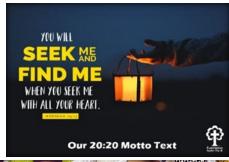


Eastwood Baptist Church

Weekly News Update 22nd November 2020



We are pleased to welcome

Pastor Fred Onwuchekula from

Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist

Church who is leading us today as we hold our You Tube Service.

His theme is

Unexpected Trials and Disruptions

The Bible reading is from Exodus chapter 3 verses 1-8 and 10.

Welcome to you all.

Zoom Coffee is open for all to join in at home at 11.30

To all at E.B.C. Many thanks for the lovely bouquet of flowers and chocolates.

After many hours of prayer and reflections I feel my decision to relinquish the leadership of Pinocchio's is correct, although regretful.

Times have changed because of the virus the format for Pinocchio's will have to change, but I know under a new leader Pinocchio's will be the same loving and caring group and will go from strength to strength.

I would still love to be involved with Pinocchio's and to give any help needed. After having been caring for children for 40years+ I would be somewhat lost without seeing their smiling faces.

God bless you all Shelagh



Dear Friends, you have heard the exciting news that we are going to set up at food bank distribution centre at our church. There will be several ways we will ask for your help in this venture over the coming weeks. We plan to hold this on a Wednesday morning. To begin with please pray that we can set up the centre effectively and for people to join our bank of volunteers. Please contact Sharon this week if you would like to be part of this project. Training will be provided. We need people with all sorts of skills from driving to Southend, chatting to people, helping to set up furniture and just providing a friendly, patient ear. We look forward to hearing from you. Sharon Watkins Every Blessing to you all.

Zoom Gatherings

We have been having a great time spiritually and socially on Zoom! It has been wonderful to see you all and we have been impressed that so many of you have given it a go. Meeting together is one of those things that define us as Baptists!

If you are logging onto our Zoom meetings with your computer, please use the links that Val is emailing out. If you want to call in, which some of you are doing, please call 0330 088 5830 which is charged at a local rate.

Wednesday Prayers at 19.00 for 19.30 Meeting ID 874 3252 0589 followed by passcode 398166 Sunday After Service Coffee Meeting ID: 899 3408 2687 followed by the passcode 465701

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is going on.

Eastwood Baptist Church (look for the logo)

YouTube: Sunday Morning - a Link will be sent out on Sundays Website: www.eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

Original Hand Made Cards by Carole Collier

Lovely hand-made cards by Carole are available to purchase with proceeds going to EBC Carole can be contacted on 01702 511895 who will discuss your requirements and arrange delivery to any of our EBC family.

Devote yourselves to Prayer, being watchful and thankful; Colossians ch4:2

Praise God for all His goodness

Give thanks for answered prayer; for the affirmation of all those who have leadership roles within our church, for the positive attitude to the new Food Bank, for the joyful encouragement of strengthening relationships with other local churches and for the safe return of Brenda and Glenn.

Please continue to pray for:

Maggie Wackett, that everything will be put in place for her to come home safely and receive palliative care. Pray for Maggie to feel God's presence and feel peaceful in familiar surroundings. Please also pray for David as he cares for Maggie, and for any family involved too.

Zena is still in Southend Hospital, and finding it difficult to get out of bed. The Doctors will now try splinting her right knee, please pray that this will help Zena to become more independent again.

Mike's relative Patrick as he receives palliative care, that he and his family will know God's presence with them during this time.

Doug Miles and his ongoing treatment, and for Pam as she cares for him.

Darren is having a follow up procedure to ascertain why he had the stroke last year. A camera will be used to look at his heart. This will be at Southend Hospital on the 30th November. Please pray for Darren as he attends hospital and that the procedure will help and be successful. We also keep all the Pike family in our prayers at this time. Pray too for those who are finding isolation difficult and may feel lonely even when knowing they are not alone.

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THIS WEEK 'S ACTIVITIES

Please note the church building is closed.

Monday 23rd:19.30: Deacons Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday 25th 19.00 for 19.30 Zoom prayer meeting via

Friday 27th Club and Energise meet, details on Facebook

Next week November 29th You Tube Service at 10.00 led by Our Minister in Training: Jo Hellenbrand followed by a ZOOM coffee meeting at 11.30

The Olive Tree Centre invites you to join us for our AGM via Zoom on Sunday 29th November at 18.00



for a short service and update. Details will be circulated via email. Throughout the current pandemic our counsellors have Olive Tree continued to offer support, using innovative ways of ensuring the service is available to those who need it.

Val's Joke this Week!

Fast Food: An elderly man walks into a library and heads to the front desk for assistance. The librarian smiles at the man and says, "How may I help you today, sir."

The man says *loudly*, "I'll have a cheeseburger, chips, and a small cup of tea, please."

The librarian replies sternly, "Sir, this is the library." The elderly man shrugs and whispers; "I'll have a cheeseburger, chips and a small cup of tea, please."

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB.

Please save all your used stamps by cutting round them, leaving a border. There will be a box in the vestibule for them once this is allowable. Thank you

Bible Studies

If you would like to receive a weekly Bible study via e mail or receive a hard copy please do ask for this by emailing Val Statt or phoning Rosie Midson on 01702 528880