

ECOB News & Events

February 3, 2022



Sermon Series: DNA—the Core of the Local Church

February 6 Message: Family Oriented

[Deuteronomy 6:5-7](#): We believe that our missions, ministries and resources are to be focused on how we can encourage, support and equip families in their discipleship (knowledge and surrender to Christ). Pastor Brian Messler, speaking



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2022 MISSION TRIP to the DR

July 31 to Aug 6/7

Attend the informational meeting on Sunday, February 13, 9:45am (Life Group hour) if you have interest in the mission trip or just want to learn more!



INTERESTED in BAPTISM?

We are planning an **indoor baptism Sunday, March 6.**

If you would like to be baptized or would like to discuss baptism, please fill out the [form here](#) OR contact [Pastor Brian](#) by **Feb. 15th.**



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](#)



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 will be groups meeting Sunday mornings at 9:45am (Life Group hour) and also at various times during the week. Sign-ups will begin February 20. If you are interested in a Zoom group, please contact Sharon Myers ASAP.

We are looking for Current and New Group Leaders: If you are currently leading a group that meets other than during the Sunday Life Group hour, please contact

[Sharon Myers](#) ASAP **IF** you have not already been in contact with her concerning your group.

Would you lead and/or co-lead a group for our Lenten study? Please contact [Sharon](#) by February 14th.



CITY GATE LUNCH & CARE KITS

We will be giving Care Kits (with hygiene items) to those who come to City Gate lunch on Feb. 26—the day ECOB is providing lunch at City Gate. Would you donate items for the kits? Sign up to donate items on the lists in the Community Room Sunday, Feb. 6! All items must be received by Sunday, Feb 13th. Drop off the items in the bins in the Community Room

during the week or Sunday morning Feb. 13. The ECOBKids & Students will be assembling the kits on Feb. 20th.

Would you like to volunteer to serve lunch on the 26th? Would you like to make/donate various food items for the lunch? Sign up on Sunday in the Community Room, Feb. 6th!

Contact [Stacey](#) with any questions.



The ECOB Intermediate Students will prepare beautiful Succulents that 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).



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 would 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 letters of reference), as well as minimum salary needs to [Carol Bowman](#), by **February 21**.

Hospitalized/Care Needs

(as of Feb. 3)

Betty Gross, now at home
Ed Erb, now at BV Personal Care
Jim LeFevre, now at Luther
Acres Personal Care
Steph Weber, surgery 2/8

Thank you for all of the beautiful Christmas cards I received in my cheer bag. They really brightened my Christmas season. I also really enjoyed the Christmas Carolers who really brightened my spirits. Thank you to everyone who remembers me by visits, phone calls and cards.
–Betty Gross

Thank you for all of the nice cards I got in by Christmas Cheer Bag. They were encouraging.
–Audrey Gibble

Thank you to everyone, who took the time to write me beautiful notes, Christmas and birthday cards. I enjoyed reading each and every one! I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. –Sara Meck



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

UPCOMING EVENT

Sat., Feb 5, 10:30am, Lunch @Udder Choice & 12pm
Escape Room @Refreshing Mtn. See FB for details and to RSVP.

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



ECOB follows the EASD for closing or delays due to inclement weather. Check the [ECOB Facebook page](#) for postings.



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!](#)



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 two groups: 5-7th grade & 8-12th grade.

Meet in the youth space downstairs.

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



SNL ([Sunday Night Live](#)) Sundays, 6-8pm — Bring your friends!

SNL meeting dates: Feb. 6 & 27 (no SNL Feb. 13 or 20)

Dinner, small groups, games, worship. Groups for Grades 5-8 & 9-12

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



WINTER RETREAT

February 18-20 at Innabah Camp/ Retreat for students in grades 7 to 12 who attend ECOB/ ACOB. Join us for worship, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, food, and more! It’ll be more fun than you can handle! [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DAY RETREAT

Saturday February 19, 10am–1pm. This is a day retreat for all students in grades 5 and 6. This time will be filled with cooking, games, and a special activity! Don't miss this amazing time!

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9am to 4pm
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