

The Way I See It

series: June 21–July 26

What if you sat down over a cup of coffee with a famous Bible character like Moses, Paul or Esther? Or maybe someone less well-known like Jonathan, Barnabas or Abednego? What words of wisdom would they share? What would their life message be? Get inspired by the legacies of some real people from the Bible in our current Sunday series, *The Way I See It*.

July 5 : Pastor Josh Finley (also water baptism)

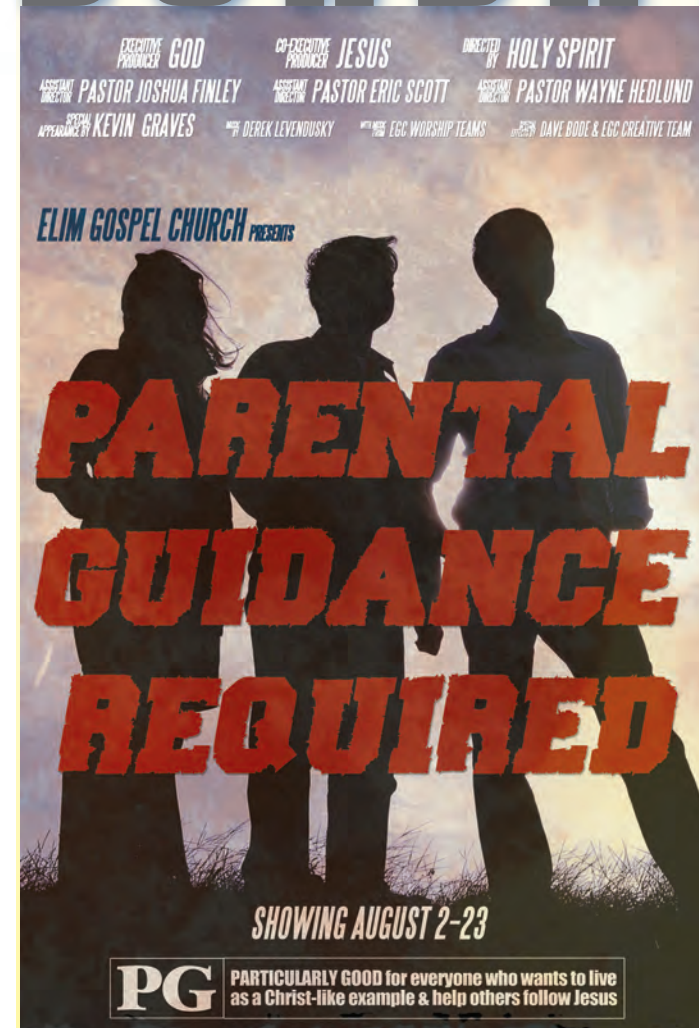
July 12 : Pastor Seth Goodson

July 19 : Pastor Wayne Hedlund

July 26 : Toby Cavanaugh (also communion)



SUNDAYS @ EGC



PARENTAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED

series: August 2–23

All of us influence others — whether positively or negatively and whether we’re conscious of it or not. Some of us have the obvious opportunity to influence as parents to our children; others can be mentors and models. Do you want to be the kind of person who leads others toward Jesus? Find out how in our 4-week August Sunday series, *Parental Guidance Required*.

August 2 : Pastor Josh Finley

August 9 : Pastor Eric Scott

August 16 : Pastor Wayne Hedlund

August 23 : Kevin Graves

August 30 : Pastor Josh Finley
(new fall series on community begins; see page 13)



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CANANDAIGUA & LIMA EAST

When: Saturday, July 18, 3 PM

Where: Bruce & Meg Sawyer's house, 4382 Shortsville Rd, Shortsville

What to bring: A dish to pass and lawn chairs. Meat & drinks will be provided. Swimming for the kids is available (weather permitting).

Contact: Please RSVP to Bruce & Meg Sawyer 289-3173, Ed & Terri Ekert 924-2776, or Jim & Melanie McGuire 657-4124

WESTERN

When: Saturday, July 18, 3–8 PM (supper at 5:30 PM)

Where: Avon Driving Park, Avon

What to bring: A large dish to pass, folding chairs, games and sports equipment. Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided.

Contact: Please RSVP to Hayden & Esther Bennett 624-3366 or Dick & Debbie Slakes 781-4367

LIMA SOUTH

When: Sunday, August 16, 2–5 PM (eat at 2 PM)

Where: Marty & Robin Douglas' home, 6680 Jenks Rd.

What to bring: A dish to pass. Meats & drinks will be provided. Also bring lawn chairs. Swimming is available (bring floatables, if desired).

Contact: Please RSVP to Alexa Schneider at 727-2250 or alexalnc@yahoo.com

ROCHESTER & RUSH MIDDLE

When: Saturday, September 19, 11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Where: Rush Middle Road Park

What to bring: Last names A–P: a vegetable or salad dish. Last names Q–Z: a dessert. Meat, drinks, condiments & paper supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite lawn games or sports equipment too!

Contact: Please RSVP Jim & Louise Gleeson 359-8602 or Bill & Laurie Phillips 359-3342

HONEOYE FALLS, SOUTHERN & LIMA EAST

What: Fall square dance! Other regions welcome, too.

When: September 18 or 19; time & location TBA

Contact: Don & Sharon Oppedisano, 582-2059 or honeoyefalls@elimgospel.org

YOUTH CADRES

What: Girls' Cadres Picnic & Movie

When: Friday, July 10

Contact: Lisa Simmons, 624-5586 or lbsimm@yahoo.com

What: Guys' Cadres Camp Out

When: Friday–Saturday, July 17–18

Contact: Pastor Seth, 624-5560 or sethgoodson@elimgospel.org

HAPPENING @ Elim Gospel Church

For Everyone

Water Baptism. Sunday, July 5, with instructional class on Sunday, June 28, both during 10:45 AM service. See page 5.

Elim Bible Institute's Homecoming Camp Meeting. July 8–11 at EGC. Phil Keaggy Concert on July 10. See page 14.

Care Connection. Opportunities to serve the less fortunate in our community. See page 8.

For Recent Guests

Welcome Luncheon. Sunday, August 2, 12:30–1:30 PM in the new wing. For all recent guests to EGC. Meet the pastors and other recent guests at a casual pizza lunch. More info: contact the church office at 624-5560 or karenrobinson@elimgospel.org.

