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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE VENTURES

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## TEA TIME WITH TIM

*Timothy Peoples*

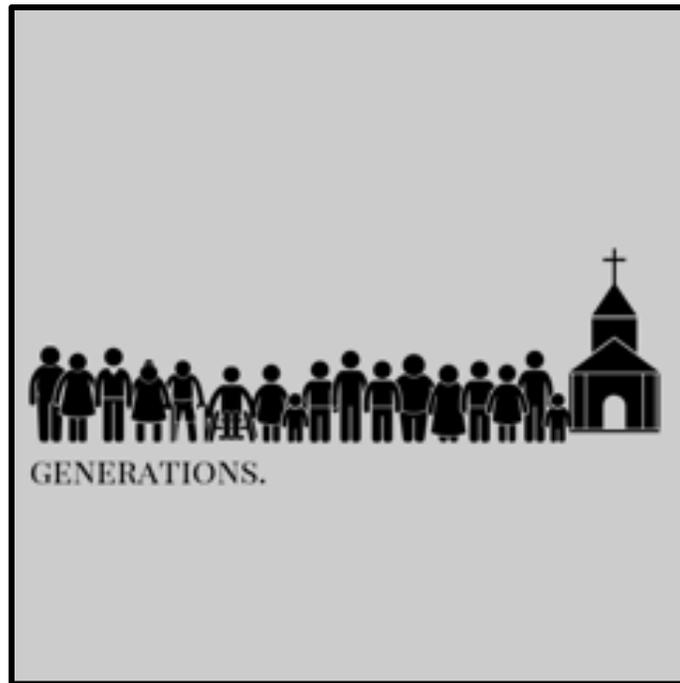
One thing that matters to me is that we learn to care less about getting people in the door to say we have “butts in the pews, and bucks in the plate” and more about the theology we believe, and how our theology informs the actions we take in the world. The Bible echoes an urging to act in the present as we reflect on the stories of God’s people who have come before us.

I see the story of our church’s unique character in the history books in the library and through the stories from members and ministers from the past and present. The church history books include stories of the welcome extended to visitors through the pound cakes that Edna Washburn delivered each week, as well as stories that reflect the whispers around town of our church being “progressive for the times.” Sitting and listening to the stories of this church, told by one of my predecessors, I hear of a church that has always been open to all people. He shared of his surprise that so many churches and Christians are struggling with decisions on who to let in while using scripture to support arguments of exclusion. I feel confident saying we aren’t your usual Baptist church, but the truth is, we never have been.

We are a church who fully believes in equal partnership of female and male. We are a church comprised of individuals who are black, white, brown...whose members fall across every range of the political spectrum. Whose members are straight, gay, non-binary...and fall across every range of being monetarily, emotionally, and socially rich, poor, and just getting by. We are a church of immigrants, refugees, citizens, married, single, divorced, remarried, tall, small. But we are a church who actively hopes that these lists do not create exclusionary boundaries for our community, recognizing that we are Christian first. When I read and hear the history of Emerywood, I hear of individuals who are all different; yet their defining nature is of their love of God and all neighbors.

This month, we will be focusing on stewardship through our theme “Generations.” We will look at the past, present, and future of Emerywood Baptist Church, noticing the theme of God’s all-inclusive love, which has been lavished through many generations, and is on display in this place. Just as our humanness reminds us that none of us is perfect, we must remember that our history is not perfect either. But together, in our humanness and imperfection, we covenant to think, live, and serve God faithfully. It is my hope that we will become better stewards of our present and our future: through our giving of time, talent, and money and in the ways in which we take care of our creation, faith, community, and legacy. May we reflect on the generations who have come before us to bind us together in the here and now as we imagine and act as the scriptures urge us to act in the present.

