

EBC NEWS



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What Can We Expect?

From Pastor Gibson

Acts 6: ¹In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." ⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

The above biblical passage reflects a growing church in transition. The church in Acts was quite successful by standard measures. Many persons received and accepted the Gospel. The Gospel is quite simply that Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead, and we can receive eternal life by accepting Him as Lord and Savior (see Romans 10: 9 - 10).

Along with the successes of the church in Acts were growing pains. The above passage relates a tension between the Hebraic (Hebrews) and Grecian (Greek) Jews. The needs of Hebraic Jews were apparently better met than the needs of the Grecian Jews. Generally, the Hebraic Jews were "longer term" congregants while the Grecian Jews were more recent converts. What can we learn from the above passage?

We should first acknowledge both the sovereignty common link to the Trinity. The success of the church in Acts is only possible because God is in control.

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Similarly, the common bond of the Hebraic and Grecian Jews is Jesus Christ. We should always remember that God is in control, and that our common ground is our belief in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Second, we should anticipate tension and view it as an opportunity for progress. The early church leaders acknowledged the tension and challenge, and then wisely and quickly moved towards a solution. The church did not get "stuck" on the challenge but instead focused on the opportunity. The progress of the church could have been stunted, or worse halted until the love of God prevails within the people. Third, the congregation created structure to allow for ministry to move forward for persons in need.

In summary, the passage in Acts 6 appropriately instructs us that:

1. Congregational success results from our collective faith in the Trinity;
2. Tension is likely and perhaps inevitable as persons from a myriad of backgrounds come together to worship God in Spirit and in truth (John 4: 24).
3. We should seek wisdom from God to address "growing pains" and other challenges.
4. Watch God if we obey Him (verse 7 above)!

Editor's note the pastor has new contact information. All church-related concerns can be emailed to the pastor at [redacted] and voice mails can be left for him at [redacted]. Please use discretion when contacting the pastor.*



The Word on the Pew Is....News and Updates from the Youth Ministry!

By Daphne Chandler

Who are Elizabeth Baptist Church Youth?

So that we know who our future leaders, ministers, and teachers are, all youth need to register simply by giving their name and age to Sister Cowans or Sister Faye Golden; we cannot not support you like we should if we don't know who you are! Our goal for 2010 is to triple Youth Department and Sunday school attendance, for pre-service fellowship is their foundation for greater understanding of The Word.

Supporting education:

Any child or parent who needs tutoring should inform Sister Cowans or Sister Faye Golden. Assistance is available in all subject areas.

Where Are We Going?

Have you ever been to Columbus, OH? Would you like to visit for the first time, or go again with the Youth Ministry? Well great news! The ministry is currently gathering names and contact information from youth interested in going to Columbus this August 2010 for the Lott-Carey Foreign Mission Convention. As their website states, Lott Carey helps churches extend their Christian witness to the ends of the earth. Please let Sisters Cowans or Faye Golden know that you are interested! And check out the Lott Carey website too, at <http://www.lottcarey.org/> .

Elizabeth youth are venturing into godly fun and service! There are 3 important trips being planned, including fishing, praise in the park, and City Mission volunteer trips which are intended to take place once a month. Further details for these trips are upcoming, however if you are interested in any or all of these opportunities for safe fun and service contact the youth ministry leaders.

What Are We Doing?

The EBC youth demonstrated their that they have a spirit of service on May 23 when they made PBJ sandwiches and took them to St. Malachi Church to support their hunger ministry. Thank you and GREAT job Youth Ministry!

The Youth Ministry is continuing their recycling and Pennies for Blessings efforts. Youth are collecting such materials as eye glasses and frames to donate to The Sight Center, cans, and cell phones. Please bring forth your recyclables, with your cans rinsed and crushed, and the youth will take care of the rest. All money donated for Pennies for Blessings will be transformed into outreach resources, such as clothes, toys, toiletries, etc. that community services such as the VA can use.

The Women's Ministry Announces Changes to its Women's Retreat

The cost of the retreat has changed to the low cost of \$85.00. The retreat will be Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16.