Regional Events

Canandaigua & Lima East Region Picnic. Saturday, July 18 at the Sawyers' home in Shortsville. See page 2.

Western Region Picnic. Saturday, July 18, 3–8 PM at Avon Driving Park. See page 2.

Lima South Region Picnic. Sunday, August 16, 2–5 PM at the Douglas' home in Lima. See page 2.

Rochester & Rush Middle Region Picnic. Saturday, Sept. 19, 11:30 AM–2:30 PM at Rush Middle Road Park. See page 2.

Honeoye Falls, Southern & Lima East Square Dance. September 18 or 19, time TBA. See page 2.

For Adults

Doorway Series Classes. Discover more about Elim Gospel Church and your place here. See page 4.

Saturday AM Prayer. Saturdays 8–9 AM in the youth room. See page 4.

For Parents

Raising Kingdom Kids Seminar. Saturday, September 12. See page 4.

For Men

Fellowship Breakfast. Saturday, July 11, 7:30 AM at Lima Family Restaurant. See page 5.

For Women

Women of Worth: Preschool Moms. Summer fun at the Honeoye Falls playground Thursdays 10 AM–12 noon. See pg. 5.

Women at the Well. 1st 3 Sundays each month, 9:00–10:15 AM, through August 23. Contact Sherrie Anderson, 624-8334. Pg. 5.

Ladies Night Out. Thursday, July 16, 7 PM. Sponsored by byGrace Ministries. See page 5. Contact Sherrie Anderson, 624-8334.

For Young Adults, College & Teens

Outbreak. Sundays, 5:30–8:00 PM. For ages 12–24. *No Outbreak in July; it resumes on August 2.* See page 18.

Outbreak Girls' Cadres Cookout & Movie. Friday, July 10. See pages 2 & 5.

Outbreak Guys' Cadres Campout. July 17–18. See pages 2,5.

Young Adults. Small groups are combined for the summer, Mondays 7 PM in Henrietta. See page 5 for other YA summer activities.

Camp Judah. August 16–21. For ages 12–18. Registrations due by July 26. See page 19.

More Than Sports Basketball Camp. July 15–18 for ages 13–18. Sponsored by Elim Bible Institute. See page 14.

For Children

KidzChurch. Sundays 9:00 & 10:45 AM. Church on a kid's level for 1st–6th graders. Also, preschool classes and nursery care for infants. See page 9.

Camp Judah. June 28–July 3. For ages 8–12. See page 19.

More Than Sports Basketball Camp. July 12–15 for ages 8–12. Sponsored by Elim Bible Institute. See page 14.

Prayer

Saturdays 8–9 AM in the youth room (new wing). Come when you can as we join to pray together. See page 4.

Sundays 9:30–10:30 AM in the prayer room (office wing lower level). Pray for EGC's Sunday services.

Daily. 6–7 AM Mon.–Fri. in the prayer room.

Summer Classes, Groups & Seminars

For more information or to register, contact the leader or Karen Robinson, 624-5560 or karenrobinson@elimgospel.org



Come out as often as you can and let’s pray together for the increase of God’s Kingdom in us, our families, our church & our world! **Saturday mornings 8–9 AM** in the youth room, led by our pastors.

RAISING KINGDOM KIDS

Coming in September! This seminar, taught by Pastor Mike & Terri Cavanaugh, focuses on how to develop obedient children who know they are loved. You’ll learn what the Bible teaches about discipline standards, the importance of unity in parental values, age-appropriate expectations, and how to express love to your child. Topics include: *What is the #1 obstacle in raising kingdom kids? What does it mean to “train up a child”? What is the obedience level we should require of our children?*

The class will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, 9AM–4PM. \$20/couple includes notebook, lunch & childcare. To register: 624-5560 or karenrobinson@elimgospel.org.



DOORWAY SERIES—your entrance into life at EGC

The Doorway Series is a 5-step journey to becoming a fully integrated member of Elim Gospel Church. Discover the mission and values of our church, our history and future, what membership in this local church means, where you uniquely fit in, and how to be an effective leader of others. The full Doorway series is offered 3 times a year—spring, fall & winter. See dates of upcoming Summer classes below.

The Summer Session of the Doorway Series will be held Saturdays 9 AM–NOON. Childcare is available with prior request.

Doorway 101: Doorway to OUR CHURCH FAMILY July 11

This class is your “entry ramp” to a greater understanding of our church— what makes us Elim Gospel Church. Find out about our history, mission, values, strategy and structure.

Doorway 201: Doorway to MATURITY July 18

This class is your doorway to a greater understanding of what it means to grow in maturity and membership at Elim Gospel Church. You may apply to become a member of EGC after successful completion of this class. *Prerequisite: Doorway 101*

Doorway 301: Doorway to SERVICE coming this fall

This class is your doorway to finding your place of ministry in the church. Discover your God-given SHAPE (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experience) and how God has a place for the uniquely designed you. No prerequisite.

Doorway 401: Doorway to OUTREACH coming this fall

Gain a greater understanding of how you can reach out to those around you—and the inspiration and practical tools to do it! Topics include: Reaching Our Neighbors; The Power of Story; Three Ways to Explain the Gospel; Outreach through Prayer; Three Ways to Participate in Missions; Reaching the Needy.

Doorway 501: Doorway to INFLUENCE August 8

This class is your doorway to becoming a true servant-leader in the church. The world says: “I’m the leader—serve *me*.” But Christ says, “I’m the leader—let me serve *you*.” Topics include: What is Influence; Why We Influence Others; What We Influence Others to Do; How We Influence Others; An Introduction to Servant Leadership; Qualifications of an Influencer. This is a required class for all in leadership at EGC.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

For young adults 18–30, married or single. For more info, contact Young Adults Coordinator Rob Hagstrom, robhagstrom@elimgospel.org or 301-1728.

Mondays 7–9 PM – All young adult small groups are joining for the summer, meeting at Josh Ostrander and Mike Premo’s house, 16 Citation Dr., Henrietta.