# GENERATIONS: *The Legacy of Giving*



*A virtuous person leaves  
an inheritance to their children's children...*  
Proverbs 13:22

We welcome those who will share, The Legacy of Giving  
October

- 6 Legacy of EBC - Jordan Washburn
- 13 Legacy of Giving - Kent Crawford
- 20 Seedlings: Giving and Growing
- 27 Legacy of the Future - Cooper Trammell (Noisy offering)

November

- 3 All Saints Day - Return pledge cards

Well, the calendar may say it is FALL, but our temperatures surely don't! I am not sure about you, but I have had enough of the heat, and am longing for cool, crisp days. In the Children's Ministry, we are working our way back into our school year routine.



If you participate in our Wednesday night programming you will have noticed a new area for our children in the Fellowship Hall, THE KIDS CORNER. If you don't, take a trip downstairs to see! We have set up an area meant to encourage play and fellowship for our youngest members. We even have a puzzle table, where I have already spotted adults and children working together to finish the 300 piece puzzle! If you have suggestions or gently used donations for additional items to place on the shelves, let me know.

On **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a **Parents Meeting/Luncheon** after worship. We will have a time of eating and fellowship, and then we will take some time to look back at where we have come from, and look ahead to where we would like to go. This will be a great time to discuss areas of success and areas that need improvement. The kids will eat with us, and then be taken upstairs for some fun and games. I hope you will all make plans to attend. Your input is important and much needed as the Children's Ministry Team looks to the future needs of our children and families.



Be a child of the Light...

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kelley'.

## World Communion Sunday October 6

### FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star over head.*

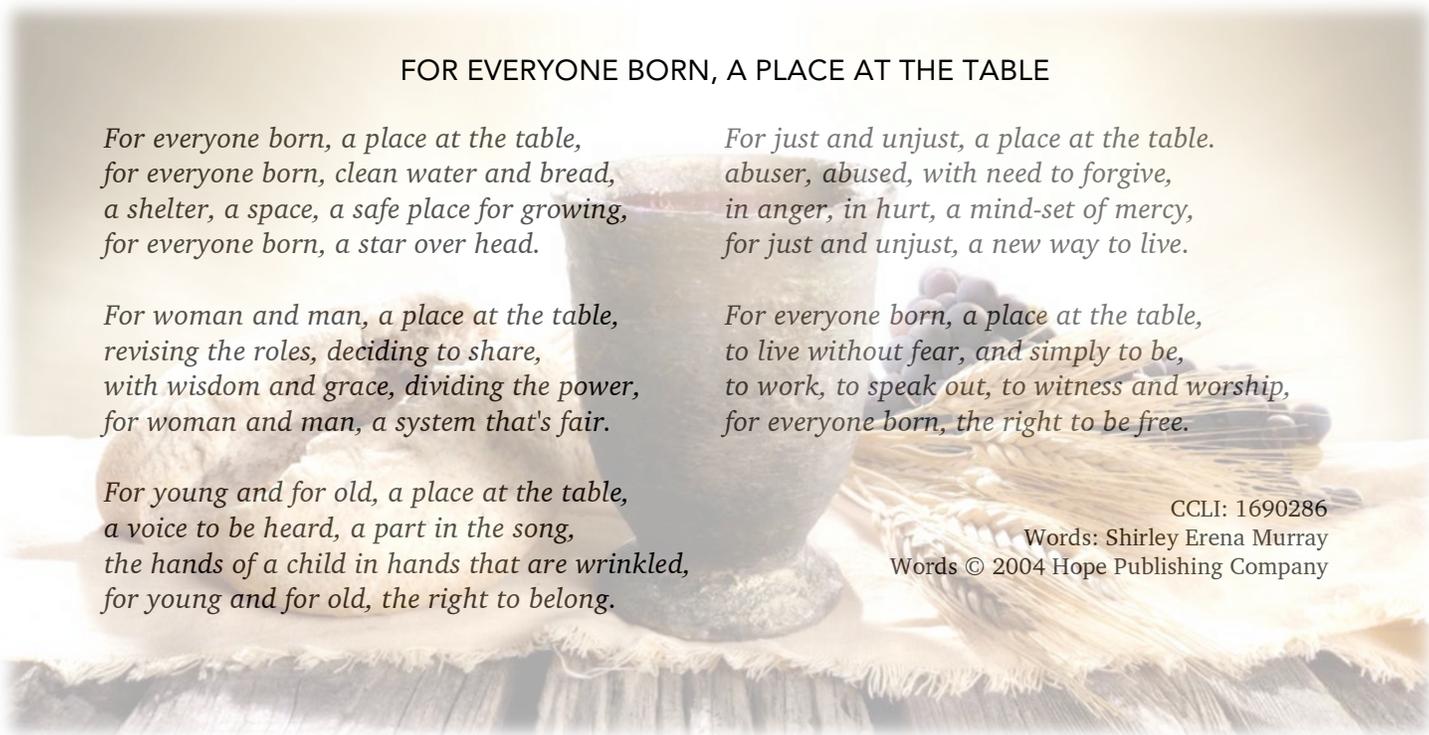
*For just and unjust, a place at the table.  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live.*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding to share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair.*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free.*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.*

