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On June 17, 2017 the U.S. Navy destroyer USS Fitzgerald collided with a Philippine-flagged container ship 56 miles off the coast of Japan killing seven sailors. Shortly afterwards, it was learned that one of the sailors who died saved more than a dozen of his fellow shipmates before he ultimately lost his own life.

When the Fitzgerald collided with the merchant ship, 37-year-old Fire Controlman 1st Class Gary Leo Rehm Jr., reportedly leapt into action. The Fitzgerald was struck below the waterline, and Rehm's family was told by the Navy that he went under and saved some of his crewmates, possibly even 20 of them.

But here's an interesting part of this story. People who knew Rehm all agreed: Gary was just acting according to the character he had spent years shaping. A close friend said, "[The heroic rescue] was Gary to a T. He never thought about himself."

Rehm's uncle said, "He called [the sailors on the ship] his kids. He said, 'If my kids die, I'm going to die. He was always ready to help anybody who needed it. He was just that kind of guy.'"

There's even a petition on the government's website www.change.org urging the Navy to name the currently unnamed guided missile destroyer, DDG 127, the USS. Gary L. Rehm Jr. As of this writing, 31,222 people have signed the on-line petition.

I am always humbled by the bravery exhibited by many of our military men and women; and also our local first responders. When called to action, they run toward the danger and not away. We need to honor them.

While the work we do in the church can never arise to that level of duty and devotion and sacrifice, I do want to say thank you to those who serve so faithfully in the church.

You work your jobs, keep your homes, raise your kids, contribute to your communities and you also

make the effort to serve in the church. As a pastor, I appreciate those who see a need and then step up to the plate to meet that need.

Too often, it is easier to sit back and complain about why someone doesn't do something about some perceived ministry gap. All churches could use more servants who run toward the need and not away.

In the wake of terrorists' attacks since 9-11, our government officials have urged citizens to greater vigilance with the phrase, "See something, say something."

In light of all the ministry needs in the church, I want to amend that phrase a little to say, "See something, do something." If you see a ministry gap, don't complain about why someone else isn't doing that. Do something. Run to the need and not away.

Again, thank you to all who serve so faithfully. The Kingdom of God is enriched because of you.

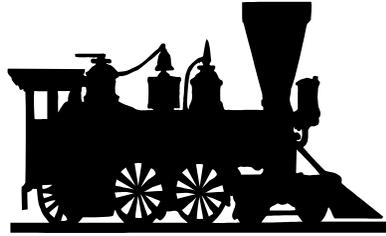
Blessings,
Pastor Brian

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Eastridge	2nd
Pam East	5th
Jonathan Lee	7th
Danny Jones	12th
Chester Simmons	15th
Kenneth Lofton	20th
Micheal Wood	20th
Debbie Blanchette	22nd
Mary Kees	26th
Rachel Kirby	27th
Charlotte Lindy	29th

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Loyce Anderson	13th
John & Pat Simonelli	19th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Boy, it's really hot outside!
The good news is the choir room is nice and cool!
Come join in the fun every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for choir practice!

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!

volunteer with
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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.



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



2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Support
Hope for Bossier

Food Bank
by donating food, money, time and prayer!

Coming Soon!



Fellowship
Saturday,
August 12th
from 12 to 2 p.m. in
the Fellowship
Hall