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## News from the Pastor

Can you believe that our family will celebrate 6 months here at EFBC on the first Sunday in May? As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun!" And what a fun ride these first 6 months have been! You have welcomed our family with open arms, and we are excited to serve here with you, and we strive to proclaim Christ and point people to Him. Over the last 6 months we have had three baptisms (with one more soon), had 4 families join our church, and seen an increase of about 20% in worship attendance. This is only the beginning of our time together and I look forward to seeing God do incredible God things in the near future.

It's May, which is one of the busiest months in church life, second only to December so there are many things happening and there are many opportunities for special recognition. Over the next few weeks, we will honor our Moms, Dads, and Grads and we will also have a special time of recognition with our SS promotion. We are also looking for a few people to share a short testimony about the blessings they have received from God, so be on the lookout for those special opportunities to celebrate what God is doing in our church.

Outside our church, we have three big mission outreach events planned that you will want to make sure you have on your calendar. First, on **Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm** we will be having a **Community Block Party** on Jackson St. This will be a great night of food, fun, & music! Second, on **Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm** our SBA Men on Mission group will be hosting a **Gospel Celebration** at the 5-Way Town & Country Stage Area. We will have food, gospel music, and a great challenge from God's Word by yours truly! This event is for the entire family! Third, and finally on **Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>** we will have a **"Back 2 School" Community Event**. More on these events later but for now save these dates as we serve our community!

Let me leave you with a reminder from Jesus from His sermon on the mount in Matthew 5:13-16. "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

As we say goodbye to the school year and enter summer mode, may we always remember that Jesus is the one true light and we are simply reflectors of His great light. No matter what we do or where we go, let us always share His light in a dark world!

In His Service,

*Pastor Ryan*

# PRAYER LISTS



## Reflections Memory Care

220 Ron Crank Drive  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
**Margaret Loudy**

## Eldorado Healthcare

1001 Jefferson St  
Eldorado, IL 62930  
**Anita Brown**  
**Mary Simons**

Jimmy Atkinson, Esther Bornert, Danny Bradley, Anita Brown, Mike Bundren, Clore family, John Creamer, Matthew Edwards, Jonathon Foster, Lee & El Frieda Gholson, Harley Gidcumb, Kristen Gipson, Diane Goedelman, Karen Griffith, Carol Grisham, Mike Grisham, Cathy Head, Herbert family, Sherry Hirst, Brent Hopkins, Dave Horning, Brandy Hughs, Bill Kaid, Beverly Kunath, Jacquie Langley, Margaret Loudy, Jim Metten, BJ & Rosemary Moore, Gene Morris, Betsy Oldham, Mary Ann Penrod, Don Riley, Jeff Rister, Landa Rister, Becky Seely, Landry Smith, Mary Simons, Marcia Simpson, Jovi Weir, Lanny Willis and George Wilson

## Carrier Mills Nursing Home

P O Box 68 - 6789 US Hwy 45 S  
Carrier Mills, IL 62917  
**Don Riley**

Carmi Manor  
615 W Webb Street  
Carmi, IL 62821  
**John Creamer**



Here's a list of the Current Life Groups  
Sundays @ 5:30pm or Fridays @ 9:00am

### **Sunday Nights @ 5:30pm**

Nate & Betsy's House  
Tom & Chloe Ann's House  
Gene & Nancy's House  
Gipson/Beck (@ Church)

### **Friday Morning @ 9:00pm**

Coffee with Jesus (@ Church)

If you have pictures of church events,  
send them to Tom Folder.  
Tomf58@live.com or 217-502-4889.

The TIE can be found on the church website.  
You can also receive it by email by request.

## IN MEMORIAM

Contributions have been made to the  
Building Fund in memory of  
Andrew Clore and Linda Herbert.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

The family of Andrew Clore would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the kindness, compassion, and support shone during this difficult time of loss. Your thoughtful messages, cards, prayers, flowers, food, and comforting presence have meant more to us than words can express. A special thanks to Pastor Ryan and those who helped during the service and to all those who provided the meal after the service. It was all very special.