We're still going to the beautiful Beulah Beach Resort in Vermillion. We will be carpooling instead of using a bus. Our featured speaker is the renowned Minister Renee Crawford, wife, mother and associate minister at Morning Star Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH.

Our theme this year is: "It's Not About Us." Our scripture reference is Colossians 3:12-17. We hope that you have considered joining us for what we expect to be a time of renewal, relaxation and recommitment to God. Please see any Women's Ministry Team Leader* to give your deposit.

*Theresa Gibson, Alicia Mahone, Carolyn Pollard, Diana Reid, Kim Robinson, Victoria Taylor



Who couldn't use a little rest & relaxation *and* the Word too?

Vow of Faith

GIVE! Is the word straight out of Deacon Pinkard's mouth. We are currently at \$30,000 and we have targeted \$90,000 as a goal to begin our moving process. We are asking each member to give \$12.50 a week. It will take the effort of each of us to reach our goals. Do your part! **GIVE!**



What Does Confidentiality Mean to You?

By Diana Ellington Reid

In today's society there are so many ways to communicate. No longer is there just radio and TV, but we have Ipods, mp3's, laptops, internet, and more. Some may not even know what half of that is, but probably the quickest and most effective means of communication is word-of-mouth.

What does confidentiality mean to you? Wikipedia defines it as this: *Confidentiality is ensuring that information is accessible only to those authorized to have access.*

Has your confidentiality ever been breached? Have you ever breached someone else's confidentiality? I have, and admittedly it has cost me a great deal. Confidentiality in the church, especially when you are in a ministering position, is of the utmost importance. Often we feel it's okay to share information with our sisters/brothers, in the church, that we feel closest to. "Don't tell anyone," we often say. But isn't that what the person that divulged the information asked of you? Then again, perhaps they didn't say "Don't tell". Yet when you are ministering, and someone confides in you, you must ask their permission to share. Perhaps you may think someone else is more suited to assist the individual, or you may feel the information shared is detrimental to the person's being. It is still necessary to ask that person if it is okay to share.

More harm is done to individuals by "the church" because their information is shared without their consent.

I recently talked with a parent that said a church leader had been ministering to their child. The church leader shared the information with their spouse, the spouse shared it with a close friend in the church and the close friend shared the story with the parent of the child. Needless to say the parent was shocked that the information was divulged and now the parent and the child are wondering if the whole church is now talking about what they believe to be their personal information. The child, in the meantime, has vowed not to return to the church. Can we afford to lose one? Satan is ready to devour whom he can. Our position is to bring salvation, support, and healing. The next time you find yourself ministering to someone, ask before you share. If that person says no, then you are bound by trust not to. It could cost you a life. Are you willing to be accountable for a loss so great?

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.
Proverbs 11:13

News from The Stewardship Ministry by Dora Bolden

COUNTY JAIL The Stewardship ministry has added a new sub group (IT); they will be responsible for all the technical equipment in the Church. The group members are Bro. John Woods, Bro. Leroy Thompson, and Bro Jim Webb as alternate.

On March 19, 2010 we donated snacks for 100 kids to Harbor Light Complex and they were delivered to Zelma George Family Shelter. Our next scheduled outreach is a cookout that we will provide for the residents for City view nursing home on June 19.

We have added 4 persons to the staff:
Music—(drummer); Bro. Allan Weeks,

Church Administrator; Bro. Douglas Reaves, Administrator Assistant\Linkage Coordinator; Sis. Jackie Gillon, Administrative Assistant; Sis. Denise Moore-Walker.

Because of New FCC regulations we have to replace all the wireless mics and they have been ordered.

The sign on the front of the Church has been repaired. {Take a look if you haven't already.}

We replaced seven computers with a donation from *Computers Assisting People* . We would like to thank Bro. Aaron Redding for his much appreciated donation of a computer that he built.



