

pulse

elim gospel church

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*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
'It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter.*

Psalms 74:16-17

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TRACI CAVANAUGH is on the EGC staff, serving as the Executive Secretary since Fall 2010, when she returned from 15 months as a missionary in Morelia, Mexico. The daughter of founding Pastor Mike and Terri Cavanaugh, she lives in Lima and is finishing her Bachelor degree in Business Administration. Traci is our speaker on Sunday, **AUGUST 14.**



Americans have an average of about seventy or eighty years on this earth. During these years we are bombarded with the American Dream. Make money. Get stuff. Be comfortable. Live well. Have fun. It's easy for American Christians to forget how Jesus said his followers would actually live, what their new lifestyle would actually look like. They would, he said, leave behind security, money, convenience, even family for Him. They would abandon everything for the gospel. They would take up their crosses daily...BUT WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO LIVES LIKE THAT? DO YOU? Are you ready for the Radical challenge? What is Jesus worth to you?

Join us this fall for our *Radical* series, beginning August 28 and based on a book by David Platt, as we look at how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences and what Jesus actually said about being His disciple. Also coming this fall...many of our fall community groups, as well as our kids & teens, will focus on this Radical message.

DATE	SPEAKER	MESSAGE	OTHER ELEMENTS
July 3	Pastor Joshua Finley	<i>Return</i> series concludes	
July 10	Pastor Joshua Finley	<i>Storytellers</i> series begins	
July 17	Ron & Jerry Childs (see bio at left)	<i>Storytellers</i> series, part 2	Water Baptism
July 24	Pastor Joshua Finley	<i>Storytellers</i> series, part 3	
July 31	Pastor Eric Scott	<i>Storytellers</i> series, part 4	Communion
August 7	Pastor Rob Hagstrom	<i>Storytellers</i> series, part 5	
August 14	Traci Cavanaugh (see bio at left)	<i>Storytellers</i> series, part 6	
August 21	Pastor Joshua Finley	<i>Storytellers</i> series, part 7	
August 28	Pastor Joshua Finley	<i>Radical</i> series begins	

Sundays @ EGC

The mission of Elim Gospel Church is to help one another experience Christ's transforming love, so that we can love Him, ourselves, our families, our church and our world.

For Everyone

Car Care. Saturday, July 16, 9–5 at EGC (rain date July 31). See page 13 for more about this Care Connection event for women in need and how you can get involved.

Water Baptism. July 17, during 10:45 AM service. Instructional class on Sunday, July 10, 10:45 AM. See page 16.

Regional Picnics. See below & page 17 for summer fun with your neighbors.

International Furniture Giveaway. Saturday, Aug. 13 in Henrietta. See page 6.

Campus Target Commissioning Service. Sunday, Aug. 21, 6 PM at EGC. See page 9.

Groups Fair. Sunday, Sept. 11. Check out all the Fall Community Groups and get plugged into one.

For Recent Guests

Welcome Luncheon. Sunday, July 31, 12:30–1:30 PM in the youth room. For recent guests to EGC. See page 16.

Regional Events

Lima South & Lima East Regions Picnic. Saturday, July 30, 2–4 PM at Marty & Robin Douglas’ home in Lima. See page 17.

Rochester & Rush Middle Regions Picnic. Friday, August 12, 5:30 PM at Martin Road Town Park in Henrietta. See page 17.

Southern Region Picnic. Sunday, August 28, 12–4 PM at Bowen Park in Livonia. See page 17.

For Adults

The Journey Classes. Discover more about Elim Gospel Church, your place here, and the next steps in your spiritual journey. See page 17.

Community Group Leaders Training. Sunday, Aug. 21 at 9:15 AM OR Aug. 28 at 10:45 AM (pick just one). For everyone interested in leading a group. See page 16.

For Men

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. Saturday, July 9, 7:30 AM at Lima Family Restaurant. See page 16.

Men’s Group. Sundays 9:00–10:15 AM in lower level classroom. See page 5.

Men’s Group. Sundays 9:00–10:15 AM in office wing conference room. See page 5.

Men’s Bible Study. Saturdays 7–9 AM. More info: Don Oppedisano, donald@1803footwear.com. See page 5.

For Women

Women’s Group. Sundays 9:00–10:15 AM in the lower level conference room. See page 5.

For Young Adults, College Students & Teens

Outbreak. Sundays, 5:30–8:00 PM. For ages 12–24. See pages 22–23 for schedule of regular Outbreak meetings and special events, including July’s Game Nights.

Moving Up Sunday. July 3. Official welcome for incoming 6th & 7th graders at Outbreak. See page 23.

Camp Judah. Senior Camp for ages 12–18 is August 14–19. See page 23.

Young Adults. Tuesdays 7 PM in Lima. See page 5 for more info & schedule of summer events.

BASIC College Ministries. BASIC campus groups are on summer break. Check back in the fall issue for local campus schedules. See also thebasicsite.org.

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 back page.

Moving Up Sunday. July 3 is the official goodbye to 6th graders graduating into Outbreak. See pages 23 & 24.

Moving Up Sunday. July 10 is the official welcome into KidzChurch for incoming 1st graders. See back page.

For Homeschoolers

H.E.L.P. (Home Education League of Parents). For more info about EGC’s support group for homeschooling families, contact Glenn & Sandy Marino at 742-3597.

Prayer

Sundays 8:30–8:55 AM in the sanctuary (front left).

Oasis Prayer Room is open weekdays 6 AM–10 PM and weekends 8 AM–10 PM, with live streaming from the International House of Prayer when there are no EGC live sessions scheduled. Oasis is located in the office wing lower level (you can enter thru the door by the lower level parking lot).

Live sessions:
Saturdays 8–9 AM
Monday–Friday 6–7 AM
Tuesdays 12–1 PM
Wednesdays 9 AM–noon (women)
Mondays & Wednesdays 7–8 PM

for men

Sunday AM Men’s Groups

If you’d like to meet other men in the church and grow in your faith, this is the place to be! These 2 men’s groups meet on Sunday mornings & alternate between sermon-based discussions and books related to men & their walk with Christ. The groups are open — you may join at anytime; come as often as you are able. Childcare is available at the church through Kidz-Church.

When: Sundays, 9:00–10:15 AM
Contacts: Michael Braun, 738-6309 / MicRBraun@gmail.com
Locations: EGC Office Conference Room

When: Sundays, 9:00–10:15 AM
Contacts: Don Lamb, 489-9273 / donjenlamb@flmtgjf.org
Location: Lower Level Class Room

This group is reading & discussing the book *Man in the Mirror* by Patrick M. Morley, which invites men to take a probing look at their identities, relationships, finances, time, temperament, and integrity, and then directs them to take the first step toward lasting change.

Men’s Bible Study

When: Saturdays, 7–9 AM, twice/month
Contact: Don Oppedisano, 507-5747 / donald@1803footwear.com

Location: various homes
This group includes men from various churches in the area. They have breakfast together, do a Bible study and close with prayer.

for women

Women’s Group

When: Sundays, 9:00–10:15 AM
Contact: Diane Braun, 704-2946 / dbraun28@gmail.com
Location: Lower Level Conference Room
This women’s group alternates between sermon-based discussions and DVD curriculum related to women and their walk with Christ. This Sunday morning group is a great opportunity for you to meet some other ladies in the church and grow in your walk with Christ! This is an open group — you may join at anytime; come as often as you are able. The group normally meets during the 3 Community Group quarters offered at EGC. Childcare is available at the church through KidzChurch.

for youth

Cadres

Cadres are small groups of students who meet weekly to do life together and grow in God. Friendships are formed and lives are changed in these powerful groups. Disciples don’t walk alone. Many people fail to become the success they have always dreamed they could be, simply because they have failed to recognize the people (cadre leaders) that God has strategically surrounded them with to help them become great. If you are breathing... you need to be in a cadre. After all, Outbreak is not a ‘meeting’ but a movement that happens 24/7...GET CONNECTED!!! For info: Pastor Seth, 624-5560 or sethgoodson@elimgospel.org.

got community?

Is it time you started doing life together with other believers?

Here are some groups that you may join at any time. To find out more, just contact the leader of the group, or contact the church at ericscott@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20

for everyone

Community Groups

The next Groups Fair is Sunday, Sept. 11, at the end of both the 9:00 & 10:45 AM services, and the Community Groups for the Fall 2011 session will be represented. Check out the groups (many will be based on the fall *Radical* sermon series), meet the leaders, ask questions and sign up for a group!

Why not consider leading a fall Community Group? See page 16. Contact Pastor Eric at 624-5560 or eric-scott@elimgospel.org for more info.

for young adults

For young adults 18–30, married or single. For more info: Young Adults Coordinator Dan Freda, 624-5560 or youngadults@elimgospel.org.

