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Author Paul Tripp tells the story about giving his teenage son permission to spend the weekend at a friend's house. But during the weekend Paul received a call from the friend's mother, informing him that Paul's son was not at her home. (Her son had felt guilty about covering for Paul's son and confessed to his mom.)

After Paul told his wife about their son's deception, Paul said, "Luella could feel my anger, and she said, 'I think you need to pray.' I said, 'I don't think I can pray for him right now.' She said, 'I didn't mean for you to pray for him; I think you need to pray for you.'"

Paul writes:

I went to my bedroom to pray for God's help, and it hit me that, because of his love, God had already begun a work of rescue in my son's life. God was the one who pressed in on the conscience of my son's friend, causing him to confess to his mom. God was the one who gave her the courage to

make that difficult call to me. And God was the one giving me time to get a hold of myself before my son came home.

Now, rather than wanting to rip into my son, I wanted to be part of what this God of grace was doing in this moment of rebellion, deception, hurt, and disappointment.

After giving his son a couple of hours to relax upon his return, Paul asked him if they could talk.

"Do you ever think about how much God loves you?" Paul asked his son.

"Sometimes," he answered.

"Do you ever think how much God's grace operates in your life every day?"

His son looked up but didn't speak.

"Do you know how much God's grace was working in your life even this weekend?"

"Who told you?" his son asked.

Paul said:

"You have lived your life

in the light. You've made good choices. You've been an easy son to parent, but this weekend you took a step toward the darkness. You can live in the darkness if you want. You can learn to lie and deceive. You can use your friends as your cover ... You can step over God's boundaries. Or you can determine to live in God's light. I'm pleading with you: don't live in the darkness; live in the light."

"As I turned to walk away," Paul wrote, "I heard his voice from behind me saying, 'Dad, don't go.' As I turned around, with tears in his eyes, he said, 'Dad, I want to live in the light, but it's so hard. Will you help me?'"

Would you give thanks for all the fathers who pray for their children and help them live in the light?

The shepherd loves the sheep!

Pastor Brian

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Travis Wood	1st
Ben Cheatwood	7th
Katelyn Vargas	7th
Denny Spearman	12th
Ricky Clement	16th
Caragan Lee	18th
Jimmie Crow	22nd
Tommy Tomblason	22nd
Gaila Clark	23rd
Darlene Hay	28th
Brandy Collins	29th
Jane Phipps	29th
Steve Sutton	30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Andy & Pam Marange	7th
James & Vicki Ray	7th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

I'm planning on doing *A Smoky Mountain Christmas*, a play for Christmas this year. If you are interested in using your acting skills to play a part please let me know.



WELCOME

To Michael Vargas as EGBC's new Youth Pastor. Michael and Katelyn (and little Mikey) have been a wonderful blessing to our church.



*Angela Cash
Courtlyn Lee
Shelbie Ponder*

SAM
Senior Adult Ministry

**Friday, June 21st
from 4 to 7 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**



**Welcome
to Our
Church
Family**

by Profession of Faith:

**Caroline Lee
Erin Lemoine
Natalea Rice**

by Letter:

**Kenneth & Jennifer
Lofton
Shelby Merritt**

Women's

Bible Study

*Beth Moore's Study
Esther: It's Tough Being
A Woman*

Beginning Friday, June 14th
at 10 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Books available at Lifeway



9:30 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

June 2nd - Church Council
5:30 p.m.
June 16th - Business Meeting
After Morning Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

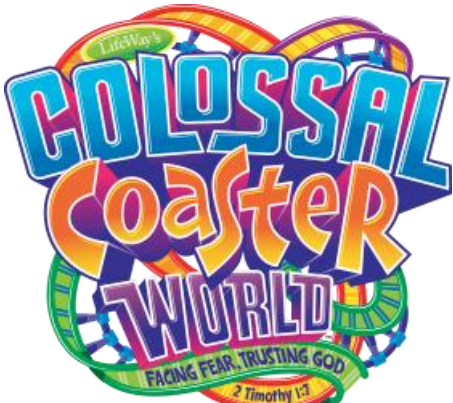


Pray for our kids going to
camp this summer
Kids - June 10-13
Youth - July 8-12



June 16th

**VBS
2013**



July 22-26

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

register at
www.elmgrovebaptist.com

**5th Sunday Lunch
Sunday, June 30th
Bring your
favorite covered dish**