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Hi EaglePointe Family

Thank you so much for your support at Hayden's dedication last week. It felt good to preach to a full congregation. We had a lot of visitors and many were actual prospects, not just family. It meant a tremendous amount to Lisa and I for you to be present during this special time of our lives. We never dreamed we would have the honor of dedicating our own child when we promised the Lord we would obey His will for our lives. Hayden will always be our reminder of the "benefits Package" of Serving the creator of the universe! I work for an incredible employer!!! His name is Jesus. If you have not had the opportunity to meet him, I would love to introduce you!

It also occurred to me that we had not thanked you for Pastor appreciation month. Thank YOU!! For your generosity. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve you.

I have shared with you on several occasions now, my belief that God wants us to place a special emphasis on giving relationally this Christmas season. Lisa and I will be reducing by 10.00 the amount we normally spend on each family member this Christmas season in order to give relationally. I received a letter from the *Lee county Foster care association* and they have over 1800 children in foster care this Christmas. Many of these children will not get gifts from

their parents and their foster families have a difficult time providing for them.

The LCFCA has a Christmas party for all of these orphans each year at the beginning of December. They have asked volunteers to buy new toys, clothing, or give financially to the LCFCA on behalf of these children in order that they may have Christmas. I feel there is no better relational gift than for Eagle Pointe to get involved in this association and give a monetary donation to LCFCA. Please make your checks payable to EaglePointe and designate it to go to LCFCA. 100% of this money will go to the orphans of Lee county.

This Sunday we will begin Horizon Wireless Series. Please be in prayer for this Sunday. Service will begin at 6:00 I have been thinking and praying about Sunday for several weeks now. It seems that for this first Sunday God is leading me to simply pray. So We will. This Sunday we will have a "concert of Prayer" If you have never been a part of one of these it is an incredibly powerful spiritual encounter. Our focus will be as follows

- First—Thanksgiving- We must be eternally grateful for What God has done and continues to do for us daily. Just reading this email is evidence of His work in your life. He has given you another breath-God does

not have to take away life. He just has to cease giving life and none of us would live. Sight-God gave you sight to see-Try and use your eyes to look beyond the surface and pray for God to reveal something new you.

- Second-Confession- We must confess our shortcomings daily. Confess our sins daily. Confess our attitudes, confess our selfish tendencies
- Third-Praise-Praising God for who He is and what He has done and is doing.
- Fourth-Intercession-We need to pray for Jesus to intercede for us, but we also need to intercede on behalf of others- Please bring your prayer requests and ask a friend if we can pray for them if they have a need. We will also use this time to pray for the miracle of Shelley Berry's awakening. Also Melissa La Fever, Dan and Lindy, and others requests we received at the trick or treat outreach.
- Fifth-Revival-For the Church, revival for the entire lee county area, Revival for Eagle Pointe

horizonwireless

Can you Hear me now ???

CHANGES AHEAD

One of the main reasons I felt it important for us to enter this season with a sermon series on prayer is that there are changes ahead. Anytime an organization, especially a church prepares for change it should be done prayerfully. Change is good, but change for the sake of change is bad. I assure you this is change for a purpose and I will get to those reasons in a moment.

I am reminded of the old-timer who was sitting on the front porch in his antique rocking chair. He was reportedly the oldest living man in his community and the local newspaper was doing a story on him. He was being interviewed by this young up and coming reporter. Expecting, this venerable old man had a ton of wisdom the reporter began the interview..."I'll bet you have seen a lot of change in your life" to which the man replied..."YEP and I've been AGAIN it All"

Anytime there is change there is loss. Many people become uneasy/uncomfortable when change happens. Sometimes you lose people, sometimes you lose friends, and sometimes you lose convenience. I do not know what it will be for you. When you find yourself resisting or fearing change think about this. Change is inevitable. When something or someone ceases changing it is by definition...DEAD! What if our bodies to never changed? We would all have dead cells and skin all over our bodies because it would not LOSE the old cells and skin. What if the woman's body did not change to allow for the baby? The only thing that remains the same in life is CHANGE. And change is good. Change is good. Repeat this seven times a day for seven days and it will become a habit...haha.

Change is good. This change is GREAT. We will gain much more than we will lose as a result of this change. Beginning in January we will

be entering a new phase for EaglePointe. We will gain a new worship leader who will be joining us in January. CFC has been very generous to us, but we are limited in many ways. Beginning January 5th we will be moving to share facilities with Abundant Life church. They are located on the corner of Shug Jordan and college. Across from 5 acres of land that is for sale. (500k per acre I checked.)

