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Announcements!

Women's Fireside Fellowship

Saturday, August 25 @ 6:30pm @ The Goheens'
For ladies entering high school and older

This will be a fun time of worship through song, the teaching of God's Word by Andrea Hernandez, and fellowship with other sisters-in-Christ. Bring your camp chair if you have one and pack a sweet or savory snack to share as we spend time focusing on salvation, peace and what the cross purchased. Please sign up to bring one snack or beverage item using this link: PerfectPotluck.com/KNET3956. Once this sign up is full, we will have plenty of refreshments, so just bring yourself! Please RSVP directly to this event, or in-person at our Welcome Center.

**Please note that an actual bonfire in the Goheen's firepit will be contingent on both weather and any burn restrictions at the time of the event.*

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Sing!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

A group from our EBC family will be attending the Sing! conference in Nashville, TN September 4-6.

We are gauging interest as we consider hosting a virtual Sing! conference at EBC during this time.

This would involve livestreams of the main conference and various breakout sessions between roughly 11:00am on Monday the 4th, a full day of sessions on Tuesday the 5th, and morning sessions on Wednesday the 6th.

If you would be interested in attending such an event, or would like more details, please email music@eastridgebaptist.org.

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH

Youth Summer Camp 2023

Monday-Friday, August 7-11

Double K Retreat & Adventure Center in Easton, WA.

Please pray for safety and spiritual growth in the Lord for our youth and leaders as they embark on this week of fun in the sun, fellowship with friends, and searching the Scriptures for what it means to be content in Christ!

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God should die for me?

In January 2006, God led thirteen people to start an intensive Biblical studies program at Word of Life Bible Institute in upstate New York. Typically, students start in the fall term, however, the college does accept winter admissions, offering both one- and two-year programs to help students get grounded in God's word before moving on to higher education. Within that small class starting in January, two students were drawn to each other and soon began dating – one from Florida and the other from South Korea.

Matt grew up in Florida. His father was a bi-vocational pastor during most of his childhood; his mother also worked outside the home; and he was the middle child with two siblings – an older sister and younger brother. Living in a Christian home, he gained a solid foundation in the Scriptures and had the aspiration of becoming a naval aviator. After high school however, Matt felt God was directing him to be involved in missions work as an aviation pilot. Several months after graduating from high school, he decided to enroll in the one-year program at Word of Life to strengthen his spiritual foundation.

HyeJin grew up in a Korean family with two siblings – an older sister and an older brother. Her family was Buddhist. However, she had several Christian friends who invited her to church, and her heart was drawn to Christ during her teen years. At church, she heard stories about missionaries, and she desired to be one too. As she was finishing her bachelor's degree at a South Korean university and looking for opportunities in the U.S. to complete her master's degree, she found out about the Word of Life Bible Institute and began saving money to attend there. When she had enough, she told her parents about it. They were not excited about this potential direction for their youngest child, but realizing she had her heart set on it, they allowed her to go.

Although HyeJin had studied written English in school, she knew very little spoken English. Fortunately, she was

a fast learner. After finishing the one-year program at Word of Life, she went on to receive her Master of TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) at Azusa Pacific University in the greater Los Angeles area in 2009.

After Word of Life, Matt went to South Korea for about 6 months to teach English as a second language at a classmate's family afterschool program. During this time, he and HyeJin stayed in touch through FaceTime. While Matt was still in Korea, HyeJin's grandmother died, and she came home to be with her parents and siblings. This gave Matt the opportunity to spend time with both HyeJin and her family as well as meet her extended family and church friends. They returned to the States together, and Matt was accepted into the aeronautics program at Mt. San Antonio College (SAC), a mere eight miles from Azusa Pacific University and thus convenient for the growing romance with HyeJin.



In July 2008, while both were still completing their education, Matt and HyeJin got married, and they started their family two years later. They now have five children – Josiah (13), Judah (10 ½), Juliet (9), Jesse (7), and Joy (5).

The Graham Family (Continued from page 2)

After receiving his associate's degree in 2010, Matt conveniently entered Southern Illinois University's degree program (hosted on the Mt. SAC campus), from which he earned his bachelor's degree in Aviation Management.

Matt started his career as an aircraft maintenance technician apprentice, eventually earning his FAA license. Next, he spent ten years working in the Space industry with SpaceX, ULA, and Blue Origin, initially in California, then Florida, and now Washington. They moved to Covington in 2021 and found Eastridge right away. In 2022, Matt took a job with Alaska Airlines as a maintenance supervisor.

