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Next one family
service Sunday:
March 11 at 11 am

EBC Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m.

Sunday School
for Single Adult A

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary worship service
in the Worship Center

Repeat of Single Adult A
class; Sunday School
for children thru adults

11:00 a.m.

Blended worship service
in the Worship Center

Children's Sunday School
second hour

Sunday School
in the Fellowship Hall

Resolutions (or not) for 2012

Josias Aleman: Though I'd love to eat less and exercise more, my new year's resolutions tend to be spiritual in nature. For 2012, I'm focusing on being grateful and content for God's bountiful blessings to me. There's no room for anxiety and discontent in a grateful heart!



Dave Gilliland: My resolution is not to make resolutions, and since that was a resolution, I have already broken it. I really do NOT make any resolutions!

Craig Bridgforth: I don't do resolutions anymore; I learned the cold hard truth of Romans 3:11 and 7:14,15! I'm glad that New Year's Day is merely January 1. Best wishes for a happy and satisfying 2012!

Rex Boone: I've found that resolutions are more for their casual conversational value rather than for a change of action! However, I will read the Bible through again this year as I did last year.

Dennis Stewart: I'll try to have a better balance between work at the office and time at home. At home I'll do more walking with my wife!

Ministry Outside EBC's Walls

Thanks to these volunteers who do music and devotions at area residence facilities on their schedule each month:

- First Sunday: 4 pm Max Wood piano and devotion at The Forum
- First Monday: 11:15 am Brad Shrum devotion at Villa St. Joseph
10:15 am Rex Boone devotion at Claridge Court
- First Tuesday: 10:30 am Paul Geldart music and devotion at The Sweet Life at Grand Court
- First Thursday: 10 am Paul Geldart music and devotion at Sunrise of Leawood
- First Friday: 10:30 am Rex Boone devotion, Dottie McNeill piano and trivia at Indian Creek Nursing Center
- Every Other Friday: 10:30 am Max Wood piano and devotion at Manor Care
11 am Max Wood piano, Brad Shrum devotion at Manor Care

Saturday, Jan. 21, 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch



January's 55+ pot luck lunch is Saturday, the 21st, in EBC's Fellowship Hall. Bring whatever you'd like for the meal—veggie, salad, main dish, or dessert.

Let's bring presents for EBC's kitchen; it gets a decent amount of usage each week! A few dollars will buy some useful basics which are in somewhat short supply: dish cloths, dish towels, detergent, hot pads, Brillo pads, etc.

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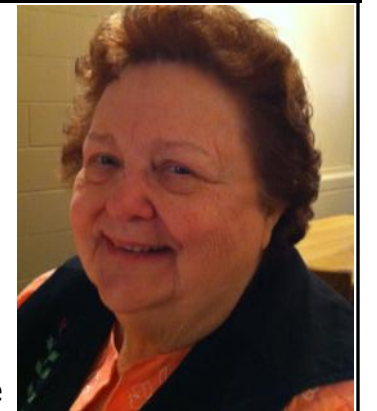


EBC 55+ News

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Spotlight on Marianne Pruitt

Marianne Pruitt has been attending the Single Adult A class for about five years. She grew up in rural Illinois, the sixth of thirteen children. The closest town was White Hall whose claim to fame came from a Disney Civil War movie entitled "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh" starring a boy who grew up there.



Marianne Pruitt

Marianne began first grade in a one-room schoolhouse in which one teacher handled the first eight grades. When Marianne walked to school, she cut across Uncle Charlie's apple orchard. As a child, Marianne loved to ride horses and did so at every opportunity. When she didn't walk to school, she rode on horseback accompanied by three other brothers and sisters. The horse ride took about ten minutes following the country road. During recess, the horse, which was very tame and patient, was the center of their playtime, and their favorite game was seeing how many children could pile onto its back! Marianne remembers that often she was the last one on the horse and usually the first one to slide backward over its hind portions and to the ground. That was part of the fun!

Growing up on a farm, all the children had their work to do. Saturday was chore day, and everyone pitched in deep cleaning the house, gathering wood, working in the garden, etc. Marianne started to cook at about age nine. She remembers a number of "near misses" in the meals she prepared, but in time she became a decent cook. Those near misses must not have been so bad because everyone managed to show up at the table for the next meal! The menu of the day rarely changed from ham and navy bean soup with cornbread plus whatever the cook wanted to add.

After Marianne finished 8th grade, she attended the high school which served that area. In time she discovered boys and cars. There was this guy, Carroll, who drove a Lincoln Continental. Marianne's parents suggested that she give notice to this fellow whose family farmed and was decently well off. Marianne assumed that her parents were hoping that she might marry and settle down into a "normal" life as the wife of a successful farmer. During her high school days in the 1950s, Marianne remembers that her opinion of a Lincoln Continental was that it was not a really great car, and she didn't spend much time with Carroll or his Lincoln. She does remember, however, that she drove that car in excess of 120 mph on several occasions just for the fun of it (her parents never knew)! The man with whom she would spend the next 50 years was a high school friend who drove a maroon Buick – she remembers that his was the hottest car in town! After graduating from high school, Lynn Pruitt left for military duty then married Marianne upon his return.

At first Lynn was a meat cutter but afterward drew on his military experience to become an air traffic controller in St. Charles, MO. In 1962 his work brought him to Olathe working at the Air Traffic Control Center now located next to I-35. Marianne remembers that upon moving from MO to KS, she couldn't find anyone who was born in KS! She thought, "I am moving to the end of the world, and I can't find anyone who was born there!" She also remembers that Olathe and Overland Park in the early '60s

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Marianne, from p. 1: were much less populated than they are today and certainly much less cosmopolitan than the St. Louis area she left. She and Lynn had three girls and two boys, all of whom graduated from Shawnee Mission Schools. At first, Marianne and family lived at 87th St. & Melrose then at 93rd St. & Hadley. While raising her children, Marianne had a number of jobs, though none could be called a career. Her career was being a mother, and she was very good at that! Her longest job outside her home was with the Social Security Administration. She got a good glimpse of government work there!

