

### **Our Mission 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 Vision 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 Services

- Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.....Celebration Service - Pastor McCowan
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> .....Celebration Service - Pastor McCowan
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.....Celebration Service - Rick Clendenen
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup>.....Celebration Service - Martin Jacobson (Missionary to Argentina)

#### Other Calendar Events

- Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.....Candlelight Service (Combined Service with The CROSSing and Destiny Fellowship)
- Jan 11-12, 2012.....Conference on the Holy Spirit (Rick Clendenen)



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# Welcome



December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

## 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

### Sermon - "Away from the Manger" - Pastor McCowan

It's a familiar scene that we see everywhere at Christmas -- a loving mother and a slightly bewildered father, a group of awe-struck shepherds, some regal wise men, a few assorted barn animals and, perhaps, a decked out camel all gathered in a stable to gaze with holy countenance upon a manger and the little one who's laid there. One would hope. However, there is something sinister going on that very well might take Jesus out of Christmas. Oh, say it isn't so!



### Faith Promises

Our Faith Promise total for 2013 giving is **\$700.00** per month. PTL

If you still haven't turned in your Faith Promise for 2013 Missions support, you can still do so by placing your pledge in the offering box. Extra Faith Promise Cards are located at the Information Table.

### BGMC Christmas Challenge

BGMC Christmas Challenge: Remember to keep collecting those coins for our challenge with BGMC in partnership with Red Compassion Envelope.

We will be making our final collection on December 29th at our Celebration Service.

### Candlelight Service

On **Christmas Eve**, Ekklesia along with The CROSSing and Destiny Community Church will share together a Candlelight Service. There will be the singing of Christmas hymns, the lighting of candles, a brief Christmas message by Pastor Redish, communion from Pastor McCowan, and worship by Pastor Tim Cole. The service will start at 6:00 p.m. and should last only 1 hour. An unsupervised nursery will be open for nursing mothers.



## Ekklesia Active Cell Groups

CELL-GROUP	LOCATION	DAY	PHONE
<b>MULTIGENERATIONAL CELL GROUP</b>			
Andover Hill (Childcare)	Lexington (Off Todds Road)	Sunday 6:00 p.m.	543-0778
<b>MENS GROUPS</b>			
Fairway at Lakeside	Lexington (Near Jacobson Park)	Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	619-5824
Fair Oaks	Lexington (Near Gardenside)	Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)	552-4363
<b>WOMENS GROUPS</b>			
Andover Woods	Lexington (Near Todds Rd.)	Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	273-4887
Pimlico	Lexington (Pimlico Rd. & Man O-War)	Wednesday (6:30 p.m.)	543-9600
<b>YOUTH GROUPS</b>			
Park Ridge (Girls Group)	Lexington (Off Todds Road)	Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	543-0778
The CROSSing (Boys Group)	Lexington (Off Old Todds Road)	Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	489-6950
<b>GATHERINGS</b>			
Youth Gatherings		Once per month	
<b>MENTORING One-on-One</b>		<b>LEADER</b>	
Men's Mentoring Groups		Pastor McCowan	
Women's Mentoring Groups		Sally McCowan	

For more information about any of our groups, please call 543-9600 or visit our web site at [www.ekk-lex.org](http://www.ekk-lex.org)