


**WELCOME TO EVANGEL CHURCH PCA**  
If you are worshipping today as a visitor to Evangel, we welcome you in the name of Christ! You can learn more about Evangel from literature available on the table in the main church atrium, by going to our web site at [www.evangelchurchpca.org](http://www.evangelchurchpca.org), or by giving us your contact information on a card you will find in the pew rack and putting it in the offering plate today. Note that audio enhancement units are available; please ask a deacon or sound technician for assistance. We do have a Mother’s Room available just off of the sanctuary where you are able to hear the service if your baby is not quite ready for the nursery. We hope you are blessed as you worship with us today!

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**THE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
March 31, 2024 10:15 a.m. Worship

**Gathering Songs** **“Christ Arose” / “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Low in the grave He lay-Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day-Jesus, my Lord!  
*Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Death cannot keep his prey-Jesus, my Savior! He tore the bars away-Jesus, my Lord!  
*Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o’er His foes.  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia. Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Alex Goodsell**

**Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-14*

**\*Scriptural Call to Worship** **Mark 16:6-8**

**ALL:** *“...Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples, and Peter, that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. Christ the Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed!*

**\*Congregational Praise** **“Rejoice”**

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; sing it again, we rejoice!  
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.  
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.  
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

With each breath He’s given, praise the Lord! In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord!  
Through our every season, I am sure; we have every reason to praise the Lord!

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.  
Come with a heart of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet.  
We fix our eyes upon Him and follow all our lives,  
That peace may fall upon us, the perfect peace of Christ!

With each breath He’s given, praise the Lord! In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord!  
Through our every season, I am sure; we have every reason to praise the Lord!

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; tell of the good He has done.  
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come.  
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.  
With praise that’s never ending, we say again, “Rejoice!”

With each breath He’s given, praise the Lord! In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord!  
Through our every season, I am sure; we have every reason to praise the Lord!  
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**Congregational and Pastoral Prayer** **Rev. Alex Goodsell**

**\*Congregational Praise** **“In Christ Alone” / “Living Hope”**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength,  
my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the  
fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths  
of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones  
He came to save. ‘Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
‘til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.  
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How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke Your Name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness saw through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of Ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever; Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One Who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain; there’s salvation in Your Name-Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.  
Hallelujah, praise the One Who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain; there’s salvation in Your Name-Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared, “The grave has no claim on Me.”  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared, “The grave has no claim on Me.”  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One Who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain; there’s salvation in Your Name-Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.  
Hallelujah, praise the One Who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain; there’s salvation in Your Name-Jesus Christ, my Living Hope.  
Jesus Christ, my Living Hope! God, You are my Living Hope!

**Worship in Music** **“Because He Lives (Amen)”—Evangel Choir**  
**“Because He Lives”**

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One. I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.

*Amen, Amen. I’m alive, I’m alive because He lives. Amen, Amen.  
Let my song join the one that never ends, because He lives!*

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.  
I heard Mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, every fear is gone.  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

God sent His Son-they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days, because He lives.  
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

**Children’s Message** **Rev. Benny Collins**

**Worship through Giving** **“The Wondrous Cross” / “All the Praise”**  
**Evangel Choir**

There is a love so sure nothing it can’t endure. There is a life it brings  
that’s greater than anything. I once was dead within, hollowed by all my sin,  
lost and so led astray, but Your love reached all the way. Your love reached all the way.

*Oh, the wondrous cross where the Prince of Glory died.  
Oh, the glorious cross where Your mercy bled for us. You overcame the grave,  
waking to a world You saved. Oh, the wondrous cross.*

Now You’re my resting place when trouble I must face, I won’t be overwhelmed,  
'cause Jesus, Your love has won. And my faith looks up to Thee, sweet Lamb of Calvary!  
My song will ever rise to You alone!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!

Only One spoke countless stars ablaze. Only One could breathe life into clay.  
Only One can quiet raging seas. Only One has power to redeem.  
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Only One can quiet raging seas. Only One has power to redeem.

*All the praise goes to Jesus. All the praise to Him alone.  
All the glory and honor forevermore. All the praise to Him alone.*

Only One left heaven for a cross. Only One knows ev’ry pain and loss.  
Only One could die my soul to save. Only One the Name above all names.  
Only One could crush the curse of sin. Only One was raised to life again.  
Only One is King of every king. Only One is coming back for me.

