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From the Pastor's Desk

“Paper or plastic?”

Not too long ago, that question referred to what type of bag you wanted when you went grocery shopping – paper or plastic. It seems that plastic has won that battle with few, if any, stores using paper grocery bags.

The question of paper or plastic is still asked in a different way – cash or card. Notice that I didn't say cash, check or card. Checks have for the most part gone the way of the paper bag as a means of payment.

A 2013 study by the Federal Reserve reported there were 21.0 billion checks written in 2012 versus 37.6 billion written in 2003. That same study showed a rise in debit/credit card transactions from 30.8 billion in 2003 to 73.8 billion in 2012.

It appears Americans are increasingly in favor of using plastic or electronic banking over traditional paper checks. Most young adults under the age of 40 don't even have checkbooks. While the increase in electronic

banking has lowered the cost of providing banking services by reducing the need to process paper checks, it has also had an effect on church giving.

In years past, the primary means by which many families gave their tithes and offerings was by writing a check. Families who had committed to tithing would calculate their tithe every payday and write a check as their “first fruits” offering to the Lord.

With fewer people writing paper checks, families either have to hit an ATM for cash or give whatever cash they happen to have in their wallets when the plate is passed around. As a result, giving among the non-check writing demographic has declined.

In response, churches have developed alternative giving arrangement for their worshippers. One of those alternative is electronic giving through a third-party service providers linked to the church's Web site.

If you are one of those individuals or families that prefer plastic over paper, there is good news.

Elm Grove Baptist Church has a “Donation” link on our Web site. You can go to www.ElmGroveBaptist.com and click on the Donate button on the right side of the home page about midway down.

Our third-party service provider is PayPal. You don't need a PayPal account to give. You can use the banking card of your choice. However, if you have a PayPal account, you can sign-in to your account and use your pre-established bank accounts to make your donation.

There is no fee for you to give online and you get an immediate acknowledgment of your donation. The church also is notified of your giving and will record that donation on your record of contribution. Your giving is also secure.

The Bible says, “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse” (Malachi 3:10). God bless you as you seek to be obedient in your stewardship.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pam East	5th
Jonathan Lee	7th
Danny Jones	12th
Jack Killen	12th
Michael Wood	20th
Debbie Blanchette	22nd
Kay Sockrider	25th
Mary Kees	26th
Rachel Kirby	27th
Charlotte Lindy	29th
Olivia Lott	30th
Sam Sparks	30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Loyce Anderson 13th



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

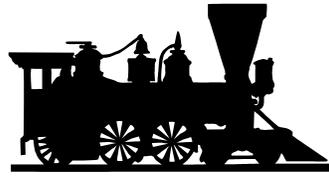


Fellowship
Friday, August 15th
from 5 to 8 in
the Fellowship Hall



Welcome
to our
Church
Family

KORTNEY
HENDERSON



CHARLIE'S CHATS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...we're working on *God Is With Us*. 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
GREAT SUCCESS!

Support
Hope for Bossier
Food Bank
by donating food,
money, time and
prayer!

COMING SOON!



9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
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.

Ridgecrest
On the Red
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TRAINING
CONFERENCE
Saturday, September 13
from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sunday School Teachers
make plans to attend!