



ENGLEWOOD
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OUTLOOK
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April Potluck
Wednesday, April 1
6:00 p.m.

John Ellis will share his experiences from the medical mission trip to the Philippines.

Baptist Border Crossing Summit
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
April 2, 3, and 4

In early 2008, thousands of Baptist of different races and theological perspectives came together in Atlanta for the New Baptist Covenant. The meeting focused on how we can work together to fulfill Jesus' words from Luke 4:18-19 *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* By all accounts, it was a significant and powerful meeting. This year regional events are taking place across the country including this one in our own backyard.

The car pool will leave
Englewood Baptist Church:

Thursday . 5:30 p.m.
Friday . . . 9:00 a.m.

Speakers for the event include former President Jimmy Carter, activist and author Tony Campolo, David Goathey of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Evangelist Carolyn Ann Knight, and David Coffey, President of the Baptist World Alliance. The event is free, but registration is needed. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at 816-453-0975. For more information go to www.baptistbordercrossing.org.

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Schedule
Sunday, April 12

We hope you will join for our activities on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
School of Christian Education 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Food Pantry Collection on Lord's Supper

On Sunday, March 22 we took up a collection and raised \$113.55 for the food pantry.

Intergenerational SCE class

Children, parents, and other interested adults will meet in the Conference Room on Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a .m. for SCE. Each Sunday through May 31 the children's SCE classes will meet with a different adult SCE class. Please plan to join us during this time of Bible study and fellowship with the children.

April 5	Parents
April 12 & May 10	Journey
April 19 & May 17	Hope
April 26 & May 24	Ruth Fidelis
May 3 & May 31	Pilgrims/Willing Workers

AIDS Walk

Please join Team Englewood on Saturday, April 25 as we walk in the 21st Annual Aids Walk. The walk is approximately 3 miles and will begin at Theis Park. Invite your friends, co-workers, and fellow Englewooders to join Team Englewood. We will raise money, have a great time, get some exercise, and raise awareness for all the people living in Kansas City with HIV/AIDS. All money raised stays in our Kansas City community, so help us make a difference! Contact the church office at 816-453-0975 for more information or to participate.

Remodeling Fund Update

The Stewardship Committee has been hard at work during the past few months. The flooring in four of the rooms downstairs have been replaced. The new high school food pantry room has been painted and double doors installed so pallets of food can be brought into the room. The handicap accessible restroom upstairs is almost complete. A new water fountain has been installed. Work on the existing restrooms are well underway. A fire inspection was completed on the downstairs area as part of the licencing process for Champions Club. As a result, smoke detectors have been installed in the classrooms, a sprinkler was installed in the boiler room, and electrical work has been done in the boiler room.

Several maintenance issues have also been addressed. The plumbing under the kitchen sink has been replaced and a new disposal installed. Several lights have been fixed. The light on the sign next to Englewood Road has also been repaired. We are currently seeking bids for repairing the wall in the stairwell. The sidewalk on the north side of the sanctuary building is beginning to collapse so bids are being sought to repair or replace the sidewalk and to reroute the gutters that are causing the problem.

High School Food Pantry

An area teacher works with a number of the kids who take our food bags home for the weekend. She recently commented to an Englewooder about how grateful and excited the students are to have a little more food in their homes over the weekend. Her observation is that this ministry is making a HUGE impact on the families' well-being.

Recycling Update

In February, we recycled 2.93 tons of paper and saved 9.14 cubic yards of landfill space. We received \$29.21 for our ministries. We recently used some of the recycling money to help several area agencies. We sent \$100 to Set Free Ministries in Riverside, \$100 to Synergy Services, and \$100 to Northland Assistance Center. Here are excerpts from two of the thank you letters:

- Thank you for your donation of \$100 in support of Northland Assistance Center. Last year we assisted over 4500 individuals with utility, rent, food assistance or referrals to appropriate social service agencies. One half of these clients were children. You are truly making a difference in the lives of others! ... On behalf of the board and our clients we say thank you.
- Your contribution will be used to help Synergy Services provide critical services to survivors of domestic violence, runaway homeless youth, along with families and individuals in need ... On behalf of all who will benefit from your generosity, thank you.

Children's MINISTRY EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

Celebration of Community

Children are invited to
participate.

Sundays

9:00 a.m.

SCE

Sundays

9:30 a.m.

Children to Lead in Worship
Sunday, May 3.

For more information, contact the church office at 816-453-

Consecration Sunday Is Coming Sunday, May 3

Bread for the World 2009 Offering of Letters Sunday, April 19

Following worship on April 19 there will be a Coffee Talk. You will be given the opportunity to write a letter to your elected official advocating on behalf of those who are hungry.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to

end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.

God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent. Food is a basic need, and it is unjust that so many people must go without enough to eat. We can end hunger in our time. Everyone, including our government, must do their part. With the stroke of a pen, policies are made that redirect millions of dollars and affect millions of lives. By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws more fair and compassionate.

The world has changed dramatically in the last 50 years. But the way our country delivers assistance to the world's poorest nations is still being driven by the 1961 Foreign Assistance Act. In 2009, Bread for the World members will urge Congress to reword U.S. foreign assistance to make it more effective in reducing poverty. The opportunities and challenges we now face argue for a fresh approach to global development. By refocusing and streamlining our aid, and eliminating long-standing inefficiencies, we could increase U.S. assistance to poor and hungry people around the world, even in a time of fiscal constraints. The reform will improve U.S. support for progress against global poverty for years to come.

Currently our government's global development policies and programs are scattered across 12 departments, 25 different agencies, and nearly 60 government offices. A more efficient foreign assistance system with better coordination, better accountability, better clarity—means that people get help faster and more effectively. We want the United States to be a leader in creating a better, safer world. To do that, U.S. foreign policy must elevate global development so that it plays a more prominent role alongside defense and diplomacy in our foreign policy.

We are asking Congress to pass legislation that strengthens the ability of the United States to promote global development, foster economic growth in low-income countries, and support the efforts of poor people to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty and become self-sufficient. For more information go to www.bread.org.