**\*The Reading of God’s Word** **I Peter 1:3-5**

**The Exposition of God’s Word** **Rev. David Maginnis**

**“THE HOPE of the RESURRECTION”**

**\*Pastoral Benediction** **Rev. David Maginnis**

**\*Congregational Response** **“Because He Lives”**

And then one day I’ll cross the river; I’ll fight life’s final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to victory, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He reigns!

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

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**OUR PURPOSE**

We seek to glorify God by presenting the Gospel of Christ and by bringing believers to spiritual maturity through God centered worship, Biblical preaching and teaching, loving fellowship, multifaceted evangelism and world missions all with a commitment to prayer and the Reformed Faith.

**THE STAFF**

Rev. David Maginnis, Pastor  
Rev. Alex Goodsell, Associate Pastor  
*Christian Education/Pastoral Care*  
Rev. Benny Collins, Associate Pastor  
*Youth/Outreach*  
Cindy Nelson, Women’s Ministry Coordinator  
Liz Oldfield, Nursery Director  
Randee Sims, Children’s Director  
Pam Sapp, Accounting & Finance Manager  
Brian Robinson, Facility Manager  
Levi Conn & Joshua Williams, Facility Team  
Connie Reynolds, Music Director  
Phillip Lichlyter, Worship Leader  
Jacob Martin, Worship Intern

**THE SESSION**

Glenn Hoyle ‘24  
Byron Ketcham ‘25  
John Kitts ‘24  
Tom Marvin ‘24  
Ralph Nelson ‘26  
Kyle Rakestraw ‘25  
Lee Russell ‘25  
Steve Sanders ‘25  
Dennis Stockman ‘27

**THE DIACONATE**

Wesley Allen ‘24  
Penn Bullock ‘24  
Chuck Herndon ‘24  
Cotton Johnson ‘24  
Will Oldfield ‘24  
Danny Scott ‘24  
Jason Sims ‘24  
Jon Sund ‘26  
Matt Windsor ‘26

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 31, 2024

What We Believe

5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Series

TODAY @ 9:00 a.m.

7th Grade—Adults in the Sanctuary

Dr. Jay Haley will teach our first lesson on Covenant Theology

“The Covenant of God: The Revelation of God’s Promise to Redeem His Church”

Wednesday Night Connection—April 3rd

5:15 p.m. **Catered Dinner** in Atrium (Chick-fil-a Sandwich or Nuggets, Chips, Dessert)

Meals are \$5; sign-up on the church website.

6:00 p.m. Adults in the Choir Suite

**Preeminent: A Study of the Book of Colossians** with Pastor Maginnis

NOTE: If you missed a week of the Colossians study, recordings are available

on our website: click on the tabs: Ministries—Wednesday Night Connection—Colossians Study.

6:00 p.m. **EvangelKids** for Ages K4-6th Grade in Quads

6:15 p.m. **Youth Group** in Gym / 7:15 p.m. **Evangel Choir** in Choir Suite

**MOPS International (Mothers of Preschoolers)** has changed our name to **MomCo**. We are a group of mom friends that support and encourage each other as we seek to raise our preschoolers to love and serve Jesus. Our next meeting is Monday, April 1, from 6:15 p.m-8:30 p.m. in Room 208. Dinner is served and nursery is available on a limited basis with reservation. Reserve your spot with Jenny Wheeler at (205)-729-3088.

**Faith Promise** is Evangel’s means of funding World Missions. As I put my Faith in God’s Promise, He enables me to meet the commitment He has led me to make. Faith Promise is an agreement between you and God. It is a promise to God that as He enables, you will give the amount you have pledged to Missions. Please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise and turn in your pledge card by March 31. Faith Promise can be given on-line at our church website. **As of March 27, we have received 48 Faith Promise Commitments for a total of \$61,897.**

**Oak Mountain Ministries Urgent Needs** this month are breakfast items, peanut butter, jelly, condiments, snack foods, soups, paper towels, toilet paper, new packs of men’s and women’s underwear. Please bring any items you would like to donate to the church office and we will deliver them.

