

August
2025

“To the one who
overcomes I will
grant to eat of the
tree of life!”

Summer Sermon Series: The 7 Messages of Revelation

July 20	Revelation 1 – Next Gen Church
July 27	Ephesus – Spiritual Apathy
August 3	Smyrna – Testing
August 10	Pergamum – Satan’s Throne
August 17	Thyatira – Jezebel
August 24	Sardis – Mostly Dead
August 31	Philadelphia – The Open Door
September 7	Laodicea – Lukewarm (Respectable Religion)

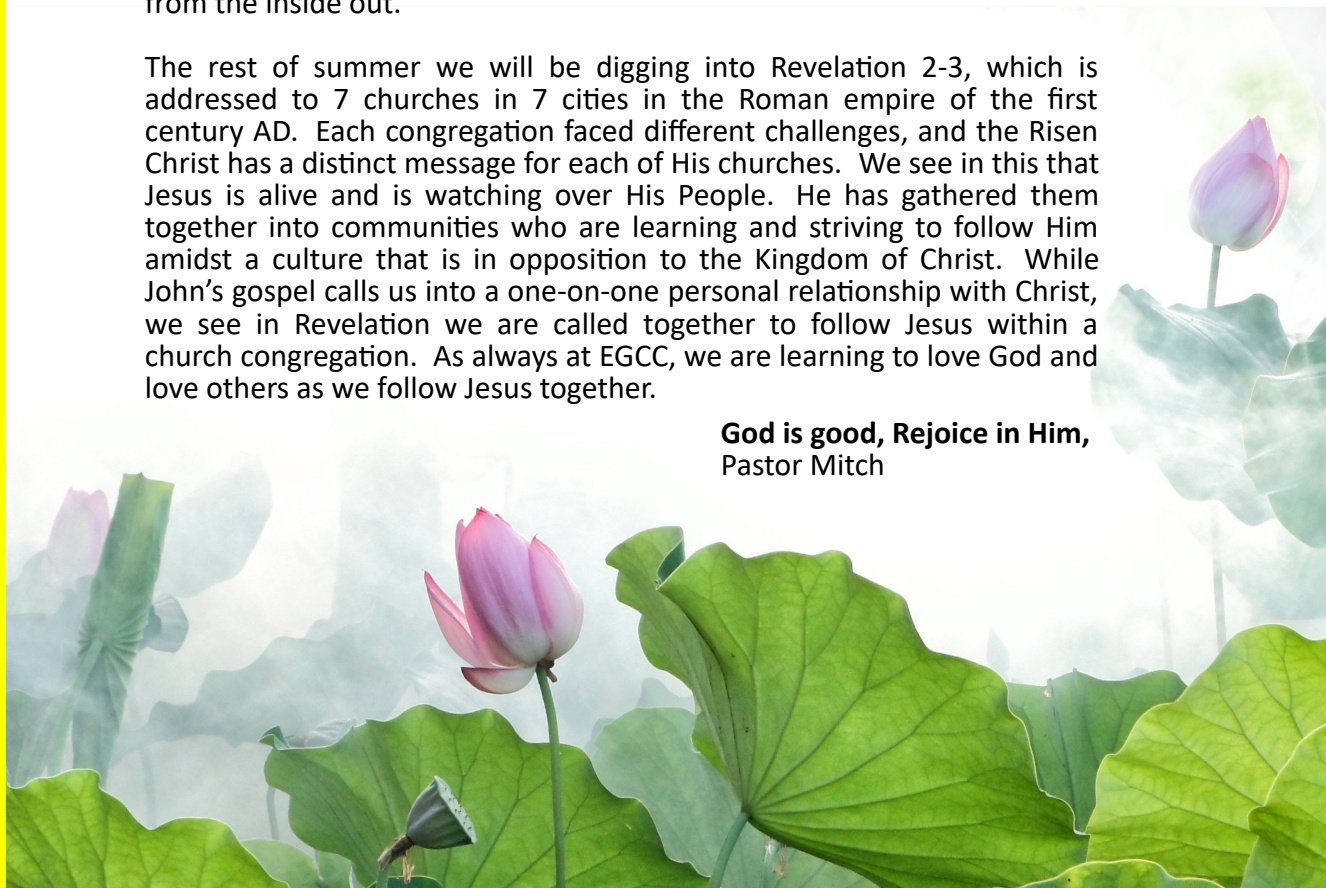
Quick Note from Pastor Mitch...

*Revelation 2:7 - He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches...*

This summer we finished up the series from the Gospel of John, Living Water. The repeated idea that emerged from John’s gospel is that Jesus came to change how we relate to God. Jesus, the Son of God had come into the world to lay down His life so that we could have eternal life. This promise of eternal life is not dangled before us like a carrot that we might receive if we live up to the requirements. Instead, this eternal life is imparted to us in the here and now when we put our faith in Christ. His Life wells up from within our inner being as living water, and reshapes us from the inside out.

The rest of summer we will be digging into Revelation 2-3, which is addressed to 7 churches in 7 cities in the Roman empire of the first century AD. Each congregation faced different challenges, and the Risen Christ has a distinct message for each of His churches. We see in this that Jesus is alive and is watching over His People. He has gathered them together into communities who are learning and striving to follow Him amidst a culture that is in opposition to the Kingdom of Christ. While John’s gospel calls us into a one-on-one personal relationship with Christ, we see in Revelation we are called together to follow Jesus within a church congregation. As always at EGCC, we are learning to love God and love others as we follow Jesus together.

God is good, Rejoice in Him,
Pastor Mitch





Mini Golf Night Recap

A big thank you to all 16 women who joined us for our recent Mini Golf Night! It was a joyful evening full of laughter, friendly competition, fellowship—and of course, ice cream. We loved spending time with all of you and hope you were encouraged by the fun and connection!



