



WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023



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A LIVING HOPE

"He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Welcome	Taylor Park, <i>Executive Pastor</i>
Vacation Bible School	Cortney Cannon, <i>Children's Ministry Director</i>
Call to Worship	Matthew 12:40
Song of Praise	House of the Lord
Responsive Reading	1 Peter 1:3-9
Song of Worship	Living Hope
The Lord's Supper	
Songs of Worship	Communion I Stand Amazed
Elder Prayer	Steve Boyd
Dismissal of Children (Ages 3 through 2nd grade)	
Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-11	Kathryn Hickey
Sermon	Rev. Jim Fleming, <i>Interim Senior Pastor</i>
<p><i>"Neither Useless Nor Unfruitful"</i> <i>God's Man, God's Woman, God's Servants</i> 2 Peter 1:1-11</p>	
Song of Response	May the Mind of Christ, My Savior
Benediction	
<p><i>Musicians: The Worship Choir, Carter Boer, Mary Brumfield, Jeremy Conner, Trent England, Felicity Hall, Andy Holler, Jamie Scholik, Mark Stelling. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.</i></p>	

“Neither Useless Nor Unfruitful”
God’s Man, God’s Woman, God’s Servants
2 Peter 1:1–11 | Rev. Jim Fleming, Interim Senior Pastor

1. Key Decisions Coming

1 Samuel 16:1, 3, 6–7

2. Introduction to Elders

1 Timothy 3:1–2; Titus 1:5; Acts 20:17, 28

3. How to Apply the Qualifications for an Elder

1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:7; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

4. Application: Seven Key Principles Concerning Transformation

a. No one is saved by works (2 Timothy 1:9).

b. Works are the evidence of salvation (1 John 2:3–8).

c. Doing what is right promotes our good (Jeremiah 5:25).

d. God supplies what we lack (Philippians 2:12–13).

e. We have a part to play (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 3:13).

f. Transformation involves time well used (Hebrews 5:12).

g. Transformation produces fruit (2 Peter 1:5–8).

5. Encouragement

1 John 3:2



Mystery Island VBS: Discovering the Meaning of Life
Monday–Friday, June 5–9, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Rising K–5th grade
 Kids will embark on a treasure hunt, searching for the meaning of life—from the lives of pre-born babies to eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Using God's Word as their guide, they'll discover that from the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God—wonderfully designed to know Him and live for Him! **Register today!**



Finals Coffee House, Sunday, April 30–Tuesday, May 2
7:00 p.m.–midnight, U of M BCM – Volunteers Needed!
 A comfortable place to study for exams, get free food, free coffee, and meet new people. Updates on Instagram at @finals.coffee.house. Contact Anies Kunda at akunda@firstevan.org, Kassie Sanborn at ksanborn@firstevan.org, or visit www.firstevan.org/fch to volunteer.



Student Ministries Silent Auction — Begins next week!
April 23–May 7, Fellowship Hall
 Our students have two awesome opportunities this summer, Student Life Summer Camp and a mission trip to Romania—and you can help them get there! Come by the Fellowship Hall to bid on sweet treats and art pieces made by our students and leaders.

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

Midweek Fellowship Meal Menu, April 19, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Menu: Fried and Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Garden Salad, and Southern Homestyle Thrown Roll OR Fiesta Chicken Soup and Salad Bar. Dessert: Pecan Pie.
Spring Family Fellowship Movie Night, 6:15–8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Kids, wear your PJ's and bring your favorite blanket to watch "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

David & Vicki Frazier, ESI Memphis/Global

Praise

- For great travel connections, health, weather and many divine appointments in Israel and Turkey.
- That God sovereignly has us here in Turkey as several missionaries are going through difficult times.
- That He's orchestrated meetings of new missionaries and national believers who needed encouragement.

Pray

- For continued good health, travel connections, and spiritual stamina during our travels until end of April.
- For missionaries and Turkish believers who labor in relief and Gospel work following the earthquakes.
- That we can give timely words of grace, encouragement, and wisdom throughout this month in Turkey.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Neighborhood Christian Center

Praise

- For the opportunity to serve families in need and positively impact their lives.
- For the generosity of our donors and volunteers who make our work possible.
- For our staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to serve those in need as NCC's mission is carried out.

Pray

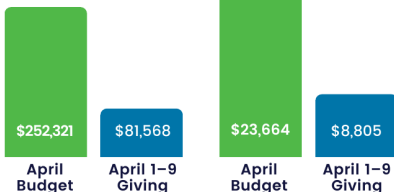
- That God will continue to provide us with the resources we need to serve more families.
- That God will bless our staff and volunteers with wisdom, compassion, and strength as they carry out our mission.
- That the youth we serve can be surrounded by positive role models who can help guide them through difficult times.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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Missions Fund



FAMILY MATTERS

- Rehab** Linda Ingram, Cordova Rehab Center
- Deaths** Jackson Winchester, April 8, 2023
 Sarah Beach's grandfather