



WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023



We are so excited you are visiting with us today! Be sure to fill out a connect card in the pews or visit www.firstevan.org/connect.



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Pictured: Student Ministries Thanksgiving Feast, FEC Kids Awana fun, Break Fair Game, and Josh Raspberry, Family Engagement Series guest speaker and Pastor of Family Ministry prospect.

GREAT LOVE

"The great love with which He loved us..." Ephesians 2:4

Welcome Christy Bicknell, *Women's Ministry Director*

Call to Worship Micah 5:2

Song of Worship Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hymn #135)

Responsive Reading Colossians 1:15–23

Song of Praise Jesus, You Alone

Baptism Ronan Powers

Elder Prayer Buddy Jones

Choral Meditation Come Find His Rest

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1–10 Val Gosney

Sermon Wayne Smith, Jr., *Pastor of Pinnacle Church
at Cedar Creek Lake in Mabank, TX*

"The Gospel in Two Words"
Ephesians 2:1–10

Song of Response How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

Benediction Taylor Park, *Executive Pastor*

Musicians: The Worship Choir, Trent England, Brandon Herrington, Tori Martin, Joelle Marino, John Rawlinson, Jamie Scholik, Austin Smith, Ryan Wiley.

Soloist: Olivia Grace Atkinson. Choir Director: Ron Man, Missionary in Residence.

“The Gospel in Two Words”

*Ephesians 2:1–10 | Wayne Smith, Jr., Pastor of Pinnacle
Church at Cedar Creek Lake in Mabank, TX*



Prime Time and Care Christmas Luncheon, Sunday, December 3 12:00–2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Sandy Willson, Pastor Emeritus, Second Presbyterian Church & Interim Director, The Gospel Coalition | Special music presented by Twyla Dixon and friends. Come hear stories of God's faithfulness and learn about the new Prime Time Ministry plan. Donations appreciated. The deadline to register is **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall or online: www.firstevan.org/christmasluncheon.



"Prepare Him Room": A Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 10, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. International friends are invited to the **International Brunch at 10:20 a.m.** This service is presented by the Worship Choir, orchestra, soloists, and readers. As the hymn "Joy to the World" says, "Let earth receive her king, let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing!" Invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Childcare is available for those ages 2 and under. www.firstevan.org/christmas



Emmanuel: A Live Nativity, Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. Your family and friends are invited to join us for a special family Christmas celebration brought to you by FEC Kids. We will start our evening with a pizza dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Then at 6:30 p.m., a special guest will take us on a journey to a live nativity in the Gym where we will hear the story of Jesus' birth, sing Christmas carols, and pet live animals. We will end the night back in the Fellowship Hall with crafts, cookies, indoor s'mores, and hot chocolate. www.firstevan.org/emmanuel

Thanksgiving Offering: A Christmas Gift for our Missionaries— Designate "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check to First Evan or give online at www.firstevan.org/thanks.

GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Dawn, Middle East

Praise

- That the women's exercise and health classes at our local Women's Center are well attended.
- That there was no loss of life after a major fire in my apartment building.
- That my region remains peaceful as war looms around us.

Pray

- That those coming to the new session for women at the Women's center will re-register and bring friends.
- For locals in my region to seek and come to know Christ.
- For more long term workers to come to my region: we need ESL teachers, a nurse, and a project manager.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Global Friends

Praise

- That God has increased our number of international student involvement this semester to about 60!
- That we finished our fiscal year on Oct 31 under MLF without a deficit!
- That God used one of our student-leaders at Mid-America to lead an Asian student at the University of Memphis to Christ!

Pray

- That God will remind our volunteer team to keep initiating deep relationships with our international friends over the breaks.
- For the Lord of the harvest to send us more workers (volunteers & male staff).
- That people would consider joining our monthly giving team to see this ministry continue to thrive and bear fruit.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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Ministry Fund

Missions Fund



FAMILY MATTERS

Hospital

Jim Henry, Methodist Germantown

PRAYER

Pastor Search Prayer Focus, Sunday, December 3 10:00–10:20 a.m., Sunday School/Fellowship Hall

Church-wide prayer for pastoral search committee and our next pastor.

World Prayer Focus, Sunday, December 3 6:00–7:00 p.m., Chapel

Join us in intercessory prayer for our world, country, county, city, and church.