

THE ECHO

Eisenhower
Road Baptist
Church

FOLLOWING OUR LEADER



The title is NOT talking about the Pastor this time. We are talking about our LORD. Last month I asked everyone to PRAY about Gods will concerning Home Bible Studies for our church.

At last Sundays business meeting the church came together with a 100% desire to start this ministry. It was with a great deal of excitement that plans were set in place to start the first week of October. The entire business meeting was filled with the excitement of what God is doing in this body of believers. Our Sunday worship is growing in both number and spirit. We are having a lot of new visitors each week and our Sunday School is also growing. PRAISE THE LORD!

Our next step in this new venture is an orientation for those who want to be facilitators. We will do it Wednesday September 29th @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall. It is not going to be a complicated procedure but we do want everyone to start on the same page. We will be studying a book of the Bible and the assignment each week is for every member of the group to read a certain portion of the book. The next week everyone will have the opportunity to share what God revealed to them in the reading of His word. Simple assignment, dynamic results!

We also need to begin the establishment of homes to invite our friends and neighbors to each week. We have already had people volunteer their homes but we are looking for more. Our goal is to have at least 15 homes by the end of the year and 30 homes by next summer. If you remember the figures I mentioned last month, that could provide a witness to around 300 people each week. It will be a time to study Gods word, a time to

fellowship and a time to PRAY. Would you stop and try to think what God could or would do if 300 people were involved in praying for the ministry of ERBC EVERY WEEK?

Here's what we would like for you to do. Pick up the phone right now and call the office. Tell the secretary that your home is available and that you will be the facilitator. If you cannot do both, surely you can do one of those tasks. As the list is being compiled, we will let everyone know where the homes will be and the day and times they will meet. Please continue to PRAY for this ministry. As already stated last month, it is a tool God is using all around the world to advance His kingdom and bring people to Christ.

As we met with the missionaries in Japan, this is the tool they are using to spread the gospel. Linda & I, Susan & her son and new daughter in law all attended a house church while there. It was such a great time of fellowship, prayer and listening to the word of God. There will be pictures on our web site soon showing that event along with other experiences we had while there.

I want to thank the ERBC family again for sending us off with a blessing and also financial contributions to help with the trip. May the Lord reward each of you for your participation in this ministry!

Inviting a friend,

Bro. Larry

Matthew 28: 20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

There are Six Growth Principles for Church Growth

Principle #1: The Process Principle.

What does this mean to us as a Sunday School Ministry? It means that **Church Growth is a process not an event.** Keeping this in mind, let's reflect the activity we just had in September. We observed the "I Want My Church to Grow" weekend. It was a wonderful event but ERBC will not grow if we simply observe this event.

Let's reflect again, "The Process Principles" tell us that Growth is a process not an event. What do we need to do next to experience growth?

- ◆ We need to plan
- ◆ Set goals
- ◆ Management of resources
- ◆ Regular evaluation for effectiveness.

As you reflect on these four important points on the Pyramid Principle, make plans to attend...

Sunday School Workers Meeting

Sunday, October 3, 6:00 P.M.

Meet me in the fellowship hall to discuss plans, goals, and resources.

Principle #2: The Pyramid Principle.

What does this mean to us as a Sunday School Ministry? **It means that we need to enlarge the Pyramid.** We need to enlarge the base of the Sunday School. Enlarge the Sunday School Organization, means; create new Teaching Units.

We are right on target with these two Principles for Church growth. Because we created two new teaching Units this year, our Sunday School has increase in attendance. We will continue discussing these Principles for Growth in our next ECHO, as well as in our Monthly Sunday School Workers meetings.

— Sandra Cisneros

WHAT'S COMING TO E.R.B.C.?

 **Family Fall Festival** 

Sunday, October 31

To have a successful event we are setting up two dates to develop the Plans...

Sunday, October 3 at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Discipleship Ministry

Beth Moore – **Daniel**

Sundays, at 6:00 P.M.

Facilitator: Linda Smith



Answers in Genesis

"The Creation"

Starts Sunday, October 17

Facilitator: Scott Bennett

6:00 P.M.

Home Bible Studies

Home Bible Study leaders should go through an orientation on how to conduct the Home Bible Studies. Preparations dates are as follows...

Wednesday,

September 29, at 6:30 p.m.

What's my role and expectation as a Home Bible Study Leader?

Wednesday,

October 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Teaching Resource:

The Gospel of John

Facilitator: Sandra Cisneros

We will take a look at this gospel and get us acquainted with its message and make preparations for teaching this book at the Home Bible Studies

Home Bible Study Leaders:

Leader:	Home:
Jacob Flores	Cobb's Home
Lonnie Reece	ERBC Choir Room
Larry Smith	Pastor's Home
John Williams	Willis' Home
Mary Woods	Woods' Home

**OPERATION
Christmas Child
Shoe Boxes Are Here!**



Shoe boxes are now available! You will find them in the hallway leading to the fellowship area and in the church foyer. To make it more interesting, we're challenging our Adult Sunday School department to participate in a friendly competition to see which class can collect the most boxes. Regardless of the number of boxes, be assured that your shoe box **will bring a smile to a child.** Pick up a **"How to Pack Your Shoe Box"** brochure, read all information *CAREFULLY*, pack your shoe box according to the instructions, designate if for a boy or girl & the age group, and bring your box to church by **Sunday, November 7th.** We will dedicate these boxes and send them off with prayer! Don't forget to include \$7.00 per box as this helps cover the cost of shipping and other project costs.

Save these dates:

Change of Address
If you have had or are going to have a change in you address, Please call the Church office. (210)655-4643
Thanks!

HELP!
We are trying to compile a list of the Homebound in our church. If you know of anyone please leave a note with the Sunday School Secretary "ATTN: Homebound"

DID YOU KNOW
ECHO Announcements
Are due by the 15th of each month
They can be e-mailed (admin@erbcsa.org),
faxed (655-0980) or
written (please place on office desk).

Both of these ministry opportunities will need volunteers. This could be families, Sunday School classes, or individuals.

More information in next month's ECHO
"Parent's Night Out"

a ministry for military families on
Friday, December 3rd (6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Christmas Toy wrapping
with Children's Hunger Fund on
Saturday, December 4th



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ERBC is now on FACEBOOK

There are several purposes for establishing an identity on FACEBOOK...

- ◆ To promote the church and its ministries.
- ◆ To promote activities
- ◆ To provide information and encouragement.

This is also a great evangelistic resource!

Please help us by keeping it friendly and with integrity. Do not post information that does not pertain to the church. We welcome questions or a friendly comment on our posting!
Thank you for your understanding!!!

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MONTHLY STATISTICS

2010	Attendance		Giving		Financial Report	
	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Given	Needed	Year to Date Income	Budget
September						
5th	126	145	10,661.00			
12th	114	150	4,797.26			
19th	131	161	6,903.43			
26th	125	150	2,611.08			
Total	371	456	22361.69	22,419.27	262,382.47	375,225.34

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DANIEL

Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.

Answers in Genesis

Starts Sunday
October 17, 2010
6:00 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL

Planning Days

October 3rd @ 5:00 p.m.

October 24th @ 5:00 p.m.

Home Bible Study



Leader Training

September 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

October 6[&] @ 6:30 p.m.