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*A Message From  
The Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister*

## Churches Mobilize and God Multiplies

Back in September, hurricane Florence devastated portions of coastal North Carolina, a state where we have several EA churches. Shortly after the hurricane passed, EA pastor Johnny Boggs of Mount Hope Church began working with local Christian businessman Curtis Leech who presented a challenge that if Pastor Boggs could get churches to raise \$10,000, he would provide two semi trucks filled with food, cleaning supplies and other staples at wholesale rates to be delivered to a hard hit coastal town.

Pastor Boggs says, "I had worked with him on a previous mission, so taking a leap of faith I said I would reach out to the network of churches I 'walk' with, the EA, and from that, *Project 10,000* was born." Soon after Pastor Boggs took up the challenge, EA pastor Chad Kyler of Boger Reformed Church joined in the effort and the two pastors began working to raise the money by the deadline of October 3, knowing that the trucks would roll out on October 4 with supplies and volunteers.

The evening of October 3, Pastor Boggs went to bed early in preparation for a predawn departure to the coast. He says, "I went to bed that night knowing that we had collected \$9,950, just \$50 short of our goal. Unable to sleep, I got up one more time to check my phone and saw an email in my inbox from another EA church, St. Paul's of China Grove, North Carolina. In the email, they indicated they had a donation and wanted to get it to me before we left on the mission trip. It was 10:25 PM, but I called, and Mrs. Brenda Honeycutt agreed to meet me at a local gas station to give me the donation from her church. We met and she handed me a check for \$5,000 which is 100 times the amount we



*Hurricane victims line up for help  
from Project 10,000*

## Welcome to the Association!

During the past several months the following churches, pastors and individuals have chosen to become new affiliates of the Evangelical Association:

**Zion Evangelical Church of Union Township**  
*Shelbyville, Indiana*

**Rev. Samuel E. Varner**  
*Martinsburg, West Virginia*

**Rev. Levi Henkel**  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

**Rev. Richard M. Lynch, Sr.**  
*Sardis, Ohio*

**Rev. Matthew R. Kenitzer**  
*Schuykill Haven, Pennsylvania*

**Rev. Duane S. Modlin**  
*Bluffton, Indiana*

**Rev. Eric Durre**  
*Hicksville, Ohio*

**Rev. Natalee Rogerson**  
*Circleville, Ohio*

**Rev. Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo**  
*Bellevue, Ohio*

**Rev. Kevin Park**  
*Woxall, Pennsylvania*

**Craig A. Hammond**  
*Bluefield, West Virginia*

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needed to meet our goal - our God is awesome!"

The next morning a mission team comprised of pastors, laypeople and employees of Mr. Leech's company went to Riegelwood, North Carolina with two eighteen wheelers loaded with supplies. They set up a distribution line at a local church in the area and those whose lives had been impacted by the hurricane lined up in their cars to receive help. As volunteers loaded each car with supplies, Pastor Boggs, Pastor Kyler and Jeff Irvan went from vehicle to vehicle praying with people, giving out copies of *John's Gospel* and "God Is Bigger" silicone bracelets to encourage.

According to Pastor Boggs, "We saw many hurting but thankful people who had a determination to rebuild."

With the additional funds that came in beyond the original \$10,000, Pastor Boggs along with EA pastor Brad Treece put together a second mission team to deliver additional supplies to Lumberton, North Carolina, another hard hit town on November 7. They were also able to secure 500 new mattresses for those in need.

Pastor Boggs said, "I have done the best I could to steward the donations entrusted to this mission and get it to our 'neighbors.' I want to thank all churches for their prayers for North Carolina, and your generous contributions. It has been awesome to see the Evangelical Association network together to minister the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is great potential in our Association!"



**Two semis and a utility truck filled with goods ready to be distributed.**



**Volunteers distributing tarps.**



**Praying and encouraging people as they wait for relief supplies**

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# Board Approves New Logo

In celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the association, the board of directors approved a new logo designed by EA pastor Jonathan Gouthier from Connecticut.



## What the New Logo Represents

The Cross is at the center of the “EA” reminding us that Jesus Christ, and the Gospel message of Christ’s death and resurrection for the salvation of the world, is the focal point of who we are and what we believe as an Association. The Cross in the center of the logo is a variant of ancient renditions of the Cross reminding us that our faith represents the ancient, historic, orthodox, faith of the Church passed down from the Early Church, through the Reformation, to us today.

