



# Edgewood Expressions

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## Elder Board Insights/Pastoral Search Update Clint Jones, March 2024



Clint Jones  
Elder Board Chair

When Jesus knew his time was short, his “upper room discourse” around dinner with his disciples (recorded in John 14) provides incredibly concise insight into the dawn of the Church Age (you know, that we all find ourselves in now!).

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – The Spirit of Truth” (v15-17). Jesus states further that, with the Holy Spirit, we will accomplish greater ministry than he would!

Jesus incarnate was only one place at a time, now with the Spirit we are everywhere. We take God with us where we do ministry. Together WE do ministry here at Edgewood. In the power of the Holy Spirit.

March 24, Palm Sunday this year, will be our next Annual Meeting. We will vote on budget, new positions, and a change to the constitution for terms. While this seems routine, in reality our church enters Year Two without a lead pastor in what increasingly appears to be a non-routine ministry landscape. And although it also took this long with pastor Kevin 10 years ago, there are some key differences that I see as Elder Board and Search Team Chair. The pool of available pastoral candidates is shrinking; more churches are closing (and pastors leaving ministry) than are being planted in the U.S. every year now. Fewer young people are being trained and going into full-time ministry. This leads me to believe that Edgewood needs to do 3 things: (1) be patient in God’s timing for us - a body of believers whom I am confident HE LOVES! (2) pray for God’s guidance to Edgewood leadership, and (3) in this era of difficult hiring, be open to other arrangements where ministry at Edgewood might successfully reach greater numbers.

Our sanctuary can hold 500 people for a service. Our morning and afternoon services currently run under 100 each. The building is paid for, and we are trying to keep it in good condition, as good stewards. For sure we would like to minister to greater numbers, and also to be good stewards of the space God has given us (and to fulfill the Great Commission).

Over the next 9 months, beginning after Easter, we have contracted Stan Markowski to be part-time Interim Pastor (shared with Northshore and his current duties, scaled back). He will provide more continuity week to week in our sermons. I am going to ask him to preach through a book of scripture (which would have been difficult with this past year’s arrangement). So, for sure you will hear him more on Sundays from the pulpit (expect about 2/3 of the time). More importantly though, we will ask Stan as interim to work with elders and staff to review any/all functions at Edgewood in preparation for who (what?) comes next. We will have the expertise of the Northshore Community Church to help us, as well, to review how we do ministry/ worship/ communication/ business.

COMING UP  
NEXT...

March 10  
John Dabeck

March 17  
Kerry Warren

March 24  
Chad Hoffman

March 31 - Easter  
Casey Sanders

At the same time, the Search Team will review candidates who respond to our job openings at key seminaries, or direct requests to folks that we may reach out to.

Finally, a subcommittee of elders will meet regularly with Northshore elders and pastors, while Stan is in “residency”, to learn from them and strategize where or how we might come together with efficiencies in our ministries. We are essentially “sister” churches, both started in the ‘60s, and both members of Converge NW (Baptist Conference). I am confident that these actions with Stan and Northshore leadership, no matter what the 9-month “end product” is, will be a benefit toward guiding Edgewood’s future.

Thanks for reading this far!  
Clint Jones

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March 6, 2024



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Worship Services:  
**10:45 am in English and  
1:00 pm in Spanish**

#### **SUNDAYS**

##### **English**

Worship Service - English	10:45am in Sanctuary
**Livestream of Service	10:45am Facebook, YouTube
Children's Classes (Nursery-6th grade)	10:45am
Youth Group	12:00 noon

##### **Spanish**

Adult Sunday School - Spanish	12:00 noon Rooms 38 & 39
Childcare for SS attendees	12:00 noon
Worship Service - Spanish	1:00pm in Sanctuary
**Livestream of Service	1:00pm on Facebook Live
Children's Sunday School (2 yrs-6th grade)	1pm in Sanctuary, then move to classrooms

\* General Zoom invites are issued weekly via email to those on our "In the Know" list. If you'd like to be included, please contact the church office.

\*\* It is possible that your image will be captured and included in this service while it is shown live.

#### **TUESDAYS:**

Open Gym Men's Basketball	6:00-7:30 am Gym
Prayer Gathering	7:30am via Zoom*
Women's Bible Study	9:30am via Zoom
Spanish-Speaking Women's Study	10:00am Sanctuary

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

Caleb Community (Seniors Ministry)	12:00noon Junction
Spanish-Speaking Discipleship Class	7:00pm Facebook Live

#### **THURSDAYS:**

Men's Bible Study	7:30am Lynnwood Shari's
Women's Bible Study	7:00pm via Zoom

#### **FRIDAYS:**

Spanish-Speaking Prayer Time	7:00pm Sanctuary
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# Everybody



**WHO will YOU invite?**

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**Jeff Joyner**  
Worship & Family  
Pastor



When I

arrived at my first ministry assignment with CRU in Pasadena, CA, I found out that the person I was supposed to room with was not due to report for a month and a half. That meant I needed to find temporary housing for about six weeks, until the Music Training Center started. After talking with my director, I decided to stay in one of the dorms at the US Center for World Missions.

I noticed that there were several Japanese students staying on campus, and found out that they were there in a secular exchange program to learn English. The next several weeks, I got to know the students and volunteered to speak English with them in the evenings. One student in particular seemed very interested in why I was there and kept asking me questions about God. I finally asked a staff member why he was so interested in Christianity and he said he had received Christ the week before I arrived.

