

## Calendar of Events

- 04/1 Easter Sunday
- 04/12-14 Women's Retreat
- 04/21 Mega Day
- 04/29 Family Dinner

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## Bible Study

— 11am-12:15pm Saturday

## Men's & Women's

### Groups

— 9am Sunday

## Worship Service

— 10:45am Sunday

## A Word from Pastor

To Our Ministry Partners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that all is well with you, your family, and the church you attend and that your service to Christ has become even more effective than before.

We are preparing for our spring and summer ministries, which will kick-off on April 21st with Mega Day. Mega Day is when our

supporters within an hour travel time of the church come and help us minister in our local area through projects in our community, our transitional housing, and our church building. We would love to have you join us—8am to 2pm breakfast and lunch included!

Also, April is the time that Lanita and I travel to some of the churches that support us to share the Word of God, give updates of what BoH has been doing, and what we will be doing in the near future. We truly appreciate this time because we get the opportunity to solidify our relationships with some and create new ones with others. Lanita and I value the personal relationships that we have with some of you and the encouragement we receive from you throughout the year—it is well needed at times.

I truly would like to thank some of my pastor friends for their honesty, accountability, and charity in helping me grow to become more like Jesus. You guys are very valuable to me; thank you so much for your love and friendship!

This spring and summer, we will be intentionally making strides to connect with the homeless population with the intent of not just giving them the physical and material things that they need but the spiritual needs by building relationships with them through our outreach program. Our intent is to give them Jesus through our new efforts of reaching them by serving lunch after our Bible studies on Saturdays and showing a monthly movie on the last Saturday of the month and giving them the opportunity to spend the night to worship with us on that Sunday morning and have fellowship dinner afterwards.

Please prayer that we will love sacrificially, expressively, and intentionally as we serve for the rest of this year. As always, thank you for your continual love and support.

All for His Glory,

Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.





# Patrick's Story of Hope

Thank you to Father God for all of the hills and valleys. These trails have brought me closer to You and your son, Jesus Christ. Though I was brought up in a Christian environment, as I got older I began to think this God thing wasn't for me. We were poor, so as a teen I found that the street life was more glamorous despite what my parents had taught me. I had made up my mind that my little sister and I would never be hungry again. When the opportunity came, I did what many believed was the only way out—hustling. The money was great but something was missing. My family kicked me out at 16. I hated everything but I knew I had to make this money to survive. It's funny how the devil can mislead you to think you're ok. How dumb was I? At 17, I was kicked out of the Kansas City school district and the North Kansas City school district. By this time, over half of my hood friends had cases but instead of crack and weed, we turned to selling PCP. I stayed with my first girl and that was a very bad decision. She was hustling powder. She became pregnant. I had good intentions but bad habits. My ma and sister were praying for me and my dad instilled right morals and values of how to be a man, but I just wanted to rebel. I was still doing wrong but something was tapping on my heart. While my girlfriend and I were hustling powder, her first baby daddy started coming around. He and I got into it and my girlfriend tried to break up the fight. She fell down the stairs and miscarried. I lost my baby, my freedom, and my mind in one night but God had a plan. I was charged with possession with intent, assault, and resisting. I prayed for the first time since my preteen years. I asked Jesus to come in my life to be my Lord and Savior. I was tired of the life of hustling. I was put on probation. It was still hard, but I had a peace that I could not explain.



However, I got comfortable with where I was and started thinking again (isn't that were we always mess up?). I was working but didn't feel like I was making enough money so I went back to hustling. I starting dropping dirty left and right. My parole officer gave me one more chance, but I didn't make it. I sent another 911 prayer—this time it was answered but not the way I wanted. I was put in prison. I turned my back on God and started studying other religions. Each one seemed to try to be the Bible but with a twist. That's the way the devil has tricked so many people. After a three-year tour of the Missouri prison, I realized that through even the gun shot wound and stab mark, God had been with me at every stop. I would like to thank Him for loving me and choosing me. Thank you to your Son, Jesus. Thank you Pastor Luther and Bridge of Hope for listening to God and allowing me the opportunity to seek my Lord

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THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

## Praise & Prayer Requests

- Praise:**
- Children's Easter Celebration!
  - Luther & Lanita enjoyed sabbatical
  - Guests pastors preaching for Luther

## Prayer Requests:

- Preparation for Day Camps
- Preparation for Women's Retreat
- Continued Discipleship for Cold Weather Shelter Guests
- Growth, Development & Reorganization of Our Leaders & Programs
- Raising Support for Terry & Bev
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah

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## Children's Easter Celebration



On a beautiful afternoon just before a snowy Easter, 25 children and their parents gathered at the church for an Easter celebration. They played games, decorated eggs (fun for all ages), and munched on some food. Two shifts of children hunted for eggs and in between, Pastor Terry shared of God's great love for us and the reason and hope of Easter.



