

WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

“We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify His gospel in all of life until He comes.”

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



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Pictured: First Evan Women's Retreat, September 14–16, with speaker Lea Lundy and Worship Leader, Rachel Kraft in Florence, Alabama.

THE DAY DRAWING NEAR

*"...encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:25*

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| Welcome | Taylor Park, <i>Executive Pastor</i> |
| Call to Worship | Psalm 103:1–2 |
| Songs of Worship | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn #77) Who You Say I Am |
| Responsive Reading | Revelation 21:1–4, 22:3–5 |
| Choral Meditation | No Night There |
| Elder Prayer | Buddy Jones |
| Sermon | Rev. Jim Fleming "Getting Close" <i>Last Word</i> Hebrews 10:23–25 |
| Thanksgiving for Jim and Rochelle Fleming | Kevin Weaver Ken Eriksen |
| Song of Thanksgiving | Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Hymn #708) |
| Benediction | |

*Musicians: The Worship Choir, Amelia Boer, Carter Boer, Jeremy Conner, Trent England,
Felicity Hall, Andy Holler, John Rawlinson, Jamie Scholik, Phil Thompson.
Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.*

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Joachim Neander (1680), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1863). "Who You Say I Am" by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan © 2018 Hillsong Music Publishing. "No Night There" by Dan Forrest © 2023 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. "The Jesus Way" by Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith © 2023 Be Essential Songs, Cashagamble Jet Music, Phil Wickham Music and Simply Global Songs. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by John Fawcett (1782) and Johann G. Nägeli (1828), arr. Lowell Mason (1845). CCLI #47316.

“Getting Close” Last Word Series

Hebrews 10:23–25 | Rev. Jim Fleming

1. **Define “Church”**

Acts 12:5; 12:12; Romans 16:5; Acts 8:1; 11:26; 1 Corinthians 11:18

2. **State of the Church**

Hebrews 13:22; 10:32–34; 6:10; 5:11–13; 2:1; 10:39; 12:1–3; 3:12–13

3. **A Word of Encouragement**

*²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for He who promised is faithful;*

Luke 8:15; Hebrews 3:6

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

*²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but
encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

1 Thessalonians 4:1; 1 Timothy 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 3:7; Titus 1:9

4. **A New Metric**

5. **The Paraklesis Protocol**

2 Corinthians 1:3–4



Church Picnic TODAY! 12:00–2:00 p.m., East Lawn
 Our annual picnic has all the staples: John Dawson’s BBQ sandwiches, hotdogs, grilled corn on the cob, inflatables, axe throwing, a rock wall, putting golf games, and more! Come enjoy fellowship with your church family! **There is a special opportunity for greeting the Flemings as Pastor Jim wraps up his time as Interim Senior Pastor.**



Men’s Fish Fry, THIS Tuesday, September 26
6:00–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall | Cost: \$7/person or \$50/table
 Join us for an evening of fish, food, and fellowship with speaker Dr. Joe Carson. You can still purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall after the service or email men@firstevan.org. Full details and speaker bio at www.firstevan.org/mens-fish-fry.



Break Camping Trip, Saturday–Monday, October 14–16
Serendipity Resort and Campground, Brownsville, TN | Cost: \$40
 Young adults are invited to join us as we enjoy the start of fall with a camping trip! We’ll have Bible study, opportunities to play disc golf, hike, kayak, paddle board, play horseshoes (start practicing now), and more! Register at www.firstevan.org/break-camping by THIS Saturday, September 30.

Midweek Fellowship Meal, Wednesday, September 27, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
MENU: Hamburger/Cheeseburger/Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Corn on the Cob, & Garden Salad OR Garden Vegetable Soup & Salad Bar. Dessert: Four Layer Cake.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
Mark & Rhonda Miller, Pioneers, NC

Praise

- For a great turn out on August 26 at our first student event—100 students from 30 countries.
- That the students heard the gospel clearly and we were able to share how we, as a team, coped with the August 28 campus shooting at UNC.
- For the opportunity to share the gospel with a Chinese woman and also pour into a believing International student who lived with us for a month.

Pray

- For the Lord’s wisdom as we help international students deal with tragedy after the August 28 campus shooting.
- For wisdom as Mark is having more significant and concerning symptoms related to his heart.
- For the Lord’s direction as we are currently exploring how to serve and counsel missionaries here local and globally as a couple.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK
STREETS Ministries

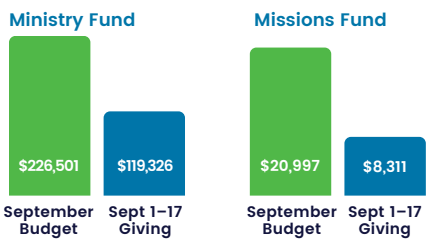
Praise

- For the 605 students who have signed up for STREETS membership this year!
- That 60 students began Bible studies this week!
- That 22 2nd and 3rd graders are getting literacy support weekly at STREETS!

Pray

- For the safety of staff and students this school year.
- That the Lord will continue to send committed staff and volunteers to serve in South Memphis and Graham Heights.
- For one of our students as he commits to STREETS’ programming as a mentor! He decided he wants to do something different with his life and help his community.

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FAMILY MATTERS

Rehab Nancy Clinton, Memphis Jewish Home, Rm#107

THE FEC NURSERY NEEDS YOU!
 We are looking for once per month volunteers for babies and toddlers! We need 3 more first hour volunteers and 2 more second hour volunteers. What a great way to get to love on kids (and parents), and to get to know new people in our church! Stop by the nursery or email Jill Hopkins at jhopkins@firstevan.org.