

## **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 Services

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> .....Celebration Service – Pastor McCowan  
Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> .....Celebration Service – Pastor McCowan  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> ....Celebration Service – Jamie McCowan  
Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> ....Celebration Service – Pastor McCowan

## **Other Calendar Events**

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> ....Rick Clendenen to speak.

# Welcome



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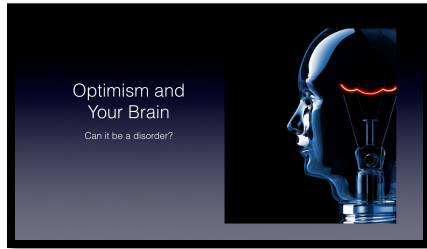
# WHAT IS EKKLESIA?

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

### Sermon – Pastor McCowan – Optimism and Your Brain.

According to a recent study published in *Nature Neuroscience*, optimism could be the result of a brain defect more than anything else. If that is the case, then the Apostle Paul had some major handicaps, as not only was he a man of great faith, but a man of great hope as well. So much so, that in a letter to the Corinthians, he says, he does not lose heart. Tonight, Pastor McCowan will investigate this issue and see why the Apostle Paul was so hopeful in spite of his circumstances.



### Pennies for Christ

A big thanks you to everyone for your continued response to our BGMC Missions Drive! As of tonight, we have raised a grand total of \$46.24! We may very well go over our goal of \$50.00 after tonight’s offering. A designated bucket will be near the front door to drop your pennies in or we will gladly convert them for you.

### The Ekklesia Girls Youth Group:

Our Ekklesia girls youth group will begin again on Sept. 2nd with Jamie McCowan leading. We will have an ice cream social for our “kick off” which will include different toppings to add to our ice cream.

### Attention all Ekklesia Ladies:

Are you ready for a challenge? Are you ready to conquer your fears? Well, we have the challenge for you! We are planning a zip-line adventure on October 10th featuring the Screaming Raptor Zip Lines Tour. Level 1 is the Ptero-Soar. A sign-up sheet is at the information table and the place we’ll be staying overnight is TBA. Our scripture base for this adventure is in Isaiah 40:31, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

ACTIVE CELL GROUPS			
CELL GROUP	LOCATION	DAY	PHONE
<b>MULTIGENERATIONAL CELL GROUP</b>			
Andover Hills	Lexington (Off Todds Road)	Sunday 6:00 PM	543-0778
<b>MENS GROUPS</b>			
Andover Hills (Men’s)	Lexington (Off Todds Road)	Tuesday 7:00 PM	619-5824
Fair Oaks (Men’s)	Lexington (Near Gardenside)	For Summer - Meeting with Tuesday Men’s Group.	552-4363
<b>WOMENS GROUPS</b>			
Fair Oaks (Women’s)	Lexington (Near Gardenside)	Monday 5:30 PM	433-9235
Andover Woods	Lexington (Near Todds Rd.)	Tuesday 7:00 PM	273-4887
Pimlico	Lexington (Off Man-O-War)	Wednesday 6:30 PM	543-9600
<b>YOUTH GROUPS</b>			
Brookewind (Girls)	Lexington (Off Richmond Rd.)	Starting Up Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	619-7885
Boys Group	Lexington	Call	543-0778
<b>MENTORING (One-on-One)</b>			
Men	Pastor McCowan		543-9600
Women	Sally McCowan		543-9600