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THE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2026 10:15 a.m. Worship

Gathering Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen
how thy desires all have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "amen" sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him!

"The Doxology"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heav'ly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Alex Goodsell

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-14*

*Scriptural Call to Worship

I Peter 2:4-6, 9

Minister: And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,
People: you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
Minister: For this is contained in Scripture: BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER STONE,
All: AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.
Minister: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession,
All: so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

*Congregational Worship

"Cornerstone"

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*Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face, rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

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Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love.
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When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

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"By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts of a
holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.
*We will stand as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear with the
power to break the chain of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the Church was called to go by the power of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach Good News in every corner of the earth.
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By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the power of the gospel shall prevail.
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His Name.
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Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Rev. Alex Goodsell

Receiving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

"The Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me.
All my days, I've been held in Your hands,
from the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire, in darkest night,
You are close like no other. I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
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Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
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With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything.
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With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God. Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

>**Children ages 4, 5, and 6 are invited to Children's Church in Room 212.**

*The Reading of God's Word

The Exposition of God's Word

Luke 19:11-27

Rev. David Maginnis

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

"The Return of the King"

Rev. David Maginnis

"Holy Spirit"

*Pastoral Benediction

*Congregational Response

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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The Prayer Team will be available in the front of the sanctuary near the stage
each Sunday immediately following the closing song. Any who desire prayer
or to talk about spiritual matters are encouraged to meet with a member of our team.

EVANGEL CHURCH PCA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 4, 2026

We Give Thanks to the Lord for a total of \$2,064 that was collected at our Christmas Eve Communion offering for the PCA Widow's Relief Fund.

Help Us Update Our Database! Please help us update our church directory and informational data base! There is an insert in the bulletin today for each member family to complete and return in the offering plate or to Connie in the church office.

Mothers of Preschoolers Do your goals for the new year include making some new mom friends? We hope so! Come join us as we encourage each other to thrive in these important years of mothering. Our next meeting is Monday, January 5, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in Quad 208. Dinner is served and childcare is available with reservation. Nursing infants are welcome in our meetings. RSVP to Jenny Wheeler (205) 729-3088.

Ladies Book Club Friends, our first meeting for the new year is Tuesday, January 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Harris (821 Maplewood Trail, Alabaster). Please join us for a discussion on Kristen Hannah's novel *Winter Garden*.

Lunch Bunch Ladies, join us on Friday, January 23, at Half Shell Oyster House (2408 Pelham Parkway, Pelham) at 11:30 a.m. If you need a ride, text Debbie Marvin at (205) 492-2082.)

Evangel's Simpson World Missions Conference will be February 22-March 1, 2026. Some of our Evangel Missions Partners will be coming from all over the world to spend time with us and share all that The Lord is doing through their ministries. We are looking for a few people who would be willing to "Host" a missionary while they are in town. If you are interested please contact Andy Ward at award@evangelchurchpca.org.

Cuba Mission Team Please be in prayer for our team from Evangel as they prepare for a mission trip to Cuba with The Overseas Initiative on January 19-23, 2026. Andy Ward will lead this team of Rob Carr, Dora Ditchfield, Phillip Lichlyter, Connie Reynolds, and Brian Viles.

Looking ahead to the New Year 2026!!!



- **2026** will get off to a fast start with Wednesday night worship beginning on Wednesday, January 7th and Bible studies on Sunday, January 11th.
- **Something new** for Evangel's Youth...we are doing a 2 night **Winter Youth Retreat** at Camp Hargis in Chelsea the weekend of Saturday, January 17th–Monday, January 19th. Cost is \$50.00. Scholarships are available; contact Mr. Ralph.
- Please sign up for the **Winter Retreat** through the SignUpGenius link that was sent via text and on Instagram. If you do not have access to the link please text or email Mr. Ralph at (205) 903-5855 or youth@evangelchurchpca.org.
- **Generate 2026** will be June 1-5 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. A parent/youth informational meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the youth room.

