday mornings.

Melissa and Will

Will is back in Iraq after a 2 week leave with his family. Pray for his continued protection as he serves our country.

Jim Garner

This is another guy we are working with to get into church. He is retired military and was once a stalwart Christian. Unfortunately Satan used some very difficult experiences to discourage him in his journey.

Jason and Amber

as they await the birth of "Little Luke". Wouldn't it be great if Shelley's awakening was in sync with the birth of our first grandson?

CFC church

This is the church we are meeting in. They are looking for a new pastor

Rick Hagen

Literally does his entire ministry in the community. Sosanna's Home-Hopes inn, HIS place, and Celebrate Recovery on Saturdays

The Berry's - Our new D.S. And The Miller's

Pray for their transition to continue to go well and pray as he leads our district.

His Brother And sister in law's continued recovery from a recent automobile accident. God still Heals and He is the great physician.

"We are hurting so deeply for our Shelley. Every time we leave her room our hearts ache to take Shelley with us. Every time we are together and laugh someone will mention. . . ."we miss Shelley so much". It would be so much easier to wait if Shelley had awakened and was in rehabilitation and recovery. *We want our Shelley back!*"

Kyle and Loretta Felts

Kyle just had his 4th nose surgery. Possibly some problems with his colon Loretta is having kidney complications as a result of diabetes.

Holley Felts -Unspoken

Outreach activities

Halloween, Foster/Adoptive parent seminars, IMPACT mission project Nov. 3-4, Prayer Station

Workers for the Harvest

More people to minister to and help us minister



Missionaries to help disciple others

People who may have a church home but feel God is leading them to help Eagle Pointe get off the ground and then return to their home church.

Worship Team/Leader

We need a good strong talented worship leader and a band to go with him/her.

Jeff and Lisa

- Gods Guidance in leading Eagle Pointe
- Hedge of protection around our lives as we seek and do His will
- Spiritual empowerment and unique insight to the scriptures
- Worship leader for Eagle Pointe
- Servants hearts
- Courage to witness and share Christ with more people
- Rendezvous Campaign-That it will transform and change lives.

New Start churches on ASD

Lighthouse, Eagle Pointe

Josh and Misti

They return back to their respective jobs and assignments on Monday. *You might imagine how difficult it is to leave when your family is going through such challenging days.* #4

Michael and Angie Brown

This is the family that is adopting Hayden's brothers and sisters. All of these kids have at the very least suffered neglect and at worst physical abuse. You can imagine the difficulty of raising 5 kids that have until recently spent most of their lives in this type of environment. Their court case is the same day as ours. This will terminate parental rights. There will most likely ask for a continuance. They still need your prayers. They are adopting 5 kids and have 4 of their own. 2 are teenage boys in the home. Jonathan is 10 this is Hayden's youngest brother. He has serious emotional and psychological issues Michael and Angie are hanging on only by the power of the Holy Spirit. They love these kids. But it does not always make it easier. God has placed these children with them just as he has placed Hayden with us and He knew exactly what he was doing. Please just pray for God to continue to give them an extra measure of love, mercy and kindness. They are good folks. Keep them in your prayers.

Eagle Pointe--- From Pastor Jeff

God has spoken to me...Previously I told you it was prepare. Now I believe God wants us to pray for:

- Increased vision that is beyond our capacity to do alone
- For Eagle Pointe family to be able to meet the needs of this community
- Workers for the Harvest
- The Harvest
- For us all to fall in love with the people of this community

If you wish to share your experiences in Koinonia please email article to wdhjsh1952@gmail.com

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When We Miss the Target

by Max Lucado

Read the first verse of Matthew's gospel. Jesus knew David's ways. He witnessed the adultery, winced at the murders, and grieved at the dishonesty. But David's failures didn't change Jesus' relation to David. The initial verse of the first chapter of the first gospel calls Christ "the son of David" (Matt. 1:1 KJV). The title contains no disclaimers, explanations, or asterisks. I'd have added a footnote: "This connection in no way offers tacit approval to David's behavior." No such words appear. David blew it. Jesus knew it. But he claimed David anyway.

He did for David what my father did for my brother and me.

Back in our elementary school days, my brother received a BB gun for Christmas. We immediately set up a firing range in the backyard and spent the afternoon shooting at an archery target. Growing bored with the ease of hitting the circle, my brother sent me to fetch a hand mirror. He placed the gun backward on his shoulder, spotted the archery bull's-eye in the mirror, and did his best Buffalo Bill imitation. But he missed the target. He also missed the storehouse behind the target and the fence behind the storehouse. We had no idea where the BB pellet flew. Our neighbor across the alley knew, however. He soon appeared at the back fence, asking who had shot the BB gun and who was going to pay for his sliding-glass door.

At this point I disowned my brother. I changed my last name and claimed to be a holiday visitor from Canada. My

father was more noble than I. Hearing the noise, he appeared in the backyard, freshly roused from his Christmas Day nap, and talked with the neighbor.

Among his words were these:

"Yes, they are my children."

"Yes, I'll pay for their mistakes."

Christ says the same about you. He knows you miss the target. He knows you can't pay for your mistakes. But he can. "God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins" (Rom. 3:25 NLT).

Since he was sinless, he could.

Since he loves you, he did. "This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins" (1 John 4:10 NLT).

He became one of us to redeem all of us. "Jesus, who makes people holy, and those who are made holy are from the same family. So he is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters" (Heb. 2:11 NCV).

He wasn't ashamed of David. He isn't ashamed of you. He calls you brother; he calls you sister. The question is, do you call him Savior?

From [Facing Your Giants](#)

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Upcoming opportunities for Koinonia:

- **Rendezvous-4-7 pm. Sundays Sept. 16-October 28st**
- **Fall Break October 20th**
- **Children's Rally-Lanett Church in Valley. \$5.00 per person October 20th-21st**
- **Pastor Jeff speaks at Homecoming in @ Holten October 26-27th**
- **The vital Role of the smaller church-TNU Nashville Wednesday October 31 6-8:pm.**
- **Trick or Treat on the street downtown Auburn (Halloween Outreach)**
- **Ministers and Wives retreat November 5-7 Pigeon forge**