July 6 – Game Night @ Josh and Mike’s house (see address above), 7 PM

July 10 – Phil Keaggy Concert @ EGC, 7 PM

July 25 – Hiking Trip @ Watkins Glen, time TBA

Aug. 3 – Game Night @ Josh and Mike’s house (see address above), 7 PM

Aug. 15 – Frisbee Golf Tournament (time TBA)

Aug. 23 – Campus Target Commissioning Service @ EGC, 6 PM

Aug. 24 – Red Wings Baseball, meet at the stadium at 6:30 PM (game at 7:05 PM)

FOR MEN

Fellowship Breakfast

When: Saturday, July 11, 7:30–9:00 AM
Contact: Ernie Thompson, eet4tti@hotmail.com or 226-9489

Location: Lima Family Restaurant
Cost: \$6, pay at the door

All men are invited to this special **father/son pancake breakfast**, with a short message from Pastor Eric. Join other guys for a meal, some fellowship and an encouraging word at this bi-monthly breakfast. Invite your son or dad! Call Ernie Thompson (above) to register.

REGIONAL

Regional Picnics

See page 2 for summer regional events.

FOR WOMEN

Women at the Well

When: 1st 3 Sundays each month, 9:00–10:15 AM
Contact: Sherrie Anderson, bygrace@flmtgif.org / 624-8334 or Dina Gmeinweiser, 704-3865

Location: youth room Cost: free

This class for women will meet during the 1st service the first 3 Sundays of each month, May–August. It will focus on looking at issues of interest to women through the eyes of Scripture, with teaching by EGCer Sherrie Anderson, “share sessions,” and prayer. You may join at anytime; come as often as you are able.

Women of Worth – Moms of Preschoolers

When: Thursdays 10AM–12 NOON
Contact: Wendy Bennett, wendy@huddledmasses.org or 359-4858

Summer is outdoor playtime! Moms & kids will be meeting for the summer on Thursday mornings at the Honeoye Falls playground behind the white Presbyterian Church on Main St. All moms of young children are welcome to join us.

Ladies’ Night Out

When: Thursday, July 16, 7–9 PM
Contact: Sherrie Anderson, bygrace@flmtgif.org / 624-8334

Sponsored by byGrace Ministries, this Ladies’ Night Out at EGC will include a message by Sherrie Anderson and worship led by Gina Murawski (this is Gina’s last time to lead worship with us before she moves to Boston); a love offering will be taken. There will also be fellowship time and refreshments afterward (9–10 PM).

FOR YOUTH

Cadres

The girls’ cadres are joining together for a Cadre Cookout, followed by a movie at the Silver Lake Drive-in, on **Friday, July 10**. Contact Lisa Simmons 624-5586 / lbsimm@yahoo.com for more information.

The guys’ cadres are joining for a camp out at Pastor Seth’s house, Friday PM–Saturday AM, **July 17–18**. Sign up & \$5 due by July 12. Contact Pastor Seth Goodson 624-5560 / sethgoodson@elimgospel.org for more information.

WELCOME LUNCHEON

Are you new to EGC? Then you are invited to our next Welcome Luncheon on **Sunday, August 2, 12:30-1:30 PM**. Meet some of our pastors & leaders, as well as others new here at EGC, at a 1-hour casual pizza lunch in the youth room. Children’s activities are provided after the meal. And if an EGCer invited you to church, they are welcome to come with you. To sign-up, contact Karen Robinson, karenrobinson@elimgospel.org or 624-5560. Hope to see you there!

WATER BAPTISM

Have you been baptized in water since you accepted Christ? If not, you can be soon. A water baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, July 5, during the 10:45 AM service**. *A required instructional class will be held Sunday, June 28, during the 10:45 AM service.* There is a separate class for children at the same time.



If you would like to be baptized or want to learn more about water baptism, contact Pastor Eric, ericscott@elimgospel.org or 624-5560. For kids, contact Rob Hagstrom, robhagstrom@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	3	4 8AM- Prayer Church offices closed 
Camp Judah Junior (ages 8-12)						
5 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service (water baptism)	6 7PM- Young Adult Game Nite, Henrietta	7	8	9 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground EBI Homecoming Camp Meeting	10 Outbreak Girls' Cookout & movie 7PM- Phil Keaggy Concert	11 7:30AM- Men's Father/Son Breakfast 8AM- Prayer 9AM- Doorway 101
12 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	13 7PM- Young Adult Group, Henrietta	14	15	16 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground 7PM- Ladies' Night Out (by Grace Ministries)	17 Outbreak Guys' Campout	18 8AM- Prayer 9AM- Doorway 201 3PM- Canandaigua & Lima East Picnic 3PM- Western Picnic
19 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	20 7PM- Young Adult Group, Henrietta	21	22	23 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	24	25 8AM- Prayer Young Adult Hike @ Watkins Glen
26 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	27 7PM- Young Adult Group, Henrietta	28	29	30 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	31	

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8AM- Prayer Lima Crossroads Day Outbreak missions team leaves for NYC
2 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service 12:30PM- Welcome Luncheon	3	4	5	6 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	7	8 8AM- Prayer 9AM- Doorway 501
Outbreak Missions Team in New York City (August 1-8)						
5:30PM - Outbreak	7PM- Young Adult Game Nite, Henrietta			6PM- Lay Pastors		
9 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	10	11	12	13 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	14	15 8AM- Prayer Young Adult Frisbee Golf Tourney
5:30PM - Outbreak	7PM- Young Adult Group, Henrietta					
16 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	17	18	19	20 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	21	22 8AM- Prayer
Camp Judah Senior (ages 12-18)						
2PM- Lima South Picnic 5:30PM - Outbreak	7PM- Young Adult Group, Henrietta					
23 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	24	25	26	27 10AM- WOW Moms @HF playground	28	29 8AM- Prayer
5:30PM - Outbreak 6PM- Campus Target Commissioning	6:30PM- Young Adult @ Red Wings game				7PM- Leaders' Meeting	
30 9:00AM - Service 10:45AM- Service	31					
5:30PM - Outbreak	7PM- Young Adult Group, Henrietta					



Connecting willing hearts to real needs

The purpose of Care Connection is to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways — to connect with and help meet the needs of those around us. To sign up for a team or for more info, stop by the CC table in the lobby on Sundays or contact Pastor Sean Steinke, careconnection@elimgospel.org or 624-5560. For the latest updates and more CC opportunities, see www.elimgospel.org (click on For You).

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday, 7/26; 8/23 Conesus Nursing Home — Sing, share, pray & visit with residents. Meet at facility, 1:30–3:00 PM.

Monday, 7/20; 8/17 Ronald McDonald House — Prepare & serve a meal for families who are staying at the House while their children are in the hospital. Bus 4:30–7:30 PM.

