

# ECOB News & Events

February 17, 2022



## February 20 Message: *Who is Getting Your Best?*

[Haggai 1](#); [Malachi 3:10-12](#)

When we choose to put other things in front of God's agenda, we can end up having unexpected results, such as unfulfilled lives and lack, where we should have plenty. Pastor Brian Messler, speaking

## February 27 Message: *A Cheerful Giver*

[Luke 20:45-47](#); [21:1-4](#); [2 Cor. 8:1-5](#)

God is less interested in the amount we give, than the attitude with which we give. Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



*Connect  
Grow  
Live  
Radiate!*



## ECOB LENTEN STUDY

Our Lenten Study this year will be based on our **Lenten Sermon Series: *Grounded***.

The study will dig deeper into the weekly sermon during this series. Discussion guides will be provided (no cost). There are groups meeting Sundays during the Life Group hour, 9:45am, as well as some groups that will meet throughout the week. There will be a women's group that will meet Mondays at 6:30pm, ECOB.

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If you are currently not in a Life Group doing the study, SIGN-UP for a group in the Community Room **February 20 & 27** between services.

There will be a **Zoom Group** meeting Sundays during the Life Group Hour, 9:45am. Contact [Rob Eshelman](#) to participate.

Questions? contact [Sharon](#)

MISSIONS

## 2022 MISSION TRIP to the DR

July 30/31 to Aug 6/7

Interested?

Want more information?  
Contact [Pastor Brian](#) ASAP!

Deadline to sign up for this trip– March 15th!

[Fill out the form here!](#)

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

### Have you been thinking about ECOB Membership?

Being a member at ECOB means that you desire to connect your discipleship with this community of believers and that you covenant in the core values and godly principles that direct the ECOB body of believers.

If you are interested in being a member of ECOB OR just want to hear more about it, we invite you to attend the **2-part membership class that will be held during the Life Group hour, 9:40-10:35 am.**

**Sunday, March 13—Session 1**

**Sunday, March 20—Session 2**

[Register here!](#) Questions? contact [Carol Bowman](#)



**The ECOB Intermediate Students** will prepare beautiful **Succulents** at their Sat. Day Retreat. These succulents will be available to you by donation on Sunday, Feb. 20th in the Community Room. All proceeds will benefit a ministry they choose (to be announced).

### STEWARDSHIP & MONEY



As we continue our series of **"First Fruits"** we want to encourage each person and/or family to fill out the [survey here](#). We want to press into what it means to surrender every area of our lives to God, even our resources. We invite you to talk with your family about what God is calling you to do and how you can honor him with your first fruits. Thanks for taking the time to fill this out!



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

*2-22-2022!*

**7-8pm, ECOB**

Join us for a fun night **2-gather 2-gether!**  
*worship—activities—fellowship*

*Join the Women's Ministry  
Facebook group! [Click here!](#)*



## ECOB OPEN STAFF POSITION Communication Support

10 hours/week. Main responsibilities include: website administration, social media presence, publicity, communications.

Must have graphic design experience & website knowledge. All interested candidates, please send a resume (including experience and three references), as well as minimum salary needs to [Carol Bowman](#), by **February 21**.

## Hospitalized/Care Needs

(as of Feb. 17)

Dennis Hornberger, Wellspan/Eph  
Maria Ulrich, now at home

**CAMP SWATARA**—it's time to start thinking about Camp!

[Calendar of 2022 Events!](#)  
[Summer Camp Schedule!](#)

## COMMUNITY NEEDS

Would you like to donate to organizations in the local community that are in need of items for those they serve? [Click here](#) for a list of current needs. We will be adding more organizations and items needed to this list, so keep checking it out to see where you are called to help.

## DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

for March/May have arrived. Pick up a devotional (free) in the Community Room.

