

The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Availability

Being Ready and willing to help.

I Will...

Put others ahead of myself.

Find a way to help, not a way to hide.

Be ready when I am called.

Be glad for the chance to serve.

Get permission before making commitments.

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. (Proverbs 11:25)

What's for Hot Lunch?

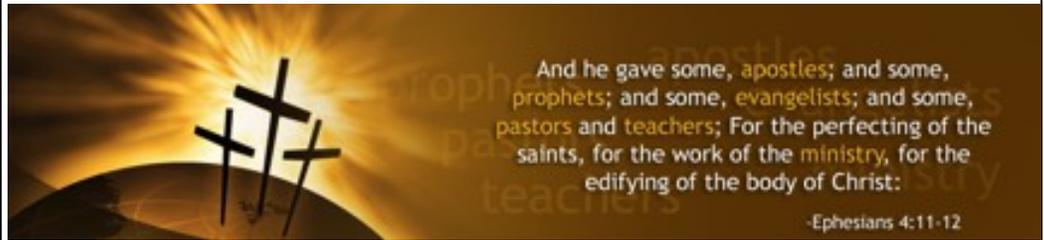
Thu: Chicken Nachos

Fri: Pizza

Mon: Corn Dogs

Tue: Beef Soft Tacos

Wed: Turkey Sandwiches



THE PURPOSE OF A LOCAL CHURCH/CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Goal Is Maturity for Christian Service. According to Ephesians 4:11–13, God gave the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Verse 12 states the purpose of these roles: the perfecting of the saints and the work of the ministry. Perfecting means “maturing” or “making complete.” So verse 12 says that the pastor, his associates, the youth leaders, and everyone who teaches in the church/SCHOOL must seek to produce mature believers—in the case of the young people in Christian school—that they might do the work of the ministry. In other words, the purpose of everything in our school should fit like a glove with the youth ministry of local churches.

The school, as part of the local church’s overall youth ministry, exists for the purpose of making you mature, God-focused, character-filled, Christian young people who are capable of ministering effectively for the Lord. We hope to make you so strong that by the time you’re in the eighth grade, you are mature enough to conduct the work of the ministry. By the time you reach your senior year in high school, you must be strong Christian leaders who can stand in front of people and speak, sing, lead singing, make announcements, witness, work effectively with children—and whatever else is needed without shyness or restraint. We want you to exhibit leadership and zeal. We want you to make a positive impact on the younger students in our school. We want you to know what you believe and why—to have strong biblical convictions, as well as the character to live by them.

This Goal Is Not Popular. Although producing God-focused, mature Christian servants is our biblical goal, it is not a popular one in many circles. Many youth groups, for example, strive for more tangible goals: having fun or seeing how many attendance records they can break. Likewise, many Christian schools do not seek to train mature servants of



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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. -- Isaiah 40:31

