

Our Invitation

At the close of the message, it is our practice to have a time of decision. During this time you are invited to come to the front where the pastor or a counselor will be glad to talk to you. Please come if you would like someone to pray with you or you feel God leading you to make any of the following decisions:

Salvation:

I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Baptism:

I want to be baptized in obedience to the Lord and as a sign of my decision to accept Christ.

Membership:

I desire to join this church.

Rededication:

I want to reaffirm my commitment to Christ.

Other:

Request prayer, answer God's call full-time ministry, confession of sins, etc.

Weekly Devo: Pull Out Your Pencils

Key Verse: "but test everything; hold fast what is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Students have heard these words and the chills have run across the spine of their back. "Pull out your pencils; it's time to take an exam." In today's learning environment, the exam might be computerized; thereby, the pencil might be a tool of yesteryear. Nonetheless, the reality of the test still looms its cloud over the participants who will be gauged by the information they are able to recollect and reproduce accordingly.

Paul teaches the faith community in Thessalonica by means of this letter to test everything. An array of teachings will bombard the instructional venue. Some would teach that there was no real hope since fellow faith members had already died and Jesus has become slack on the aspect of His return. They would begin to question his return completely. Others would question the motives of some Christian leaders like Paul. Does he truly care about you? He hasn't been here for several years now. Can you trust his teachings? Some would link a strong dependence upon the traditions of Jewish rituals. Remember that this aspect was an integral aspect for the threats levied toward Paul and his associates. The faith community is urged by Paul to test everything continually. Does it align with the teaching of Christ? Is it generated as an oral tradition that has no basis in scripture?

If this teaching was a critical lesson for the generation of believers in the first century, fast forward to the implications it has for today. Our world is inundated with teachings via a vast array of venues. You Tube videos are extremely popular among certain segments of the population. There are teachings on radio, television, websites, Facebook, and many other venues of teaching markets available to the Bible student today. The responsibility and challenge of testing these are ever present.

The second facet of instruction is to hold fast to what is good. Next week's devo will direct more focus to this aspect of the teaching. Listen to teaching with an ear of discernment.

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East Dayton Baptist Church

Building Life Stories that Connect

*Investing Wisely
In Motherhood*

May 13, 2018

Morning Message
Pastor Brian Kershaw

Investing in Motherhood

Verses: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 1:10

Welcome to East Dayton Baptist Church

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What an honor it is to have you join us today! Welcome to the worship service. Your presence tells me that you desire to invest quality time in seeking the things that God is speaking to you. Today at EDBC, it is our goal to communicate the teachings of Jesus and the entirety of the Bible. I believe they are still critical and personal for real life choices today. As pastor, I trust that you will have a good experience today. I feel confident that people will be polite and friendly to you. We do hope that you will choose to return to our church again.

Connecting Christ to life,
Pastor Brian Kershaw
Please silence your cellphones.

Thank You!

Special Thanks...Wow this past week has been a remarkable week with numerous opportunities to share our faith personally and to connect with others in our community. We have joined together to attempt to reach people in our area. Some have prayed intensely for the opportunities. Several provided cookies to share during the election day. It is amazing to hear the comments from residents and poll workers alike. Another group of volunteers helped with the Bike Rodeo at Rohrer Park and members engaged numerous residents. Another avenue of special support was generated through the donation of carnations to provide special touches in door to door distribution to women in our community. Special stories will spring forth from these and your generosity has made it possible.



May 15	JOY Group Event	10:30 AM
May 16	Home Touch Visits	10:00 AM
May 16	Business Meeting	7:30 PM
May 19	Men's Breakfast	9:00 AM
May 21—25	Greater Dayton Association Week of Prayer	
May 25	Fast Food Friday—Youth	
May 28	Memorial Day—Church Office Closed	
May 29	Joshua's Men	6:30 PM

We are going to South America today to pray for two of our international missionaries who serve in Peru. Joe and Kim Busching serve in Peru's capital city, Lima, which has almost 10 million people. They are two of our more than 4,000 missionaries serving overseas, and we support them through our church's Cooperative Program giving. Joe and Kim have been meeting with Baptist leaders in Lima to encourage churches to pray for the neighborhoods around them and do more to bring those neighbors to faith in Christ. Now, many people come to Lima and stay for a while, then return to their home countries. Joe and Kim also want to reach these visitors and send them home with the gospel in their hearts. Today let's pray for Joe and Kim and ask God to bless their ministry.



This week Pastor Brian's message is the initial one in a new series entitled "Investing Wisely". The key verse for the series is a source of treasure for many Christians. It has been a memorized verse in the arsenal backpack of many believers throughout the years. "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33) When one speaks of investments, usually the mind will venture to the economics and the financial markets. Some of these messages will be sprinkled into the series, but it will be much more. Jesus speaks of investing in the kingdom in Matthew's gospel. Today, the first stop along the journey will be Investing in Motherhood. The Bible has numerous examples, but we will venture into a heart of desperation. Join us as we venture to invest wisely through God's word.

Thank you for your extreme generosity to the ministry of the Gideons International. Last week the donations given exceeded \$316. We greatly appreciate Frank Taylor for sharing the stories of the impact of God's Word.



[PRAISE & WORSHIP] Welcome today as our guest worship leaders Darrell and Judi Jensen. The Jensens are familiar faces to East Dayton Baptist Church and have been part of the worship in the past with their son Eric. They reside in the Dublin area and have chosen to help our church family during these days. We appreciate their willingness to worship and serve with us. We are very blessed to have them here.

Lisa Kershaw has shared a renewed vision for reaching our community through the possibility of Backyard Bible Clubs. The theme is Game On just like the on-site traditional format Vacation Bible School. A major ingredient and initial phase is to saturate the matter before God in prayer. Each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 an opportunity to gather and pray for God's anointing and guidance will be held in the church library. Even if you are unable to attend the gathering, please commit some time to pray for this unique challenge lying before us.



Priscilla SHIRER Priscilla Shirer...Ladies who have signed up for the Priscilla Shirer Live in Fort Wayne, IN on August 24-25, please take note that the tickets have been purchased. The individual cost per ticket is \$69. Please contact Lisa Kershaw if you have any questions about your involvement in this event. Please begin to pay for your tickets. In order to manage an accurate list of paid tickets, see Lisa for the proper procedure of payment. The event will be a great growing experience.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday
9:30 AM— Small Group Bible Study
10:45 AM— Morning Worship
NO EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday
10:00 AM—Home Touch
6:30 PM—Mid-Week service
7:30 PM—Business Meeting

**** Counters—** Belinda Burden
Kathy Owens

Ministry Point Man

Stephen Halwes —5-13-18

Terry Moore—5-20-18



JOY Group meets this Tuesday at 10:30 AM for a special gathering of fellowship and information. A special guest speaker will be present from the Artemis Center. Each person attending is encouraged to bring a household item or a personal item. If you need better definition to what those might be, please speak to Donna Wilcox. There will also be a potluck covered dish lunch, so bring your special delights to share. If you have never been to any JOY event, they would love to have you join them at any of their activities.