Find a Bible Reading Plan for 2026! Evangel family, reading the Bible through in a year is a great way to nourish your soul with God's Word daily. Reading plans provide you with consistency, accountability, and variety as you take in all the Bible has to offer in the course of a year. There are scores of different plans you can choose from; consider doing it in a way you haven't before and maybe along with someone else to encourage one another throughout the year. Here are some links that will take you to over 25 plans you can look up and print out:

www.esv.org/biblereadingplans
www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans

Wednesday Night Connection

will resume on Wednesday, January 14th.
 See the insert in today's bulletin for more information!

January Meal Schedule

Little Caesars Pizza available for children; Meals are \$5; kids 12 and under eat free!
January 14—Full Moon BBQ, Mac&Cheese, Baked Beans, Banana Pudding
January 21—Poppy Seed Chicken, Dinner Salad, Corn, Rolls, Gooey Butter Cake
January 28—Birds&Burger Hamburgers, Slaw, Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookies

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Children:
 3, 4 & 5 year olds Room 104C taught by Lisa & Phillip Lichlyter: *Jesus is God's Son*
 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Quad 212 taught by Stacey Parham: *Loving Jesus*
 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Room 217 taught by Linda Stockman & Sheri Williams: *Acts to Romans*
 Jr. & Sr. High Girls Room 222 taught by Jennifer Carr & Randee Sims *Romans*
 Jr. & Sr. High Boys Room 224 taught by Tommy Barberini & Rob Wood *Apologetics*
Growing In Grace in the Choir Suite studying *Hidden Christmas* by Tim Keller
 led by Tom Marvin and Dennis Stockman
Young Couples meeting in Room 203 with the Wards *Marriage & Family*
Refuge meeting in Area 235 studying *Hebrews* with the Hightowers, Hoyles, & Windsors
Teach & Talk Class meets in Quad 208 and is studying
Colossians: Be Complete become the whole person God intends you to be
 with the Ketchams, Morgans, & Russells
Ladies' Class Deep Changes—When the Gospel Transforms WHAT the Heart Desires,
 based on the book by N. Tranchini; led by Kitsy Sullivan.
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service and LIVE Streaming

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

6:15 p.m. MomCo (Quad 208)
 7:00 p.m. Trail Life (contact Mitchell Jones at mjones@dosterconstruction.com)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Studying *The Book of Romans*)
 (meeting at Chick-fil-a in Alabaster; contact David Maginnis, 835-0890)
 9:30 a.m. Ladies Crochet (Room 203)
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Contact Jeanette Thompson, 531-6073)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Studying *Finding Jesus in the Old Testament*)
 (meeting at Chick-fil-a in Calera; contact Alex Goodsell, 837-3376)
 9:30 a.m. Revelation Women's Bible Study (at the home of Debbie Elliott, 612-4073)
 6:15 p.m. Evangel Youth (Gym)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Contact Patti Ketcham, 305-9233)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Study (Studying *Jeremiah*)
 (meeting at Panera Bread in Alabaster; contact Dennis Stockman, 451-2739)

Oak Mountain Ministries Urgent Needs this month are breakfast items, jelly, condiments, hearty soups, deodorant, shampoo, soap, diapers, wipes; new socks and underwear for adults and children. Please bring any items you would like to donate and place in the basket near the church office.

We thank God for your
 continued faithfulness
 in giving to the Lord's work!

Ways you can give:

Mail your check to
 Evangel Church

423 Thompson Road Alabaster, AL
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Drop off at the Church
 Hand deliver Monday–Thursday
 9:00 am–3:00 pm

QR Code/ Online Giving
<https://www.evangelchurchpca.org/giving>

2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE

	November	Year to Date
Budgeted Income	\$105,791	\$1,163,702
Total Income	\$119,805	\$1,088,156
Total Expenses	\$94,626	\$1,054,108
Net	\$25,179	\$34,047

FAITH PROMISE: GIVING TO SUPPORT
 THE WORK OF MISSIONS
 November Receipts: \$9,213