## JANUARY FINANCIALS

January was a solid month with Giving exceeding expenses by \$9,378.66. Fiscal Year-to-Date shows Giving exceeding Expenses by \$31,063. We are 1.2% or \$4,630.95 ahead of the Income (Giving) Budget and are -3.1% or -\$11,545.19 behind our Expense Budget. A Financial Summary is available upon request. [Rich Bealer](#), Treasurer

## NOLAN GUZMAN

This is to inform you that Nolan Guzman has resigned from his position of Facility & A/V Support Staff. Attached is an informational [letter to the Congregation](#), and also [Nolan's letter of resignation](#). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to [Dean Sensenig](#) (Nolan's supervisor).

## LIFE GROUPS



### LADIES GROUP

#### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 9:30-11am, ECOB  
All ladies are welcome!  
Contact: [Katy Roark](#)

### MEN'S GROUPS

Tuesdays, 7-9pm @ECOB. Contact [Tom Strubel](#), for group information.

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7am, meet at Gus's for fellowship & prayer.  
Text Pastor Brian, 240-357-1603, if you plan to attend.

## ECOB Young Adults

contact: [Scott Hackman](#)  
[Facebook Page](#)  
[Instagram](#)

Join us for Sunday Life Group  
9:45am, rm #101

## MONTHLY YA EVENTS

### 1st Saturday of the month!

Check out the [FB page](#) for details!

### 1st Sun—Caffeinated Conversations

9:15-10:30am, @Javateas  
Fellowship & coffee to get you going!

### 2nd & 3rd Sun—Life Group

9:45-10:30am, room 101/ECOB

### 4th Sun—help teach High School Group

9:45-10:30am, downstairs

### 5th Sun—we join another adult Life Group

(see FB for group we'll be joining)

### Women's Small Group

1st and 3rd Sundays, 6pm, Messler House





## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**Friday, February 25, 5:30—7pm**

ECOBKids, ECOBChildren's Center & Mountaineer's Table families who have children up to grade 4.

(event is for the whole family)

Pizza then games! Bring your favorite game! Invite a neighbor!

[RSVP here!](#)

## ECOBKids

[Michelle Nolt](#), ECOBKids Coordinator

[Facebook Page](#) // [Virtual Sunday School](#)

Parents — check in Kids by the Kids Entrance.

### PRESCHOOL SUNDAY LIFE

**GROUP**—9:45am for Preschool walking to PreK

**KIDS SUNDAY LIFE GROUP**—9:45am for kids in K-4th grade

**PRESCHOOL MINISTRY** held during the 10:45 service.

**KIDS CHURCH**—Kids **K-4th grade** attend worship with their families for the beginning worship time and are then dismissed for Kids Church. **Parents**— Check-in your kids [prior to the service!](#)



**Mark your calendars.....**



### Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, May 15  
(afternoon/evening)

**July 4th** Community Fun Night

## ECOBStudents

for Students in 5th to 12th grade

Contact Pastor [Ryan Burkholder](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

### SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUPS

9:45–10:35 am

Meeting in groups for:

**5-7th grade & 8-12th grade.**

A Teacher must be present before students may go downstairs—a sign is posted by the check-in.



### SNL ([Sunday Night Live](#)) for students in grades 5-8 & 9-12

Sundays, 6-8pm — Bring your friends!

no SNL Feb. 20 — we'll meet again for SNL Feb. 27

Dinner, small groups, games, worship.

Please refer to Ryan's weekly Student email for the SNL schedule and details.

### WINTER RETREAT, February 18-20 for students in grades 7 to 12

PRAY FOR THEIR TIME

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DAY RETREAT—[sign up here!](#)

**Saturday February 19, 10am–1pm.** Day retreat for students in grades 5 and 6. Cooking, games, and a special activity! Don't miss this amazing time!

**GIRLS & GUYS in grades 5-7, Feb. 27th,** we will begin a 6 week study, during SNL time. Girls will focus on the **Lies that Girls Believe**; and the truth that sets them free. Boys will focus on **Don't Believe Your Eyes**; Discovering the truth behind how God sees you.

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