Tuesday, 7/21; 8/18 RUMS — Recycle unused medical supplies to be shipped overseas. Bus 5:15–8:30 PM.

Wednesday, 7/8; 8/12 Open Door Mission — Serve a meal for the homeless; sing, preach or lead prayer at the service. Bus 7:00–9:30 PM.

Thursday, 7/16; 8/20 Foodlink — Sort and label food for distribution to the needy in 11 counties. Bus 5:15–8:30 PM.

Saturday, 7/11, 25; 8/8, 22 RiseGo Apartments — Help renovate apartments (demolition, drywall, construction, cleanup) for “helpful housing” for the RiseGo project in Rochester, which helps youth start & manage business ventures in the city. Bus 8:30 AM–12:30 PM.

Monday, 9/7 Zoom for Zoe — Ride your bike and raise money for Zoe Ministries — rescuing children from the sex slave trade. 10 AM; for all ages, bike on the Lehigh Valley Trail. Registration & pledge forms at CC table.

Check out the Care Connection booth at Lima Crossroads Days, August 1!

On June 6, Care Connection hosted a free **CAR CARE & CLOTHING GIVEAWAY** “double feature” event for area residents. CC volunteers serviced 17 cars (mostly for single moms & widows) and helped about 40 local families find needed clothing, while offering free child care & refreshments for participants (we also donated about 40 large bags of leftover clothing to overseas needs).

“Car care service was wonderful—everybody was friendly and did an excellent job on my car. In my situation this is a very helpful to me and I cannot thank you enough. God bless you!” — Donna (Car Care recipient)

“Food at the clothing place is excellent! I enjoyed organizing the clothes, too.” — Mike Premo (CC volunteer)

“It was very gratifying to help sort and hang the donated clothing for the spring giveaway. It was even more delightful to see families and individuals coming into the church and finding an abundance of good clothing to meet their needs. Most everyone partook of the nice refreshments and some sat around the tables listening to the Christian music playing. I had the feeling that there was surprise and relief as people relaxed and felt accepted and that someone cared. It caused me to come face to face with those who have deep needs in our community and just send love and prayers their way.” — Rose Sieber (CC volunteer)



For more information about EGC's ministry for kids, contact the church at 624-5560 or:

KidzExpress Director
Rob Hagstrom,
robhagstrom@elimgospel.org

KidzChurch. Sundays 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM. For all kidz, preschool–6th grade, and nursery, too. It's church on a kid's level!

Express 56. Designed just for 5th & 6th graders, **10:45AM Sundays.** This high energy yet spiritually challenging environment is perfect for tweens. For more info: Express 56 Director Andy Danglis, 624-5560

KidzChurch series: This summer we are going to spend some time *Running with the Giants*. What do they have to say about life? What did they struggle with? What wisdom can they give us? Put on your running shoes and get ready to go exploring down the path of life with some giants of the faith.



Breakthrough!

While the adults were having a “Breakthrough Service” on May 24, the Holy Spirit was ready to move in the Kidz Wing, too! We prayed for one another in the areas of family situations, unsaved family members, situations at school, and lastly, we prayed for physical situations. In both services, kids came up to the front to share how God had touched them that morning. Julia stated, “When we were doing worship I couldn't dance around because my ankle was hurting, but now look!”... and she jumped up and down on her healed ankle. Another boy exclaimed that he had pain in his foot and now it was gone. Olivia told us about pain in her teeth that had been healed. It was an amazing thing to watch as children came up for prayer while others surrounded them to pray and ask for God to move in their lives.

— Children's Director Rob Hagstrom

One of the core values of our KidzExpress Ministry is **safety**—that our children would be ministered to in a safe environment. In order to keep improving in this area, we are instituting a **new check-in system** for our children on Sunday mornings, to take effect July 26.

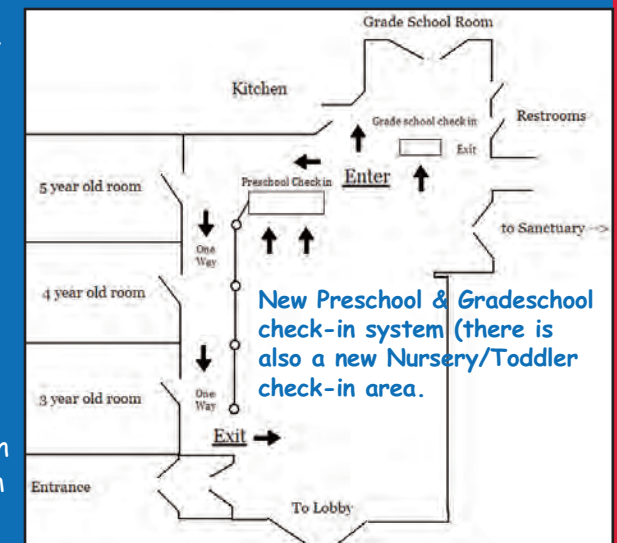
There will be **3 check-in stations**—one in the nursery/toddler area, one for preschool, and one for gradeschool. Once checked in, parents and children will be allowed to walk to their room together, and then the parent will continue to the exit. The purpose of this is to provide a buffer zone, so that only parents or designated people are allowed access to the rooms. We will still be using the name tag/numbering system with which you are familiar.

To ensure that this new system runs efficiently, we also have **new child drop-off and pick-up times**.

9AM Service — drop off your child no earlier than 8:45 AM and pick up no later than 10:25 AM.

10:45AM Service — drop off your child no earlier than 10:30 AM.

Thank you in advance for your patience & cooperation as we begin this new system for our children's safety.



Can you donate any of the items listed below to help us update our curriculum supplies? Please drop off items in the marked bin located between the 1 & 2-year-old classroom. More info: Amy Cloninger, 315-521-2260/abcloninger@verizon.net

- Small flashlights
- AA batteries
- Clear plastic water bottles (8oz)
- Toddler-safe plastic fruits and vegetables
- Small toddler-safe musical instruments
- Board books about plants & flowers
- Board books about people & families
- Board books about animals
- Board books about creation
- Board books about rivers, oceans, lakes
- Board books about rocks, dirt, land
- Farm animal stickers



EGC OPEN

@ Ravenwood

June 8, 2009



scorecard:

17 teams 68 players 27 sponsors 41 mulligans purchased

Volunteers needed for Spaghetti Dinner — 116. Volunteers needed for Golf Tournament — 8.