Our new Location will allow for controlled growth, and allow more visibility. We will have a semi permanent sign up so people will know where we are located and we will be in a very visible location. This will allow for more flexibility for services and the rent is the same price. (\$800.00 per month) for one service. We pay an additional 200.00 for another night of use which is more expensive than CFC. But the only other night we have access to at CFC is Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. In addition it seems lately our Sunday night services are interfering with the operations of CFC and I never want to hinder another ministry that is cooperating with us.

The most drastic change will be the changing of our worship time to Sunday@ 8:30 A.M. This change will allow us to prepare for "prime time." I have talked to a lot of church planters around here and from the south and all of them say that for some reason alternate service times have just not been a huge hit in the south. There are isolated instances where it has worked, but in most cases it is a larger church which is starting an alternate day or night, not a new Church. In 6 months Eagle Pointe will be two years old. I believe God has exciting things planned for our two year anniversary and those plans will require morning worship.

We have many other things planned for the beginning of the year such as beginning a women's ministry, a men's ministry and other ideas that are still being processed.

Keep plugged in so you do not miss these exciting times at EaglePointe. I feel we have a tremendous amount of momentum coming off of the Halloween outreach. Let's capitalize on that momentum!

I am sure this is not all of the change that will take place as a result of the move, but it is all I can currently foresee. I know there will be many more times in the ministry of EaglePointe that God will require a change. Let's always remain open to God for these times and be careful not to resist His will for our individual lives as we worship together in community. I believe this is God's will for EaglePointe. I believe if it was not he would shut the door. The fact that this church has remained open to this idea for almost a year without any bites is just one sign I take as confirmation.

Thank you,

Pastor Jeff

• Dare to SOAR!

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.



Can you Hear me now ???

In-reach

We continue to seek out others in need within the community

The **ASD IMPACT team** worked as Planned November 3-4, at Michael Balsar's house, doing yard work.

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.

Foster/Adoptive parent Seminars



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.

PRAYER REQUEST



Hello Friends, I have several prayer requests that have crossed my desk in the last few days.

Various requests from the pastors of ASD and their churches

Some requests as a result of Halloween Outreach

- AnnaBeth Gatlin
- Jameka Nunn-Freedom
- Lotomera Bridges
- Gergella Carrin
- Pat cooper-Mother is terminally ill
- Linda Beatt-Her big brother
- Earline S. Cobb
- Susanne Barfiled's husband very ill Dr's have not been able to determine his illness
- Debra Hunter
- Latasha Purter
- Tiffany Beatty-Soldiers in Iraq
- Doven Carlisle-Financial increase
- Cindy Hutchinson
- Charles Hall-His family
- Niki Locke
- Alice Dowdell
- Michael Campbell
- Bonnie Powell

Rod Marks-

This is the brother of a friend of mine from Oregon.-He is suffering from a drug resistant pneumonia and since he is not "critical" he will be dismissed from the hospital-Look for this type of thing to happen much more of we have socialized medicine.

Michael Balsar-

A Parishioner in the church who is suffering some health related problems.

Angie and Michael Brown-

Foster family that has Hayden's brothers and sisters. Her oldest brother has become unmanageable. The state is threatening to remove them all if they ask for Michael to be removed.

Shelley Berry

Every time I read a new blog entry I can feel their pain of uncertainty. I cannot imagine Lisa or Hayden, or anyone else I love in this situation. I think the biggest thing that tugs at my heart is the tears that run down Shelly's cheeks as her family cares for her. They are facing the real situation of having to take her home in this condition in the next week to 2 weeks. You can imagine the financial strain it will place on an already financially, emotionally and spiritually drained family. Maybe you would want to consider praying how god would have you assist this family.

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dan-shelleyberry>

Dan and Linda Tradewell-

Linda is still having a myriad of health issues, and they are facing some other challenges as well.

Hayden-

Hayden was up all night She's caught a cold. - I would rather be sick than her. I can take medicine-She can't.

Will LaFever-

He's home with his family for good. His next assignment is state side- Melissa says she is confident that it was your prayers that helped keep him safe while in harm's way.