Tuesdays 7 PM. Weekly group at Josh Cummings,’ 1773 Bethel Dr., Apt. #7, Lima (Elim campus).
July 19. Red Wings game 7 PM at Frontier Field. \$11.50.
Aug. 2. Game night 7 PM at Josh & Jody Ostrander’s house, 16 Citation Dr., Henrietta. Bring a snack & a game.
Aug. 23. Worship night at EGC, 7 PM. Come, bring your notebook and spend time worshiping God together.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

FURNITURE GIVEAWAY — a unique opportunity to help international college students in very practical ways now...and with potentially eternal results

This summer hundreds of students from around the world are arriving at our doorstep with the goal of studying at one of our area's universities. As much as earning a degree from an American college might change their lives, a first encounter with EGC believers at the **International Furniture Giveaway on Aug. 13** might have a far greater — and eternal — impact.

For many of these international students, this annual event will be the first time they have ever met a Christ-follower. When we demonstrate God's love to them in such a practical way, it can open doors that might change their lives forever.

What is the Furniture Giveaway? For several years, EGC, through our International Student Ministry, has partnered with a few other churches to collect used furniture & other household items that arriving students need to furnish their apartments. At the Giveaway event, the students then can choose what they need and we help deliver the items to their residences. In the process, we also get to meet them and begin to strike up friendships. Then a casual invitation to get together for coffee can lead to further conversations about Jesus in your life, which can lead to Jesus in their life!

So how will you get involved? Look around your house for furniture to donate? Help set up before the Giveaway? Work at the event? Make a new friend? You can have a part in changing a life forever.



Ways YOU can make a difference in the life of an international student thru the Giveaway:

July

- Donate gently used furniture & household items — specifically desks, chairs, dressers, dining tables, couches, lamps, pots, pans, cups, plates, and other cooking & eating utensils. Please remember that all donations should be clean and in good working order — thank you for giving only what you would give to a good friend. To donate items (pick-up is available), look for the big trailer in the EGC parking lot, or contact David Spencer at david.spencer268@gmail.com or 624-5071.

Saturday, July 9, 9 AM

- Help move furniture from our storage facility in River's Run (off of E. River Rd. near RIT) to the distribution site (E. Henrietta Rd. location). We'll begin at 9 AM and will work until all of the furniture is moved.
- Help with cleaning some of the furniture & doing simple repairs.
- Use your truck and/or trailer to help with the move.

Saturday, August 13

- Help students locate & tag their furniture at the Giveaway. 8AM–1PM
- Help load the furniture & deliver it to students' apartments. 12–5 PM
- Help tidy up at the storage facility & organize furniture for the next giveaway event, sponsored by a partnering church. 12–5PM.
- Coffee & donuts will be served to our morning volunteers, and a simple lunch will also be provided.

Coming Sept. 17: International Friendship Picnic

The picnic is a follow-up to the Furniture Giveaway. Our goal is to give students an on-ramp to our church and various small groups. The best way is for them to get to know someone from our church (a "friendship partner") and receive a personal invitation.

Ways to get involved in the picnic:

- Help prepare food the morning of the picnic
- Help set up, clean up and/or serve food
- Be willing to make a new friend

More information: Greg Ross, EGC's International Student Ministry Director, gregross@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.



EGC helps support over 50 missionaries and missions organizations, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world. In each issue we feature reports from just a few of them — as well as EGCers who go on short-term trips. For more about EGC's missions and how you can get involved, pick up a copy of our Missions around the World booklet, available at the Free Resources rack in the lobby.



Several current EGCers are serving with Campus Target (see page 9 for more about Campus Target and the August 21 Commissioning Service):

Top right: Josh & Kelsey Hogancamp, Middle film strip, left to right: Melody Drake, Eldon Martin, Christy Crawford.

Lower film strip: Bob Kniley & Joanna Warsaw (married July 23), Danielle Wing.

Bottom right: Toby & Micaela Cavanaugh with daughter Maia.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS AROUND THE WORLD



George, left, a former street boy who now lives at Ssenge House (recipient of water tank #5), shows Nathanael his school books.



Carol Belec, above right with her roommates/other teachers, is a long time EGCer. She leaves in August to work at a Christian school in Niger.



Ten families in a Haitian church received a goat, in a special program that will benefit the village and their church. Read below for more.



Campus Target is busy this summer! New team members are preparing to leave in August, hoping to reach Asian college students this year.



UGANDA — Nathanael Geraci, a student at SUNY Geneseo, attends EGC during the school year. He recently returned from a mission trip with Ugandan Water Project Team #9. His report:

The first site we visited on our trip to Uganda was a church in Kiteesa — a village nearly 100 miles into the forest. For many there, we were the first white people they

had ever seen! We got the chance to share a church service with them. People from all over their area came out to express how thankful they were for the water tank that was installed in the village. The Pastor at Kiteesa expressed with such joy that, because of this tank, they would have a way to reach people with the Gospel — people who would never hear about Jesus would now hear because they would come for water. It was great getting to sing, dance, and hang out with the people there. I even got to be part of their ceremonial dance (see photo below right), something that caused the whole church to rise up in laughter. We gave them some candy and a soccer ball, but they blessed us in return with several chickens and baskets of fruit — an equivalent to several thousand dollars for us. This was all from a church that didn't have windows or a roof on half their building. But no way did that stop them from being filled with such thanks and joy.

We also visited Ssenge House, a Christian home for Ugandan boys coming off the streets. Ssenge House provides shelter, food, schooling and a family atmosphere. We got to paint during the day and sleep over at night. One of the boys, Henry, grabbed me and said, "Come on, we're going to get some water." This led to a spontaneous journey through the village as Henry showed me all around while taking plenty of pictures. Not having known Henry for more than 10 minutes, he said to me, "Thank you for coming to Uganda and really showing us love." In reality, I think they were the ones showing me something. I would love to have the sincerity and joy that these boys had. — Nathanael Geraci

Nathanael Geraci, at right, joins in a Ugandan ceremonial dance, to the delight of the whole church. Read his report above.

Three men from Potsdam, NY have a burden to spread the message about the need for clean water in Uganda. They are working on a film initiative in partnership with the Ugandan Water Project. Their hope is to go beyond the statistics — to capture real life, real people and real concerns in Uganda. They will be traveling with UWP Team #10 this August to capture footage for this mini-documentary. Check out Uganda23.com for more info.

NIGER — EGCer Carol Belec is leaving Aug. 17 to serve in this African nation.

Niger is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world, as well as one of the hottest. One in 5 children dies before the age of 5, and adult life expectancy is only 41. There is much need for food distribution and literacy instruction—the love of Jesus expressed through our hands and hearts.

I was privileged to help in a Christian primary school in Niger for four months in the fall of 2007, and I have been asked to return to help start a new school in Niamey, the capital. The school has just been built and will open this fall. I will also be helping with discipleship in the villages and teaching in a Bible School. I will be working with the ministry of Vie Abondante, which was started by Elim missionaries Ron & Jerry Childs and is now under the leadership of their son, Neal, and his wife, Danette.

The Lord has been preparing the way for me. Three other teachers will be joining me there, and we will share a home. The place is so completely furnished that all we need to take is our clothes and linens.

As I make final preparations to leave, please be praying:

- There is a new President; pray that we will have the government's favor as we begin this new school.
- There is a need for rain in Maradi so that crops can be planted.
- There are many details for me to take care of — both to go and to make sure things run smoothly at home (get visa and more shots, close up my house, etc.)

— Carol Belec

If you would like to receive email updates from Carol, please contact her at cabelec@aol.com.



HAITI — EGC helps support Roger & Margaret Clark, who are doing a great work in this nation.

This past month has been very busy. I went out to one of our country churches in a mountain area called L'azile. God is doing a great work out there. The congregation has grown and we have built a new school building where over 250 children attend and get a free hot lunch everyday. We had a two-fold mission as I went to visit this church. The first was to take 11 goats up in the back of our double cab pick-up truck over rough roads, a three hour trip. We did this to begin a goat project for the church and community. These are a special kind of goat that is relatively new to Haiti and much larger than the native goats. We gave ten families one female goat each; the church keeps a male for breeding. The person who receives a goat does not pay for it but is required to give two kids (baby goats) back to the program. One kid will be given to another family and the other goes to the church to help it financially. The second reason for going was to hold a leadership seminar, which went very well.

