

Schedule for Today

Bible Study

- 9:30am Adults and children are invited to join together in the sanctuary for a brief time of music and prayer before Bible Study classes begin.
- 9:45am We offer a variety of Bible study options for children and adults. You are welcome to join any of these classes. For more assistance, please ask someone at the Welcome Center.

AGE GROUP	LOCATION	CLASS DESCRIPTION
Children 0-3	Beginner Room	A class designed especially to help children learn the Bible through interactive stories and songs.
Grades PK-1	Kindergarten Room	Children learn about Jesus through songs, play acting and music.
Grades 2-4	Primary Room	A deeper study of the Bible through Bible verse memorization and Bible stories.
Grades 5-8	Junior Room	A more in-depth study of Bible stories and practical life application.
Grade 9-12	Youth Room	High school youth study the Bible using the Cornerstone Connection Quarterly.
Adults	Library 1	This class is currently studying about the sanctuary.
Adults	Classroom 1	Jack Johns teaches from the Adult Quarterly.
Adults	Classroom 2	Various people teach from the Adult Quarterly.
Adults	Classroom 3	Margaret Davis teaches from the book of Romans
Adults	Library 2	Moses Anderson leads a Life Group.

Worship

- 9:45am **Early Worship Service**—For those who prefer a shorter and less crowded worship experience, we offer our early service during our Sabbath School hour. This 60-minute service has less music and more time given to the preaching of the Word.
- 11:00am **Praise & Worship Service**—It is always a special time when our entire church family and guests join together in the sanctuary for praise and worship.

<i>Elder</i>	David Carr
<i>Children's Story</i>	Debbie Rivera
<i>Prayer</i>	David Carr
<i>Offering</i>	Reby Salim-Chesapeake Advance
<i>Special Music</i>	Leian Tuazon
<i>Sermon</i>	Pastor Bill McClendon

Children are always welcome in our worship service. "Worship bags" are provided to help children age 6 and under to stay engaged during the sermon. These bags are available at the back of the sanctuary following the children's story.

- 11:20am Children ages 4-12 are invited to join KINGDOM KIDZ, a special worship service just for kids! Are you excited to receive gifts at Christmas? Discover how to recognize the gifts God has for you. Listen for the dismissal to the KIDZ Chapel after the children's story.

Prayer

If you have a prayer request that you would like mentioned in the service, please complete a white Connection Card in the pew and hand it to a pastor.

If you'd like to spend some time in prayer, our prayer room is open before and after our worship service.

- 12:30pm Following the close of our worship service, the pastor and elders are available to have prayer with you. Just come to the altar when the worship service concludes.

Fellowship

- 12:30pm Immediately following our worship service, refreshments will be served in the foyer. Everyone is welcome.
- 12:30pm Just a few minutes following our worship service, there is a fellowship lunch in our gym. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will stay and enjoy this special time of food and fellowship.

Wireless Internet is available by connecting to ECC using sabbath7 as the password

Contact & Other Information

Church Office Hours

We are here to serve you and willing to meet with you any time that would be convenient. The church office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. If you would like to schedule an appointment to visit with one of the pastors, please contact Pastor Bill or Pastor Shirlene by phone or email.

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Next Sabbath

Speaker	Pastor Bill McClendon
Elder	Leon Earl
Deacons	Fogelquist / Willis / Bohorquez
Lunch	Chili & Cornbread
Sunset	4:47 pm
Offering	Local Church Budget

Offerings Report

The ministries at Ellicott City Church are made possible through your generous gifts. Thank you for investing your resources into building God's Kingdom.

Church Budget for December:	\$18,950
Received in December:	\$16,939
Today's Offering:	Chesapeake Advance

YTD Freedom Through Faith: \$41,704

If you are a member or a regular attendee, we want to encourage you to support the local ministry of Ellicott City Church. We welcome any questions you may have about our finances or ministries. Just call the office or send us a note and we will be happy to respond. Copies of our 2018 Church Budget are available upon request.



Welcome

December 23, 2017

Events/Announcements

REFRESHMENTS & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments in the foyer and a fellowship lunch in our gym following the worship service today.

VISITING US TODAY?

If this is your first time joining us for worship, we have a special gift to help you remember your visit with us. Fill out a Connection Card located in the pew and take it to the Welcome Center.

WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE TO WIN A SOUL TO CHRIST?

God has blessed Ellicott City Church to lead many people to Christ and His church. This year, we will continue to make leading people to Jesus our first priority. We are asking each family to consider supporting this very important project financially by designating **ONE** percent of their income to this important evangelistic initiative. Please mark your offerings, "Give 1."

DOING LIFE TOGETHER / MORNING PRAYER CALL

Our daily 6am teleconference includes the 2017 Doing Life Together Bible reading for the day followed by prayer. This 30-minute call is a GREAT way to start your day. If you want to take your spiritual life to the next level, join us for this daily devotional. If you want our system to call you each morning, please sign up at the Welcome Center, or you can dial 410-834-3889 to join the call.