Although he has his pilot's license, Matt is not currently pursuing his love of flying as a career pilot but has chosen a career path that allows him to spend more time with his family. He and the boys enjoy playing airsoft together. Their whole family enjoys camping and hiking. Some of their children are involved in martial arts and piano.

Areas that they have served in the church and community are children and youth ministry, children's church, and Trail Life (Christian scouting group).

When asked what her favorite Bible verse is, HyeJin called to mind Isaiah 43:1b which gave her assurance of her salvation: I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Matt said that 1 Sam 2:30b spoke to him as a young adult: Those who honor me I will honor. Additionally, their family focus has been on Matt 6:33: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

The Graham family attends the first service, so look for them and introduce yourself. And, in case you are wondering, they chose their children's first names (all starting with "J") and their Korean middle names (all starting with "M") with great intentionality.



Left to Right: Judah, Juliet, Josiah, Jessie, HyeJin, Joy, Matt

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4

Greg and Victoria Turner were invited to Eastridge Baptist Church by their son Daniel and daughter-in-law Raquel. They were looking for “a Bible-preaching church that was solid in the Word.” Daniel and Raquel had found EBC through searching for local expository preaching churches similar to John MacArthur’s teaching style. Both Greg and Victoria grew up in Christian homes, but had different journeys to come to a place where they embraced Christ as their Lord.

Greg was born in Yakima and was the oldest of two children. His family moved to Seattle when he was seven years old. His parents took him and his sister to the Methodist church every Sunday, but he did not like that he had no choice in the matter. Shortly after he graduated from West Seattle High School, he left home and joined the navy. He served for three years in the Vietnam War effort – 1969-1971 – on the USS Claud Jones in Hawaii. While in the navy, he started drinking. After some time had gone by, he was at a bar one night and heard someone quote John 3:16. That verse began to work in his heart and was a big motivator for turning him to God.

Victoria was born and raised in the Philippines. She was the second child in a family of six kids, and her family attended the Catholic church. When she was a teenager, her family moved to the United States. She graduated from West Seattle High School.

Greg and Victoria met at a New Year’s Eve party in December 1970. They stayed in touch, and after Greg was discharged from the navy, they married on October 21, 1972. Their sons Janarius (Jari) and Daniel (Dani) were born in 1973 and 1977 respectively. In 1976, Victoria rededicated her life to the Lord at the Billy Graham Crusade in Seattle. At the same Crusade, Greg spotted his uncle who was one of the counselors, and he

was also drawn to seek God more passionately, yet still struggled with alcohol. In 1988, he asked Christ to remove this temptation from him, and He did.



Greg has worked in several different jobs over the years: construction, bank credit department, barber, sign maker, and for 14 years as a plexiglass fabricator. Victoria was a phlebotomist for 45 years at various clinics and labs. She retired from Lab Corp last year.

Some of the areas that they have served in the church over the years include food and hospitality, teaching kids Sunday school and children’s church, working in the nursery and Vacation Bible School, and chair ministry.

Greg & Victoria Turner (Continued from page 4)

Q & A with the Turners:

What is your favorite worship song or hymn and why?

Greg: “Amazing Grace” and “Morning has Broken” remind me of God’s power to save and renew.

Victoria: “Because He Lives” and “In the Garden” remind me of God’s abiding presence with us.

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Greg: John 3:16 is my all-time favorite because God used this verse to draw me to Him. The verse that I try to live by is found in both Matt 7:12 and Luke 6:31 (Golden Rule).

Victoria: Heb 13:5 tells me that God will never leave or forsake us. I also like Ps 73:25-26 because I, like the psalmist, want my relationship with God to be everything since no one else or anything on earth is worthy or more desirable than the Lord and one day my inheritance will be in heaven with Him. I desire for others to know Him in the same way, and I have sent lots of Bibles to my home country in their native language so that they can read the truth found in the Scriptures.

What Biblical character are you most drawn to and why?

Greg: I am drawn to Jesus, and I desire to be more like

Him because he alone can rescue and save. Another person in the Bible to whom I relate is Paul because his proud, sinful life was turned around by his encounter with the Lord.