\$3500 raised to help send kids & teens to Camp Judah & on summer mission trips...*priceless!*

June 14: date of the 2010 EGC Open. Get it on your calendar now!

leaderboard:

1st place – Team Parsons (Rob Parsons, Bob Parsons, Tim Smith & Mark Wolf) -12

2nd place – Ravenwood Grass Cutters (Peter George, Maurice Hopkins, Dave Mann & Adam Martin) -10

Closest to the pin – Derek Levendusky & Maurice Hopkins

Longest drive – Tim Smith

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS AROUND THE WORLD



A trailer similar to this one will be parked in the corner of the church parking lot by mid-July—and ready to collect your used furniture and household furnishings for September's huge Furniture Giveaway for international students.

ROCHESTER – The EGC Ministry to Internationals reaches out to international students at our area colleges in a variety of ways throughout the year.



International students raced to pick out furniture at the 2008 Giveaway. Can you contribute to this year's event by donating items or working at the event?

Furniture Giveaway. One of our biggest events of the year, the annual Furniture Giveaway is a very practical outreach. Hundreds of students from all over the world arrive on our “doorstep” every fall to attend local universities, and many of them have nothing to furnish their apartments. That’s where we come in! All year we collect used furniture & household furnishings to give to them—free and with the love of Christ. We are especially collecting items now over the summer for this year’s Give-

away on Saturday, September 12. You can drop off your donations of gently used items (check yard sales, too!) on Sundays at the big trailer in the church parking lot, or contact David & Marie Spencer, dcandmjspen@juno.com / 624-5071 or Greg & Monica Ross, 582-6308 / gregross@basiclives.com.

Many volunteers are also needed to prepare for and work at the Furniture Giveaway event; contact the Spencers or Rosses (above) to help or for more information.

ASIA* (via LIMA, NY) –

60 young adults—including 16 from EGC—will say goodbye to their families and friends at the **Campus Target Commissioning Service, Sunday, August 23, 6 PM at EGC.** After completing several days of preparatory training in April, another 2 weeks in August, and a summer of raising their financial support, they are leaving the U.S. to spend 10 months in Asia,* reaching out to thousands of university students on several campuses in three large cities. You are invited to this powerful service, which will include a challenging speaker and prayer for each of the team members.

What is Campus Target? The idea for CT (www.campustarget.org) was birthed five years ago when two young adults from EGC went to Asia* for a year to reach college students through friendship evangelism. When they came back, they encouraged others to give a year to do the same. They began on one campus in one city. This past year over 50 young adults from all over the U.S. were reaching Asian students on multiple campuses in three cities. Eleven EGCers were among this group, with five more serving in the home office, based here at EGC. This year's team of 60 leaves in August and will expand to several more universities.

*Exact locations in Asia are not given for security reasons.



About 100 villagers crammed into a hut in Tamou, Niger, to hear a pastor preach. See the story below.

NIGER – EGC supports Ron & Jerry Childs in Niger, where there has been some persecution of Christians. Here is a recent report.

The persecution in the village of Say made it necessary for us to relocate Pastor Sule to the town of Tamou, about about 30 miles from Say. Pastor Sule would go to Say on Sundays to preach; meanwhile he was evangelizing in Tamou. The result was that he started two churches, one in Tamou and the other in Yanbinga among the Gourmanche people. On Monday last week we drove out to Tamou and baptized 29 new converts. This Saturday we will go out to Yanbinga and baptize another 30 new believers.

The church in Say continues to grow, even without Pastor Sule. Yandu is the acting elder in the church and is a student in our discipleship school in Niamey. No matter what persecution comes, he has stood strong for Jesus. Pray for Yandu that he will continue to resist the temptations of the Muslims in Say; they tell him that if he quits the church they will give him money and vehicles—a big temptation for a poor man.



This man was among 29 Nigerians baptized in one village recently

CHINA –

This fall, EGCer David Spencer is leading a 2-week work team to Kunming, China to assist Target Ministries in completing some projects on their demonstration farm. Skilled carpenters are needed, as well as general helpers. Dates are October 31–November 14; approximate cost is \$2700. If interested or for more info, please contact Don and Jen Lamb soon at 727-2926 or 489-9372.



creating community

thoughts from Pastor Joshua

Our mission as a church family is clear: To help one another experience Christ's transforming love so that we can love Him, ourselves, our families, our church and our world. While we may wholeheartedly agree with this vision and have a genuine desire for more of this kind of transformation in our lives, it can be very easy to overlook some of the key elements that the Holy Spirit uses to bring about this kind of life change.

The diagram below illustrates what we call “The Transformational Triangle.” It shows how the Holy Spirit uses three elements of our lives (life challenges, our relationships, and the truth of His Word) to bring about spiritual growth—transformation. Most of us would agree that, from our perspective, we have more than enough trials in our lives, and that we have been taught more truth than we know how to regularly apply. But for many of us, the area of growing and experiencing transformation through relationships is probably the most untapped portion of the triangle.

From the very beginning God plainly laid out the facts to us: It is not good for man to be alone, and we are not created to live in isolation. (Genesis 2:18) Even with some level of awareness of that truth and/or need, creating community in our personal lives and in our church family is not an easy or automatic thing. Living in our busy culture, many of us can almost subconsciously find ourselves living with this unspoken goal: “Avoid people at all cost.” And it has cost some of us dearly. I know that I have found myself, at price for a lack of community in my life. around us—it's just that we don't think that over the next several months, the areas of your life in which He wants to connection to you through relationships.

I really love our Sunday morning gatherings. The opportunities we have for the and through us in those corporate gatherings are, I am also aware of the statements in the New Testament, the practiced within smaller groups. These “one another” statements are in the Bible to give us a clear picture of how each member of the family of God has been designed to live his or her life in relationship to one another and the world around us. It's for this reason that I think the early church met together both in the temple and from house to house. (Acts 2:46)

This August 30–October 4, our teaching team will be taking us on a 6-week journey through the topic of creating community. My desire for this series is that it will be insightful, convicting, inspiring, and practical. I have no desire to put an added burden on our church family, but I believe that as each of us begins to see with greater clarity the value of community, we will move from the tendency to avoid it to intentionally pursuing it. My desire is that each of us would find a circle of relationships within our church family where “everyone knows our name” and which will help stimulate spiritual growth in our lives over time.

