



March 2017



Emily Wesleyan Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Bible Study 7 AM 5-6 PM Care N' Share Meal 6:00 PM Kid's Club Prayer Time S.A.L.S.A. 6:09 PM Youth 7:30 PM Worship Practice	2 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	3	Happy Birthday! Kris Balvin 4
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March Special Offering

HOPE FOR HEROES

Bible Sticks for our Military Men and Women

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror.

Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters with other personnel, in very uncomfortable and challenging circumstances, working hard and putting in long hours every day — too tired to read a Bible, even if they have one.

The Military BibleStick reaches these service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God's Word in audio — It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances.

It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for "warriors," yet it's only about the size of a pack of chewing gum.

Designed to military specifications for safe and discreet use in low-light conditions, it features a matte black finish and red-light-only operation — and runs on a single AAA battery!

Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home — although they may be separated from loved ones, they know they are listening through the Word together.

This month we will be accepting donations to be sent to Faith Comes by Hearing for Military Bible Sticks. Every \$25.00 we raise will provide a BibleStick for a Military personnel and his or her family. Just mark BibleStick on your checks or envelopes.

Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!

Decorating Committee

We would like to set up a Decorating Committee. There are many talented people in our church with great ideas and "many hands make light work!" So please join us on the Decorating Committee.

If you'd like to volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact:

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www.emilywesleyan.org

Connections

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*Connecting.....to each other
.....to the community
.....to the Lord*



"Shepherd"

In my Bible reading this past month I came across and passage in the book of Genesis where Israel (Jacob) was thinking back over his life. He was blessing the sons of Joseph when he shared this simple phrase. "God... The God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day." Israel could point all the way back to the womb when the Lord made a prediction about him, His older brother Esau would serve him. God had shepherded him through every area in his life.

At Bethel, he chose to follow God after the dream where God gave him the covenant promise to be with him as He had been with his father and grandfather. From then on God continued to bless him and lead him into places of safety and protection. Israel did not always have it easy. He struggled for 15 plus years with the pain of a son he thought was dead before he learned the truth. He lost a wife to childbirth. He had sons who made terrible choices. He himself made some terrible choices.

Yet looking back over everything he could see how God was shepherding him, leading him, sometimes guiding him with his stick. It was when he trusted God to lead that he prospered most. Just as Israel couldn't see how his loss of his son Joseph would be made for good, we don't always understand how God is leading in the moment. It is in those situations that we don't have the full picture. In fact whenever we are in the middle of things we don't often have a clear view of what is happening. We have to trust in the leading of our shepherd, our Heavenly Father. And like Israel we will look back on our tough times and see how God as guided.

We may not know how we got through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, but when we are in the green pastures and beside the still waters we can thank the Good Shepherd for leading us all the way.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff