Edgewood Expressions

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A Note from Pastor Ronnie May 2025

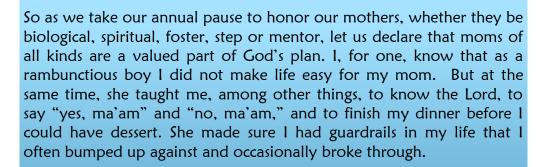


Ronnie Harris Lead Pastor

May has arrived. It is hard to believe we are in the 5th month of 2025 already.

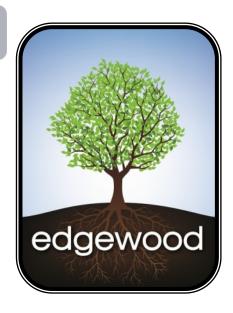
With the arrival of May, of course, means the celebration of Mother's Day. What an amazing design of life God gives us - husband & wife, father and mother with the offered blessing of children. As families grow and as our faith grows, we can see how God's plan for His Church is to come together to also

grow as a spiritual family, both in our relationship with Jesus, as well as living relationships amongst each other in a local community of believers.



So whoever you may have in your life, or maybe you are a mom yourself, today we praise God for mothers of all kinds and for God's plan for moms to be an integral part of the abundant life.









CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Edgewood Worship Service: 10:00 am

SUNDAYS

Worship Service 10:00 am in Sanctuary

**Livestream of Service 10:00 am Facebook
Children's Classes (Nursery-6th grade)
Youth Group 11:30 am

TUESDAYS:

Men's Basketball 6:00 am Gym
Prayer Gathering 7:30 am via Zoom*

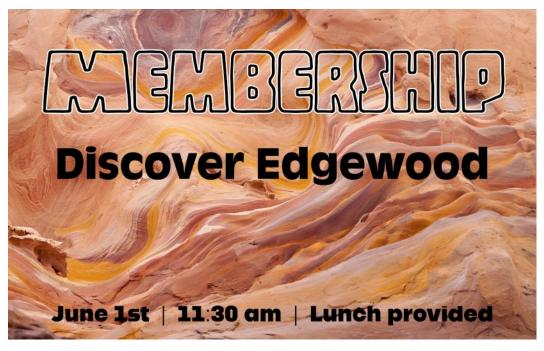
WEDNESDAYS:

Caleb Community (Seniors Ministry) 12:00 pm Student Center

^{*} 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.

Everybody



Please RSVP to the church office at office@ebc-edmonds.org or make a note on your Connection Card



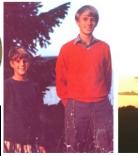
We are so excited to have our new gym complete and already being used!

Come check it out!











We were on vacation at my grandparent's cabin in Michigan. One morning after breakfast, my grandmother asked me and my younger brother Rod, if we would go on a hike with her out in the country. She wanted to gather some wild berries to use for her homemade pies. She was also an avid photographer who enjoyed taking pictures of wildflowers. We weren't really excited about going, but she promised to make us one of her famous blueberry pies. That was enough to convince us to go.

That afternoon, we hiked to this beautiful field where wild berries were growing in abundance. For the next hour or so, we picked enough fruit to provide ample preserves for the harsh Michigan winter. As dusk began to settle over the countryside, she asked if she could take a picture of us before we retired back to the cabin. We agreed and posed for the camera. Thinking she was done, we started heading back. She, however, had one more request. She wanted to take a picture of each of us individually.

As the sun began to set, she configured the perfect location for these last two pictures. What happened next I did not expect. When it was time for her to take my picture, she said, "I want you to stand sideways and look straight at that fork in the road where the two paths split. That way I can take a picture of your profile with the beautiful sunset behind you."

My grandmother's comments completely caught me off guard. How could she know that I was facing my own "fork in the road?" For my two roads had to do with my relationship with God. The first road led to the one true God, which would require a total surrender on my part. The second road led to a god of my own making, which would require me nothing. By the time she had taken the picture, it had become clear to me that I had already chosen the wrong road.

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Kids



Students



The picture revealed I was nothing more than a shadow, and that the sun was fading swiftly on the horizon. What was supposed to be a beautiful photograph suddenly became greatly unsettling for me. To the point that fear began to grip my heart. Was I too far down the wrong road to see His light? As I walked back to the cabin in the dark, I whispered, "God please help me." And He did. As the sun rose the following morning, I knew in my heart that nothing was impossible with God.

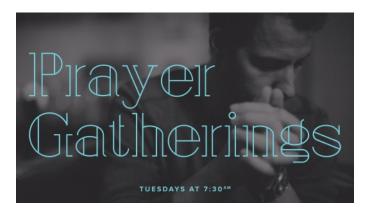
"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Men



It is our pleasure to announce high school and college graduates. We are collecting the names and details NOW for **June publication** in the bulletin and newsletter. Please email your graduate's name, school, and degree (if applicable) to office@ebc-edmonds.org.

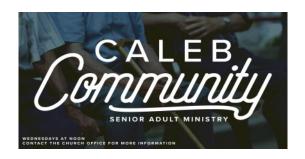




Tuesdays via Zoom at 7:30 am







Caleb Community, May 2025

We finished our study in Why We Need The Bible and are now in a study in Philemon. It is a short study and the first episode was well received. The study deals with how we handle conflict in the church and is based on Philemon's relationship with Onesimus and their direction by Paul on how to heal their broken relationship. Brian Loritts leads the study in RightNow Media.

We will have our Hymn sing and birthday recognition for May on the 14^{tst} and then complete our Philemon study on the 21st. Following that, we will start a new series that is still to be determined. It looks like our only May birthday is Stan and it would be great if he and Peggy could be there that week.

We are looking for some special events to put in the schedule for June, July and August so if you have any suggestions let Randy or Pat know and we will try to make it happen.

We know with folks our age things get scheduled in the way of Wednesday (like doctor's appointments etc) at noon but if you can find the time we would love to see you there. We start with a brown-bag lunch supplemented with a goody supplied by one of the members. Then we spend about 30 minutes on our weekly study and conclude with a time of prayer requests and prayer in small groups.

Come join us. We meet in the Student Center and conclude by 1:30 each week.