

The

ELLOREE FIRST LOOK



Small Town Living

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

As I was sitting here thinking about what to write for this newsletter, I thought about our town. And how small town living, as Christians, should be amazing for our walk because everyone knows us. Then I thought about it some more, “Everyone knows us!” That can be something that is good and bad. In a small town, it is much harder to hide. It is much harder to hide our flaws from others. That is a scary thought, others around our community would know where I struggle. However the more I thought on this, I thought we can either sit and worry about what others are thinking and the fact that they know flaws, or thank God that they know my flaws, because it could give a greater testimony to Jesus.

Oscar Thompson once said, “A person can never lead another closer to the Lord than he or she already is. Evangelism must flow from a life that is deeply in love with the Lord.”

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

How do we live like that? First, we need to get right with God, our self, and then others. A part of this walk through our 40 days of prayer is to find where we are in our walk with Christ and to go deeper. The most important relationship we have is with God. Once we get that on track, it makes living in a small town wonderful, because you get to be the talk of the town...in a good way! People wanting to know what has changed, why are you acting different. That is a testimony to God and His power.

Use that relationship with God to build relational bridges with people. Use that relationship with God to show His love by meeting needs in and around the community. Everyone wants to feel loved and accepted, not condemned and prejudged, especially by people who are supposed to be living examples of Christ on earth.

For those old enough you may remember the show *Cheers*, “Sometimes you want to go where everyone knows your name.” Rather than being a fictional bar, it would be amazing for that to be Ellore First Baptist Church.

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin



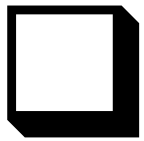
JOHN 3:16-17

“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.”

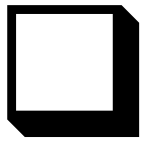
**Get connected with your neighbors
by praying for them!**



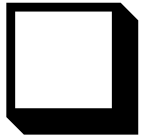
Monthly Prayer Focus



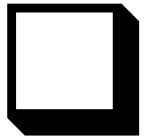
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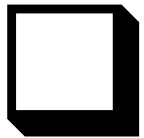
Spiritual Revival of community



Spiritual Renewal as a church



Our graduates and young adults



For God to move and us to listen

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Another month down and summer is basically here. There are so many activities coming up in the next several months and I think it would be amazing if we could figure out ways for our church to be a part of those activities! Two of our challenges during this 40 days of prayer really struck me hard. First, find people that you don't know, get to know them and pray WITH them. The second was to find something and selflessly serve. Why not put those things together and as a church, come together and connect with our community?



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

June

- 9th
- 16th

August

- 4th
- 11th

October

- 6th
- 13th

January

9th
16th

March

- 4th
- 11th



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

Deacon of the Month

**DON
VARDSVEEN**



540-903-3869

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mother's Day & Baby/Child
Dedication during 10:30
Service. No Evening Service**

**May
12th**

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

**May
13th**

**24 Hours of Prayer
Sign up at the church or online
by clicking on picture**

**May
18th**

**Graduation Sunday
10:30 Service**

**May
19th**

**Last TeamKids of the Year
5:30-7pm**

**May
19th**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Adult Worship
18-30 yo
7:00-9:00pm

**May
30th**

Cars and Coffee
8:00-11am
Cleveland St. Ellore

**June
1st**

Vacation Bible School
8:45-Noon

**June
17-20th**

4th of July Celebration
TBA
Joe Miller Park

**June
30th**

Outreach Opportunity



**Serving
Breakfast
June 1st**



YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

MAY 30TH @ 7:00PM

ELLOREE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
6208 OLD #6 HWY
ELLOREE, SC 29047

Ellore First Baptist



This time of prayer has been wonderful. It is amazing to see just in small ways that God is moving. We will be finishing off our 40 days of prayer and kicking off another time of prayer. To do this, we will be having 24 hours of straight prayer. In Acts 1, after the disciples see the risen Jesus ascend, it says they go back to the upper room and **continued** in one accord prayer and supplication. Let's make this all about Jesus and what he has in store for our church! You can go to the link and sign up for your time by clicking on the picture above if looking at this on the computer or on your phone. Or call the office and find out what times we have available.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WED. NIGHT MEAL



MAY 8TH

Pizza, Sala, Tea, and Dessert

MAY 15TH

BBQ, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls,
Tea, and Dessert

MAY 22ND

Covered Dish

MAY 29TH

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas,
Bread, Tea, & Dessert

All Meals are \$5 a person



Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday Evenings



5:30pm

K3-6th grade

Last Day, before
summer break...May

← **19th**

Sunday Evening Bible Study



SUNDAY NIGHTS



5:30 pm

**YOUTH
MINISTRY**

— Get Connected Today —

wednesday evenings
6:30 pm

THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

**MEN'S
MINISTRY**

THURSDAYS 7AM @ CRACKER BARREL, SANTEE

Abide *John 15:7*

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Thursdays 7:00 pm

Current Sermon Series



Upcoming Sermons