The other thing we did this month was coordinating and getting all the material into our Demier church for two classrooms and the church we are rebuilding in that area. This is no small feat when you are hauling in everything you need on your head or by mule over mountains and through rivers for 3 hours. We have already carried in 100 sacks of cement, 90 2x4's, 1,400 concrete blocks, 3 truck loads of sand, 40 sheets of corrugated tin roofing, 40 bars of steel, food to feed 15 people for two weeks, and many other miscellaneous items. These figures do not include all the material we already hauled in for the first two classrooms that we have built for the school.

Last but not least, we had our Bible school graduation, where 20 men and women graduated, having completed their three year Biblical and Theological study. It is always a joy to send equipped and trained laborers into the harvest field. We now have graduated over 370 students. This was our 21st graduating class, to God be the glory!

We want to thank you all for your prayers and financial support of God's work in Haiti. We could not do this without you and God's gracious favor.

— Roger Clark



campustarget
commissioning service
sunday, august 21, 6 pm at EGC

ASIA — Campus Target's mission is to partner with young adults to ignite multiplying church plant movements on college campuses and universities in Asia.

You are invited to participate in the **CAMPUS TARGET COMMISSIONING SERVICE on Sunday, August 21, 6 PM at EGC**. At this special service, CT will be officially launching 20 young adults into missions in Asia for almost a year. It's a unique opportunity to stand behind these who are laying down *their* lives to see *others'* lives changed. You'll be inspired by what God is doing through Campus Target and have a chance to pray for these newest team members before they leave.

WHAT IS CAMPUS TARGET? The idea for CT was birthed several years ago when two young men from EGC went to Asia for a year to reach college students through friendship evangelism. When they came back to the US, they felt God calling them to challenge other young adults to do the same — "give a year and change a nation." They began on one campus in one city; now young adults from all over the U.S. are reaching Asian students on multiple campuses in several cities. Some CTers still go for just one year, and some have decided to make a longer commitment. The new 2011-12 team leaves in August; another longer-term team leaves in January.

Exact locations in Asia are not mentioned for security reasons. For more about Campus Target: campustarget.org.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)**

In Christ we,
though many,
form one body,
and each
member
belongs to
all the others.
Romans 12:5

But in fact God
has placed the
parts in the
body, every one
of them, just
as he wanted
them to be.
1 Corinthians
12:18

Now you are
the body of
Christ, and
each one of
you is a part of
it. 1 Corinthians
12:27



PETER & AMY GEORGE and THEIR CHILDREN BRANDON & MADELYN

serve our EGC family in many ways. In fact, they often serve together *as a family*. They were all caught serving one recent evening at the entrance to the EGC property, spreading mulch to improve the landscaped beds at the end of the church driveway on Dalton Road...in 50 degree weather...in the pouring rain. And there was no complaining heard! They enjoy “being able to serve together,” and especially “working in God’s creation while serving.” In fact, Peter helped design the beds and the whole family worked to plant them.

For several years, Peter has used his skills & background to help with our grounds; he grew up on a farm, has a degree in horticulture and works as Golf Course Superintendent at Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor. (Ravenwood is where, for the past few years, we have held the annual EGC Open tournament, our major fundraiser to help send our kids & teens to Camp Judah and on summer mission trips.) Peter has also served as Lobby Coordinator for two years, as an usher, and on the EGC Open committee, and he traveled on a short-term mission team with Ugandan Water Project.

Amy, who works part-time at the University of Rochester Medical Center Office of Advancement, has channeled her love for children (and a degree in Psychology!) in serving our church in various capacities — in the preschool department for 4 years and as a counselor at Camp Judah and Camp Shiloh. She was joined by Brandon & Madelyn in working at this year’s Pancake Breakfast, which was a fundraiser for Camp Judah. Amy is also an usher. Since Brandon & Madelyn are often here early on Sunday mornings with their parents anyway, they sometimes help with setting up the sanctuary before services and handing out bulletins.

Brandon, 12, is in 6th grade at Roth Middle School in the Rush-Henrietta

district. He loves sports; he plays soccer and basketball and plans to try out for lacrosse. He also plays the viola and enjoys going hunting with his dad.

Madelyn, 10, is in 4th grade at Leary Elementary School. She plays soccer and lacrosse. She is also pretty musical; she’s been playing piano for 5 years, began violin this year and plans to add clarinet next year.

Amy likes to stay active. She is a member of the Eliminators, the EGC-sponsored women’s volleyball team. She also jogs, works in her vegetable garden and spends lots of time watching her kids’ sports games.

Peter is an avid deer hunter and also enjoys playing sports with the family in their backyard. And he’s pretty good at sports himself; a few years ago, during an Eliminators’ pre-season practice game, he played against them as a team of one...and beat them! (The team has improved a lot since then!)

As a quirky bit of family unity, Madelyn was born on Peter’s birthday, and Amy was born on her father’s birthday, and both dates are within 4 days! The Georges live in Rush, also joined by Amy’s mom and a dog, Lacy.

The George family has attended EGC for seven years. Peter loves the worship here and says that every sermon seems to speak right to him. Amy loves “everything about EGC, from the sermons & worship to the people & fellowship, and especially the presence of the Lord!” Brandon says he loves Outbreak, while Madelyn appreciates special events like Harvest Party and Camp Judah.

Thank you, George family, for serving the EGC family!



Scripture tells us that a group of believers is meant to work together, like how the various parts of our bodies work together; each has a different function, but all are needed to be healthy. Romans 12:4–8 says, “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

God has made each of us unique...with different skills, spiritual gifts, education, life experience, personalities, etc. And each of us is needed to make our church body whole and healthy. On Sunday mornings you might see just a few upfront people, like the worship team or the main speaker. But LOTS of other people are offering their “bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1) all throughout the week.

Where do you fit in at EGC? How does God want to use the unique YOU to serve the rest of our church body? Some of us have found our niche and are fulfilled in the way we are serving. Others of us are still trying to discover just where we fit in. Here are a few questions, just to get you thinking.

- **Do you prefer working with people or by yourself?**
- **Do you like working behind the scenes?**
- **Do you like organizing & administrating things?**
- **Would you like being called in an emergency or do you like things planned?**
- **Do you like working from home?**
- **Do you have a special skill?**
- **Do you like baking? Or decorating? Or technical things?**
- **Are you good with hospitality? Do you enjoy having people in your home?**
- **How much time can you give on a regular basis? An hour a week? More?**
- **Are you good with your hands?**
- **Are you good with people? Do people feel encouraged being with you?**

The answers to these questions will help you begin to fine-tune what you like to do, what you’re good at, how God has called you to serve Him & His people.

Below are some current areas where you could serve. Is one of them for you?

Are you a musician or vocalist who is passionate about your art-form? Are you interested in joining a family of other musicians here at EGC? I’d love to share how you can get involved in serving and extending God’s Kingdom through music right here on one of our worship teams! Please email me at natehinton@elimgospel.org or call the church office at 624-5560 and we’ll set up a time to talk.

Do you have a heart to help create godly testimonies in the lives of the **young people** here at EGC? We have many opportunities for different levels of availability to help in our Children’s Ministry. Please contact Pastor Rob for more information at robhagstrom@elimgospel.org.

We’re looking for people interested in helping **get the EGC kitchens decluttered and organized**. Anyone can help, not just super organized people. Contact Vic Neitz at painting4him@rochester.rr.com.

Can you be a friendly face and help serve hungry & thirsty EGCers? Join a team to work in the EGC Cafe on Sunday mornings. You would serve one Sunday each month, 8:30 AM–1:30 PM, to set up tables, make coffee, put together donut trays and serve in the cafe. You would attend the 10:45 AM service.

We’re also looking for at least 1 substitute team to serve when another team needs a week off, and 2 subs who could help when needed. Contact Vic Neitz at painting4him@rochester.rr.com.

Do you like to see things in order? Are you friendly? Would you like to make sure our guests and even our regular attendees have a wonderful experience when they are here? If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider serving as an **usher**. Contact Pastor Eric at 624-5560 or ericscott@elimgospel.org.

We are soliciting resumés for people with **graphic design, editorial and/or writing skills** for contribution to the Pulse, for paid and/or volunteer positions. Submit resumé and/or sample of your work to Terri Cavanaugh at EGC or contact terricavanaugh@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

Wanna serve but not sure where? For more info about finding where you can best serve the EGC body, talk to our Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Scott, cindyscott@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.





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.

Then the King will say...“Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:34–40

To sign up for a team or for more info, stop by the CC table in the lobby on Sundays or contact the Care Connection Director Shawn Neitz, careconnection@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

For the latest updates and more Care Connection opportunities, see www.elimgospel.org (click on Ministries).

Connecting **WILLING HEARTS** with **REAL NEEDS**

MONDAYS
July 18 & Aug 15

TUESDAYS
July 19 & Aug 16

WEDNESDAYS
July 13 & Aug 10

THURSDAYS
July 7 & Aug 4

SATURDAY
July 16

SATURDAY
Aug 6

SUNDAYS
July 24 & Aug 28

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE — Prepare & serve a meal for families at the House while their children are in the hospital. CC bus 4–7 PM.

