

## **WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN**

We exist to glorify Jesus Christ and magnify His gospel in all of life until He comes.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022



We are so excited you are visiting with us today!
Be sure to fill out a connect card in the pews or visit www.firstevan.org/connect.



Can we help you find community here? There are many opportunities for equipping, service, and fellowship. Contact Andrew Beach at abeach@firstevan.org.



There is more to First Evan than Sunday morning. For a complete look at opportunities, browse: www.firstevan.org.

### **CONNECT WITH US!**



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### **RAISED WITH CHRIST**

"Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God" Colossians 2:12

Welcome Jim Fleming, Interim Senior Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 106:1–2

Song of Praise Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Baptisms Andrew Beach, Pastor of Memphis Ministries

Nathan Fratesi Caroline Fratesi Melanie Beach

Song of Praise Glorious Day

Elder Prayer Eric Fuhrman

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1–6

Choral Meditation No More Night

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:18–32 Christina Horton

Sermon Ronnie Stevens

"Looking Forward, Looking Back" Joel 2:25

Song of Response Your Labor is Not in Vain

Benediction

Musicians: The Worship Choir, Jeremy Conner, John Rawlinson, Brandon Herrington, Jamie Scholik, Trent England, Leigh Sistrunk, Mae Sistrunk. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship

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# Looking Forward, Looking Back

Joel 2:25 | Ronnie Stevens



Winter/Spring 2022 Midweek at First Evan Wednesdays, January 12–April 27 (no meeting March 16)

Don't limit your connection with First Evan to Sunday only! Join us for Midweek to enrich your spiritual walk and deepen your relationships with others in our fellowship. There is something for everyone. It starts with dinner at 5:00 p.m., then we have activities for all ages from 6:15–8:00 p.m. See our brochure or website for details: www.firstevan.org/midweek.

"Shepherdology 101" with Pastor Jim Fleming Wednesdays, January 12-April 27 (no meeting March 16) 6:15-8:00 p.m., E125/126 OR Sundays, January 16-May 1 (no meeting March 13), 6:00-7:45 p.m., E125/126 | Cost: \$10 Would you like to know exactly how Jesus says we can shepherd the flock well? Come to the 15-week 2022 Midweek class open to men and women who want to be effective difference makers in the lives of others. Register by January 11 at www.firstevan.org/shepherdology.





A Colorful Day "Connected in Community," Saturday, February 5 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. | Cost: \$15 (additional cost for some sessions) Registration begins today! Come join us for a special day filled with learning, creativity, and encouragement. You will have the opportunity to sign up for two electives taught by fellow First Evan women with lunch to follow. This day provides a wonderful opportunity to invite neighbors, friends, and loved ones to experience the community we have at our church. Childcare provided: www.firstevan.org/colorful.

For more announcements, visit www.firstevan.org/connect.

Nomination forms for elders and deacons are available at the Sanctuary entrances and information desks. Please return forms by January 23.

Wednesday, January 12 Menu: Scrambled/Cheesy Scrambled Eggs, Bacon/Sausage Hash Brown Casserole, Biscuit with Jelly/Gravy OR Tomato Basil Bique and Salad Bar Dessert: Cinnamon Roll

#### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Ron and Betsy Man, WRI, Memphis

#### **Praise**

- That our whole family was able to be together for Christmas for the first time in four years.
- For continuing ministry opportunities during COVID (mostly over Zoom).
- For continuing good health.

#### Pray

- That planned teaching trips will still be able to happen this year (Spain in February; Ukraine in March; Jordan in summer).
- For the completion of my worship course in book form.
- For God's provision of an adoptive baby for our daughter Grace and husband Duke.

#### MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

#### Multinational Ministries

#### Praise

- For the many friendships that are made with the Multinational Memphis families.
- That we are getting back to a little bit of "normal" with our afterschool programs and English classes.
- For all of the children and families who come to Multinational Memphis every day.

#### Pray

- That everyone stays healthy.
- That the women who come to English Classes can learn English quickly.
- That the Memphis community shows God's love and kindness to the refugee/immigrant communities here in Memphis.

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thank you for your faithful stewardship in 2021. Both the Ministry Fund and the Missions Fund were <u>fully funded</u> for our June–December budget which is an answer to many prayers as we enter 2022. We thank the Lord for His provision!

As we start the second half of our fiscal year, our January budget for the Ministry Fund is \$235,924 and \$16,986 for the Missions Fund.

www.firstevan.org/giving

#### **FAMILY MATTERS**

Births Magnolia Marie White, 12/29/21
Parents: Tyler and Elizabeth (Park) White
Grandparents: Taylor and Debbie Park

Luke Johnson Hughes, 12/29/21 Parents: Josh and Lindsey Hughes Grandparents: Mike and Eileen Hughes

Hospital Joe White, Baptist Memphis

Rehab Marcy Hackler, Baptist Rehab

Richard Pittman, Baptist Rehab

Hospice Mary Ann Frazier, Methodist Residence