STAY CONNECTED - DOWNLOAD OUR APP

You can locate our app by searching for Ellicott City Church in the App Store or Google Play. Download the app and you will have access to our live stream, archived services, announcements, sermon podcast, sermon notes, photos and much more.



PRAYER

Do you have a prayer request? Would you like others to join you in praying about a need in your life? You are welcome to submit your prayer request by visiting ellicottcitychurch.org/prayer. We have a special room dedicated for prayer just across from the church offices. The Prayer Room is available at any time for you to spend some time with God. There is a prayer wall where you can share your prayer requests so others can join with you in prayer.

SHARING YOUR FAITH RESOURCES

As a follower of Christ, each of us has been commissioned to share the Good News with people around us. For anyone who wants to take on the responsibility of being His witnesses, we are happy to provide some free witnessing resources to help you be ready for those God appointed encounters. We have created a "Good News Wallet" that can store a number of different tracts to make it easy to always be ready to share Jesus with anyone you meet. Wallets as well as additional tracts are available at the Welcome Center.

FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE

We offer an early worship service on Sabbath mornings at 9:45am. This 60-minute worship service has less preliminaries, less music and more teaching. If you do not attend a Sabbath School class and prefer a smaller worship crowd, you might consider joining us for this service. We have started a new sermon series entitled, "ELIJAH—A MAN LIKE US."

MISSION TRIP

We are beginning to organize plans for a mission trip in June 2018. During this 10 day trip, we will build a church and conduct a Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in being part of the group, please sign up at the Welcome Center. If you would want to help with the finances, please mark your envelope, "Mission Trip."

DOING LIFE TOGETHER / LIFE GROUPS

Today and next Sabbath, we are launching our Doing Life Together plan for 2018! We encourage everyone (kids and adults) to participate. We will be reading the Bible together as a church family in two years. Not only is this a wonderful way to read God's Word every day, but belonging to a Life Group will allow you to talk about what you've read, pray and fellowship with your fellow group members. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the enrollment card located in your Life Pack, or at the Welcome Center.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Today, after our fellowship lunch, we will need several volunteers to help sort, prepare and organize Christmas food baskets for distribution to families at Chatham Apartments. We will also need volunteers to help deliver the food baskets this same afternoon. If you are available to help, listen for the announcement in the gym near the end of our lunch.

WINTER WEAR COLLECTION

We are collecting gently used COATS, JACKETS, GLOVES, HATS and BLANKETS to be given away during our first one2one outreach event on Sabbath, December 30. We have a need for both adult and children's sizes. Please bring these to the church no later than Sabbath, December 30.

Events/Announcements

CHRISTMAS TREE – NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Christmas tree is bearing red envelopes that suggest monetary gifts you can give to various ministries of the church. For the last few weeks, these gift have been designated toward the Stallion Pathfinder Club. Due to your very generous response, we have added some additional items for a few other ministries that could benefit greatly from your gifts. Simply choose the gift you would like to help purchase. Place the money in the red envelope and then place the envelope in the offering.

POINSETTIA DONATION

Poinsettias are a great way to decorate your house for the holidays. If you would like to take home one of the poinsettia plants located at the front of the sanctuary, please mark your tithe envelope "Poinsettia" with a suggested donation of \$10 per plant. You may take your plant home starting on Sabbath Dec 23.

PARENT/CHILD KIDZ MEETING – DECEMBER 30

On December 30, at 1:15pm, there will be a parent/child meeting for all parents of children in grades 4-12. Those who have children attending KIDZFEST, Pathfinders, or Sabbath School are invited to join us in the KIDZ Chapel for hot drinks & cookies. Bring your child with you, as we will discuss new changes in the KIDZ program.

ONEZONE PLANNING MEETING – TODAY

You are welcome to join us in the KIDZ Chapel today at 1:30pm if you are interested in helping to plan and organize our one2one outreach event that will happen on December 30.

THE BIGGEST LOSER LAUNCH - JANUARY 6

Eating too much this holiday season? Don't worry. We've got great motivation for you to lose those extra pounds! Beginning on January 6, we will be having our very own ECC Biggest Loser Contest. More details coming soon.

EIGHT STEPS TO A BETTER DIET - JANUARY 20

Join us on Sabbath, Jan 20 at 1pm in the Youth Room for a special presentation by a local nutritionist, Melanie Berdyck. Her focus will be on 8 steps to a healthier diet. All are welcome to attend. Immediately following the presentation, we will be heading out for our monthly church family hike.

HEALTH MATTERS SEMINAR - JANUARY 21

On Sunday, January 21 we will be hosting a free two-part seminar on healthy living. The seminar topics will include "Staying healthy in a culture that is anything but" and "The power of one good habit." We will be sending invitations to members of our community as well, so please plan to be here to support this great event. Friends, family and co-workers are welcome to attend. Flyers for the seminar are available at the Welcome Center.