News from The Transportation Ministry by Denise Lee

The Transportation Ministry provides members and {non-members} with transportation to church services and special trips. As our congregation grows we continue to look for additional van drivers. If you are interested in becoming a van driver please see one of the following members of the transportation ministry: Sister Cheryl Killings, Ladie Brown or Carolyn Lee.

Our outreach continues at the Louis Stokes Head Start, quarterly. Sister Carolyn Lee and Sister Georgia Thompson attended the play entitled "Corbian" at Playhouse Square on May 4, 2010, with the children and parents from the Louis Stokes Head Start center.

We continue to support the *Care Alliance of Cleveland* by providing white socks for the homeless in the fall and winter.

All riders should contact Sister Cheryl Killings or Ladie Brown at (216) 391-0433 by Friday of each week to schedule a ride for Sunday service.

We're Going to Alabama!



Pray for the safe journey of many of the church members and the first family as we head off to minister to Springhill Baptist Church in Tuskegee, Alabama. We'll see you when we get back.

What Would Jesus Do?



“Facebook” is getting a lot of attention these days. Are you careful about what you post? Do you know “FB” has over one million readers? What does what you post say about your character? It’s a great way to contact old friends. It can also be a great witnessing tool! Think about it.

**ANOTHER EBC EVENT!
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN
SUNDAY, JUNE 27 -2:00 PM**



Sister 2 Sister
By Blondean Pinkard

STEAL AWAY
(Comedy)
By Ramona King,
Dir. Jean “Granny” Hawkins
June 4 – June 27, 2010 (Arena)

Five upstanding church ladies who raise funds to send young Black women to college by holding bake sales and the like decide to rob a bank after being told “colored girls” don’t need an education.

Steal Away	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Main Performances	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$20
Preview Night June 3rd	\$10			

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Fannie {Dixon} and I have been facilitators of Sister- Sister since November 2008. We are dedicated to glorifying God by bringing women together so that we will grow more like our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. With God’s Word as our foundation we gather together for support, prayer, fellowship, encouragement, laughter, fun and to faithfully serve one another in the mighty name of Jesus!

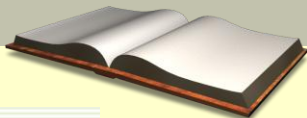
Sisters! Whether you are married or single, strong or weak; if you are hungry & thirsty for food we invite you to come on in, eat and drink with us every 2nd Sunday @ 9:00am. God tells us that we cannot live by bread alone, so He gave us the Word to fill us, which in turn enables us to live our lives according to His perfect Will. And we want nothing more but to please God with our lives and walk according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

“ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

Colossians 3:14-15

Sunday Book Club Review by Kim Mills



Hello My EBC Family. Last month's book was entitled Goodness and Mercy by Vanessa Davis Griggs. If you missed our discussion you missed a real treat. As always, we {go off} topic and we ended up reviewing the play, *Church Girl. There is always a way to connect our books to present day situations and events.* Ladies, I ain't mad at'cha. Our time together is a great fellowship. Here is a quick plug for the book club. **We meet every 3rd Sunday downstairs during Sunday School.** Ok let's get back on task. Do you believe {past} sin has a way of catching up with you? Gabrielle Mercedes had dreamed of being a dancer since she was a little girl. When her life takes a different path, with no one to depend on but herself, she resorts to dancing to support herself, but it's not the kind of dancing that's pleasing to God. This is not the future she envisioned for herself. Tired of {her way of life}, she feels there has to be a better way. She turns to the church to find refuge. Gabrielle immediately gives up her \$3000.00 a wk job, and takes a job paying minimum wage. It was amazing to see this new babe in Christ show her total dependence upon him to supply all her needs. But you have to know that Satan was not happy and made sure he used the husband of one of Gabrielle's new found saved friends to spread the news of her past throughout the congregation. How would he know you might ask? He was a frequent patron of the establishment where Gabrielle danced. Gabrielle didn't turn left or right but kept her focus on God and because of her steadfastness she was the instrument God used to win the soul of the establishment's owner. Praise God.