RUMS (Recycle Unused Medical Supplies). Sort unused medical supplies to distribute overseas at the InterVol Warehouse. CC bus 5-9 PM.

OPEN DOOR MISSION — Serve a meal for the homeless. Sing, pray, preach. CC bus 6:45–9:45 PM.

FOODLINK — Sort & label food for distribution to a 5-county area. CC bus 5:30–8:30 PM.

CAR CARE — Bless single mothers, widows & wives of military by changing oil, cleaning cars and watching children as we serve each personally.

LIMA CROSSROADS DAY — Set up an EGC vendor booth and/or give away water to festival-goers.

CONESUS NURSING HOME — Visit with residents. All ages welcome! Meet at the facility, 6131 Big Tree Rd., Livonia, 1:45–3:00 PM.



Above & below: Scenes from past years' Car Care Connections.



CAR CARE CONNECTION JULY 16

Care Connection is again offering free car care services to women in need — especially widows, single moms, military wives & singles — at the annual Car Care event **Saturday, July 16, 8 AM–5 PM, right at EGC** (rain date is July 30). While their cars get serviced, the women get pampered with manicures & refreshments, and their kids learn about Jesus, play games & make crafts!

Reach out to someone you know & help her sign up for a time slot — pre-made appointments (with car year, make, model & engine size) are appreciated.

Ways you can serve these women & their children:

- ✓ **Mechanics to work on the cars**
- ✓ **Clean the cars (wash outsides & vacuum insides)**
- ✓ **Prepare and/or serve refreshments**
- ✓ **Help with childcare or children's activities**
- ✓ **Love on the women (manicures, serve food)**
- ✓ **Set up & clean up**
- ✓ **Be a sponsor of the event**

Everyone (age 11+ and age 8–10 with parental involvement) can get involved in some way. Why not sign up your family or a group of friends to serve together? You can sign up for a ½-day shift if you can't come for the whole event. Stop by the CC table in the lobby soon or contact Shawn at careconnection@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

A KINGDOM KID STORY

JOSHUA AND JAE VOGT, 7-year-old twins who just completed 2nd grade at Lima Christian School, have given new meaning to the term “Dynamic Duo.” Recently, they each set out to acquire sponsorships for CompassCare, a Christ-centered (and EGC-supported) organization in Rochester dedicated to empowering men & women to erase the need for abortion and to serve those who have been affected by it — through services including pregnancy counseling, medical care in partnership with area physicians, social services counseling, 24-hour Help-line and crisis intervention counseling.

The children's goal was to each raise \$350 through soliciting sponsors for their participation in the CompassCare Walk in May — enough to each save one child from being aborted. When they had both surpassed their goal and reached the \$500 level, they decided to continue getting more sponsors. In just one evening, they each had collected another \$200 from their friends and neighbors. In all, Joshua, the top K–6 earner at Lima Christian, collected \$713. Jael had the most sponsors (52) and collected \$701.92.

If you ask Joshua and Jael why they are so passionate about this cause, they will give you their personal story. Before the twins were born, their parents Steven & Jennifer were given “bad news” about their babies — if the twins were born alive, they would be “total vegetables” — and they were advised to abort the “fetuses.” Standing on the Word of God, Steven & Jennifer made a decision to trust God and they ignored the doctor's report. “Whose Report Will You Believe?” became their theme song, and prayer went out around the world. They were not moved, even though the twins had a rough start when



they were born 9 weeks early. God is faithful; soon it was apparent that Jesus is the healer, and He has the final word in every situation.

Joshua and Jael would like to thank all EGCers, relatives, friends and neighbors for helping them reach their goal and saving four babies who might otherwise have been lost forever.

For more about CompassCare, see compasscare.info.

Traveling Ministries

Pray for these folks from our church as they travel and minister — for safety, health & effectiveness in ministry — and for their families who may remain at home.

Pastor Mike Cavanaugh
(Elim Fellowship VP)

- July 22-23 Faith Covenant Ministries Pastors' Conference, Mt Laurel, NJ
- July 24 New Life Fellowship, Egg Harbor Township, NJ
- August 1-4 Hopewell Network of Churches Conference, Valley Forge, PA
- Aug 21 All Peoples Church, Lynchburg, VA

Ben Dodzweit
(Helimission)

- July 25-31 AirVenture 2011, Oshkosh, WI
- Aug 8 Lima Crossroads Festival

Bernard & Sharon Evans

- Most Door To Hope Church,
- Sundays Hopewell, NY

Pastor Joshua Finley

- July 31 Church of the Living God, Manchester, CT

Pastor Seth Goodson

- July 5-16 Costa Rica
- July 24-30 Project 585

James Harrington
and Ugandan Water Project

- July 8-9 Geneseo Summer Rotary Festival
- July 16-17 Oatka Festival
- July 31-Aug 13 Team #10 in Uganda
- July 31-Aug 30 Uganda23 Film Initiative filming in Uganda
- Aug 6 Lima Crossroads Festival
- Aug 13 Avon Corn Festival
- Aug 13-14 Canandaigua Reisling Festival
- Aug 27 To Be Young and Free, Toronto

What's a Regional 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. They welcome new EGCers in their region; coordinate benevolence for families in need (for example, organize meals when someone is in the hospital); pray for the families in their region; and organize social events. Our desire is to provide localized care to our church family through these qualified leaders.

Currently, the church is divided into 9 different regions (see map below). The EGC Directory lists everyone in your region.

- Canandaigua
 - Honeoye Falls
 - Lima East
 - Lima North
 - Lima South
- Rochester
 - Rush Middle
 - Southern
 - Western



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Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 9 AM–5 PM;
Tues: 9 AM–6 PM; Sat: 9 AM–1 PM

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Executive Pastor: Wayne Hedlund

Pastoral Team: Mike Cavanaugh, Dick Dreyer, Seth Goodson, Rob Hagstrom, Eric Scott, Jerry Warsaw

Elders: Hayden Bennett, Dave Borowiec, Mike Cavanaugh, Tim Chapman, Dick Dreyer, Joshua Finley, Michael Schutterop, Tom Warsaw

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Southern: John & Gina Kenney, 669-9512, southern@elimgospel.org

Western: Hayden & Esther Bennett, 624-3366, western@elimgospel.org

EGCer helps others be prepared



CERT Class, May 2011. Graduates include EGCers Susan Micciché, Vernessa Mitchell & David Spencer. Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) is available for free through a grant administered by MCC. Topics covered include Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety & Suppression, First Aid, Basic Search & Rescue and CPR. Visit www.grassrootsprep.com.

GRASS ROOTS PREP IS BUILDING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS — ONE HOUSEHOLD & ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME — IN THE GREATER ROCHESTER & FINGER LAKES REGIONS BY HELPING PEOPLE BECOME DISASTER RESILIENT.

Most of us recognize that everyone and every place are subject to natural and man made disasters. Many of us believe we live in a relatively safe area and probably have no need to prepare for disasters other than an occasional power outage or winter storm. Some of us believe there is a need to prepare for an extended period without basic services of power and clean water or for widespread disaster. Few of us are actually prepared to fend for ourselves in those situations. Yet if we were prepared, and prepared in numbers, we just might be able to prevent a disaster

from becoming a catastrophe in our own communities. This is why Grass Roots Prep was formed. EGCer Susan Micciché founded Grass Roots Prep with the immediate goal to get at least 10% of the households in our region prep-aware and actively maintaining their plans and emergency kits. Susan has been giving short seminars in basic preparedness ("Prep Talks") to small and large groups, encouraging every one who attends to reach out to their neighbors with the same information and work with them to prepare.

THE MESSAGE IS SIMPLE – PREPARE NOW!

Regardless of the type of event, disasters are all relatively unexpected. They occur with little or no warning and little time, if any, to prepare. They impact transportation, communications and basic utilities. Emergency services are often initially overwhelmed and may not be able to reach you in the aftermath of a disaster. You may be on your own for longer than you would like. And family safety will be the number one thing on your mind. All the resources you need are available now...but won't be when disaster strikes (for example, the grocery stores are well stocked now and haven't been swept clean in hours by a panicked public.)