I know it will take creativity for some of us to make room to experience the benefits of this in our everyday lives. That is why this fall we will be offering community group experiences that run for 8-10 weeks. On **Sunday, October 4**, we'll cap off our teaching series on community with a **Groups Fair**, where we'll be able to meet group leaders, explore the variety of group topics available, and sign up for one of the groups (Anna and I are now making adjustments in our calendars so that we can sign up for a fall group). Afterwards, we'll all enjoy a great time of fun & fellowship together at a **Church Family Picnic** down by the pond. Please mark this date on your calendar and watch for more details in the September EGC Monthly.

This summer begin to ask the Lord which areas of your life could use a jump-start and some real growth. This fall we hope to help you make some meaningful connections, as together we continue to “help one another...”



different times, paying far too high a price. It's not that we dislike the people we have time for them. My prayer is Holy Spirit will begin to show you bring growth and meaningful

erings and hope that you do as well. presence and love of Jesus to pour in settings are vital. As helpful as those fact that, of the over 50 “one another” majority of them are most effectively

We want your input! Fill out the 8-question survey about your experiences of “community” at EGC. Log on to www.elimgospel.org, then Resources, then click on the survey link.

Elim Ministries Special Events

Elim's Homecoming Camp Meeting 2009

Schedule of Events

Wednesday	7:00 PM - Opening Session/John Spyker
Thursday	10:00 AM - Morning Session/EBI Staff 7:00 PM - Evening Session/John Spyker
Friday	10:00 AM - Morning Session/EBI Staff 7:00 PM - Phil Keaggy Concert
Saturday	10:00 AM - Morning Session/John Spyker 1:00 PM - Alumni & Friends Banquet



Phil Keaggy



John Spyker



Bill Cummings

2009 Homecoming Camp Meeting sessions will be held at Elim Gospel Church.

Childcare will be provided during sessions for Homecoming Attendees.

Registration for this event is FREE with the exception of the banquet and the Phil Keaggy concert.

Tickets to see Phil Keaggy in concert can be purchased for \$15 at www.ticketleap.com.

Tickets for the banquet are \$12.75/person and can be purchased by calling the number below.

For more information or to register for this event, call 585.582.1230 or visit www.elim.edu.

July 8-11

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John Spyker is a veteran missionary to Mexico, where he was born and raised by missionary parents. Over the years, John and his wife Marla planted three significant churches in Mexico, from which an apostolic movement of churches called Vida Abundante has emerged and continues to grow throughout central Mexico. John is an elder of Elim Fellowship and a graduate of Elim Bible Institute. John & Marla have three adult children; their oldest son, Andres, is the pastor of a large church in Morelia & spoke at EGC on May 31.

Phil Keaggy is perhaps one of the most admired guitarists in music today. He is aware that God gave him a calling to deliver the Gospel through his music, and for over 30 years, he has been grateful to do just that. His career has included over 50 albums; his latest solo CD, *Phantasmagorical*, was released in August 2008. See Phil in concert on Friday, July 10, 7 PM at EGC. Tickets are \$15, available at www.ticketleap.com (first come first served; any remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$20). For more about EBI's Summer Homecoming or Phil Keaggy's concert, www.elim.edu or call 585-582-1230.

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Family Bulletin Board contains personal announcements for and from the EGC congregation. Ads are not necessarily endorsed by EGC. To submit an item: egcmnthly@elimgospel.org or 624-5560. The deadline for submissions for the September issue is Friday, August 14.

Free: Highchair that is looking for a new home. Call Esther Bennett, 624-3366

Wanted: Workers to help with childcare during EGC special events. \$7/hour for adults and \$6/hour for teens. Contact Ebby Gregg at the church, 624-5560.

Professional video production for you or your business. (as seen at EGC!). Commercials, web videos and short films. Also looking for collaborators on Christian short films and skits. Contact: Andrew Manzano 609-517-9055.

Mandarin Language Tutoring. Learn & improve your Chinese language skills, especially vocabulary and pronunciation, with a Beijing native. Individual or small group. Contact Rongqing or Susan at 582-1598.

Summer Traveling Ministries

Pray for these folks from our church family as they travel & minister: for safety, health, and effectiveness in ministry. Call the church office at 624-5560 with your traveling ministry or mission trip dates, so we can include you, too.

Sherrie Anderson (byGrace Ministries)
July 16 Ladies Night Out at EGC

Esther Bennett & Debbie Slakes
July 5-10 New York School of Urban Ministry, NYC
July 25-Aug 8 NYSUM, NYC (Esther only)

Tom & Judy Brazell (Elim Fellowship Int'l)
July 12 New Life Church, Egg Harbor, NJ
July 19 Love Joy Gospel Church, Buffalo, NY
July 24-26 Cornerstone Faith Fellowship, Clayton, NC

Campus Target team
Aug 24-May Asia

Pastor Mike Cavanaugh (Elim Fellowship VP)
July 12, 19, 26 New Life Fellowship, Herkimer, NY

Todd Cavanaugh (BASIC College Ministries)
July 19 Milan Church, Locke, NY
Aug 16 New Hope Fellowship, Bloomfield, NY

Bernard & Sharon Evans
Interim Pastor, Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Hopewell, NY



Below are opportunities to use your time, talents & treasures to serve God & His people at EGC:

Volunteer opportunities in Gradeschool ministry: Small group leaders; Welcome center – help check in kids before each service; Security guards; Creative people – any level of creative talent! Also, **openings in Preschool Ministry.** Contact Director Rob Hagstrom, 624-5560 or robhagstrom@elimgospel.org

Impact the nations without leaving town! Get involved in reaching out to internationals right here at our local universities. We need all kinds of volunteers: friendship partners, English tutors/ conversation partners, events hosting, practical helps, furniture pick-up & delivery, prayer support, etc. Much help is needed for the Furniture Give-Away on Sept. 12 (see page 12). Contact David & Marie Spencer, dcandmjspen@juno.com / 624-5071 or Greg & Monica Ross, lionzroar777@rochester.rr.com or 582-6308.

Wanted: creative volunteers who want to help make the **Harvest Party** an awesome event this year! Contact Rob Hagstrom, 634-5560 or robhagstrom@elimgospel.org. And if you have leftover paint – the more colorful the better – contact Rob and we'll take it off your hands!