The words “revitalize” and “reproduce” remind us that this historic faith is not a museum piece, but a vibrant, living faith that calls us to continually renew our commitment to living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that bring life and hope to the world today as we share the message, plant the seeds, and nurture the growth of new Christians and churches that are rooted in this historic faith.

## BULK COPIES OF THE NETWORKER ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like a bulk shipment of ten copies of each edition of the Networker to make available to the members of your church, just contact the national office:

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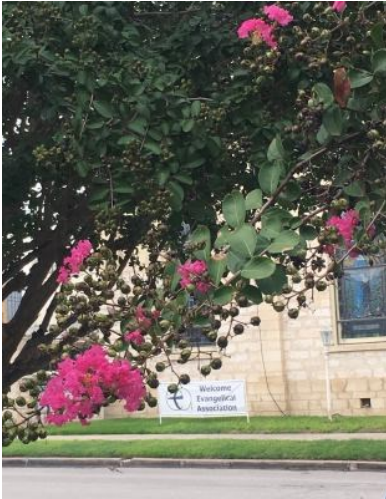
Host Church in Bernville, Pennsylvania has 30 choir robes which are free to a good home. They are maroon with gray sashes and are in very good condition. Recipient will need to either pick them up or pay for shipping.

Contact Nancy Zechman if interested at  
[czechman@comcast.net](mailto:czechman@comcast.net)  
or  
610-488-1150.

# CONVOCATION 2018

## First Protestant Church of New Braunfels Texas

### September 21st—23rd



**The 20th Anniversary of EA begins in sunny South Texas**

### ***“Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Association Held in Texas”***

*...excerpts from the travelogue of Roberta Seaton from Loyal Evangelical Church, a small, rural EA congregation near Oklahoma City*

When I heard that convocation would be held in Texas, I knew we would be there. I was surprised when ten people from our church also wanted to go! We loaded up a fifteen passenger van and another vehicle and headed to New Braunfels.

The convocation began on Friday afternoon at First Protestant Church where the EA was formed twenty years ago. Pastor Daryl Higgins and the people of First Protestant welcomed us with Texas style hospitality including a Friday dinner of smoked meat with all the trimmings.

The convocation theme *The Gospel Begins With GO* was carried through the entire meeting as each speaker and workshop focused on missions and the need to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Our first keynote speaker, Wink Kelso and his wife Glyn founded a ministry that assists missionaries and mission leaders in more than 22 countries. He challenged us to go and spread the Gospel, pointing out that there are still billions of people in the world who have not heard about Christ.

Friday evening we experienced a traditional worship service that included the beautiful music of the pipe organ and a sermon from Pastor Ray Still from the Oakwood Baptist church, a congregation of over 6000 members in New Braunfels. His message was entitled Taking It to the Streets based on Acts 17 where Paul takes the gospel to Athens even though it was a city of idols and philosophies that opposed the Christian faith. Pastor Still challenged us with the question, “Do we love people enough to take the Gospel to the streets and show them Jesus?”



**Pastor Jason Ford speaks about the future of the EA during 20th Anniversary Celebration**



**Members of the combined choir sing during Saturday night worship**

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Saturday morning, after a massive breakfast, we enjoyed a contemporary worship service led by the First Protestant worship team and were then challenged by speakers Don Turner and Stan Hankins. Dan challenged us to ask, “Which way is our church facing?” He then pointed out that if a church only cares about its own needs and interests, it is sick and will die. The church that faces outward has a sense of urgency that mission work must be done. Stan Hankins continued the theme reminding us that “As a fire exists by burning, the church exists by mission.”

After a great lunch, we attended workshops covering a wide variety of topics including mobilizing young adults in mission, equipping children for ministry, caring for the elderly in your congregation and even a workshop on slowing down and living a “Sabbath” lifestyle.

The Saturday evening worship service was a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Evangelical Association and several EA board members as well as our national minister, Jim Barnes spoke about the past, present and future of the EA. The original charter members of the association were recognized and a wonderful choir sang which included convocation participants and the First Protestant choir. Both the Friday and Saturday evening services were recorded and can be viewed by visiting the EA website.

Convocation concluded on Sunday morning with EA board president John Richter preaching at the traditional service and Jim Barnes speaking at the contemporary service.

We came home physically full of good food and having enjoyed wonderful fellowship, but also spiritually full of God’s Word and challenged to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Next year convocation will be in Archbold, Ohio September 20 - 22, 2019. That’s 942 miles from where we live in Oklahoma. I’m ready, how about you?