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April

When I first met April, she sat across a table from Monique, the Living Well group facilitator and me. She was meeting with us for an intake appointment, hoping to be a part of our fall 2018 cohort for survivors of domestic violence who had also experienced the trauma of homelessness.

She took a deep breath and launched into her story, giving us a caveat from the beginning, “I can’t really speak in complete sentences about any of it yet.”

The trauma too invasive, breaking and fresh, robbing her of her capacity to basically function, much less care for herself. Just like the Israelites in exile—so traumatized, unable to put words to their experience because no word or phrase was capable of holding the depth and pain of what they endured.

April was one of four accepted to the program in the fall of 2018. Initially, she was reserved and protective. She would come in, plug in her phone to charge and quietly sit down at the table, usually drawing until it was time to eat. After a few weeks together, as typically happens with anyone in our group once trust develops and safe space grows, April began to share with us—telling of her terrible experience in the shelter (sometimes even having to share a bed with another person), processing her very recent intimate partner violence and how broken and weak she felt, and sharing triggering experiences that brought on paralyzing flashbacks. She told us about caring for her father who was in and out of the hospital. She brought her whole self to our group, and we worked through the pain together—sometimes unable to respond with any words at all, just faithfully bearing witness.

The truth that we attempt to articulate over and over again throughout our semester is the bucket-full of strength, courage and choice of self it takes for anyone to even apply to be a part of Living Well. Just in April’s showing up for the group, she was demonstrating her capacity for forgiveness and deep instinct to thrive. She set goals with the help of her mentor, to get out of the shelter. And through our story-telling requirement, April bravely began to put complete sentences together about the trauma she had experienced.

“For the first time, I truly understand, and I gained knowledge about domestic violence so now I get to have a second chance in life to live the life I was meant to live here on earth,” April spoke publicly. “Looking back, I feel like a superhero in that moment because as soon as I recognized that he was a monster, I wanted to make sure that he would never harm another person. I feel empowered and stronger now that I have all the knowledge I need. And the overwhelming support I got from everyone makes me feel like I can conquer anything. My purpose in life and mission is to eradicate violence and bring peace, harmony on this earth we share.”

At graduation, she was the first of the group to choose to share her story publicly, ultimately encouraging her peers to follow her lead. And at her first alumnae gathering, she held hands with one of the leaders to steady her as we skated around an ice rink together.

Then I didn’t see April for a while. She sent me a text message letting me know her dad had died and she had decided to leave the shelter. She wasn’t doing well, but she hoped to be at the next alumnae event. Not even a month later, April’s beloved aunt—who helped rear her—died in the same hospital.

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In one semester of journeying with April, I had seen the power of a committed and loving community. I was not going to let her go. I kept inviting April to all of our events, but, after that ice-skating evening in January, I didn't see her again until May.

I sent her a text message inviting her to the first Living Well yarn circle in May.

"Okay, I'll be there," she responded to me. "I'm feeling a little depressed today, so it will be good for me. Thank you so much."

