

Greetings Church Family!

I have been serving just over 4 months with you, and I am grateful to God for this wonderful church and especially all the warm people. I know that Pastor Sledge Hammer brings a tough word every Sunday, but God's word was never easy. "God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps." 1 Peter 2:21 It's not always easy to follow Jesus but it sure is worth it!

I, along with Brother Bobby and others, are still trying to reach members that no longer attend. If you know someone that we can visit, please give me a head's up and we'll try to encourage them back into fellowship with us. God said don't forsake the fellowship with the saints (believers).

April 5 – He is risen! It was pure joy getting the opportunity to preach my first ever Easter message on the day that represents when our Lord and Savior was resurrected.

April 7 – We had a deacon's meeting to see where the church should be headed and what it should be doing. Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they look for God's man to lead the church into the future.

April 8 – Several of the church members including myself went to see the movie, "The Great Awakening," which was an awesome movie about how George Whitefield was relentless in reaching the world for Christ. He had so much passion for his Lord. Do you even have half that much passion? Kudos to Brother Ed for suggesting we go and see it. If you get the opportunity, I definitely encourage you to go.

April 19 – I brought a sermon on "Is the Holy Spirit Living in You?" Never forget without the Holy Spirit inside you then you are still lost. God seals the Spirit in you the day you put all your faith in Jesus Christ. In the evening of this day, we went to First Baptist Middleton and joined the Baptist Association in a wonderful time of praise and worship together. We had over 20 attend from FBCGJ and I thought that was terrific!

April 22 – We had a Finance Committee Meeting and Business Meeting on this day. Needless to say, we had a very interesting discussion and situation that we had never experienced before. Let me encourage you to always pray that the decisions we make are the same decisions God would make.

Coming up on the first Sunday in May, we will be having the Lord's Supper which is always a service where we remember what Jesus did for all of us. Remember that there shouldn't be any lingering sin in your life when

partaking of the bread and the juice. Hope you will join us on this wonderful day of remembrance.

We have an exciting opportunity approaching as we are having a one-day mission trip to Grand Junction to do a Grill Walk as we invite, pray, and share our faith while giving out free hamburgers. We can't do this without everyone's participation so I'm asking y'all to come! Truthfully, I am really expecting you to jump at this unique opportunity to serve the Lord.

Dear Faithful Believers in Jesus,
Do your very best to be all about God's will. It's very easy to go to church on Sunday (well, not for everyone) and then live the other 6 days of the week for yourself and your family. Yes, family is important, but they are not even a close second to the Creator of the universe. Make your priority, Jesus first and everything else after that. Remember the verse that says hate your family in comparison to God. No, it's not easy but it is what our Father in heaven asked us to do so let's do our dead level best to do it! Amen.

"If you want to be a disciple of Jesus, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26

I hope to see you very soon! Let me know if you ever need to meet with me. I am here to serve you. God bless!

Because He Lives,

Pastor Eddie

Mother's Day: A Legacy of Love

Mother's Day invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us. We celebrate not perfection, but faithfulness shown in countless quiet moments. May we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace.

