

## **Our Vision & Purpose is ...**

To bring Glory to God by showing forth the faithfulness and power He gives to those who carry out the Words of His Son Jesus Christ and in so doing provide evidence for others to believe and put their trust in the living God.

## **Our Mission & Strategic Area of Focus is ...**

- To become a biblically functioning community by structuring church life around the development of small groups (cells) so that meaningful and caring relationships can take place and thus create an atmosphere where God's Word can be practiced.
- To allocate church resources around the equipping and training of small group leaders providing them with the very best in knowledge, understanding, and encouragement.
- To experience God in regular settings of corporate worship through relevant and lively forms of worship that allow for the operation of spiritual gifts and the preaching of God's Word where people are encouraged in their faith and guided in its application.

## **Calendar Events**

Upcoming Banquets at the Hyatt Place Hotel.

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Celebration Banquet

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Celebration Banquet

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Celebration Banquet

*On those weekends where there is no corporate event, our Sunday Evening Andover Hill Cell Group will also offer special worship, prayer, and ministry.*

## **Other Calendar Events**

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Candlelight Event & Cookie Exchange (Home of Pastor Dave & Sally)

# Welcome



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# WHAT IS EKKLESIA?

Ekklesia Christian Life Fellowship is a Protestant Evangelical Charismatic cell-based church where ministry is centered on relationships and carried out using Small Groups and regular large group meetings called "Celebration" services on weekends. Affiliation is with the Assemblies of God. See our Information Brochure for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tonight's Speaker – Pastor McCowan

Pastor McCowan's sermon this weekend is entitled, "Unexpected Gifts" and how on Christmas we sometimes receive things that are totally unexpected.

Also for those who haven't done their Christmas shopping yet, Pastor McCowan will give his list of gift ideas that will surely be unexpected gifts.



### Cookie Exchange

On Sunday, December 22<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, we'll have our annual cookie exchange at the McCowan's home. Everyone coming is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to exchange. We'll have hors d'oeuvres and end with a short Christmas message by Pastor McCowan and Rezia King leading us in a few Christmas carols. This is a great time to bring a friend or neighbor.

### Home Cell Group Ministry

Our home cell group ministry is at the heart of our church. It is where we seek to "flesh out" our faith so we can be the church and true disciples of Jesus Christ—carrying out His word.

At this time, we have three home cell groups. Both our Men's and Women's Groups meet on Thursday evenings and our multi-generational group meets on Sunday evenings.

- Our Men's Group is currently doing serendipity Bible Studies. The word serendipity means "one surprise after another." And this is what happens when two or three gather in the name of Christ and share their lives.
- The Ekklesia Ladies group has been doing an Advent study focusing on Faith, Prepare, Joy, Love, and Christ.
- Our Multi-generational group is currently being taught by Pastor McCowan.

## ACTIVE CELL GROUPS

CELL GROUPS	LOCATION	DAY	PHONE
<b>MULTIGENERATIONAL CELL GROUP</b>			
Eastland Parkway	Off Winchester Road	Sunday 5:00 PM	619-5824
<b>MENS GROUP</b>			
Brighton East	Off Todds Road	Thursday 7:00 PM	619-5824
<b>WOMENS GROUP</b>			
Fair Oaks	Near Gardenside	Thursday 7:00 PM	536-3777
<b>MENTORING (One-on-One)</b>			
Men	Pastor McCowan		619-5824
Women	Sally McCowan		536-3777

### Welcome Guests

We at Ekklesia would like to thank our guests for visiting our fellowship tonight and pray you will feel welcome and enjoy our service.

We also meet in Home Small Groups and if you would like to visit one of these groups, we're sure you will enjoy the dynamics and fellowship as well.

Again, we thank-you for visiting our church.

