

THE ECHO

DESCRIBE YOUR GOD



Have you ever thought about that? How would you *describe* your God to someone today? I read an article this week that really made me stop and think about MY GOD as opposed to the god or god’s America seems to be worshipping today.

Following is an article written by **T.M. Moore**. It is entitled, A GOD LIKE US.

Psalm 50:21-“*These things you have done, and I have been silent: you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay charge before you.*”

The Story: God does not always move immediately to redress wrongs within the community of faith. He works in His way and time, always giving men room to heed the striving of His Spirit (**Genesis 6:3**) and to come to repentance (**2 Peter 3:9**). The downside of this, of course, is that those who become comfortable in their sins don’t always heed the convicting prodding of the spirit (**John. 16:8-11**).

The wicked in the congregation of Asaph’s Israel had persuaded themselves that if they could overlook their sins, so would God. God, they reasoned, was just like them, or how they perceived themselves – loving, understanding, tolerant, and not all that serious about sin. They were about to learn how wrong and misguided they had been. God is God, and He does not change His holy way in order to accommodate our penchant for sin. They who presume to

worship while harboring known sin in their lives will answer to the Lord, whether sooner or later.

THE STRUCTURE: The appalling lack of discipline within churches today is encouraging a cavalier attitude toward sin on the part of many members. Wickedness in relationships, business, contracts, the internet and with respect to church vows is wickedness all the same. In our day, when *God has been reduced in the minds of His people and His holiness is routinely flouted*, the people of God can expect that, sooner or later, His holiness and justice will prevail. God loves His church too much to tolerate her sin for very long. If we won’t discipline ourselves, then He will, and it will not be pleasant (**Hebrews 12:7-11**).

While all around us the effects of the fall continue to beguile and deceive lost men and compromised Christians, the church must take seriously the call to repentance and renewal which are to characterize us as the community of redemption and restoration. Failure can be so catastrophic. How do you know when the Holy Spirit is seeking to convict you of sin? What do you do at that point? (End of Article)

Should not every believer go to **I John** and read it until we get it? THAT’S HIS STORY AND I AM STICKING TO IT.

In His Image,

Bro. Larry

Eisenhower Road Baptist Church

Special points of interest:

- > Valentine’s Day Banquet
- > Go F.I.S.H. Outreach Plan
- > Widow And Widowers Dinner
- > Benevolence Needs—How You Can Help
- > Would You Be Willing To Pray?
- > Still Not To Late To Join A Discipleship Study
- > 50th Anniversary Celebration is Here!
- > Spring Time Jubilee in Branson, Missouri

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The Agape Ministry

is in need of the following items. If you can help, please bring your donations to the Church.

Food Pantry Needs

- Bar Soap
- Diapers ~ sizes 3 or 4
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Meat
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Packaged Underwear & Socks

Join us as we celebrate Jim Cope's Retirement

Sunday Night February 21 at 7:00

Valentine's Day Banquet!

Sunday, February 14 at 7:00

Call the Church Office to RSVP

Main Dish Provided
Sides Requested

Widows & Widowers Dinner

Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Grady's Bar-B-Q

Please call the Church Office to RSVP if you will be Attending

Education Ministry

By Sandra Cisneros

Where does time go?

Not too long ago we were celebrating Christmas and New Years, and now we are looking at celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our Church, the Valentine's Day Banquet, and so many other things. This indeed is an exciting time!

Sunday School

We praise God for the attendance increase we have been experiencing these last few months, but we need to continue pressing forward for the mark that is set before us so that we can reach our goal.

The plan is to have 200 people in Sunday School by the end of 2010. Is this possible? Yes, it is. Not too long ago, we had 150 in attendance on our first High Attendance Sunday that we observed. To maintain what God is giving us is the real challenge.

Our next goal is to have Sunday School classes organized. Even though we have established some level of Sunday School organization in our classes, there are some key actions that need to be taking place so that each class is successful in class growth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday School Training
Sunday, February 21
At 5:00 p.m.
ERBC Fellowship Hall

This training is critical in the process of accomplishing our goal. All Sunday School Workers are expected to attend this training.

In Touch Ministry

By Sandra Cisneros



Let me introduce you to an outreach plan designed to involved members in an outreach emphasis. This plan will help us stay the course, will help us remain focused in the outreach action plan.

The plan is to GO F.I.S.H.

How will we do this? The emphasis will be on a quarterly basis. In this plan, we will Go and...

F – FIND PROSPECTS. This emphasis is to begin now and conclude the last week in March. Every Wednesday night we want to pull all the prospect cards and identify who they are, where they live, and identify a Sunday School Class age group for follow up.