Shinya Iwasaki and I built a friendship in the days that followed, although the language barrier would sometimes present a problem. After I moved out of the dorm, we would still occasionally go to lunch together. He eventually returned to Japan, which made it more difficult to keep in touch. I unfortunately lost track of him after he moved out of his parents' house in Yokohama.

Several years later, I traveled to Tokyo to do a series of concerts. I felt impressed to find my old friend, and was able to contact him with the assistance of a Japanese staff member. As a result, we were able to hang out for an entire afternoon. Though his English was in decline, we had a good time and communicated the best we could. Before he took me back to the train station, he said his mother wanted to talk to me on the phone. I really didn't know why because she didn't speak a word of English. But I agreed, and he dialed her number and handed me the phone.

She began speaking to me with great

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## Children



## Students



emotion in her voice. Although I couldn't recognize any of the words, I somehow began to understand what she was saying. When we hung up, I asked Shinya what she had said. He paused for a while, and then said in broken English, "Thank you for helping my son." I knew then why God had me stay at the US Center for World Missions. What originally had been a great inconvenience for me, ended up becoming a tremendous blessing. For on that day I clearly witnessed that there are absolutely no language barriers when it comes to hearing the spoken words of a mother's heart.

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." Proverbs 16:9

# Adults



The Edmonds Food Bank asked Edgewood to host a Food Drive throughout the month of March. If you are interested in working with them to coordinate this, please contact the church office.

The most needed food items are rice, oats, peanut butter, canned tuna, gluten-free items, and pasta. They can also distribute baby supplies (diapers, wipes, formula, and baby food).

Thank you for your support!



## Easter Guest Speaker

Please join us for our special Easter service at Edgewood. Our guest speaker is Casey Sanders, founder of "Jesus Spoken Here Ministries." Casey was raised in Jacksonville, Florida, and attended Florida

State University, where he met his lovely wife Christi. After the wedding, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Casey catapulted to the top of the business world, as National Sales Director of a pharmaceutical company. There he enjoyed great success, but progressively became disillusioned with the corporate lifestyle. It was during that time that he began a period of "soul searching" in an attempt to find and understand his true identity in Jesus Christ. Though Casey had been a believer since childhood, this process led him to the realization that only Christ can live the Christian life in and through him. This understanding prompted him to leave his profession 25 years ago, to begin a full-time discipleship ministry called "Jesus Spoken Here." Casey speaks at various seminars and corporate events, and provides Christian discipleship opportunities for business professionals and others who want to grow in their faith.

Casey and Christi have three adult sons, Travis, Troy, and TJ, three wonderful daughters-in-law, and Cora Joy, their beautiful granddaughter who is six years old. The Sanders live in Buford, Georgia, 40 miles northeast of Atlanta.





### Caleb Community, March 2024

Spring is close - at least on the calendar. The weather does not reflect that yet. We finished February with a guest appearance from Marge S. In addition to reviewing her testimony and the years she participated in the worship ministry, she told us about her transition into senior's housing at Quail Park. And of course, she is still playing the piano at Quail Park. Diane R was there with Marge and helped by going over her experience helping Marge and her own parents make the transition. Our age group faces some of these decisions ourselves, so this was a very interesting program. We also enjoyed egg salad sandwiches on croissants along with chips, cookies, and brownies. Thank you Sue for the delicious lunch. Thank you, Marge and Diane for a great program.

As we get into March we will return to our video series on the Gospel of Mark. We will have our monthly birthday celebration on March 13 with a hymn sing and special treat. Last month it was a white cake with cream cheese filling. You never know what we will have.

We continue to close our meetings with a time of prayer requests and prayer. We have multiple members of the group on our prayer list.

Remember, we continue to meet at noon in the Junction every Wednesday. We finish by 1:30. If you are free for 90 minutes on Wednesday come join us. Any questions call Randy McCormack.



**Tuesday**  
**April 2 @ 7 pm**

CPR  
AED machine use  
Basic first aid  
Security procedures

**Training**

Interested? Email the church at [office@ebc-edmonds.org](mailto:office@ebc-edmonds.org)



Julio Jiménez  
Spanish-Speaking Pastor

**Servicios Presenciales**

- Domingos 12 PM-  
Escuela dominical para niños, jóvenes y adultos
- Domingos 1 PM-  
Servicio de Adoración
- Viernes 7 PM-  
Oración (sala #39)

**Servicios Virtuales**  
Estudio Bíblico-Miércoles 7 PM @ Fb live

**Visitarnos!**

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**Servicio especial de  
Pascua de Resurrección**

**DOMINGO 31 DE MARZO  
A LA 1 PM**

*Todos están invitados!*

**En busca de Dios**

Martes 12 de Septiembre @ 10 AM-sala #39

*Estudio para Mujeres*

Obtén tu libro aquí!

**IBE KIDZ**

**ESCUELA DOMINICAL @ 1PM**  
NIÑOS 2 AÑOS - 6TO GRADO

CUIDADO DE NIÑOS - DOMINGOS A LAS 12  
PARA PADRES QUE ASISTAN AL GRUPO DE ADULTOS

**CAMINANDO  
CON CRISTO**

ESCUELA DOMINICAL PARA ADULTOS  
DOMINGOS 12 PM - SALA # 39

**VIVIENDO  
PARA  
CRISTO**

DOMINGOS @ 12 PM  
SALA # 38

ESCUELA DOMINICAL

**No estás sola**

Espacio para traer esperanza a la mujer con la Palabra de Dios  
Artículo semanal en el fb de la IBE

Por Liana Jiménez

**DISCIPULADO**  
Estudio Bíblico

Miércoles 7 PM @ fb live

**Viernes de Gración**

7 PM EN EL SANTUARIO