BASIC ELEMENTS OF DISASTER PLANNING

1. **Awareness and Training.** Having the skills to evaluate the situation quickly and act effectively is often the difference between life and death in a disaster. Do you know what to do in the first 5 minutes of any specific disaster? Have you taken any Red Cross classes or heard of CERT Training?
2. **Having a family disaster plan** and practicing the plan. It's just common sense — practicing your plan will improve performance when it matters.
3. **Assembling supplies.** This includes a "bug out bag" for each family member (including pets), stocking "shelter in place supplies" at home and building emergency kits for the car and workplace.
4. **Reducing the impact of hazards.** We can all mitigate risk in our homes by placing fire extinguishers in strategic spots, not overloading outlets or placing wires under carpeting, and disposing of hazardous materials (old batteries, paint, etc) properly.
5. **Staying informed.**

PREPARED TO BE A BLESSING

Susan continues to reach out to our communities with the simple message described above. She is scheduled to speak at several local Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce this fall. She believes when we prepare ourselves for emergencies or disasters, we are also preparing to be a blessing to others in those most critical times.

Susan will have a table in the lobby on Sunday, July 10, where you can get more information. Check out the online community at www.grassrootsprep.com.

More Than Sports
EBI SPORTS CAMP
PRESENTED BY ELIM BIBLE INSTITUTE AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)
Junior Camp (ages 8-12): July 13-16
Senior Camp (ages 13-18): July 17-21
\$135 commuter, \$175 resident
To register, contact: morethansports@elim.edu or call 585.749.9967

BrightonTheirWorld
it just takes a little to change a lot

You can help children — locally and around the world — in simple ways, by donating these baby items.



CARENET

Care Net is a crisis pregnancy center in Canandaigua. One of the ways we can help them is with their "Baby Bottle" program. You may drop off baby bottles at our Care Connection table in the lobby on Sundays, July 31 or August 28. For more info: contact EGCer Diane Braun at 704-2946 or dbraun28@gmail.com.



Classes, Seminars & Events

For more information about any of these classes, seminars or events, please contact the church, 624-5560 or info@elimgospel.org.

WELCOME LUNCHEON

Are you new to EGC? Then you are invited to our next Welcome Luncheon **Sunday, July 31, 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. And if an EGCer invited you to church, they are welcome to come with you. To sign-up or for more info, contact Janette Button, janettebutton@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast is **Saturday, July 9, 7:30 AM** at the Lima Family Restaurant on Main Street. The speaker is EGCer Don Lamb, on "Personal Growth; Dead or Alive?" Cost is \$6 and is payable at the restaurant. The breakfast is open to all men and their sons. To register, contact Ernie Thompson at 226-9489 or eet4tti@hotmail.com.

WATER BAPTISM

Have you been baptized since you believed in Christ? If not, you can be! Water baptisms are scheduled for **Sunday, July 17** during the 10:45 AM service. A required instructional class for adults will be held on Sunday, July 10, during the 10:45 AM service. There is also an instructional class for children Sunday, July 10. If you're interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Eric, 624-5560 or ericscott@elimgospel.org for adults OR Children's Pastor Rob Hagstrom, 624-5560 or robhagstrom@elimgospel.org for kids. *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



The next **GROUPS FAIR** is **Sunday, Sept. 11**, at the end of both the 9:00 & 10:45 AM services. The Community Groups for the Fall session will be represented. Check out the groups, meet the leaders, and sign up for a group!

Want to *lead a Community Group this fall*? Many of the fall groups will be discussion-based with our "Radical" focus (see page 3), so the material is already prepared for you. Plus, there is **CG Leaders Training on 2 Sundays** (pick just one!) **Aug. 21 at 9:15 AM**

OR Aug. 28 at 10:45 AM, to help prepare you to be a successful group leader. Contact Pastor Eric Scott if you'd like more information about leading a group, 624-5560 or ericscott@elimgospel.org.

KINGDOM CONFERENCE

EGC is hosting the Kingdom Conference Sept. 22–25. Get it on your calendar now, and set this time aside to meet with God!

And there's a reward for early registration — cost for EGCers is \$39, but the first 100 EGCers who sign up get a special rate of \$29 (less than 30 spots left, so register soon!). Price for non-EGCers is \$49 by July 31 and \$59 after.

To register or for more info: see our website elimgospel.org or email kingdomconference@elimgospel.org.


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'the JOURNEY' CLASSES

The Journey at Elim Gospel Church is an ongoing process. The steps of this Journey are designed to help you in your spiritual growth. It is our goal that you would continually experience new levels of Christ's transforming love in each area of your life. Additionally, our desire is to assist you in finding your unique fit in the family of believers at EGC. For each step of the Journey we offer a class that serves as a launching pad for growth within that step. Each class experience will help you learn about the many ongoing growth opportunities available to you. These include small group involvement, growth seminars, service, outreach and ongoing leadership development. The next series of Journey classes begins in October. To register or get more info about the Journey, contact 624-5560 or thejourney@elimgospel.org. You can also visit www.elimgospel.org for more information.

DISCOVER Class — The Discover class is an introduction to life at EGC. You will learn about our church's mission, values, beliefs, history and leaders. After this class you will be better equipped to answer the question, "Is this church a good fit for me?" The class is open to everyone interested in attending.

CONNECT Class — Authentic community plays a vital role in the growth of every Christ-follower. The Connect class will equip you with key building blocks necessary for meaningful relationships. In this class you will also learn how to get plugged into a Community Group and what it means to be a member at Elim Gospel Church. After completion of this class you may apply to become a member of EGC. The class is open to everyone who has completed the Discover class.

GROW Class — Each of us want to grow, yet many of us don't know where to begin. In the Grow class, you will learn how to and then develop your own spiritual growth plan. This plan will help you identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth in your discipleship. Topics include: the process of growing, making disciples, avoiding growth-killers and practical next steps you can begin taking right away towards growth. This class is open to everyone who has completed the Connect class.

INFLUENCE Class — Every person has some level of influence. In this class, we explore together the topic of servant leadership at EGC. We walk through the expectations, standards and DNA that each of the Influencers in our church family commit to living out. This class is open to everyone who has completed the Grow class and is an Elim Gospel Church member.



REGIONAL SUMMER PICNICS

LIMA SOUTH & LIMA EAST REGIONS will join together for a summer Picnic on **Saturday, July 30, 2-4 PM** at Marty & Robin Douglas' home, 6680 Jenks Rd, Lima. We'll provide the beverages & meat. Please bring a dish to pass: last name A–P, salads or side dishes; and Q–Z, desserts. Please RSVP to Robin Douglas by July 23 at robin_douglas@yahoo.com.

ROCHESTER & RUSH MIDDLE REGIONS are having their **Annual Picnic** on **Friday, August 12, 5:30 PM** at Martin Road Town Park (rain date is Friday, Aug. 19). Meat & beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass: last names A–P, a side dish (salad, fruit, chips, jello, veggie tray); Q–Z, a dessert. The park has a play ground for the children and open spaces for games. Feel free to bring any balls or games that you might enjoy playing. Please RSVP if you plan on attending, to Jim and Louise Gleeson at jameslou1@juno.com or Bill and Laurie Phillips at wandlphill@aol.com or 359-3342.

SOUTHERN REGION is having a Picnic on **Sunday, August 28, 1-4 PM** at Bowen Park on Main St. in Livonia. More info: John & Gina Kenney, 669-9512 or jkenny51@gmail.com.

Dan Freda joins the staff

Dan Freda is joining our staff in July and stepping in as our new **Young Adult Coordinator**, along with a few other roles. To learn more about Dan and what he will be doing, read the interview below.

Dan, what will your new responsibilities be?

My primary responsibility will be leading the young adult age group under the leadership of Pastor Seth. I'll also be working very closely with Pastor Wayne on some service planning stuff, including running the creative team and such. I'll be full-time, so 40 hours on the clock, plus all sorts of other fun things.

What is your vision for your new position?

I believe that God has amazing things in store for the young adults at EGC. My dream is that every young person would recognize their place in the Body of Christ and realize that God has a specific and meaningful call on their life, regardless of what vocation or career path they've chosen. As far as what I'd like to see accomplished, I'd love to see EGC's young adult group be represented by empowered young leaders in the areas of business, law, education, sports and politics; every area of society. Once this happens, we can transform our region.

What gifts, talents, experiences or education have helped prepare you for this new position?

My education at Elim Bible Institute really helped grow my knowledge of the Bible and my ability to communicate it. As far as talents and such... I guess I just really have a heart for young leaders and a desire to promote other people's growth. I love helping other people reach their potential.

How long have you attended and what do you most appreciate about EGC??

Two years...the AMAZING leadership team, headed by Pastor Josh. This team works together and complements each other much better than any other leadership team I've ever seen. It's going to be a joy to join them and learn from them all.

Tell us about your family.

First and foremost, I have an awesome wife named Jess who is my best friend, my partner in ministry, and the most influential person in my life. We're hoping that there will be more little Fredas to come in a few years, but for now it's just the two of us. My parents and siblings live in the Albany region, where I grew up. My in-laws live outside of Oswego, NY.