I – Invite. We will look at intentional activities to invite prospects and their families. This emphasis will take place the first week of April through the last week in June.

S – Share. In this emphasis, we will make sure that people have heard the plan of salvation if they are not saved, and assimilate them in the life of the church. This emphasis will take place the first week in July through the last week in September.

H – Harvest. Harvest time will take place the first week in August through the last week in December.

Just imagine what will happen if we come together and work diligently in each of this emphasis without getting distracted! When we understand the vision, embrace the vision, take action, = **RESULTS.**

Prayer Ministry By John Willis

We all need prayer everyday as believers so we can maintain our close relationship with our Heavenly Father. This is why it is very important that we all have a special time set aside each day so we can communicate with our Lord. The time we spend alone with the Lord is more important than ever since Satan is working overtime.

There are, however, unexpected situations that we as Christians face that need immediate prayer. There is no greater comfort than knowing that our brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for us, a family member, or a friend when a special need arises. This is a comfort only we as Christians can know. Philippians 4:6 says: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God." All we need is your name and phone number. As the list is compiled and it continues to grow, you will need to make only one or two phone calls to fellow Christians to keep the chain moving. There may be some in the church who cannot be as active as they once were, but they can pray. James 5:16 says: "To confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

We all know that God answers prayer if it is in His will, so let's make ourselves available to all "special need" requests and give God the praise and glory when our prayers are answered. If you have not already signed up, and as the Holy Spirit leads, please contact Sandra Cisneros at Church or John Willis at 663-1898. Matthew 18:20 says: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." May we Gather in His Name and Pray.

Women's Ministry

By Sandra Cisneros

Praise God for the beautiful commissioning service given to Marcia Loomis last month. Keep her in your prayers and stay in touch with her in any way you can.

Daughters of the King

All the *King's Daughters* are encouraged to attend February's gathering on Saturday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall

We will be planning our events for 2010. Please join us!

Friendships of Women

Every Tuesday Morning at 10 a.m.
In the ERBC Fellowship Hall
For Bible Study and Prayer



Anchored Love Ministries

Annual Women's Encounter
July 30-31

The Women's Encounter is an annual event of Anchored Love Ministries with over 200 women participating. It is a two day event filled with great teaching and inspirational music by godly conference leaders and special guest speakers. Even though it is a little early, we want to encourage you to save this date, and begin to make plans to join us. Theme, location, seminar titles, speakers and the schedule will be given at a later time.



Discipleship Ministry

It's not too late to participate in one of the Discipleship Bible Studies...

Sunday Nights at 6:00

Call the Church Office to Register

Esther ... By Beth Moore; Facilitator: Linda Smith

Creation vs. Evolution; Facilitator: Scott Bennett

HeartCall; Facilitator: Sandra Cisneros

Children's Ministry



The King's Kids

The King's Kids will have a planning meeting

Wednesday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served

If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry, please make plans to join us as we plan the themes and activities for this year's King's Kids meetings.

2010 Spring Time Jubilee In Branson, Missouri

Senior Adult Trip - April 20-22

Contact the Church Office if you are interested in going or would like more details.

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jay Bowden (655-5713)	Jan 31 - Feb 6
Jim Cope (653-2619)	Feb 7 - Feb 13
Gene Day (657-7969)	Feb 14 - Feb 20
Dan Gulley (830-980-4872)	Feb 21 - Feb 27
Richard Hard (657-6332)	Feb 28 - March 6

Church News

Dear Church Family,

I can not express how much your love and concern has meant to me during my recent surgery. Your prayers, phone calls, and cards have been and continue to be a great source of encouragement. "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3 (NIV)

Until His Return,
Richard Hard

December Attendance and Offerings

Sundays	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>31</u>
Bible Study Attendance					
Enrollment	308	308	309	311	311
Members Present	102	97	115	110	117
New Members	0	1	2	0	0
Guests	4	2	5	2	13
TOTAL PRESENT	106	100	122	112	130
Worship Attendance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Mid-Week Attendance	<u>Jan 4-9</u>	<u>Jan 10-16</u>	<u>Jan 18-23</u>	<u>Jan 25-29</u>
House Churches	10	17	24	17
Friendships of Women	6	6	5	4



ERBC 50th Anniversary



It's here! Set your alarm, shine your shoes, put a smile on your face, and be here with bells on! ERBC's 50th Anniversary celebration is Sunday, February 7, 2010. Old friends and new will be here to share in a special worship service, delicious meal, and a fun afternoon of visiting, picture viewing, special music, and sharing stories. Don't miss it! And remember, priceless ERBC Semicentennial Cookbooks are available now for only \$10.00, along with commemorative mugs.