KIDZ MINISTRY

KIDZFEST - JANUARY 6

Daniel was way more than the guy who survived a den of lions. Daniel was torn from his home and forced into the king's service. He experienced exotic sights and smells from the Babylonian Bazaar. He kept his faith in a faithless culture. Change is never easy for anyone, yet Daniel found a way to remain faithful to his God.

God's Word will come alive as you interact with Bible history! Meet Daniel in the regal city of Babylon and experience a Bible Land Adventure that is full of vibrant colors, majestic architecture, and cultural experiences. Allow your faith in God to grow strong, as you experience life in BABYLON!

KIDZ LIFE GROUP - EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

If you have not made reading God's Word part of your daily life plan, start now. Follow the Doing Life Together Bible Reading Guide throughout the week, and take time to call 410-834-3889 on Monday nights at 7pm for a discussion and sharing time. This Life Call is for young people in grades 5-12.

PATHFINDER & ADVENTURER NEWS

- Pathfinders & Adventurers will meet on Dec 30 from 2-4pm. Please wear your club t-shirt and jeans to both meetings. Both Clubs will start out in the Chapel for the Opening Program.
- If you have not paid dues for November or December, please return the money in a tithe envelope and mark it Pathfinder dues.

*NEW/CHANGED ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE IN RED

Schedule of Events

Dec 23	Sabbath	8:30a	Fresh Start Prayer Experience (Prayer Room)
		9:30a	Sabbath School
		9:45a	Early Worship Service
		11:00a	Praise & Worship
		12:30p	Fellowship Lunch (Favorites)
		1:30p	Life Group (Prayer Room)
		2:00p	one2one (KIDZ Chapel)
		2:00p	Food Basket Distribution
Dec 25	Monday	7:00p	KIDZ Life Group Call (410) 834-3889 CANCELLED
Dec 26	Tuesday	7:00p	Church Leadership Call
Dec 27	Wednesday	6:00p	Supper
		6:45p	Life groups
		8:00p	Worship Practice
Dec 28	Thursday	7:00p	Revelation Seminar (Chapel)
		8:15p	Life Group Teleconference (410-834-3889)
Dec 29	Friday	4:52p	Sunset
Dec 30	Sabbath	8:30a	Fresh Start Prayer Experience (Prayer Room)
		9:30a	Sabbath School
		9:45a	Early Worship Service
		11:00a	Praise & Worship
		12:30p	Fellowship Lunch (Chili & Cornbread)
		1:15p	Parent/Child KIDZ Meeting (Chapel)
		1:30p	Life Group (Prayer Room)
		2:00p	one2one Outreach event (Youth Room)
			Adventurer/Pathfinder Club Meeting (Chapel)
Jan 1	Monday	7:00p	KIDZ Life Group Call (410) 834-3889 CANCELLED
Jan 2	Tuesday	7:00p	Church Leadership Call
Jan 3	Wednesday	11:00a	Life Group (Pastor's Office)
		6:00p	Supper
		6:45p	Life Groups
		7:00p	Life Group (Teleconference 410-834-3889)
		8:00p	Worship Practice
Jan 4	Thursday	7:00p	Revelation Seminar (Chapel)
		8:15p	Life Group Teleconference (410-834-3889)
Jan 5	Friday	4:58p	Sunset

Visit ellicottcitychurch.org/calendar for the latest information on upcoming church events

JOIN ONE OF OUR SMALL GROUPS AND START GROWING

Mondays	7:00p	KIDZ Life Group	Pastor Shirlene leads a KIDZ Life Group by phone. (410-834-3889)
Wednesdays	6:00p	Supper	We serve a light supper until 6:30pm. (Gym)
	6:45p	Life Group	Leon Earl leads a Life Group. (KIDZ Chapel)
		Life Group	Jackie Gonzalez-Feezer leads a Life Group. (Junior Room)
		Life Group	Alex Partyka leads a Life Group. (Youth Room)
		KIDZ Life	Pastor Shirlene offers a children's program. (Kindergarten Room)
Thursdays	7:00p	Revelation Sem	Pastor Bill teaches a seminar on Bible prophecy. (KIDZ Chapel)
	8:15p	Life Group	Pastor Bill leads a Life Group by phone. (410-834-3889)
Friday	7:00p	Single Ladies	Single Ladies Bible study on the First Friday of the Month (Varies)
Saturdays	9:30a	Life Group	Moses Anderson leads a Life Group. (Conference Room)
	1:30p	Life Group	Luis' Life Group meets each Sabbath afternoon. (Prayer Room)
Sundays	8:00a	Ladies Group	A Ladies Prayer Group meets the first Sunday of each month.
	9:00a	Men's Ministry	A Men's Study Group meets the first and third Sunday of each month.
	5:30p	Marriage Support	MEG for Married Couples meets the second Sunday of each month.
	5:30p	Marriage Support	MEG for Married Singles meets the fourth Sunday of each month.

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