If you like to read Christian Fiction all of the sista's were in agreement that this is a must read. Until next month saints. Much Luv.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS ON THE ROAD

- Avoid [mosquito bites](#), which can spread infections, by wearing proper clothing and using [insect repellent](#).
- Cooked foods are usually safe, but raw foods and salads may lead to Gastrointestinal problems. Eat in restaurants that have a reputation for safe cooking.
- Consider [automobile safety](#) and use seat belts when traveling.
- If you are visiting an area where diarrheal illnesses are common, speak with your health care provider about getting a prescription for antibiotics.
- If you come down with diarrhea, drink plenty of bottled liquids. Broths and [carbonated beverages](#) are good for maintaining your strength.
- Prevent infections with hand washing.
- Upon arrival, check the local emergency number. Not all communities use 911.
- When traveling long distances, expect your body to adjust to a new time zone at the rate of about 1 hour per day.
- When traveling to [less economically developed countries](#), don't drink the water if you want to avoid the risk of [diarrhea](#). Bottled water may be safe, as long as it is factory bottled. [Traveler's diarrhea](#) can also result from drinking beverages that contain ice. Bottled carbonated sodas, beer, and wine (without ice) are safe.
- When traveling with children, make sure that they know the name and telephone number of your hotel in case they get separated from you. Give them enough money to make a phone call, and make sure they know how to use the phones if you are in a foreign country.

WHO'S WHO IN ELIZABETH ? by "Sista in the Pews"

Meet Sis. Ruth Neal, born Ruth Ethel Neal to Josey Marie. She is the oldest of ten siblings. She joined Elizabeth in 1988 and has since been in the Choir ministry, Culinary and the Mission ministry. She currently serves on the Custodial staff. Her favorite scripture is Romans 6:13 and her favorite songs are; *The Name of Jesus, Yes, God is Real, and Hold to God's Unchanging Hand.* Great choices! Her hobbies include walking, reading, cooking and mostly, spending time with her family. I can see why, she has fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. I asked Sis. Neal two questions; If you could visit back in biblical times, what era would you choose? Her response: The parting of the Red Sea. – If you were face to face with Jesus, what would your conversation be? Her response: How did you do it, Lord? All the great things you have done for us and kept your sanity. Sis. Neal is a quiet soul but very loving and giving. Get to know her. You'll be glad you did.



Join us for Bible Study on
Wednesday Nights at 6:00

There's a New Kid in Town: An interview with our new Church Administrator

Doug Reeves has been hired by our pastor and Human Resource ministry to serve in the capacity of Church Administrator. Bro. Reeves, married 37 years and the father of two is gifted to us with many talents and intelligence. He has his own consulting firm for about eleven years called, *One Spirit*. With twenty-three years of drug and alcohol counseling, he served at Glenbeigh Hospital as an administrator over the treatment programs.

He served at the Mt. Zion of Oakwood Village Church as the Project Director for ten years. Part of his responsibilities there were to oversee the church ministries, event planning, fundraising and ministry development.

He has been a school administrator for New Covenant Christian Academy. Currently a member of Olivet Institutional Church, he will divide his time with EBC. He attends some of our Sunday services and our Wednesday night Bible study.

With exception to accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, he considers his greatest accomplishment to have been the start and implementation of Cleveland's Praisefest. This was a joint effort between his team and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

His vision for Elizabeth is simply "to implement the pastor's vision". He will be working closely with the ministries of Elizabeth helping us to achieve an optimum level of service conducive to the pastor's vision. As the church administrator, most non-pastoral concerns will come to him. There are meetings planned for him to meet with Ministry Leaders in the near future. Some of his expectations include; acquiring additional property for the church, event planning and fund raising. Bro. Reeves said that EBC has "a warm spirit which he's felt from day one". He has always "felt welcomed and he believes {EBC} supports its pastor".

We are tremendously blessed to have a man of so many gifts in our midst. Pray for him as he works with our pastor to take us to new levels of service.

The New Kid in Town Has a Partner

Jackie Gillon, single, saved, and set apart for the work she has to do for the Lord, has also been hired by the pastor and the Human Resources ministry, to serve as our Community Linkage Coordinator. She works directly with the pastor and along side of our Church Administrator. She has commented that she feels "so blessed" to be working, not just with Doug Reeves but with the EBC family.