As we remember Andrew's life, we are deeply grateful to everyone who shared in honoring the memory and celebrating the moments that made his life so special. Your support has helped us through this difficult time and will remain in our hearts always.  
-- With sincere appreciation and gratitude, The Clore Family --

# MISSION & MINISTRY UPDATES

## Regular Weekly Schedule of Services & Fellowship

### Sunday:

Sunday School	9:00am
Morning Worship Service	10:00am
Mission Friends & Children in Action	5:30pm-7:00pm
Life Groups	5:30pm-7:00pm

### Wednesday:

Men's & Women's Discipleship	7:00pm-8:00pm
Youth & Kids Bible Study	7:00pm-8:00pm

### Friday:

Coffee with Jesus	9:00am
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The WMU Ladies met on April 8. Topics discussed were:

**Annie Armstrong Offering** on April 5<sup>th</sup> reported \$5590! Praise the Lord!!

**4C's Serve Day** is April 16. Leaving EFBC parking lot at 8:30 am. Serve from 9–noon

**Quarterly WMU Meeting** April 28 @ Shawneetown First Baptist. Speaker Is Carmen Halsey-Menghini (IBSA). Collecting for The Pregnancy Center. List available in bulletin, on screen, or near collection box. Van leaves at 6pm.

### Ladies Event "Singing in the Rain"

May 2 from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

Scripture theme: Psalm 59:16 –

"Singing of His Strength, Even in the Rain."

The event will include: Mission Speakers, Special Music by Pam Plunkett, Buffet of salads, sandwiches & desserts  
 Silent Auction Items: Spa theme, Gardening theme, Hiking theme, Rainy Day Read theme, and barn quilt painting. All money will be added to the \$355 for Pure Water, Pure Love Compassion Ministry. Tickets are a \$5.00 donation on sale from WMU ladies.

Starting in May, **Kids on Mission & WMU** will be collecting water & energy drinks for the mission trip

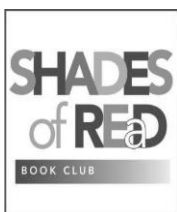
**Next Meetings** will be Wednesday, May 13 @ 6:00pm in the church library. Day meeting will Thursday, May 14 @ 2pm at Shirley's.

## EFBC COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY Celebrating Its 6 Year Anniversary Since March 31, 2020

Meals served Jan – Mar 2026	2,183
Monthly Average Jan – March	727.7
Daily Avg. Meal Served Jan – Mar	60.6
Total Meals from 3.31.20 – 12.31.24	57,967
Total Meals from 3.31.20 – 12.31.25	73,600
Total Meals from 3.31.20 – 3.31.26	75,713

### WMU Book Club.

We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All Ladies are welcome to join us! Next meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>



### Looking at going on mission with us?

We have 4 Open Spots for our Mission Trip to "Big Creek" in Bear Creek, KY to work in the Appalachian Mountains Region  
 The Date is **July 26-Aug 1** and the cost is **\$275/person**. See Pastor Ryan for details!

Register at [www.bigcreekmissions/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions/go)

Our Next Meeting is **Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** after Worship Service

### Eldorado High School Baccalaureate Service

will be held at EFBC Wednesday, May 13 @ 7pm  
 Congratulations to our High School Graduates

**Hallie Price – EHS & Luke Wix – HHS**

### XYZ Fellowship

All senior adults are invited to join us for the next XYZ Fellowship on **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

They will travel to Cave-In-Rock for a Fish Lunch and a visit to the Amish Greenhouse

**Meet at the Church at 10:15am**

See Susan Mills for additional information!

# UPCOMING EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS

## “Singing in the Rain” – Ladies Event

All ladies are invited to an event on **Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **11am-1pm** in the Gym.

“I will sing of your strength. . . your love in the morning.” - Psalm 59:16.

## Mother’s Day Offering 2026

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>** is a special day as we celebrate Mother’s Day! We will have a special time of recognition for all moms and Melissa Pollard will be with us to get a short update on the ministries of the Children’s Home! There will also be a special offering collected that morning for the Children’s Home!

