



As summer ends, we are preparing for another Sunday School year as many of our children will move into new rooms with new teachers. That being said, if you have ever thought about teaching or facilitating a small group, contact Bro. Mark about the opportunities here at EPBC. So, as we turn from the summer and look to the fall quarter here at EPBC, we will have at least two Sunday evening small group studies available. One is on Baptist Distinctives: What do we believe as Baptists and why? A second study is “Experiencing God,” which is to help believers know and do the will of God. Both these studies will be co-ed adult studies. For our Children, on Wednesday evenings, we will have different teams within the church to lead our children in bible study and recreation, as well as continuing our choir ministry for children. Do not forget about the IMPACT Leadership Training through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) that we are hosting here at EPBC on Thursday, August 11th, 5:30-8:30; a meal is provided. This will be a time of training for pastors, and leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool. The training is for lay leaders and church staff. The focus of the training will be disciple-making with emphasis on reaching the lost and discipling the saved.

As I shared with the church from the pulpit, I am so proud of the work our Children and Youth Committees are doing in this interim period until the Lord provides us with our next full-time Minister of Children and Youth. This also includes our Personnel Committee. Until the time when God fills that position here, I want to encourage the church to be willing and active in supporting these committees, the work they are doing, and our Children and Youth here at EPBC. God is faithful, and because of this, He calls us to be faithful to Him, His word, and the work He desires to be done in and through the church. To know what is going on here at EPBC, there are several avenues: announcements in our services, the weekly service bulletin, the church website (www.ebpc.church), and our facebook page. As always, you can contact the church office if you have questions about any activities or opportunities within the church.

As a final word, I taught from the text of Luke 5 the last Sunday in July about: LOOKING AROUND AND LEANING IN, SAYING YES & SHOWING OUR YES, and GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE. Also from the text in Luke 5, I pray that we, like Simon, would be a church that is conditioning ourselves to see the opportunities before us as we set our boats out into deep water with the hopeful expectation that the Lord will meet our needs, bless our faithfulness, and give us a greater glimpse of what we would be without Him, but also who we are because of Him.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”—Luke 5:4 (CSB)

Setting out as God sets our course,

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