

The State of the Church

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Ephesians 4:11–16 (CSB) - *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²equipping the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ,*

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

14 Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the

waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—

Christ. ¹⁶From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part.

1. The Gifting of the Church

- **The offices He gifted.**

V. 11 – And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

**Be in prayer as the pastors and
Personnel Committee consider
3 final candidates for the
Student Pastor position.**

- **The outcome He desires.**

***V. 12a – equipping the saints
for the work of ministry***

Goal:

Increase the number of EBC members serving in at least one ministry by 15% in 2019.

2. The Goal of the Church

- **Relational Maturity**

Vv. 12b-13 – to build up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

**2 New Ministries that will help
move us forward in this area:**

- ***Stephen Ministry***
- ***Deeper Ministry***

- **Doctrinal Stability**

V. 14 – Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.

Announcing: A new ministry that will offer guided doctrinal discussions for those interested in learning more about systematic theology who are not currently in Bible college or seminary.

3. The Growth of the Church

Ephesians 4:15-16 (CSB) - *But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ. ¹⁶From Him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part.*

- **We must communicate the truths of Scripture in love.**

V. 15a – *But speaking the truth in love,*

- **We must grow in quality and quantity.**

V. 15b – *Let us grow in every way ...*

Mission:

To engage people beyond these walls with transforming gospel truth

Core Values

- *Worship*
- *Belong*
- *Grow*
- *Reach*

Five Key Legs

- *Preaching*
- *Worship Music*
- *Small Groups*
- *Age Group Ministries*
- *Outreach*

Member Maturity

New Member Growth

Saved Soul Growth



All Praise to God:

**As of 1/1/2019, our church's
total indebtedness is now
below \$1 million.**

ANNOUNCEMENT:

**I am asking the church to
constitute an *ad hoc* committee
to make recommendations
regarding the renovation of the
Worship Center and its**

entrances, and to bring back to the congregation a recommendation regarding such, including a strategy for financing, by September 1, 2019.

- **We must grow in Christlikeness.**

V. 15c – Let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ.

- **We must hold each other together and hold each other accountable.**

V. 16a – the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament

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large manila
envelope!**

Note: 15% Goals:

- **Worship attendance**
- **Baptisms**
- **Sunday School / LIFE Groups attendance**
- **New Members**
- **Percentage of EBC members serving**

- **The body must promote its own growth.**

V. 16b – From Him the whole body ... promotes the growth of the body

Announcing:

Tim Bouldin will be starting a new adult Sunday School class on March 10 for those not currently involved in a class.

- **The body must cultivate an atmosphere of love.**

V. 16c – The whole body ... promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love

- **Each individual body part must work properly.**

V. 16d – by the proper working of each individual part.

See Yellow Response Card:

3 areas of response:

1. Share EBC w/ 1 person in 2019
2. Adult SS class or LIFE group
3. Interested in serving