## Join Us @ the Farmer’s Market

This year’s Farmer’s Market kicks off on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am-Noon at the 5-Way and then meets every other week throughout the summer! We will have a church booth and hand out Bibles & Water on May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, & September 5<sup>th</sup>. If your able to help serve see Tom F or Pam H for details!

## Graduation Recognition

On **Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** during morning worship, we will be recognizing our graduates.

If you have a student graduating from JH, HS, or College, please let Pastor Ryan know or contact the church office by Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Block Party Outreach Event

On **Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>** from **6pm-8pm** we will have a **Block Party** with Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Hot Dogs, Bounce House, & Much More!

We need people to help serve at this community event! See Pastor Ryan for details!



VBS 2026  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:45pm-8:00pm  
(Dinner @ 5:15pm)  
REGISTER  
HERE



May 1st	Esther Bornert	May 11th	Lu Horning
May 2nd	Braden Attebury	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Sigler
May 3rd	Lochlan Walker	May 17th	Tom Clore
May 4th	Madison Newton	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Chaffin
May 4th	Alexis Canimore	May 19th	Mary Jo Harrison
May 6th	Benjamin Byrd	May 21st	Elsie Parker
May 7th	Maddie Harrelson	May 23rd	Jayse Thaxton
May 8th	Avery Dunaway	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth O'Connor
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Megan Walker	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Baldwin
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie Beck	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Johnny Foes
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Sutton	May 31st	Paula Wilson
May 10th	Savannah Sutton		

# VOLUNTEER ROTATIONS

May 3, 2026	May 10, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>	<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>
Brian Heath (313-2108) & BJ Moore (926-6959)	Brian Heath (313-2108) & BJ Moore (926-6959)
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>USHERS:</b>
Rocky Grief & Jerry Mitchell	Roger Bergman & Jerry Vinyard
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>GREETERS:</b>
Don & Jennifer Durham	BJ & Rosemary Moore
<b>NURSERY:</b>	<b>NURSERY:</b>
Jonah Durham & Emily Colorado	Paula Wilson & Nancy Morris
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>
Kristen Gipson & Betty Vaughn	Debbie & Richard Wilson
<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>	<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>
Gayla Heath & Kayla Rice Brittany Wix & Luke Wix	No Classes – Mother's Day
<b>May 6, 2026</b>	<b>May 13, 2026</b>
Betty Vaughn (Kids) & Jennifer Durham (Youth)	Lu Horning (Kids) & Betsy Oldham (Youth)

May 17, 2026	May 24, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>	<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>
Jason Farmer (841-7114) & Gene Morris (841-6761)	Jason Farmer (841-7114) & Gene Morris (841-6761)
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>USHERS:</b>
Harold Mills & BJ Moore	Don Durham & Jonah Durham
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>GREETERS:</b>
Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond	Dennis & Dolly Smith
<b>NURSERY:</b>	<b>NURSERY:</b>
Karen Vinyard & Donna Alvey	Karen Parks & Susan Sigler
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>
Debbie Wilson & Vicky Sullivan	No Children's Church
<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>	<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>
Denise Bourland & Cindy Bergman Lu Horning & Angie Attebury	No Classes – Memorial Day
<b>May 20, 2026</b>	<b>May 27, 2026</b>
Makenna Millis (Kids) & Nate Oldham (Youth)	Pam Plunkett (Kids) & Hallie-Kate Oldham (Youth)

May 31, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>
Don Durham (499-8683) & Jerry Mitchell (841-8700)
<b>USHERS:</b>
Rocky Grief & Jerry Mitchell
<b>GREETERS:</b>
Don & Jennifer Durham
<b>NURSERY:</b>
Nate & Betsy Oldham
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>
Gayla Heath & Cindy Bergman
<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>
Gayla Heath & Brittany Wix
<b>June 3, 2026</b>
Betty Vaughn (Kids) & Angie Attebury (Youth)