Women's Ministry

August Book Club – Harvest of Rubies

Monday, August 4 |
Hosted at Melisa Olson's home

Join us as we dive into Harvest of Rubies by Tessa Afshar, a rich and engaging biblical fiction novel.

We're so grateful for the vibrant community God is building among the women of our church! Here's a quick look back – and a look ahead – at what's been happening in our Women's Ministry.



Summer Progressive Dinner

Thursday, August 22

Get ready for a special evening of hospitality and connection! We'll travel to several homes, enjoying a different course of a meal at each stop. We're looking for women willing to host part of the evening—whether it's appetizers, the main course, or dessert. If you're open to hosting, we'd love to hear from you!

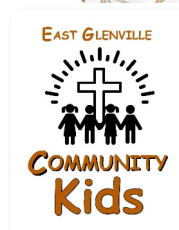
More details will follow as each event approaches. As always, we're here to answer questions, and we love seeing new faces at every gathering.



Summer Playdate!

Saturday, August 9 – Collins Park

Bring the kids—whether you're a parent, grandparent, mom, or dad—and enjoy some casual fellowship in the fresh air. We'll have light snacks and maybe even a story or a game to share. All are welcome!



Tuesday Evening Bible Study

We're thrilled to have 20 women already signed up for our summer Bible study! If you haven't yet registered, there's still time to join this wonderful time of learning and growth together.

Youth Group



With Youth Group, Bible Study and Sunday School coming to a close, we can only say that we as a team are quite content with how this academic year went by. We were able to survey the students, and we received great input on what they were able to learn and experience; it was unanimous that they were able to understand the Word more deeply, grow closer to the Lord, and learn more about their faith. We are so glad that things went the way they did, and we are very excited to make some adjustments to make things smoother and more impactful than they already are.



Color Wars 2025



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Ian Hastie

I personally will be spending this summer setting up the curriculums for Sunday School, Bible Study and Youth Group. For Sunday School we will be going through the C.O.D.E. devotional, which has already impacted my faith (and I'm only halfway through it) and then going into the winter we will be going over portions of the Westminster Confessions to teach the kids about doctrine and what is/isn't Biblical in the theological sense.

Bible Study will be a section-by-section deep dive into the book of Hebrews and how the Gospel fits into the Old Testament. The Youth Group curriculum will be widespread, and topic based so that the students learn about the relevance of the Bible, and defend their faith in apologetics. If you would like to learn more about how we plan on setting things up going into the fall feel free to contact me and I'll gladly answer your question(s)!

Children's Ministry

Praise God for a wonderful VBS week! Our Alaskan wilderness housed over 200 people each day, including 116 children. The volunteers did a great job, the salvation message was shared, the kids memorized scripture verses, the snacks were incredible, the kids loved the music/games/crafts, our emcee and his sidekick did an epic job, and our church family was all in! God was gracious in providing water for Water Day... it rained, but only a little. We had a very well-attended family night program and picnic.

Donation to Topaza
Orphanage in
Madagascar--
\$1,650!



We have collected \$140 to donate to Samaritan's Purse so far.

Junior Church has been well-attended, and it's neat to see the children learning the Bible stories and internalizing the Gospel.

KidVenture resume's August 15 with Bible Bash – Celebrating God's Word. Details to come.

Susan Williams

Preschool

During the Summer, the preschool has been busy with getting things prepped behind the scenes. We have been sorting through a generous donation of craft supplies, doing a deep clean of all the toys, and getting paperwork ready for the new school year. There have been various staff members donating their vacation time this Summer to help make all of this happen. The preschool is blessed to have such a wonderful support team!

As we are approaching the 2025-2026 school year, we do have limited openings in our 2, 3, and 4/5 year old classes including our 3 and 4 year old enhanced class. If you know someone looking for a preschool for the Fall, please have them contact us at preschool@egcchurch.org or call (518)280-7865. Our first day of school will be Monday, September 15 for the 3 year old class, Wednesday, September 17 for the 4/5 year old class, and Monday, September 29 for the 2 year old class. We are looking forward to another wonderful year at East Glenville Christian Preschool and looking forward to seeing all the children again soon!



Mandy Westervelt
Preschool Director

Calendar of Events

DAY	MONTH	TIME	EVENT
Monday	August 4	7:00 pm	Women's Book Club
Saturday	August 9	10:30 am	Summer Playdate at Collins Park
Saturday	August 9	Noon – 5:30 pm	Youth Group Lake House Party
Monday	August 11	7:00 pm	Women's Book Club
Wednesday	August 13	6:00 pm	Church Picnic. \$3 per person. Sign up at information desk or email office@egcchurch.org .
Friday	August 15	6:30 – 8:00 pm	KidVenture – Bible Bash
Saturday	August 16	9:30 am – 7:15 pm	Youth Group Great Escape Trip
Friday	August 22	6:00 pm	Women's Progressive Dinner
Saturday	August 23	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Discipleship Meeting
Wednesday	September 10	6:15 pm	Men's Campfire Event
Friday	September 12	6:30 – 8:00 pm	KidVenture – Cars!
Sunday	September 14	9:00 am	Kick Off Sunday, Breakfast at 9, Picnic after church
Wednesday	September 17	5:45 pm	Fellowship Dinners Resume Weekly
		6:30-7:15 pm	Praise Gang Resumes
		7:15-8:00 pm	Men's and Women's Bible Studies Resume
		7:15-8:00 pm	Childcare with Bible Lesson for Praise Gang Kids
Thursday	September 18	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study Resumes Weekly
Thursday	September 18	6:30 pm	Youth Group Resumes Weekly