What outside interests do you have?

I love golfing. I also like music, sports, video games, and eating. I'm a boy, what can I say? I have a strange obsession with finding and collecting golf balls. So, if you know anyone who is looking to get rid of some golf balls, I'm your man!

Some parting words from Josh Cummings, our previous Young Adult Coordinator:

"It has been my privilege to lead the young adult ministry for the past 2 years. My responsibilities with the EGC Tech Department have greatly increased, and I need to focus solely on that ministry. I am going to remain a small group leader within the young adult ministry, but I am very excited about Dan taking over the leadership of the ministry and I'm looking forward to what God does with the young adult ministry!"

Changes coming for Pastor Wayne Hedlund

Executive Pastor Wayne Hedlund has served at Elim Gospel Church for more than 17 years. His roles have changed over the years, based on the various pastoral needs in our body, and have included Children's Pastor, Youth Pastor, Young Adults' Pastor, Creative Arts Pastor, Church Administrator and Care Pastor. Pastor Wayne's leadership and loyalty to the EGC family, combined with his unique gift mix, have played a critical role in the overall health and unity that our church enjoys today.

Last year our Lead Pastor Joshua Finley and Pastor Mike Cavanaugh (founding EGC Pastor & current Elim Fellowship Vice President) encouraged Pastor Wayne to begin extending his influence beyond our local church through his Transforming Leader blog, Strategic Planning seminars, and 1-on-1 coaching to pastors and leaders. In the last 9 months, Pastor Wayne has received several confirmations that these small steps are the beginning of the next phase in his call to full-time ministry.

This led to further discussions between Pastors Joshua, Wayne & Mike concerning how to best accommodate what the Lord is doing in Pastor Wayne's ministry. They all agreed that this year is the best time to facilitate a career transition for him.

As Pastor Josh, Pastor Wayne and our council of elders sought the Lord (continued on page 21)



NEW LAY PASTORS for 2 Regions

John & Gina Kenney in SOUTHERN and Nathan & Emily Sanders in LIMA EAST



JOHN & GINA KENNEY have been a part of EGC since they moved to the area in 1999. John says that "there's not just one thing that keeps us coming back every Sunday. I really like the fact that we hear the Word spoken every week. We have grown in our faith and understanding as a result. I like that we have a heart for missions, not only for Lima and Rochester, but for the world to know Christ!" Gina adds that she especially appreciates "the children's ministry — our children are being fed — and the special services, guests and conferences."

The Kennys step into the role of the Southern Region's Lay Pastors after having served as assistants for the past few years. They are succeeding Rich & Sheila Hartmann, who recently stepped down when they moved from Honoe to Pittsford. The Kennys want to continue to help the Southern Region's members "grow in community, to meet the needs of their region and bring many of our neighbors to experience Christ's transforming love!" John explains, "We feel like we caught the mission during the Easter series and have set out to invite our friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to come to church and then hang out at our house afterwards for some "Bill Hybels-style relationship building."

John works at ADT Security Services and loves the outdoors — "camping, hiking, gardening." He has an interesting EGC connection: John's dad was hitchhiking in 1961 when Wilda Boss (Debbie Slakes' mom) gave him a ride and took him to a service at her church in Fredonia, NY, where he met John's mom, "and you know the rest of the story." Gina is a full-time mom and also works part-time at LaQuinta Inn; she likes "cooking, entertaining and long walks." She grew up in the Philippines and most of her family is still there, although she is "so lucky to have 2 sisters that live in the Rochester area (and a bunch of Filipinas that are like sisters to me)." The Kennys live in Springwater and have two children, Ashley, 8, & John Jr, 3.

John & Gina think they know "most of the people by face or name in our region, but we really want to connect more with our fellow south-siders. So if you see us, please introduce yourself!"

NATHAN & EMILY SANDERS look forward to getting to know the people of Lima East Region, as they serve as their recently appointed Lay Pastors. Nathan & Emily are succeeding Bruce & Gail Burdick, who served as Lima East Lay Pastors for 2 years. Since one of the purposes of the Lay Pastor is to help the EGCers in their region during times of crisis, Nathan says he realizes at those times people need connection and he wants to help "bring encouragement, love and support into their lives."

This way of serving the people of EGC is just another arena for a dedicated couple, who have attended EGC since moving to Lima in January 2010. They have also been home group leaders and worked in nursery security. Emily also assists Pastor Rob in administrative duties. When asked what they most appreciate about our church, Nathan lists, "Christ's love expressed and lived out in the church, Pastor Josh's vision, and the people of EGC!" Emily adds, "The worship experience, kid's ministry, preaching, and emphasis on mission-filled living."

The Sanders, who met as students at Elim Bible Institute, have been married for 13 years and have four children — Brianna, 10; Ethan, 9; Kaitlyn, 7; and Megan, 5. Nathan works at ADT in Henrietta, "where several other EGCers also work." He adds that while he was a student at Regent University in Virginia Beach, "One of the coolest jobs I ever had was being a chauffeur for the 700 Club with Pat Robertson, driving around their TV guests to get them to the show and other necessary venues." In his spare time, he enjoys "fishing, rose horticulture, gardening, extreme weather and storms, hiking and Christian rock music." Emily is currently a stay-at-home mom, and besides being with her "amazing" children, she "absolutely loves to worship through singing and playing the guitar and keyboard." Her favorite pastimes are reading, team sports and spending time with people. They have been on several short-term mission trips, including to Jamaica, Brazil and Ghana. In Ghana, they witnessed an "unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit on about one hundred children during a children's VBS camp. Pretty amazing!"

Welcome, Nathan & Emily!

SUMMER IS PICNIC SEASON! See page 17 for some Region-sponsored picnics, where you can get better acquainted with your EGC neighbors. For more about EGC Lay Pastors & Regions see page 14.

Another EGCer has recently released a new book. Check out both the book & the author in this interview.



Nicolette, what's your book about?

It's a fantasy about two siblings who live a regular life (aside from their parents ruling their country) — until their village is destroyed and something impossible happens to them. They set off on a journey to protect their country from the evil that threatens their land. They meet many new people along the way, learn new techniques & acquire new abilities to become strong enough to defend their country and stand for what is good.

What gave you the idea to write the book?

I had read a story about a girl that lost her memories and her friends set off on an adventure to other worlds to retrieve them. The idea stuck with me and I decided to try my hand at another story. (I'd already written one but wanted to try another.) As I began to write it, it changed to become something completely different.

What was your purpose in writing it?

Honestly, I needed to write. I've always loved writing and there are times when the idea is there, along with this overwhelming impulse to make it into something real, or at least tangible, for others. God was shaping the story long before I even knew it. I will admit, however, that I wanted some Christian morals and parallels in there. I didn't want people who weren't Christians to put it down, simply because it came out and said Jesus. My primary goal in writing this book is to grab the attention of those who are not believers (though Christians would definitely enjoy it, too) and that as these people read it, seeds of truth are planted into their lives without their even realizing it. My vision is that this book would be out there on the shelves with all the other secular books...a Christian book — undercover.

How did you come up with the plot?

Again, the book in a sense, wrote itself. I started with the first page, the beginning as I saw it in my head and just started writing. As I did, the story developed on its own. I had no idea where I was going until I got there. Reminds me a lot of faith.

How did you get your book published?

Around November/December of 2010, I asked Pastor Josh if there was anyone who might be able to help with getting the book noticed/published, and he directed me to [former EGCer] Randy Johnson. Also, my next door neighbor, Kat Nichols (who I've known all my life) began to help me by simply talking "terms" with Randy. I didn't know the details but she is a Graphic Designer and the two of them discussed a lot. Randy, another publisher that he works with, Kat and I met for lunch to solidify everything one day, and (here's the cool part) God started prompting me to pray for one of them and as I did, He began giving me words of knowledge, blowing both men away. I know God was helping me gain favor with them. Also, since Kat is a graphic designer, she did the cover and all the internal layout for free. Both groups saved me hundreds of dollars. God is good.

How long have you attended EGC?

I just moved back up here from Alabama in March 2010. So since then — and I love it. (This is the only place I race to get to on time.)

What do you most appreciate about our church?

Oh, that's hard to put into words. The people and their sensitivity to the Holy Spirit...they allow Him room to move. The humility of Pastor Josh is refreshing as well. It's very nice to see a pastor that will linger after church, talk to the people and answer any questions they have. All the people here are amazing.

(Continued on next page)

Nicolette Mills wants to use her love for writing to share God's truth with others. She will be at an EGC AUTHORS BOOK SIGN-ING SESSION after both services on SUNDAY, JULY 17.