***New EA Pastor Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo shares about his ministry in Africa***



***Convocation participants listening to a keynote speaker***



***Pastor Dan Savage leads a workshop on mobilizing youth to fulfill the Great Commission***



***Pastor Phil Brown, First Protestant Church***

# Ministry and Employment Opportunities

*These churches and organizations are seeking to fill the following positions:*

## **St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church**

Cullman, AL  
Minister of Music and Worship Arts  
Full or part time

## **Sherman Church**

Sherman, CT  
Full-time Pastor

## **Grace Community Church**

New Caanan, CT  
Full-time Family Discipleship Pastor

## **St. Luke's Community Church**

San Pierre, IN  
Part-time Pastor

## **Salem Reformed Church**

Hagerstown, MD  
Full-time Pastor

## **Emanuel United Church of Christ**

Manchester, Michigan  
Full-time Pastor

## **Pleasant Ridge Christian Church**

Greensboro, NC  
Part-time Youth Leader

## **St. John Host Church**

Host, PA  
Part-time Pastor

## **St. Paul's Church**

Quarryville, PA  
Full-time Pastor

## **Immanuel Leidy's Church**

Souderton, PA  
Pastor of Worship and Technology

## **Salem Church of Rough & Ready**

Rough & Ready, PA  
Full-time Pastor

## **French Protestant Church of Charleston**

Charleston, SC  
Full Time Associate Pastor

## **Immanuel Evangelical Church**

Needville, TX  
Full-time Pastor

## **Zion Congregational Church**

Cheyenne, WY  
Pastor

## **AFRICA – Chingola, Zambia**

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## A Prayer Retreat

### *Sabbath Living and Sabbath Rest*

Jesus frequently withdrew from the burdensome grind of work and ministry to pray (Luke 4:42, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, etc). Like him, we too need rest and a quiet space to reconnect to the Father, the source of our life and faith as we examine our priorities and purpose. For this reason, EA pastor John Richter invites you to a retreat February 8-10, 2019 at the St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, Tennessee.

This is not a teaching conference, but a time to rest and to practice the discipline of prayer through a series of guided meditations. If you attended the convocation workshop on *Sabbath Living* in New Braunfels, Texas, we will be putting theory into practice, with lots of space to read, journal, and bask in God's presence!

Sewanee is roughly 1½ hours from Nashville and just under an hour from Chattanooga. The area is ideal for further exploration for those looking for a longer getaway. Cost is \$265 per person which includes five meals and two nights in a private room. Price is slightly lower if you share a room.

Contact John Richter for more information or to register at 256-734-0344 or [john.richter@sjepc.com](mailto:john.richter@sjepc.com) (deadline is December 17, 2018).

## Is It Time for You (or your Church ) to Join the

### Evangelical Association?

Affiliation with the EA is open to entire congregations as well as to individual pastors, students and lay people. Perhaps you've been reading and hearing about the EARCCC for a while, but you've never stepped across the line to actually affiliate with the association and become a part of the network. The EA is only as strong as those who choose to affiliate with us each year, so if you have never signed on, please visit our website at ~

[www.evangelicalassociation.org](http://www.evangelicalassociation.org)

where you can download and print an application form. If you need to know more about the EA or if your church would like to have an informational presentation, please contact the national minister's office at ~

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The Evangelical Association 2018-2019 Desk Calendar is the official desk calendar of the Evangelical Association. The 17 month calendar (August 2018 through December 2019) features useful tools to enhance your church's ministry including lectionary readings for Sundays and major Christian holidays, liturgical colors, a pictorial listing of missionaries in the EA Mission Network, a listing of valuable ministry resources, along with contact information to connect you with EA officers and ministries.

The EA Calendar is a great ministry tool not only for pastors but also for church council leaders, mission committees and worship planning teams. Make sure you order enough copies for all of the ministry team leaders in your congregation. The calendars are priced as follows: \$15.00 each for 1-2, \$13.00 each for 3-5 and \$12.00 each for 6 or more.

The EA also offers a 2018-2019 Digital Calendar & Ministry Planner that can be utilized on an iPad or other mobile device. The Digital Calendar is a PDF version that contains the same information as the spiral bound print edition, but also allows the user to read the lectionary readings powered by Bible Gateway, and add notes and appointments to editable calendar dates. A free Adobe Acrobat Reader App needs to be downloaded on your mobile device for full functionality. The "digital only" version is \$10.00

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