Victoria: Two Bible characters come to mind for me too. First, Job because he suffered so much yet stayed committed to God. Second, David because his heart was for God, yet he was very human.

Is there something unique about you that others might like to know about?

Greg: I enjoy doing pencil sketches. I also enjoy yard work.

Victoria: I enjoy skydiving. I went for the first time when I was 40. I still do it occasionally. I also enjoy reading and cooking.

What closing thoughts do you have?



Greg and Victoria: Parenting doesn’t stop when your kids leave the house. It is never too late to point them to the Lord. Keep the faith. Trust in God.

Greg and Victoria generally attend the second service, so look for them and introduce yourself.

New to Membership

The following individuals recently completed the process for membership at Eastridge Baptist Church. At our special evening service on Sunday, July 16, these individuals also made a public declaration of their choices to officially call EBC their home as they were introduced in front of the congregation and prayed for.

Leo Yefimov
Bette Rutherford
Andrew Young
Sage Small
Brad Kenning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>August</h1>		1	2	3	4	5
6 6:00pm Prayer Meeting <i>Anchored: Post-Prayer Meeting Fellowship (@ Blakeys')</i>	7	8 5:00pm–8:30pm Taekwondo	9	10 1:30pm Missions Prayer Ministry (@ Wentworth's)	11	12
Youth Summer Camp @ Double K Retreat & Adventure Center						
13	14 6:30pm <i>Anchored Workshop</i> (@ Blakeys')	15 5:00pm–8:30pm Taekwondo 6:30pm Elder Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21 6:30pm <i>Anchored Workshop</i> (@ Blakeys')	22 5:00pm–8:30pm Taekwondo	23 6:30pm Youth Group	24	25 6:30pm Women's Fireside Fellowship (@ Goheens')	26
				Fiji STM Trip		
27 Communion	28	29 5:00pm–8:30pm Taekwondo	30 6:30pm Youth Group	31		
Fiji STM Trip — Aug. 24–Sept. 3						

Looking Ahead at Eastridge

September 2023

DATE	EVENT	TIME (LOCATION)
Sunday, September 3	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Sun-Wed, September 3-6	Sing! Conference	(Nashville, Tennessee)
Wed Early September (TBD)	Start of Adventure Club	6:30pm (@EBC)
September (Date TBD)	Youth Group Back to School Bash	Time TBD (Youth Center)
Sunday, September 10	New Attenders' Luncheon	1:00pm (Auditorium)
Saturday, September 30	Baby Shower for Jennifer McInnis	10:00am (Auditorium)

October 2023

Sunday, October 1	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
Saturday, October 21	Digging for Diamonds—Women's Event	10:00am (Auditorium)

November 2023

Sunday, November 5	Monthly Prayer Meeting	6:00pm (Auditorium)
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ashley Small 8/1
 Lauren Thompson 8/2
 Dolores Johnson 8/3
 Kilian Keating 8/3
 Noah Schedrin 8/3
 Tamara Tiginyanu 8/7
 Timothy Agafonov 8/9
 Grace Hansen 8/10
 Thanya Korlin 8/11
 Ron Sandelius 8/12
 Donald Hunt 8/13
 Annette Koenig 8/13
 Andrew McInnis 8/14

Cathy McMinn 8/14
 Carol Iverson 8/15
 Chrissy Mickelson 8/18
 Stephen Mickelson 8/19
 Emily Goheen 8/22
 Sean Kelsey 8/23
 Annika Mayes 8/24
 Clement Eng 8/26
 Kade Breidford 8/28
 Josiah Graham 8/29
 Henry McArdel 8/31
 John Gray 8/31
 Tom Noller 8/31
 Ava Cummings 8/31

Anniversaries

Sal & Shannon Guevara
 8/3
 Ryan & Rebecca Pogue
 8/4
 Samuel & Shannon Blakey
 8/15
 Brian & Loye Reas
 8/16
 Daniel & Raquel Turner
 8/17
 David Dantzscher &
 Noelle Ahlstrom
 8/18

Mike & Valerie McCafferty
 8/25
 Stephen & KayLee Groot
 8/26
 Matt & Amy Hurst
 8/27
 Marco Domingo &
 Danielle Tuanquin
 8/28
 Kempiz & Andrea
 Hernandez
 8/28

New Summer Sermon Series:

Join us on Sundays for Senior Pastor Kempiz's first sermon series at Eastridge, concluding this August.



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