Family Bulletin Board contains announcements for and from the EGC congregation. Ads are not necessarily endorsed by EGC.

To submit an item: Pulse@elimgospel.org or 624-5560.
Next issue deadline is Friday, August 12.

If you or any of your neighbors are having garage sales this summer and don't know what to do with the items that don't sell, please consider donating them to the Mothers In Need of Others ministry. All donations are tax deductible and MINO will put those items DIRECTLY into the hands of the people who need them most! MINO can use the following new or gently used items: clothing (preemie-teens and maternity) toddler beds, cribs, car seats (2007–2011), partial packages of diapers (any size!), small appliances (microwave, crock pot, electric skillet, coffee maker, irons, etc), cooking utensils, and furniture (anything that is small enough to fit in the back of a mini-van), TV's, bedding, towels (bath and dish), curtains, rugs, dishes, silverware, glasses, & pictures. (585)348-8596 or maria@mothersinneedofothers.com.

Garage Sale: Fri & Sat, July 8 & 9, 9 AM–?, 388 Stoney Brook Rd, Rush. More info: Cindy LeTarte, 533-2109.

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Tell us a little about your family.

I live with my Mom in Lakeville. We've always been really close. I grew up seeing my Dad on the weekends and now I see him whenever I want. My grandparents on my Mom's side are healing ministers; they travel all over the place teaching people how to heal the sick the way Jesus taught.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy drawing and singing. I've always liked dancing, but just recently the Lord has really put it on my heart to dance, so I've been doing more dancing lately than I have writing and for those who know me, that says a lot!

Any more books in your future?

I would like to share what the Holy Spirit has told me about *Fragments* and the sequels coming after: "*Fragments* was the easiest to write, because that's where you came from and who you were. *Reflections* (which is the sequel I'm working on now) is going to be the hardest because it is the process I am bringing you through to become who you are supposed to be, and the last one will be easier because you will be writing from your true identity." I was given a prophetic word (not to draw attention to me, but to what God wants to do with this book) that *Fragments* was going to do well but the sequel would bring deliverance,

Multi-family Yard Sales! Sat & Sun, July 16 & 17, 9 AM–3 PM; Kober Dr in Lima (1 block south of 4 corners, off 15A); *lots* of great deals at the Cavanaughs' house, 7268 Kober, & more.

For Sale: Honda Rebel motorcycle, 2006, excellent condition, only 700 miles. \$3,500 or BO. Email Charmaine at mooneyes47@hotmail.com.

Wanted: Microwave. Call Colleen Whitherspoon, 624-5556.

Wanted: The Quilters Group is looking for donations of unused cotton fabric (¼ yard or more) and monetary donations to purchase fabric, batting and supplies. Quilts are donated to the Zion House, Avon, as a personal gift for each resident. Zion House is a women veterans' transitional home. For donations, contact Joyce Blowers, 226-2577 or Vic Neitz, 201-6594.

Wanted to rent: Family of 5 people + 2 Labrador Retrievers would like to rent a 3–4 BR house. Prefer HF-L or R-H school districts, but will consider others if close to Lima. Please call Crockett Button (585-230-0597) or email crockett31471@gmail.com.

Wanted to rent: a 3+ (preferably 4) BR house in the HF-L school district in the end of October. Needs to be pet friendly. Please call Kirsten or Graig 204-0508 or email kewheelock@gmail.com.

House for Sale: in Honeoye, 3 BR, 1 BA. Spacious living/dining room; wrap around deck on 3 sides with view of lake; nice starter home in a quiet community; great rental property/vacation home; off-street parking for up to 7 cars; ½ mile to boat launch and 2 mi from town park & beach; low taxes. Updates: new roof, vinyl siding, remodeled interior, updated kitchen & new appliances. \$108,900, negotiable. Nathan Welton. More info & photos: www.zillow.com/homedetails/5674-E-Lake-Rd-Honeoye-NY-14471/31897819_zpid/

Position available: Office Manager/Executive Assistant: Smart, self-motivated, detail-oriented, computer literate, good business writing skills, outstanding character, excellent attitude. Professional appearance & dress required. To oversee internal administration of established small wealth management firm operations, including portfolio accounting and supervision. While not an actual accounting position, must have good accounting or bookkeeping experience. Must show long-term commitment to staying in area. 35–40 hours per week, some weeks 50 hours. Located in Pittsford suburbs. Compensation top 10% Robert Half regional benchmark, including health, disability, PS/bonus to 25% comp after one year, etc. Contact Katherine Hill, VP, 218-9080. Resume to PO Box 999, Pittsford, NY 14534.

Running Club. We meet weekly Mondays 6PM @ Lock 33 on Erie Canal. Beginners are welcome. Contact Andy or Wendy Ford at andyandwendyford@yahoo.com.

Need a wedding DJ? Todd Cavanaugh has been providing wedding entertainment since 2004. Check out www.imperialdjentertainment.com or email todd@imperialdjentertainment.com.

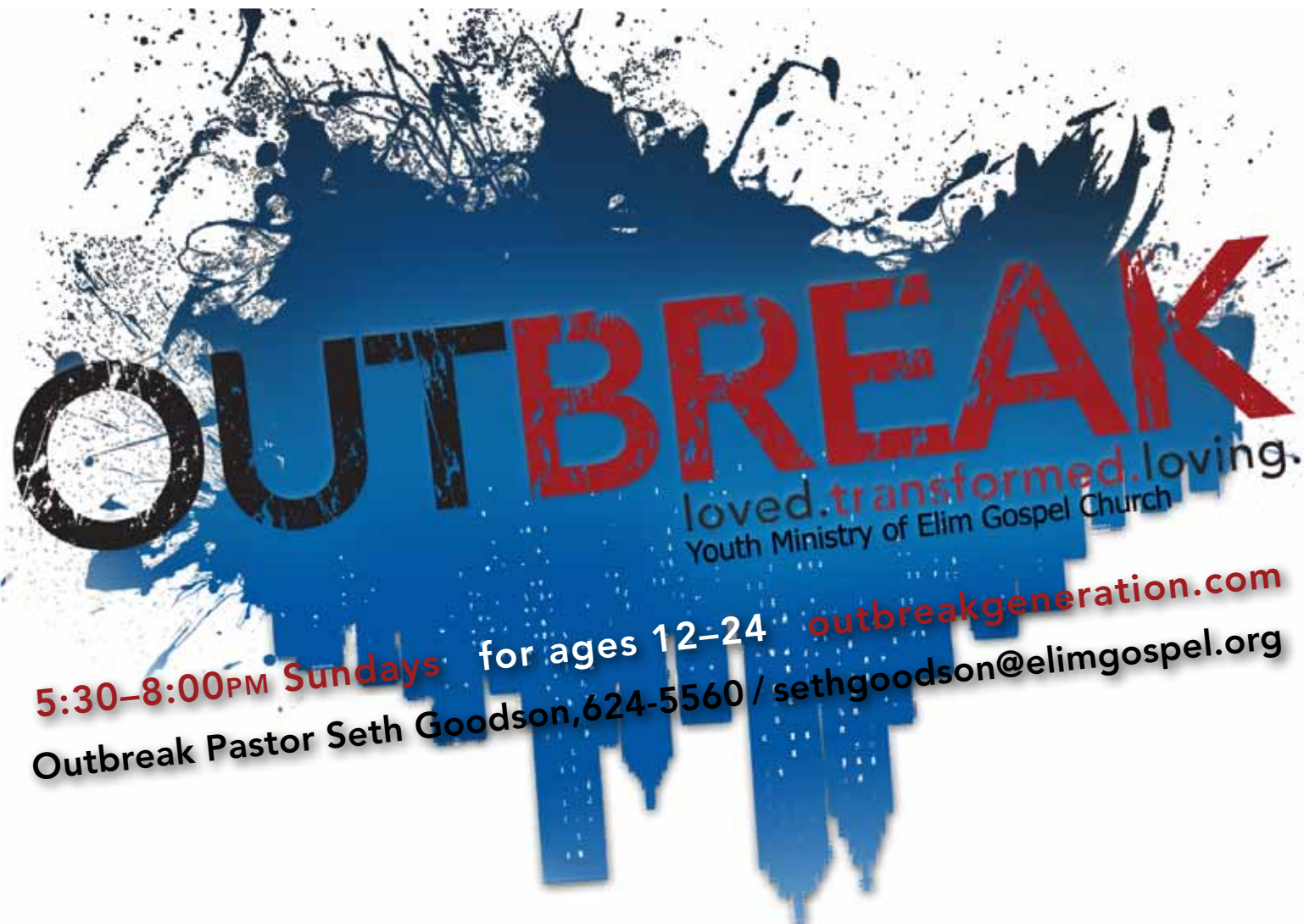
healing and freedom because I am a freedom writer. I encourage people to read the books, not because they're mine, but because of the heart of Him who is behind it and what they have been written to accomplish — freedom, healing and drawing those who know Him and those who don't closer to the One who loves them beyond what any word could ever hope to capture.