Pastor Joshua Finley
July 26 Church of the Living God, Manchester, CT

Pastor Seth Goodson
Aug 1-8 Outbreak missions team to New York City
Aug 16-21 Camp Judah

Isaiah 6 Ministries
July 5 Lifetree Fellowship, Pittsford, NY
July 6-8 Freedom Youth Retreat, Richville, NY
July 18 Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Albany, NY
July 29 Breakout City Outreach, Rochester, NY
July 30 Leptondale Bible Church, Newburgh, NY
July 31 Lima Crossroads Day, Lima, NY
Aug 16-31 Uganda

Mark Scorsone (Elim Fellowship Youth)
July 31- Aug 3 Youth Conference, Miami, FL
Aug 5-6 Camp Pinnacle, Carlisle, PA
Aug 15-17 Raleigh, NC
Aug 19 Camp Judah
Aug 21-23 Youth Retreat, Chicago, IL

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What will your responsibilities be?

In the tech department, I will be overseeing and developing our volunteer technicians in EGC’s sound, lighting, projection and video ministries. I’ll also prepare resources for the resource center, develop new staging, provide general technical support, and strive to provide a quality environment where people can be transformed by the love of Christ.

I am in no way replacing the phenomenal technological mastermind we have in Dave Bode. I will be taking over many of his current responsibilities, so he can turn his focus to creative media and website development as the Media Director. I’m thrilled to work alongside Dave and serve on the EGC staff—not only do I get to work and serve God at a quality church, but I get to do that at *my* church. I also want to say a quick thanks to all the tech volunteers who make things happen on Sunday mornings here, and I hope to see you all around!

As the Young Adults Ministry Director, I will be working with community group leaders to cultivate small groups where young adults can share their lives, grow in their faith, and serve others around them.

What is your vision for your new ministry positions?

My good friend Rob Hagstrom has been doing an amazing job working with the young adults’ groups, and it was partially because of attending Bob Kniley and Traci Cavanaugh’s small group that I began to feel that EGC was *my* church and not just the church I attended on Sunday mornings. I think it’s imperative to foster that sense of community that was so influential in my life, and to serve others and follow Jesus as a community.

In the tech department, I would like to see our volunteers increase in skill and numbers and to build a sense of camaraderie among our incredible volunteers.

What gifts, talents, experiences and education have helped prepare you?

I have been working with live audio since my dad introduced me to the church soundboard when I was 16, and I have been playing on worship teams (bass, acoustic guitar, piano, vocals) since the same age. After minoring in Youth Ministry at Elim Bible Institute, I became the stage manager and bass player on EBI’s Kingdom Force, ministering at churches across America with 5 other graduates, including EGC’s current Children’s Director, Rob Hagstrom.

Meet the Staff

JOSH CUMMINGS is joining the EGC staff part-time, as both the new Technical Ministries Director & Young Adults Ministry Director.



to go to Asia with Campus Target. It was an absolutely life-changing experience, in which I felt like I had jumped right into the book of Acts and saw the Holy Spirit completely transform many of my Asian friends’ lives.

What do you most appreciate about EGC?

There are many things that I appreciate about EGC, but two that come to mind are excellence and balance. Even before this was my home church, I could see that everything was done in a spirit of excellence, which I really value. EGC also seems very balanced in its approach—for example, avoiding the pitfalls of emotionalism or dead tradition.

Tell us a little about your family.

I was raised in northern Wisconsin for the first 12 years of my life; then my family moved to northwest Kansas, where I spent my teenage years. I have 4 younger siblings—2 brothers in college (one at EBI), and a sister and brother at home. My mom is a stay-at-home mom who also works part-time for a local youth center. My dad is the pastor of a small nondenominational congregation in rural Kansas.

What are your interests & hobbies?

I’m a huge fan of going to shows and music festivals with my friends, and many times the road trips are just as memorable as the concerts themselves. I also enjoy Frisbee golf, reading, recording music, and watching “The Office” at the Bodes’ house.

Anything else about you that we might like to know?

Well, I’ve been to 41 out of 50 states so far, and it’s my goal to make it to 50—I’m tied with Rob Hagstrom, and I’m hoping to beat him. I’ve also worked on a pig farm (bad idea) and happen to know that I can fit up to 54 gummy bears in my mouth if I want to...

Lima North Region has new lay pastors



Dave & Debbie Hinton, longtime members of EGC, are now stepping into a new role—Lay Pastors of the Lima North Region. They are replacing Jerry & Annette Warsaw, who are stepping down after serving the region faithfully for several years. The transition officially occurs August 1. Dave & Debbie will be ably assisted in their lay pastor duties by Lois Scorsone and David & Alice Sanders.

The Hinton’s goal as Lay Pastors is to continue to see “stronger ties of care and fellowship established between our members so that people’s giftings are used

to help meet others’ needs.” They also hope that type of Christian care for one another is multiplied, so those not in the church see it and are attracted to Jesus through it.

Dave & Debbie love to care for people! They both “really enjoy the ministry of hospitality in our home.” In fact, during the first five years of their marriage, they served as house parents in a large foster home in northern PA—where they had no TV or internet, travelled 18 miles just to buy groceries, and had more bears than people as neighbors. Dave currently works in a New York State group home in Lima, giving care to disabled adults. Deb is a registered nurse and works part-time doing private duty home care for two children in the Rochester area. Deb is also known for expressing care through her delicious chocolate chip cookies that have literally gone all over the world; she bakes them for missionaries going out from EGC as a loving and tasty gift from home.

If you have attended EGC for a while, you most likely know Dave & Debbie. They have attended EGC since 1992 and have served here in many different capacities over the years. Dave was our Children’s Pastor 1995–2004. Debbie was the Spaghetti Dinner Coordinator for several

years, the Infant Nursery Coordinator 1995–2006, and she has led several Beth Moore Bible Studies. Together, they have helped lead HELP, EGC’s ministry to homeschooling families, for over 15 years. Debbie has appreciated the relationships they have developed with “wonderful people” at EGC and the “diverse opportunities for service and for individual giftings to be put to use in the Body.” Dave values “the integrity and servant-attitudes” of the EGC pastors and leaders, the church’s commitment to excellence and our commitment to children and teens.