Jackie is a formerly elected member of the East Cleveland City Council. She is a poet and is presently working on her own book of poetry to be published soon.

Jackie served on the Trustee Board of her former church for 2 years; Bethel A.M.E. Zion. She joined Elizabeth in September, 2009 but already feels *at home*. To her it feels as if she has been with us for much longer.

She is currently employed with The Neighborhood Leadership Institute where she trains individuals in leadership development. When the *NLI* first began in 2002, she was voted one the 500 most influential women of northeast Ohio by the Northern Ohio Live magazine.

Jackie's role for Elizabeth is to listen and connect ministries of the church internally and externally. Along with the Church Administrator, she will assist with the visioning of the ministries of the church. Part of her vision for the church is to share the love, that is "so evident within the body", with the community at large.

"This is a place that has learned to love. How do we connect that love with the broken ? Without love, we're just like it says in I Corinthians 13." *If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,^[b] but have not love, I gain nothing.*

"It is so wonderful to work with men of God} with a tremendous vision". Jackie went on to say that she appreciates the support she has received from her members. Pray for Jackie as she embraces the challenge ahead of her.



EBC Ministries & Leaders

<i>Audio / Visual</i>	<i>Sandra Anderson, Charles Ellington III, Theresa Gibson</i>
<i>Circle of Prayer Ministry</i>	<i>Terri Hilliard, Thelma Jones</i>
<i>Deacon's Ministry</i>	<i>David Tyus</i>
<i>Domestic Violence</i>	<i>Diana Reid, Kim Robinson</i>
<i>Drama Ministry</i>	<i>Steve Pinkard, André Sneed</i>
<i>Health Ministry</i>	<i>Theresa Gibson, Carrie Marion</i>
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Georgia Thompson</i>
<i>Mime Ministry</i>	<i>Michael Lester</i>
<i>Missionary Society</i>	<i>Thelma Jones</i>
<i>Music Ministry</i>	<i>Dorian Kidd</i>
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<i>New Freedom Ministry</i>	<i>Elder Joe Golden</i>
<i>New Laborer's Ministry</i>	<i>TaJuanna Simpson</i>
<i>Praise Dancers</i>	<i>Tenisha Pollard, Cori Wallace</i>
<i>Prison Ministry</i>	<i>Retha Hemhill</i>
<i>Senior's Ministry</i>	<i>Cheryl Goode Killings</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry</i>	<i>Dora Bolden, John Woods</i>
<i>Sunday School Superintendent</i>	<i>Stephanie Tyus</i>
<i>Transportation Ministry</i>	<i>Carolyn Lee</i>
<i>Ushers Ministry</i>	<i>Henry Person</i>
<i>Women's Ministry</i>	<i>Carolyn Pollard, Alicia Mahone</i>
<i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>Barbara Cowans, Faye Golden</i>

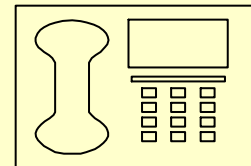
If you want information about any of these ministries, please contact the ministry leader listed. In addition, you can see TaJuanna Simpson for ministry information.

CHURCH MINISTRIES MEETING TIMES

Mondays	6:30	Missionary Society
Wednesdays	6:00 7:30	Bible Study Choir rehearsal
Thursdays	7:00 7:00	New Freedom Ministry Praise Dance rehearsal
Saturdays (4th)	9:00 12:00	Monthly Bible Study Praise Team rehearsal
Sundays (1st)	8:00 8:45 10:30	Sunday Worship Sunday School Sunday Worship

There is a ministry waiting for you. We need your help in kingdom building. Why not get started today?

Welcome new members of Elizabeth! We are so glad that you are a part of our family. When you need us, we will be there. After all, we're brothers and sisters.



Please remember our sick and shut-ins with your calls

We're on the Web. Visit us at www.elizabethbaptistchurch.net