She started coming to bi-weekly yarn circles and using her artistic gifts in community. She has worked with me on outreach presentations this summer, beautifully sharing about her experience and seemingly unaffected by public speaking nerves. She is a volunteer in our youth programs. She has started helping me prepare for our alumnae events, reaching out to the other graduates and personally inviting them. And in the spaces in between, she tells me about her dreams of starting a holistic healing center. Her presence is making my days and our community so much brighter.

A few weeks ago, very nonchalantly, April told me she was finally approved for an apartment. Finally, more than a year of not having a space of her own had come to an end!

My prayer is that Living Well will always be the community that provides welcome relief and home to the broken and weary in our city. But even more than that, I pray that Living Well always be a community that relentlessly runs after our people, determined to catch and wrap them in support. Just as God does for each one of us. Because look at the stunning miracle that is waiting when we don't give up on each other.



*Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey is field personnel with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, serving and living in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of New York City. She coordinates a program called Living Well, a trauma-informed Life Skills Empowerment Program for survivors of domestic violence and homelessness. In New York City, way more than 60,000 people sleep homeless every night. The second-leading cause of homelessness is domestic violence.*

## FOOD DROP

EBC is hosting **TWO** 2nd Harvest Food Bank **FOOD DROPS** in October. We need about 25 volunteers to be here on **Thursday, October 3 and 17** (you do not have to commit to both weeks if one works better than the other). The jobs will range from relationship heavy greeting families and directing parking/traffic to labor intensive loading and moving of food boxes. This will happen from 3:30 – 5:00 pm on those Thursday afternoons. We are expecting 200 families, so we are definitely in need of many volunteers to work alongside the Food Bank staff. Sign-up or contact Caleb at the office or [cfoust@emerywoodbaptist.org](mailto:cfoust@emerywoodbaptist.org)



## SENIOR ADULTS

(6)

Please note that there is not a lunch meeting in October or November, as we have outings planned.

**Save the date for the holiday event: Tuesday, December 3**

### THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY

Sunday, November 10



Immediately following worship, we travel to Fort Mill, SC for the matinee show that features favorite Christmas music and scenery. We will have a box lunch on the way.

Cost for tickets, chartered bus, and box lunch: \$35 (pay the church office)

**Sign-up and payment due Sunday, October 20**

**Please note:**

- Scholarships are available for outings and events.
- Each lunch/outing will have a firm RSVP date for sign-up and payments. Refunds are unavailable after this date, as reservations are made based on this information. If you are unable to attend, you will be responsible to find someone to fill your spot.

### BACK TO SCHOOL FUN

What a great **Back to School** gathering we had in September! Bag lunches, cheerleaders (Piedmont Cheering Hearts), and getting together with friends. We learned that many of our folks have some moves with the pom-poms!!

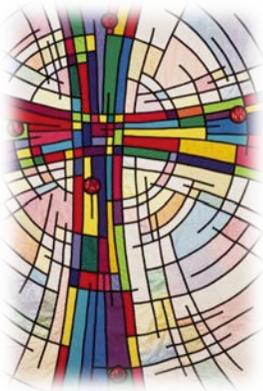


The Senior Adults collected and sent to Northwood Elementary School boxes of Kleenex for the students. We also had an update from Liz Samuels on volunteer opportunities at the school.



## DEACON NOMINATIONS

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Deacons are servant leaders and are nominated by fellow congregants to serve a three-year term. Nomination information has been mailed or you may pick up a ballot at any service. Members are asked to prayerfully consider nominations and return ballots by October 15.

**The following are not eligible for nomination:**

**Life Deacon:** Max Sink

**Class of 2019:** Warren Gallemore, TR Hendrix, Ed Lefler, Jim Long, Ed McCoy, George Wallace, Danneal Whitton

**Class of 2020:** Allison Almond, Rick Bednarek, Allie Blosser, Woodie Cain, Jayna Patterson, Judy Patterson, Cathy Purvis, Jim Trammell, Mike Wise

**Class of 2021:** Sandy Bellamy, Brandon Blair, Kristin Cain, Wence Dusek, Brian Hodge, Carolyn Long, Ben Partin, Katie Suggs, Jr. Deacon