**Volunteer at Manna Farms!** All are welcome to volunteer at Manna Farms any Saturday morning (8:30am – 10:30am). Evangel will have a focused emphasis each 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Our next “Third Serve” will be April 20th! Join us!



**Evangel Softball** – Coed and Men’s Church teams being considered. If you are looking for a little exercise, competition and opportunity to build relationships with fellow Evangel members, come join the Evangel softball team(s). This year we are looking for men and women 18 years and above that would like to play. Games are played week nights at Buck Creek Park beginning the week of April 29 and continuing through the end of June. Contact Ralph Nelson at ralph@nprintandpromo.com or (205)903-5855 if you are interested or for more information.

**Evangel Ladies Book Club:** Our monthly book club will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 9:30. a.m. at the home of Debbie Marvin (1357 Caliston Way, Pelham). We will be discussing *Grace Effect* by Larry Taunton, Christian apologist, who tells the story of an orphan girl named Sasha and the effect of grace on her life. Come, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. There is always interesting discussion, good fellowship and snacks. Contact Debbie Marvin (205) 492-2081 if you have any questions.

**Volunteers Needed** We need four people to get into a rotation to straighten up the sanctuary every week. This would only be once a week and take about 30 minutes. It will involve keeping visitor cards and pens replenished and straightening hymnals and Bibles. If you can help with this, please contact Alex Goodsell in the church office.

**Hey Church Members:** We need Vacation Bible School Volunteers! If you would like to help with VBS, please sign up on our website. Scroll down to find the VBS link which will be going live on April 1. “The Great Jungle Journey” VBS will be June 17-21. If you have any questions, email Randee Sims at rsims@evangelchurchpca.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Children  
3, 4 & 5 year olds Room 107 1st–3rd Graders Room 212

4th–6th Graders Room 203

9:00 a.m. Combined Jr. High—Adult 5th Sunday School Series (Sanctuary)

10:15 a.m. Worship Service and LIVE Streaming

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

6:15 p.m. MomCo (Room 208)

7:00 p.m. Trail Life (Gym; contact Britton Eveland, b.eveland@tomjames.com)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

6:15 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (Studying The Book of James)

(meeting at Chick-fil-a in Alabaster; contact David Maginnis, 835-0890)

9:30 a.m. Ladies’ Crochet (Room 203)

6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (Studying The Book of I Corinthians)

(meeting at Chick-fil-a in Calera; contact Alex Goodsell, 837-3376)

9:30 a.m. Ladies’ Book of Daniel Bible Study (at the home of Debbie Elliot  
(612-4073)

5:15 p.m. Catered Dinner (Atrium)

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary) and EvangelKids (Quads)

6:15 p.m. Evangel Youth (Gym)

7:15 p.m. Evangel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Suite)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

8:00 a.m. Women’s Coffee/Conversation (Library)

8:30 a.m. The Excellent Wife Women’s Bible Study (Library)

9:30 a.m. Ladies’ Bible Study (Lessons from the Upper Room) in Room 203

6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Book of Daniel Bible Study (Church Library)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (The Essential Sermons of Charles Spurgeon)

(meeting at Jack’s in Calera; contact Benny Collins, 948-6158)

Our regular Jr. High—Adult Sunday School Classes  
will resume next week; join us!

Jr. & Sr. High Boys Room 218 /Jr. & Sr. High Girls Room 222

**Growing In Grace** in the Choir Suite led by Jay Haley studying *The Book of James*

**Refuge** with teacher Benny Collins studying *The Book of Acts in Area 234*

**Found Faithful** (Room 231) with Alex Goodsell studying *The Will of God*

**Teach &Talk Class** (studying *Blessed Hope - The Book of Revelation* )

meeting in Room 208 with the Ketchams and Nelsons

**Ladies’ Class** (studying the book *Growing Older and Wiser* by Dale & Andy Larsen

led by Kitsy Sullivan meeting in Library)

We thank God for your  
continued faithfulness  
in giving to the Lord’s work!  
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9:00 am–3:00 pm

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2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

	February	Year to Date
Total Income	\$76,826	\$166,532
Total Expenses	\$93,488	\$193,191
Net	(\$16,661)	(\$26,659)

FAITH PROMISE: GIVING TO SUPPORT  
THE WORK OF MISSIONS  
February Receipts: \$8,177



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and the Good of Our Neighbor