

## Upcoming Events:



If you would like to receive **Pastor Ron's weekly email**, please text your email address to him.

**Fridays** - Follow along with the study of the book of Philippians by video every Friday, available to watch online on the church website.

**December 2 - 9 am** - Bible Cafe for Women cookie swap.

Be sure to get your books for the study beginning **Jan. 6**.

**December 9 - 4 pm** - Christmas Fellowship.

**December 17 - "An Out of the Box Christmas"** presented by the EBC Drama Ministry. Invitations available next week.

### Prayer Concerns:



#### **November Focus:**

**John & Gail Hutchinson**  
(Oregon)

**Edward & Maria Jesus Fitzgerald**  
(Honduras)

Cindy McCoy has moved to her daughter's house. Please keep this situation in your prayers.

Please pray for Chuck for healing after surgery.

Please pray for Bill McCoy for healing of his foot.

Please pray for our fall **AWANA** program!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.



**Pray for lost souls to be saved!**

**EPPING BIBLE CHURCH**



**November 26, 2023**

## **"The Ground of Generosity"**

**Acts 20:32-38**

*"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**Acts 20:35 (NKJV)**

**This week:** Sunday - 5:30 pm - Men's Small Group (see Pastor Russ)  
Monday - 6:30 pm - Faith Bible Institute at the church  
Tuesday - 6-7:30 pm - Women's small group at the church  
Wednesday - 6:30 pm - small group at the church  
6:30 pm - Men's Small Group (see Pastor Russ)  
Thursday - 3-4 pm - Women's Bible study at the church  
*Contact Barb at 603-401-9785 for more info.*  
Saturday - 8 am - Couples Small Group (see Pastor Russ)

*Please contact Melissa with interest or questions on the women's small groups. Also, 1 to 1 discipleship and new groups available on demand. Text 978-337-8348.*

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Associate Discipleship & Counseling Pastor Russ: 817-733-4656

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## “The Ground of Generosity”



Acts 20: 32-38

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Two things about the passage:

1. Paul’s hands benefited him and others.
2. Paul patterned his life by the example of Jesus.

A generous heart is not something that happens overnight. It is something that is c\_\_\_\_\_ over time, through prayer, through the study of God's word, through the p\_\_\_\_\_ of giving. It is a heart that is s\_\_\_\_\_ to the needs of others, a heart that is moved to action by the love of Christ. Cultivating a generous heart is a journey, a process of transformation that brings us closer to the image of Christ.

**Living a life of generosity is developed by our understanding of:**

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James 1:17

Does God own 10 percent of our income?

The cheerful giver is not a source of blessing but rather a c\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s blessing.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

**A.W. Tozer** – “*Any temporal possession can be turned into everlasting wealth. Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality.*”

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Galatians 6:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

Excuses for selfishness

- I can’t afford it.
- They make more m\_\_\_\_\_ than I do.
- They spend their money f\_\_\_\_\_.
- There are others who are in a better position to help than I am.
- It will take away from what \_\_\_\_\_ want.

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**Amy Carmichael** – “*You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.*”

**Malachi 3:10    Luke 6:30- 38**

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*God made all of His creation to give. He made the sun, the moon, the stars, the clouds, the earth, the plants to give. He also designed His supreme creation, man, to give. But fallen man is the most r\_\_\_\_\_ giver in all of God's creation. - John MacArthur*

Leviticus 19:9-10; Psalm 112:5; Proverbs 11:24-25; Proverbs 19:17; Proverbs 22:9; Matthew 10:42; Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 8:12; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7, 11; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Hebrews 13:16; 1 John 3:17; Luke 19:1-9

In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to o\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_ God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

- Charles Spurgeon