**You may return your ballot in the following ways:** Return in the offering plate; Place in the Drop Box at the office or the boxes throughout the building; Mail to the church office; Email to the church office, [lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org](mailto:lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org)

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## ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 3

### Remembrance

Please send the names of family members to be included on the remembrance list (deaths November 2018 – current) to the church office by Friday, October 25. Call, 336-885-6016, ext 29 or email [lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org](mailto:lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org)

### Visitation

Everyone is invited to take a few minutes to visit and remember our homebound members on All Saints Day following worship service. Help us share a hug, smile, and word of encouragement with our folks who are unable to attend services regularly. Stop by the Gathering Area and a volunteer will have the name and address of a homebound member to visit. The Sanctuary Decorating Team is preparing a flower vase to deliver on your visit as well. We hope that families with children will take this opportunity to meet some of our members they may not see regularly.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, November 9

All hands on deck! We will have many types of tasks. Something for everyone!  
Watch for details.

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**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
Saturday, February 8, 2020

**JESUS.**

IF: Gathering

February 8, 2020

More details to come.

## WORKER'S IN THE WOOD



*Whatever you are doing,  
work at it with enthusiasm,  
as to the Lord...*

Colossians 3:23 NET

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sundays

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship  
6:00 pm Student Vespers  
(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday off)

### Mondays

5:30 pm GriefShare

### Wednesdays

11:00 am Sanctuary Choir  
12:00 pm Traditional Bible Study  
4:30 pm Traditional Bible Study  
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal  
6:30 pm Programs (youth/children)  
Topical Bible Study/  
Break Out Group  
7:20 pm Sanctuary Choir

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## OCTOBER

02 Women's Book Review, 10 am  
03 Senior Adult Trip, 8:30 am  
03 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Drop, 3:30 pm  
03 West End Ministries Meal, 4:30 pm  
05 Food Pantry - CLOSED  
08 Primary Election (EBC Polling Place)  
15 Deacon Ballots due  
17 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Drop, 3:30 pm  
19 Food Pantry - CLOSED  
20 Diaconate, 11:15 am  
27 Children's Ministry Parent's Lunch

## ADULT SPECIAL CLASS

### October

06 Corinne King  
13 Dean/Elaine McBrayer  
20 Lorraine Griffin  
27 Ron/Rachel Young

### November

01 Melissa Pendry  
08 Ginger Michaud  
15 Louise Hendrix  
22 Mary Williams  
29 Don/Margie Boyd

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## VISITATION TEAM

### HOSPITAL

#### October

04 Janis Stephenson  
11 & 18 Jordan Washburn  
25 TR Hendrix

#### November

01 TR Hendrix  
08 & 15 Judy Patterson  
22 & 29 Jim Long

### HOMEBOUND

#### October

Lorraine Griffin/Margie Boyd

#### November

All Saints Day visitation

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## WEST END MINISTRIES

Coordinator – Michelle Loyd  
**First Thursday monthly**  
October 3; November 7



## DIACONATE (8)

### DEACON IN SERVICE

#### October

06 Carolyn Long  
13 Brandon Blair  
20 Warren Gallemore  
27 Allison Almond  
Katie Suggs

#### November

03 Jayna Patterson  
10 Woodie Cain  
17 Allie Blosser  
24 TR Hendrix  
Rick Bednarek

### DEACON MEETING

Sunday, October 20  
11:15 am

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## DROP BOX

Please leave correspondence  
after hours in the secure drop  
box located at the interior  
office door.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 01 Don Burton
- 02 Lou Washburn
- 03 Allison Almond
- 03 Bob Whitton
- 04 Emma Durham
- 04 Barbara Horton
- 03 AJ Bartmess
- 06 Brewer Morris
- 10 Janis Stephenson
- 11 Kelley Kennedy
- 13 Jeremy Williams
- 18 Linda Cox
- 18 Neeley Walker
- 19 Charles Harris
- 19 Jane McGinnis
- 19 Benji Morris
- 20 Michelle Bednarek
- 20 Ann Brinson
- 20 Betty Recoulley
- 22 Pat Meisky
- 24 Carolyn Long
- 25 Jim Parrish
- 25 Joyce Setchfield
- 28 Smith Bednarek
- 29 Barry Briggs
- 29 Phyllis McCoy

