



WELCOME TO FIRST EVAN

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024



We are so excited you are
visiting with us today!
Be sure to visit the Connect
Center, fill out a connect
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Pictured: The Winter/Spring 2024 semester is ramping up and there are opportunities for fellowship, serving, equipping, discipleship, growth, and fun. We enjoyed our first Midweek Fellowship Meal, Midweek electives, Heart to Heart Bible Study, and more!

REJOICE ALWAYS

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4

Welcome Josh Raspberry, *Pastor of Family Ministry*

Call to Worship Psalm 16:1-2, 8, 11

Songs of Praise Come Thou Fount
Rejoice

Scripture Reading Colossians 2:13–15

Song of Praise His Mercy is More

God at Work: Life Choices Rachel Davis
Director of Community Relations

Elder Prayer Mark Gosney

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10–15 Ethan Langston

Sermon David Stevens, *Paraclete Mission Group*

"Spiritual Warfare 101"
Stand Firm
Ephesians 6:13–15

Song of Commitment O Church Arise

Benediction

Musicians: Amelia Boer, David Brumfield, Mary Brumfield, Trent England, Kathryn LaVire, John Rawlinson, Phil Thompson, Ryan Wiley. Ken Boer, Pastor of Worship.

"Come Thou Fount" by Robert Robertson (1758) and Bob Kauflin (2006). "Rejoice" by Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Skye Peterson © 2022 Getty Music Hymns and Songs, Getty Music Publishing, Junkbox Music. "His Mercy is More" by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa © 2016 Messenger Hymns and Love Your Enemies Publishing. "O Church, Arise" by Stuart Townend, Kristyn Getty, and Chris Tomlin © 2005 Getty Music Publishing, et. al. CCLI #47316.

“Spiritual Warfare 101” Stand Firm

Ephesians 6:13–15 | David Stevens, Paraclete Mission Group

“Take up the whole armor” (v. 13)

The Belt of Truth (v. 14; cf. Isaiah 11:5)

The Breastplate of Righteousness (v. 14; cf. Isaiah 59:17)

The Shoes of Peace (v. 15; cf. Isaiah 52:7)



Discover First Evan

NEXT Sunday, January 28, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Chapel

This class is offered to those interested in learning more about First Evan or desiring membership. Attending the class in no way obligates you to join, but it is the first step toward membership. Questions can be directed to Jacki Stiefferman at jstiefferman@firstevan.org. **Sign up deadline is today at www.firstevan.org/dfe.**



Life Choices: Bottles for Life— Each January, Life Choices invites churches and individuals to participate in their Bottles For Life campaign to raise awareness and funds for the sanctity of life. Pick up and return bottles to the Connect Center filled with change, cash, or check by **Wednesday, January 31!** This is a great opportunity to get involved with Life Choices and help empower women to choose and cherish life!



A Colorful Day, Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall & Classrooms | Cost: \$15 (\$5 for embroidery)
Women, join us for a morning of workshops, brunch, and fellowship. View workshops and sign up by **THIS Wednesday, January 24 at noon: www.firstevan.org/colorful.**

Midweek Fellowship Meal, Wednesday, January 24, 5:00–6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Menu: Taco Salad (Beef or Cilantro–lime Chicken) with Mexican Rice and Seasoned Black Beans OR Chicken Tortilla Soup and Salad Bar. Kids option: Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla. Chips, Cheese Dip, and Salsa are available. Dessert: Churro with ice cream.

PARTNERS OF THE WEEK

David and Jessica, Middle East

Praise

- That we are entering our 10th year here and for all the provision of friends and family God has provided along the way.
- For improved health for Jessica.
- For God's never-failing grace to redeem, sustain, and transform.

Pray

- That God would anoint our interactions with friends, neighbors, and colleagues.
- That God would bless peacemakers and thwart the plans of the enemy.
- That God would give us grace to raise our children with a gospel-centered grace.

MEMPHIS PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Memphis Union Mission (MUM)

Praise

- That we've been able to provide hot showers, warm clothing, warm beds, safe shelter, and hot meals to over 400 individuals a day during this cold, snowy weather.
- For the privilege of serving our homeless neighbors in this time of critical need.
- That we've had organizations partner with us in our ministry to make this service possible.

Pray

- For the safety of those who are homeless during this weather.
- For ongoing financial provision.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

www.firstevan.org/giving

With our online giving and Church Management Software (CMS) you are able to set up a **First Evan Account**, which we strongly encourage you to do. It will save you time and allow you to view your giving statements, see organization involvement, update personal information, and more. Visit www.firstevan.org scroll to the very bottom and click the **"Login to TouchPoint"** button. If you wish to give without an account, click the **Give** tab at the top of our website. **We thank you in advance for supporting First Evan. If you need assistance, call the Finance Office at 682-8452.**

PASTORAL SEARCH PRAYER

Pray for First Evan

- That we would "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might, putting on the whole armor of God..." (Ephesians 6:10–20).

Pray for Our Next Pastor

- That he has a heart for discipleship and a shepherd's heart. (John 21:15–17, 1 Peter 5:1–5)

Pray for Our Pastoral Search Committee

- That the Lord would make their next steps very clear. Pray that He would work in each of them so that decisions are easily made in unanimity.
- That they may see what the Lord wants them to see in each candidate. (Proverbs 3:5–7a)

Members, please remember to turn in your elder and deacon nominations due TODAY. Those of you not able to be here can email a form to Taylor Park at tpark@firstevan.org.