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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- MARCH 20-25**

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**Monday**

**9:00 a.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)  
- Study on the book *He Speaks to Me* by Pricilla Shirer.

**6:00 p.m.** All Day Sew (Crossroads Ministry Center)

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)

**Tuesday**

**9:00 a.m.** All Day Sew (Crossroads Ministry Center)

**Wednesday**

**9:00 a.m.** MOMS Playday (Gym)  
- Cold weather keeping you and your kids inside? Come to the church for a morning of fun and connection.

**6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (Crossroads Ministry Center)  
- Menu: Hot Dogs with Salad/Carrots, and Fruit  
- Gluten-free options available

**6:30 p.m.** Kids JAM Choir (Sanctuary)

**7:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Kids JAM (Various classrooms)

**7:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (115- Sewing Room)

**7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (103)

**7:00 p.m.** Middle School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

**8:30 p.m.** Youth Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)

**Thursday**

**5:00 p.m.** Women's Mystery Dinner

**6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (489 Cherry St., Bluffton)  
- College students & young adults are welcome to this small group. Food is served at 6:15 p.m. and the Bible study begins at 7:15 p.m.

**7:00 p.m.** GriefShare (Bluffton Town Hall, 154 N. Main St.)  
- GriefShare is a weekly support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one.

**Saturday**

**8:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast and Trap Shoot (Fellowship Hall and Grounds)

**5:45 p.m.** Wild Game Night (Crossroads Ministry Center)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Mar. 31** Ladies Night  
**Apr. 1** Youth Dodgeball Tournament  
**Apr. 7** Good Friday Service- 6:00 p.m.  
**Apr. 14-16** Women's Retreat (*register online*)  
**June 4-9** Stellar Vacation Bible School

March 19, 2023



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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY**

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**9:00 a.m.** Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (Various Classrooms)

**10:00 a.m.** Children's Church (Ages 2-6, B10 & B11)

**10:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Nick Ringger (Crossroads Ministry Center)  
*Message-* Drawing Near to God  
*Scripture-* 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

**11:15 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (Crossroads Ministry Center)

**4:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (Conference Room)

**6:45 p.m.** High School Small Group (Schoolhouse)

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**Welcome!** We are so happy you are here. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

**Contact Cards** are available at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please update any new information or share any praises and prayer requests. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.



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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

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### Attendance on March 12:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	155
Worship Gathering	273

**Congregational Meeting:** The meeting has been rescheduled for today, Sunday, March 19, following the worship service. Members will be voting to approve the mission budget, an amendment to the trustee budget, and to elect an interim congregational president. The individuals nominated to stand for election of the interim president are Jeff McKanna and Chuck Niswander. Annual Reports containing the budgets are available at the Welcome Center.

**The Board of Deacons** are to perform an annual evaluation of the senior pastor in March. In order to do so, they solicit your input regarding Pastor Nick Ringger in his position of Senior Pastor over the past year. Please take some time to pray over and complete the inserted evaluation form. Deacons will be at the rear of the Crossroads Ministry Center after the morning worship service on March 19 and 26 to receive the input forms. After March 26, personally give your evaluation to a Deacon. Thank you.

**Easter Services:** A Good Friday service will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 7. Resurrection Sunday will then be celebrated with a congregational breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. and then the Easter Service at 10:15 a.m. on April 9 in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

**Membership Classes** will be held on three consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning this Wednesday, March 22. The classes will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. If you would like to join this class, please sign up on the Church App or by contacting a church staff member. If you are not yet a church member, please prayerfully consider joining.

**Mother's Day Chicken BBQ (May 14):** Order forms are now available on the Church App and the website for the annual youth chicken BBQ. All proceeds will go toward the 2023 high school mission trip. Each meal is a suggested donation of \$10. Order forms are due Sunday, May 7.

**Mowing Bids:** This is the last Sunday for bids to be submitted to the Trustees for the mowing of the church property, including the cemetery. Please contact the church office or Kerris Wright to submit these bids.

**Miracle Camp Registrations:** Registrations are now open for Summer Miracle Camp 2023 for students 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. There is a two-step process to this registration, (1) registering at [www.miraclecamp.com](http://www.miraclecamp.com) and then (2) finalizing the registration on the Church Center App or on the church website. If you have questions, please see a member of the staff.

**Wild Game Night** is a dinner for the outdoor enthusiast. This year, the guest speaker for the event held on March 25, is Doug DeHarpert from the television show *Created Outdoors*. Each ticket costs \$15, and ticket sales are online or in the Foyer before and after the worship service today. This is the final year for this event, so be sure to purchase your tickets. Please contact the church office with any questions.

**Women's Retreat:** Miracle Camp is not just for kids! Enjoy a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship at Miracle Camp by registering for the 2023 Women's Retreat that will take place from April 14-16. Please contact Hanné Streicher if you have any questions.

**Thank You** so much for your help during the loss of Mike, for your prayers and for the use of your beautiful facility for the visitation, funeral and the dinner. We will always value the words of Christian wisdom given by Pastors Nick, Dick and David. Mike loved the Lord, Ebenezer Church, and the fellowship of the many Christian brothers and sisters and special friends he made there.- Jacob, Nikki, Levi, Dean and Joan Biery, and Cassie Turner

**All-Day Sew** is scheduled for this Monday, March 20 (6:00-9:00 p.m.), and Tuesday, March 21 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). All are invited to come help sew quilts. Bring your own sack lunch.

**Women's Mystery Dinner** is this Thursday, March 23. Ladies of all ages are invited to dinner but only the driver knows where. Bring money and enjoy a night out with other ladies from the church! Sign up by contacting the church office or Tammy Whitlow.

**Dodgeball Tournament:** The Youth program is challenging all local high school and middle school students to the ULTIMATE Dodgeball Tournament! Take on your friends (or your rivals!) for a great evening of fun at Ebenezer! Prizes will be awarded to the victors.

**Ladies Night Out:** Women's Ministries is hosting a Painting and Devotional Fellowship at the Church on Friday, March 31, starting at 6:30 p.m. This event is limited to the first 50 people who register and there are only 30 spots remaining. Please register through the church office or through the Signups on the Church App. All registrations must be received by Sunday, March 26. Please bring your cash payment of \$20.00 to the event to pay for the artwork that you will create and get to take home. Along with the time of instruction and painting, we will have a devotional and then fellowship and snacks.