

Hello, Dear Church!

It has been an exciting few weeks! We have had a great time together through VBS, an ordination service, and the first meeting of our weekly Bible study, the Wednesday Wave. It has been so good to see each other and to be together, and I look forward to even more fellowship at our potluck this Sunday after worship. We will say farewell to our dear friend, Rev. Rick Bailey, as he takes some time for much-deserved rest. Please be sure to thank him for all he has done for EIBC in his short time here.

I have been working on the first of many articles for our new website (which should be live next week) that will showcase our church and its lovely members. The first feature highlights our community garden and prayer bench as well as the hands that made it possible. If you have a story to tell or have suggestions for future articles, please let me know! EIBC has a rich history, and I am eager to share its story.

If you have had any extended conversation with me lately, I have probably mentioned *The Chosen*. Camila and I have been binge-watching it on Amazon Prime. It's a series about Jesus and the calling/ministry of the disciples. It has completely shifted my perspective and made the Gospels come alive for me in a new way, and I wholeheartedly recommend it. I know there may be some controversy concerning liberties taken by the writers, but I think we are all mature enough to recognize the difference between biblical truth and fictional writing for the purpose of producing a series. If you are looking for something new to watch before bed, put it on your list!

I hope the rest of your week is fantastic, and I look forward to Sunday (robe and all!) as we consider the topic of "contentment."

With love,
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