



“Recognizing the Opportunities and Raising the Bar”

It seems like yesterday that schools were starting back as we were transitioning from summer to fall. Well, here we are; fall is upon us and with that, I want to remind you that there are opportunities to get plugged in here at EPBC. While we often emphasize our times of corporate gatherings for worship, but let me remind you that this is only one aspect of the things that are available here at EPBC. From Sunday School to afternoon small groups for all ages and ranges of life, there’s something available for you. We have monthly gatherings for men and women as well as events for our students and children to be a part of. You can check out our church website to find out what we offer for you and your family to be involved in. Another place to get plugged into is the choir. Our Adult Choir is getting ready for the Christmas Cantata and if you are interested I know Bro. Richard Boykin would love to have you. Not only do we have Adult Choir, but there is also our Children’s Choir too, which is as well getting ready for Christmas. So if you have a child, we would love to connect them with our Children’s Choir.

Now if you’ve been at EPBC for some time you know that we have our annual Fall Festival coming in late October (*Sunday, 31st @ 6 pm*). On the heels of that, we have OCC Shoebox Ministry with our collection week in November (*15th-22nd*). When it comes to opportunities to get plugged in and find a place of study and service, there are options. I hope that you will take advantage of these and while not everyone can do everything, I encourage everyone to do something. Let’s be intentional and involved as we use our gifts and talents to grow in the Lord and give because of the Lord. It was the 4th-century theologian Augustine who once said, *“God is not greater if you reverence Him, but you are greater if you serve Him.”*

I have found that opportunities are often tied to challenge, a call to engage in something. As we move forward as a church let’s do so faithfully with a heart for community and a hand of service. William Carey, the famous English missionary to India once said, *“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God”*. As we look ahead as a family of faith, let’s raise the bar of our expectations as well as the bar for the things we attempt for God’s glory through the life and ministry of EPBC.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff