### 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 occur and thus create an atmosphere where God's Word can be practiced.
- Allocating church resources to equipping and training small group leaders, providing them with the best knowledge, understanding, and encouragement.
- To experience God in regular corporate worship settings 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.

- May 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Celebration Banquet
- Jun. 8<sup>th</sup> ...... Celebration Banquet
- Jul. 13<sup>th</sup> ...... Celebration Banquet

Our Sunday Evening Cell Group will offer special worship, prayer, and ministry on weekends when no corporate event exists.

### **Other Calendar Events**





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# WHAT IS EKKLESIA?

Ekklesia Christian Life Fellowship is a Protestant Evangelical Charismatic cell-based church whose ministry is centered on relationships and carried out using Small Groups. On weekends, there are regular large group meetings called "Celebration" services.

Affiliation is with the Assemblies of God. See our Information Brochure for more information.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tonight's Sermon

A recent study published in Nature Neuroscience suggests that optimism may result from a brain defect rather than any other factor.



However, if this is true,

then the Apostle Paul faced significant challenges, as he was not only a man of great faith but also great hope.

In fact, Paul wrote in a letter to the Corinthians that he did not lose heart.

Pastor McCowan will discuss this issue and explain why Paul remained hopeful despite his difficult circumstances.

## **Home Cell Group Ministry**

Currently, we have three home cell groups. Our Men's and Women's Groups meet on **Thursday evenings**, and our multi-generational group meets on **Sunday evenings**.

- Our Men's Group will be starting a study on selective Psalms.
- The Ekklesia Ladies group that meets on Thursday evenings is doing Captivated, a Bible study rooted in Proverbs 3:5-6.
  - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
  - The study will focus on knowing God in our emotional, physical, relational, spiritual, and intellectual lives.
- Pastor McCowan is currently teaching our multi-generational group. We are studying the book of 1<sup>st</sup> Kings.

ACTIVE CELL GROUPS			
CELL GROUPS	LOCATION	DAY	PHONE
MULTIGENERATIONAL CELL GROUP			
Sunday Group	Andover Hill	Sunday 5:00 PM	(859) 619-5824
MENS GROUP			
Andover Hill	Off Todds Road	Thursday 7:00 PM	(859) 619-5824
WOMENS GROUP			
Fair Oaks	Near Gardenside	Thursday 7:00 PM	(859) 536-3777
MENTORING (One-on-One)			
Men	Pastor McCowan		(859) 619-5824
Women	Sally McCowan		(859) 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.

Again, we thank you for visiting our church.

## **Open Communion**

You are cordially invited to join us for communion after tonight's sermon. Communion is a sacred and meaningful practice, and here at Ekklesia, it is open to all believers in Christ, regardless of affiliation. Children are invited to share in communion once they are water-baptized.