Marianne's best friend, Martha Howard, also attends EBC's Single Adult A class, and the two have been accused of being sisters (they're not). Their families have connections in Illinois actually dating back to the 1800s. One of Martha's high school friends was Pete Howard. Later Martha married Pete, and they lived in OK. Eventually both Pete and Lynn died, and in time Martha and Marianne reconnected. About five years ago at a particularly difficult time in Marianne's life, Martha told her that she needed to stop sitting at home feeling sorry for herself. She needed to try out a church that Martha had recently begun visiting – Emmanuel Baptist Church. Martha had found a very good Sunday morning group known as Single Adult A. When Marianne visited, she expected a dull teacher lecturing about boring stuff which had no connection whatsoever with real life. What she found was a teacher who was prepared, well studied, and entirely practical in the applications of the Bible topic. She also found a friendly and accepting group. "It was an instant connection," Marianne remembers. Marianne enjoys the weekly studies and the fellowship of Single Adult A plus their monthly "meet and eat" suppers. She also is a regular at the 55+ group's third-Saturday pot luck lunches. Marianne, we are all so glad that you feel at home at Emmanuel Baptist Church!

EBC's Interns . . . Meet Rane West by Casey Kapple



Rane West

This month I'd like to introduce you to **Rane West**. Rane grew up in Texas, and his family came to EBC when he was in the 7th grade. Rane graduated from high school this past May and is doing a year's internship with EBC's youth ministry. Next fall he plans to attend either K-State or KU. He is thinking that perhaps youth ministry might be in his future, and this year as an intern is giving him a chance to be involved in EBC's youth ministry close up—from calendar planning to organizing to actually doing youth events. As for what Rane will do after college, well, that's a long time away! Maybe it will be seminary, but certainly it will be ministry in one shape or another! For now, Rane is glad to be able to get a taste of what youth ministry is all about and how it really works in a church setting. He enjoys working with Casey and the other interns.

Rane plays electric guitar in the youth band, leads a Wednesday evening life group with 7th grade boys, and is involved as a table discussion leader at youth Sunday School (Sunday Morning Live). He particularly enjoys giving the message at Sunday Morning Live, rotating with several other youth leaders. Rane is not a bit shy about speaking in front of a crowd!

Rane's favorite fast food is Jack in the Box, and he and worship intern Jeremy Davis are frequently seen dining at the new Jack in the Box across the Metcalf / 103rd St. intersection! Rane's favorite hang out activity is ultimate frisbee, which is also a favorite of the entire youth group. Chilly temperatures are not a deterrent, but our youth group draws the line at rain and getting covered with mud! And when the weather finally turns cold and snow starts piling up in Overland Park, Rane's favorite recreational activity just might be placed on hold until next spring!

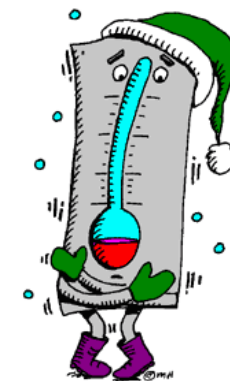


JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE 2012



Dr. Liz's Health Tips

Keeping warm!! A common winter health problem is hypothermia, a condition marked by a very low body temperature, usually caused by being in the cold (indoors or outdoors) too long. The American Geriatric Society Foundation for Health in Aging explains that since older adults have slower metabolisms, they tend to produce less body heat. In addition, because of the way the body changes with age, it is more difficult for senior adults to tell when temperatures are too low. That's why it's important for seniors to know how to stay warm outside as well as inside their house or apartment.



- Be sure the outer layer of your clothing is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind.
- Wool, silk, or polypropylene inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton.
- Stay dry—wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm.
- Avoid getting gasoline or alcohol on your skin while de-icing and fueling your car or using a snow blower. These materials in contact with the skin greatly increase heat loss from the body.
- Do not ignore shivering. Shivering is an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.

Who is on our Bulletin Board? It's Dottie McNeill!



Dottie Marchant

This picture was not dated, but **Dottie McNeill** believes that she must have been in about the 6th grade and living in Panama City, FL. Dottie's mother died when Dottie was almost 4 years old, and her father remarried five years later. Her step mother was a staunch Seventh Day Adventist and attended her church on Saturdays. On Sundays and Wednesdays the rest of the family went to The Advent Christian Church. Dottie's step mom insisted that Dottie's hair be braided all the time, and eventually Dottie became good at doing her own hair. Her step mom went to work before Dottie left for school each morning, and there were times (quite a few times!) when Dottie's older sister fixed her hair down with curls for school. In later pictures Dottie's hair is shown falling down on her shoulders, and Dottie remembers that the braids era lasted maybe 3-5 years—then it was over! She also remembers that her step mom made sure that on Sundays no one washed their hair, washed clothes, or did any sewing. Dottie still isn't sure why that rule about Sundays was given by a Seventh Day Adventist!

Dottie has been attending EBC since 1972 and is a member of the Single Adult A class. Dottie volunteers with Rex Boone monthly at Indian Creek Nursing Center, is the outreach leader in her Sunday School class, is active on our 55+ Council, serves on the Welcome Team in the N. Foyer, heads our ministry to EBC members who are confined at home or in care facilities (Dove Ministry), and volunteers two days a week at EBC's S. Foyer desk. Thank you, Dottie, for your commitment to ministry through our church!