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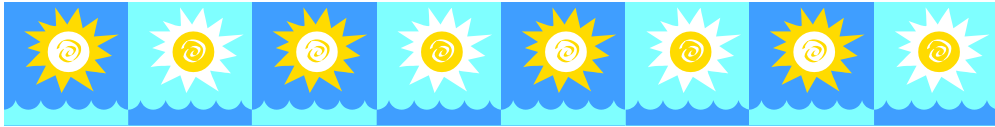
# White Steeple Banner

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*“Blessed is that servant whom his master finds so doing when he comes.” (Luke 12:43)*

Are you a producer or a consumer of ministry?

We live in a highly consumer-oriented society. Media advertisers work hard to get us to spend our hard-earned money buying consumer goods and services. However, before someone can be a consumer, someone else must be a producer.

The same is true in ministry. Before someone can be a consumer of ministry someone else must produce that ministry.

What happens in a society where the consumers outnumber the producers? There is a shortage of those goods and services. What happens in a church where the consumers of ministry outnumber the producers of ministry? There is a ministry shortage.

It has often been said that in a church 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. In other

words, consumers of ministry outnumber producers of ministry.

Now, to be fair, everyone at some point is a consumer of ministry. If you attend worship, you consume ministry. If you attend a fellowship group, you consume ministry. If you attend a Bible study class, you consume that ministry.

However, everyone should also become a producer of ministry. God has gifted us to be ministers and servants of the Gospel in and through the church. The privileges of church membership also include the responsibility to use our time, talents and tithes to the glory of God.

Ministries at EGBC fall into several broad categories: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Outreach, Inreach, Missions, Prayer and Administration. There is a wide array of tasks that support these ministries.

For example, Vacation Bible School serves as both a missions and outreach ministry. Those who

served in any capacity during last month’s VBS produced ministry on behalf of children and their families. Thank you!!

Driving the church bus supports the transportation needs of those who need a ride to Sunday School, worship, Wednesday prayer meeting or fellowship trips. Our Hope for Bossier Ministry Center is a mission serving those needing food, clothing or medical equipment. It also serves as an outreach ministry as volunteers share Jesus with clients.

Your church needs you. Every church that develops into an exciting, dynamic, vibrant and growing congregation does so because each member contributes their giftedness in ministry. As you re-read the scripture verse above, what will Jesus find you doing when He comes again? Will he find you actively producing ministry or consuming the ministry of others?

The shepherd loves the sheep!

Bro. Brian

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Jonathan Lee	7th
Danny Jones	12th
Jack Killen	12th
Lisa Phipps	13th
Michael Thompson	13th
Michael Wood	20th
Aaron Megee	21st
Kay Sockrider	25th
Mary Kees	26th
Rachel Kirby	27th
Charlotte Lindy	29th
Olivia Lott	30th
Alan Mitchell	30th
Sam Sparks	30th
Shannon Betzing	31st

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Charles & Loyce Anderson	13th
Donnie & Kay Harrell	18th



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...we've been working on our Christmas musical *Silent Night, Holy Night*. I am really excited about what the Praise Choir is going to do this year!! Come join in the fun every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

I would like to thank all of you who unselfishly give of your time to teach, sing, play or serve at EGBC! What a great church family we have!



To all who helped make VBS such a success!

**AWAKEN & GO  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TRAINING  
CONFERENCE**

**First Baptist Haughton  
Saturday, August 11th  
from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday School Teachers  
make plans to attend!**

Birthday Lunch for  
Jack Killen  
August 12th  
After Morning Worship  
with  
Cooking by  
Bubba Killen

**FUNDRAISER FOR  
YOUTH MINISTRY**



**Church Council Meeting  
Sunday, August 5th  
at 5 p.m.**

**Monthly Business Meeting  
Sunday, August 19th  
at 7 p.m.**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.



School starts soon.  
Be in prayer for our  
students, teachers and  
support personnel as  
they begin a new school  
year!



**FIFTH SUNDAY DINNER  
JULY 29TH  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
COVERED DISH  
OR DESSERT**

**Sr. Adults  
Fellowship  
Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 4 to 7 in  
the Fellowship Hall**



**MISSING:  
THE CHURCH'S  
10 FOOT LADDER  
PLEASE RETURN IT IF  
YOU BORROWED IT!**



**Your Church  
Needs You!**