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# ELLOREE FIRST LOOK

# PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL *Renewal*

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5

A dictionary definition of renew would be something similar to “make new; restore freshness, life, or quality” or “to make spiritually new.” When the Bible speaks of renewal, it sometimes refers to the physical renewal—rest—that is required for our bodies to continue functioning at their best. God Himself instituted a day of rest for His people every week (Exodus 34:21), and Psalms 23 speaks of a physical rest only God can provide. Physical rest and renewal are a requirement of our imperfect bodies. While physical renewal is important, there is another important type of restoration found in the Bible—spiritual renewal.

Renewal is a continual process for the believer (2 Corinthians 4:16). As believers, we are still prone to sin, it is important for renewal to become a constant practice as we seek to live lives that reflect Christ. Believers are called to be set apart from the worldly culture around us, to live in the world

# PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

but not be of the world (John 15:19; Ephesians 4:17–24). We are God’s holy people (1 Peter 2:9) and must not embrace the values of the world around us. This is made possible by the renewing of our minds: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2). The renewing of our minds is possible through reading and meditating on God’s Word; it is through the Word that we are sanctified (John 17:17). Believers have been given the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:11–16), so we can see the things of the world as He sees them. When we habitually focus our thoughts on Christ and “things above” (Colossians 3:1–2), our minds are aided in the process of renewal (Romans 8:5).

This is why I am calling all the members and regular attenders of Ellore First Baptist to join me in 40 days of prayer and spiritual renewal. Let us gather together as believers in Christ and focus on God and rely on His strength to renew us and restore where we are lacking in our walk.

In Christ,  
Pastor Kevin



## JOHN 3:16-17

**“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.”**

**Get connected with your neighbors  
by praying for them!**



# Monthly Prayer Focus



- For personal spiritual renewal
- Spiritual Revival of community
- Spiritual Renewal as a church
- For people to share the Gospel with
- For God to move and us to listen

## COMMUNITY CONNECT

I cannot believe it is already April! Spring is starting to bloom and the weather to get warmer. This means it is time again to find ways to connect with the community. Be in prayer as we move toward a greater emphasis in connecting with others in the community. As this year moves on, we will becoming a great part of the community by helping with and being apart of events that are planned and put on by the community.

# Elloree

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
WED. NIGHT MEAL



APRIL 3RD

Pork Chops, Mac N Cheese, Pineapple Casserole, Field Peas, Bread, Tea, and Dessert

APRIL 10TH

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Bread, Tea, and Dessert

APRIL 17TH

Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Tea, Dessert.

APRIL 24TH

Bring a Covered Dish

All Meals are \$5 a person





*New Members*

*or*

*Want to be?*

## *Starting Point Class*

Are you a new member to Ellore FBC or thinking about becoming a member? Maybe you are a member, but haven't attended for a while. Then come and join us for our starting point class to learn about the history of our wonderful church and to orient yourself with your new church family. This class will be held over two Sunday mornings at various times throughout the year. This will be a time that you will be able to not only ask questions but also hear what is expected of you as member of this our church.

### Upcoming Class Dates

**All classes are from 9:15-10:15**

#### April

- 21st
- 28th

#### June

- 9th
- 16th

#### August

- 4th
- 11th

#### October

- 6th
- 13th



**Viewing online or through email. Click the starting point picture to sign up for the next class**

# Deacon of the Month

## **JOHN ROLAND**



**803-682-0051**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Secret Church**  
**6pm-1am**  
**Bring your Bibles**

**April**  
**5th**

**Coffee & Cars**  
**7:30-11am**  
**Downtown in Gravel Lot**

**April**  
**6th**

**Prayer Walk**  
**5:30pm**  
**Meet in the fellowship hall**

**April**  
**7th**

**Forged Men's Ministry**  
**6:30pm**  
**Community Hunting Club**

**April**  
**8th**

**Discipleship Groups**  
**5:30-7pm**

**April**  
**14th**

# *Elloree First Baptist*

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**DAYS OF PRAYER  
& SPIRITUAL  
RENEWAL**

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**STARTING WITH A PRAYER WALK  
SUNDAY APRIL 7TH @5:30PM  
MEET AT FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Apart from a move of the Holy Spirit to renew people through the power of the gospel, we have no hope. Every church, seeking to resound in fresh ways for God's glory and the good of the community must begin by relying on the Lord to renew it spiritually and provide clarity for its future direction.

Come out together as a family of God and kick off 40 days of prayer and spiritual renewal by prayer walking around the church and community.