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## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- 01 Bob & Elaine Davis
- 05 Charlie & Mary Figueroa
- 10 Wiley & Martha Stockton
- 18 Don & Debbie Burton

## FACTS & FIGURES

August

### Month to date

Income	87,091
Expenses	55,700
	31,391

### Year to date

Income	423,498
Expenses	430,270
	(6,772)

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday,  
9 am – 5 pm;  
Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

## ON CALL MINISTER

To reach the on-call minister for an emergency after office hours, call the church office (336-885-6016) and follow instructions.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### November

- 07 Red Cross Bloodmobile
- 09 Church Work Day
- 17 Boy Scout Chili Lunch

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*Shout joyfully to God,  
all the earth!*

*Sing praises to the glory  
of God's name!*

*Make glorious his praise!  
Say to God:*

*"How awesome are your works!  
... All the earth worships you,  
sings praises to you,  
sings praises to your name!"*

*Selah*

Psalm 66:1-4

Liturgical reading for October 13, 2019

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(9)

Sallie Edwards  
Dot Haynie  
Steve Sugg  
Roy Culler  
Dot Culler  
Juanita Warriner  
Phyllis Osborne  
Ricky Taylor

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*"God is our refuge  
and strength,  
a help always near  
in times of great trouble."  
Psalm 46:1 (CEB)*

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## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO

**Mary Carroll** on the death of her brother-in-law, Bob Smith

**Nancy Sebastian** on the death of her mother-in-law, Lorene Trexler

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## OUR CONGRATUALIONS TO

**Chuck & Sue Brammer** on the arrival of a granddaughter, Anna Kate Driver. Parents are Brett and Courtney Brammer Driver. Great-grandparents are **Judy Edwards and Ray & Sallie Edwards**



# WEDNESDAYS IN THE 'WOOD

(10)

Friends. Fellowship. Faith.

## CONNECT

### Fellowship Meal

Connect around the tables for fellowship and food at the mid-week gathering.

Sign-up in the Gathering Area to be on the permanent meal list (cancel only if you are not attending) or sign-up each week when you are able to attend.

Families – check out the Kid's Corner in the Fellowship Hall. There is a puzzle area for all ages to try out.

### October Menu

- 02 Grilled chicken, rice/gravy, peas & carrots, salad  
*Kids – Bagel Bites Pizza*
- 09 Pork loin, steamed cabbage, black eye peas, salad  
*Kids – Corn dogs*
- 16 Lasagna, salad  
*Kids – Fish Sticks*
- 23 BBQ Chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans (no salad bar)  
*Kids – Chicken Tenders*
- 30 Hot Dogs w/ trimmings

**RSVP by noon Monday. 336-885-6016**  
or [lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org](mailto:lbishop@emerywoodbaptist.org)

*Adult meals include roll and salad bar (Catering by Sid Wills)*  
*Kids meal will have rotating entrée, side such as carrot sticks, tater tots, fruit, yogurt, etc.*

*Reminder that kids wish to eat from the adult line must make an adult reservation and are charged the adult price.*

### Meal cost:

Adult/youth meal: \$6  
Child (ages 3–10) \$3  
Family max charge: \$16

For your convenience, we now accept payment with cash, check, and square, a safe and secure option with a debit or credit card.



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### **Intercessory Prayer**

11 am (History Room)

### **Traditional Bible Study**

12 noon (Room 122) or 4:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### **Fellowship Meal**

5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

### **Programs/Groups**

6:30 pm – Children & Youth Programs

Adult Topical Bible Study – *Making Sense of the Bible*

Adult Breakout Group – *Searching for Sunday*

### **Sanctuary Choir**

7:20 pm (Choir Room)

See previous page for October menus.