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about this upcoming transition, a tremendous door of ministry opened up at Elim Fellowship, a ministerial fellowship serving more than 1,000 pastors & missionaries — a role that would continue to allow for Pastor Wayne's administrative and leadership gifts to shine — and he has accepted a full-time position there. Working with EF's US Ministries Director Joe Jansen and as a support to the Executive Leadership Team, Pastor Wayne will have the opportunity to greatly expand his influence to pastors and leaders. He will begin the transition this fall and will be working full-time at EF beginning January 2012.

The September issue of the PULSE will explain more about this transition for Pastor Wayne and Elim Gospel Church. In the meantime, congratulate him and his wife Becky on this new adventure in which the Lord is leading them!



JULY — "GAME NIGHTS"

- July 3 ULTIMATE FRISBEE
- July 10 STICKS (great variation of Capture the Flag that gets everyone involved)
- July 17 QUEST (extreme adventure-based game that will take you all over the Elim campus in search of a stolen treasure)
- July 24 ULTIMATE KICKBALL (taking kickball to a whole 'nother level that gets everyone moving)
- July 31 EXTREME CHALLENGES (teams compete & test their skills)



AUGUST — "ME2U"

From My heart to yours

- Aug 7 Brandon Lampson
- Aug 14 Dan Freda



- Aug 21 Campus Target Send-off
- Aug 28 Radical series begins

- Get a daily Bible reading plan at <http://outbreakgeneration.com/#/cadres/reading-plan>.
- Did you know you can get all permission slips on our website...and more stuff, too! outbreakgeneration.com

- PARENTS:** Our blog is the primary means of communication with you, so it is very important for you to sign up for it! outbreakgeneration.blogspot.com

Congratulations to our High School Grads



Alyssa Jo Tucker, daughter of Chad & Joetta Tucker, graduated as Salutatorian from Finger Lakes Christian School in Seneca Falls. She plans to attend South-

eastern University in Lakeland, Florida, and major in music & business. Highlights from her time at EGC: Morelia, Mexico missions trip, attending Saturate, Camp Shiloh, Camp Judah and hanging out at Outbreak.



Mallory Brewer, daughter of Harry & Kim Brewer, graduated from Honeoye Central School. She plans to attend SUNY Oswego this fall.

Svea Igleheart is the daughter of John & Kim Igleheart. She graduated from Rush-Merrietta High School. Her plans for the fall are to attend MCC, where she will be looking into getting a degree in social work. Some of her favorite memories at EGC include fun times in kids' church with Pastor Dave Hinton.



Rachel O'Grady is the daughter of John & Susan O'Grady. She was homeschooled and is enrolled at Genesee Community College. She will complete her associates' degree at GCC next year and plans to continue her education in the medical field. Rachel has attended EGC for the past four years and has become a student leader in Outbreak.



Brian Witherspoon, son of David & Colleen Witherspoon, graduated from Honeoye Falls-Lima High School. He also completed a Construction Trades program at Eastern Monroe Career Center. He plans to attend college for nursing and is considering Suffolk Community College on Long Island. Brian is thankful for "numbers of people at EGC who reached out, cared and shared good direction, prayer and friendship with me."



outbreak events

MOVING UP SUNDAY NIGHT. July 3. We'll officially welcome our incoming students — those graduating from 5th & 6th grades. (Graduating 5th graders have the option of moving up from KidzExpress into Outbreak or remaining in KidzExpress for one more year.) July is a great time to move up, because during the month, Sunday night Outbreak meetings are more relaxed to help build relationships through games each week (see July schedule at left).

WATER BAPTISM. Sunday, July 17, 10:45 AM. Have you been baptized since you believed in Christ? If not, you can be! A water baptism is scheduled for Sunday, July 17, during the 10:45 AM service. A required instructional class is Sunday, July 10, also during the 10:45 AM service. If you're interested in being baptized, contact Shannon O'Grady at Shannonogrady@elimgospel.org.

PROJECT 585. July 24-30. We will be doing community service, dramas, services and other projects in the 585 area code. Team members are in the photo at right. Kneeling, left to right: Jon Pellicano, Jared Adams, Sam Marino, Brandon Lampson, Mitchell Pellicano, Pastor Seth Goodson; standing: Alyssa Tucker, Madison Simmons, Jacinda Deir, Lisa Simmons, Morgan Simmons, Shannon O'Grady. Not pictured: John Button, Ryan Button, Dan Freda.

CAMP JUDAH. August 14-19. For teens 12-18. Pick up a registration packet at Outbreak, the kids' wing or the resource rack in the youth room. Then hand in your completed registration forms on July 10, 17 or 24 at Outbreak for the early bird rate of \$165 (\$185 after July 24). New this year...paintball! Check out camp at www.campjudah.net. More info: contact Shannon O'Grady at EGC.



Excellence in Leadership Award

On Sunday, June 6, we announced the winners of this year's Excellence in Leadership Award. This annual EGC award, which includes a \$1,000 scholarship to Elim Bible Institute, is given to 1 or 2 high school juniors who regularly attend EGC, have a living relationship with Jesus Christ, and have exhibited leadership, consistency, responsibility, commitment and servanthood. Here's what Pastor Seth Goodson had to say about the 2011

recipients, **Debbie Grout and Sam Marino**:

Sam's pursuit to know God and lead others in the same direction is an example to everyone. He has truly embraced Paul's words from 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young." Sam is always willing to serve in any capacity that is needed of him and he always goes beyond what is required of him. He currently serves as an assistant Cadre Leader and Outbreak Emcee, and he works with our guest lounge. He has been on several missions trips including this summer's Project 585.

Debbie's pursuit of intimacy with God is a model for anyone watching. Her desire to know God and connect with Him can be heard in the very songs she writes for Outbreak's worship team, on which she is a worship leader. She serves as a Cadre Leader and in our guest lounge. She has been on several missions trips including to Morelia, Mexico last summer. Debbie truly gives her all to God and leads others to do the same.



Project 585 Team



For more information about EGC's ministry for kids, contact the church at 624-5560 or: KidzExpress Pastor Rob Hagstrom robhagstrom@elimospel.org

Parents, check out Pastor Rob's blog at parentzexpress.blogspot.com! Find out what's happening each week in KidzExpress so you can reinforce it at home during the week, check out some photos and get encouragement on parenting from other parents in our church family.

KIDZCHURCH. Sundays 9:00 & 10:45 AM.

For all kidz, preschool-6th grade, and nursery, too... it's church on a kid's level!



Sundays in July: "All Aboard the Express Train" — This month, while we welcome our new 1st graders, we'll be looking into what we're all about in Kidz Express. Join us as we make stops to explore "I Can Treat Others

the Way I Want to be Treated," "I Can Trust God No Matter What," and "I Can Make the Wise Choice."



Sundays in August: Discover what sort of super powers we all have been given! We'll be training and exercising our superpowers to Help Others,

Make the Right Choice, and Change the World.

Want to help form godly testimonies and shape the lives of the next generation? Contact Pastor Rob about joining the Kidz Express Ministry Team! There is quite a variety of positions, with different skill sets (teaching, musical, administrative, and more) and availability.

HARVEST PARTY. We are already looking for help with this year's October 31 event. If you have any unused paint, we would love to take it off your hands, the more colorful the better! Also, if you are interested in helping us make new decorations for this event, please contact Pastor Rob — no artistic ability required!

MOVING UP Sundays. July 3 & 10

New 7th Graders: On July 3, we'll have a special service to say good-bye to all of our graduating 6th graders. For more information about moving up into Outbreak in July, contact Pastor Seth, sethgoodson@elimospel.org or 624-5560.

New 1st Graders: Sunday, July 10, we will be welcoming all of our new 1st graders into the "big kids' class!" Parents are welcome to join us for the entire service and stay with us throughout the month for our series "All Aboard the Express Train."

FIRE DRILL. Sunday, July 31



On Sunday, July 31, we're having a fire drill for our preschool & gradeschool. During each Sunday AM service, your children will get to help us practice our fire procedures — to make sure we are ready if an emergency needing evacuation should ever arise. During the drill, preschoolers will line up outside the Kidz Wing entrance, and grade schoolers will line up along the fence on the west side. Once all rooms are cleared, we will walk back to our classes.

This drill does **not** involve parents; it is only for the children and teachers. In the event of a real fire alarm, parents would meet their children at the flag poles at the southwest edge of the parking lot.