# Discipleship groups

there's a place for you | join one today

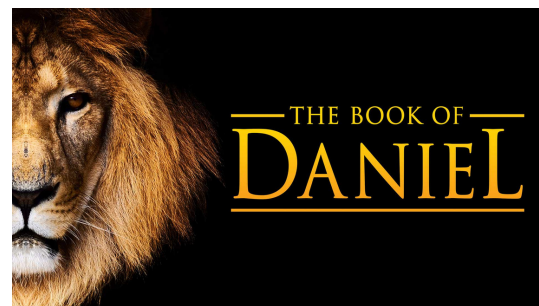
## Starting April 14th

Call the office to be added to a  
**Bible Study, or sign up in  
fellowship hall or in vestibule.**



Study led by Cherri Kennedy  
and Lisa Hayes

Study led by Mike Keene



Study through the book of Acts,  
led by Pastor Kevin

# Weekly Bible Studies

**Sunday Evenings**



**5:30pm**

**K3-6th grade**

**SUNDAY NIGHTS**



**5:30 pm**

**YOUTH  
MINISTRY**

*Get Connected Today*

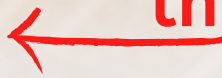
**Abide**

*John 15:7*

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



**Meeting Tues. Nights  
the month of April**



**Thursdays 7:00 pm**

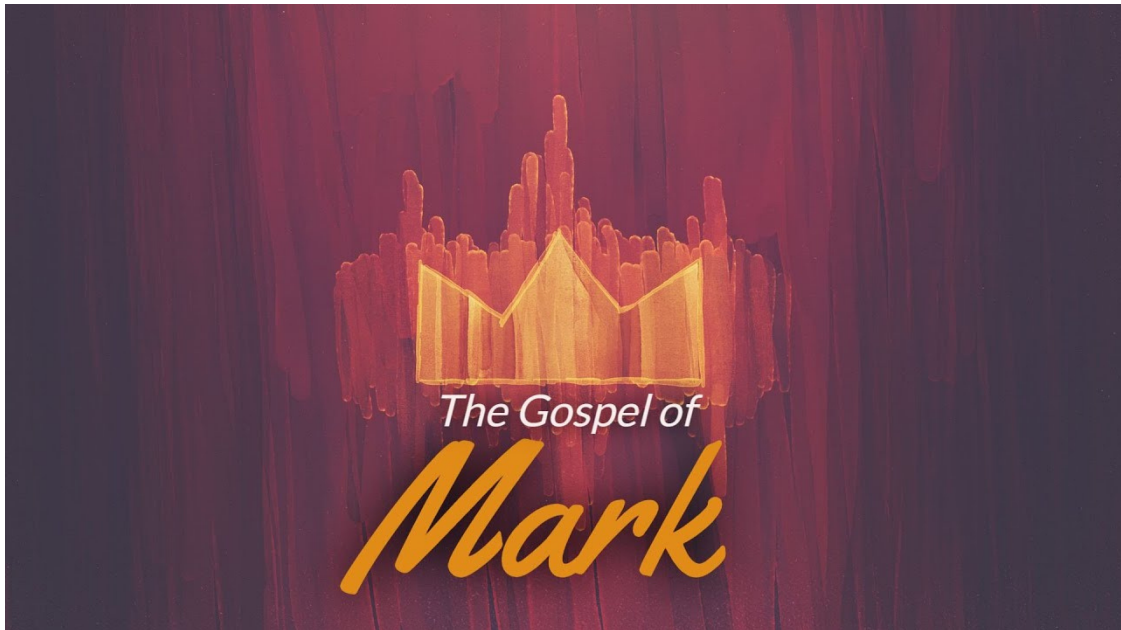
**MEN'S  
MINISTRY**

**THURSDAYS 7AM @ POPLAR CREEK LANDING**

**Sunday Evening Bible Study**



# Current Sermon Series



# Upcoming Sermons



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## UPDATE

This is the start of month 4 of our P.R.E.S.S Vision. Here is everything that church has got going since January to move us along in reaching the lost!

### *Prayer*

- Prayer every Sunday @ 8am for service and Sunday School.
- Prayer wall in Fellowship Hall
- Beginning 40 days of prayer and spiritual renewal.

### *Reaching*

- Mission Team working on Backyard Bible School at RJ Anderson Community building.

### *Equipping*

- If:Women's Gathering, equipping and renewing over 30 women.
- Had almost 15 people finish 6 weeks of Evangelism Training
- Continue on with Discipleship Classes on Sunday evenings to reach a wider group.

### *Serving*

- We are again serving the community through Cars and Coffee.
- Plan on being a part of the 3rd Friday Night Family Night

### *Sending*

- Mission team working on Summer missions going to West Virginia