Lisa and I-

The state called and they have a 3 ½ year old boy (Blaine) who needs an adoptive home. This would give Hayden a big brother. But it would multiply the stress in mine and Lisa's lives. We wanted two children when we began this process. We just assumed when we Got Hayden God was done answering our prayers. (OH ME OF LITTLE FAITH) We feel God has provided us a door; we have nudged the door to see if it opens. Just pray for God to give us, energy, wisdom, strength, courage, and discernment to make the right decisions for EaglePointe and our lives.

Blaine-

This will be transition for him and his third loss. His mother, who was on drugs, his mothers friend-also on drugs, and now the foster family he has been living with.

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.

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. She will soon get her leg brace off.

Linda Tradewell (Julia's mother)-

Her health is better but she still needs more healing. She needs our serious prayers.

Dan Tradewell-

Dan needs a better job to help support his family. Dan's house to sell in Louisiana.

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.

Jim Garner-

This is another guy we are working with to get into church. 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.-

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

Kyle and Loretta Felts-

Kyle's health problems. Loretta is having kidney complications as a result of diabetes.

Holley Felts-Unspoken

Outreach activities-

Adoptive parent seminars, Prayer Station.

Workers for the Harvest-

More people to minister to and help us minister

EaglePointe-

Workers for the harvest and God to bring us to the harvest.-Too often our churches are praying for the harvest to come to us. Since when does the farmer reap a harvest without working the field? **I have never seen a fish walk up a to the fisherman's front door, ring the door bell, and hop in the skillet.** Yet somehow when Jesus told us to be fishers of men we interpreted that to mean they would come to us. In the words of G.H. Bush (the first President Bush-Not Goanna Happen") Also in the words of the first President Bush-"**There is no definition of success that does NOT involve service to others.**" All of us need to move from the church pew, living room, football games, fishing, **name your preoccupation**, and into the community and begin planting the seeds of Hope in order that our churches can reap a harvest. What are the seeds of Hope-Read your Bible I think Jesus had a few suggestions.
Mark 10:44-45

I recommend all of you read

Unchristian

(www.unchristain.com)-A new

book just released with how Christianity is viewed by the next generation-Ages 16-29

There is no greater joy in a Christian's life on this earth than when we get to share our story of how Jesus has helped us with someone else.

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.

New Start churches on ASD-

Lighthouse, Eagle Pointe #4

- Halloween outreach was an astounding success.
We had lots of help, and even more visitors. We gave out 1500 caramel apples that had a card attached that said-“You are the Apple of God’s Eye.” We gave out 300 t-shirts for adults and children that said “I am the Apple of God’s eye and had the church name on the back. We gave out 1500 EP trick or treat bags that had church info on it and church info in the bag. We even had two guests that helped us give out the t-shirts, apples, and bags.
- We got 94 GOOD leads...People who want more information about Eagle Pointe and many even requested specific prayer.
- Auburn is just as I expected. A community of normal people who are going about their lives with the same issues that you and I face. They have learned well from us to wear their plastic smiles and nod as if everything is fine. God Sent us their way, and we gave them an opportunity to share. We gave them an opportunity to be authentic without fear of judgment. We were Jesus to them...Or rather we gave them a glimpse of their Messiah. Christianity has an image problem but last night you made leaps and bounds at repairing the damaged relationship that Christians have with society.
- We have already begun to follow up with those who requested more information.



by Max Lucado

Once he was approached by a leper, who knelt before him begging his help. “If only you will,” said the man, “you can cleanse me.” In warm indignation Jesus stretched out his hand, [and] touched him.
Mark 1:40-41, NEB

I was in an emergency room late one night last week. Victims of Satan filled the halls. A child—puffy, swollen eyes. Beaten by her father. A woman—bruised cheeks, bloody nose. “My boyfriend got drunk and hit me,” she said, weeping. An old man—unconscious and drunk on a stretcher. He drooled blood in his sleep.

Jesus saw the victims of Satan, too.

He saw a leper one day ... fingers gnarled ... skin ulcerated ... face disfigured. And he got indignant ... angry. Not a selfish, violent anger. A holy anger ... a controlled frustration ... a compassionate disgust. And it moved him. It moved him to action.

I’m convinced that the same Satan stalks today, causing the hunger in Somalia ... the confusion in the Mideast ... the egotism on the movie screen ... the apathy in Christ’s church. And Satan giggles among the dying.

Dear Father,
May we never grow so “holy,” may we never be so “mature,” may we never become so “religious” that we can see the footprints of Satan and stay calm.

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