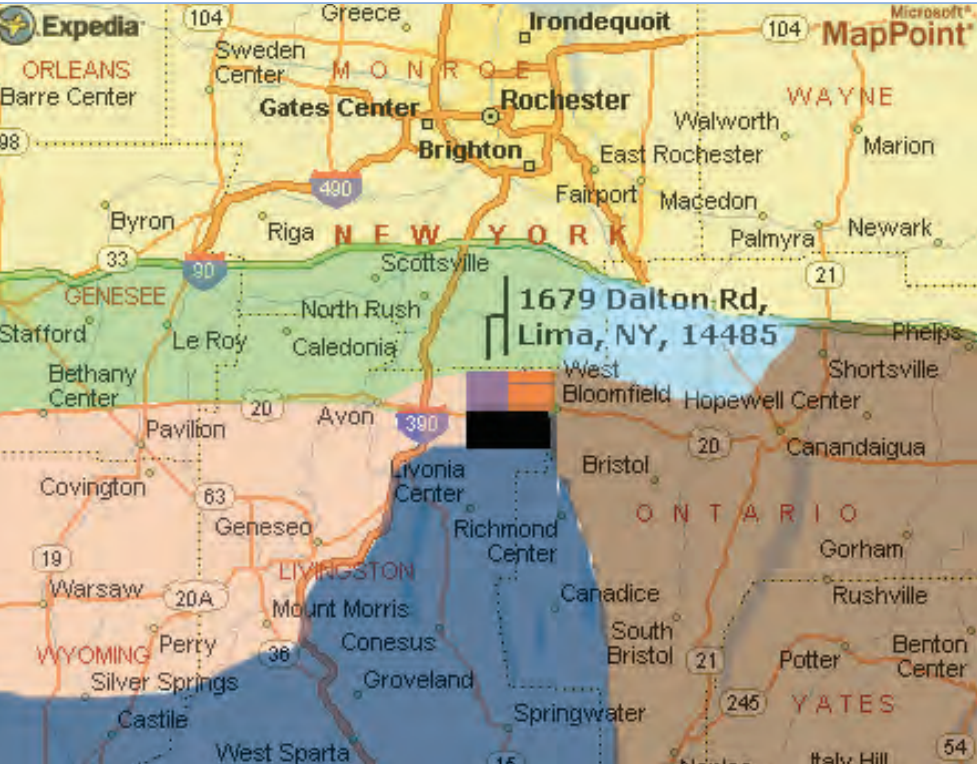
Besides taking on this new role, Dave & Deb have entered a new season of life in other ways as well, since they have just completed 21 years (!) of homeschooling their four children—their youngest son, Nathan, graduated in May. They have three other grown children, Holly, Kristi & Jonathan, and they especially enjoy being involved in the lives of their six grandchildren, all of whom live in the area.

If you see Jerry & Annette Warsaw, give them a big thank you for their years of service to this region. And give a warm welcome to new Lay Pastors Dave & Debbie Hinton, as well as their assistants Lois Scorsone and David & Alice Sanders.

What is a Lay Pastor?

The Lay Pastors assist in accomplishing EGC’s mission of “Helping one another experience Christ’s transforming love...” through partnering with the pastoral staff in overseeing the care, fellowship and welcome needs of the EGC family in their distinct regions. Currently, the church is divided into 9 different regions (see map). Our desire is to provide localized care to our church family through these qualified leaders. See page 15 for each region’s lay pastors.

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@Pastor Seth's house—bonfire, football, lots more;
sign up & \$5 due by July 12

CAMP JUDAH

AUGUST 16-21

Are you getting ready for Camp Judah? Turn in your registration forms in the lobby on July 26 or August 2. Senior Camp is for ages 12-18. If you haven't received a camp packet, contact Pastor Seth at sethgoodson@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

NO OUTBREAK IN JULY!
OUTBREAK RESUMES ON AUGUST 2
CADRE COOKOUTS IN JULY

outbreak team heading to nyc

This summer a team of young people is heading from EGC to New York City August 1-8 to reach out to the poor and needy and share with them the love of God, while themselves being challenged to grow spiritually. The team will be staying at and working with the New York School of Urban Ministry (www.nysum.org). They will minister in soup kitchens and on the streets, using drama, practical acts of service and other means to spread the message of Christ's transforming love to people in the city.

2009 team members: Taryn Davis, Amber Durkee, Tim Flanders,



Tim Leathersich, Corinne Marino, Emily Puffer, Meredith Scott, Rebekah Steinke, Solomon Steinke, Alaiya Tuntemeke, Pastor Seth Goodson, and Tori Truesdale

Photos: *left*, the team (Meredith Scott not in photo). *Above*, they rehearse The Exchange, a musical, wordless drama that tells the story of God's creation of man, man's fall into sin, and God's plan of redemption through a Savior; the music was written by EGCer Todd Cavanaugh. Photos by Bob Kniley.



Camp Judah

Each summer EGC sends kids and teens to a one-week Christian camp, where they have lots of fun, meet new and returning friends, and experience God in a deeper and relevant way. This year they will be attending Camp Judah, near Warsaw, NY.

Junior Camp for ages 8-12 is June 28-July 3.

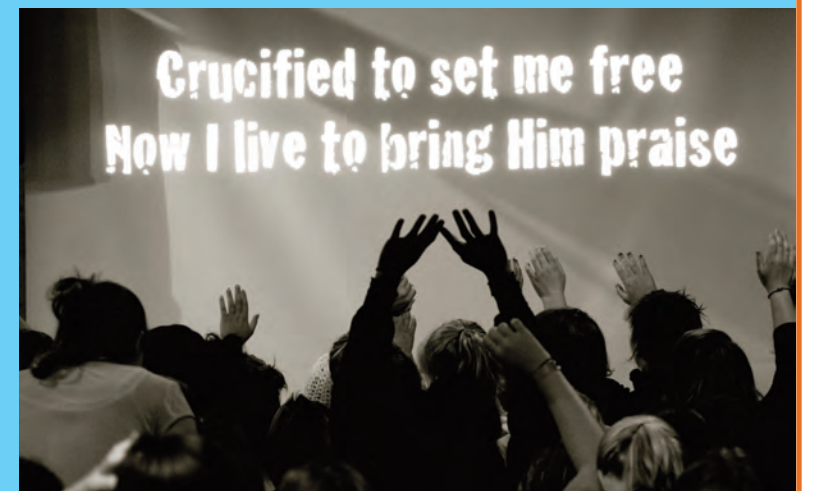
Senior Camp for ages 12-18 is August 16-21; registration forms are due by August 2.

If you have not yet received a Camp registration packet, contact Pastor Seth Goodson.



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