# **Understanding and answering Islam**

Join us in the EP Sanctuary for this Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) live stream simulcast event that begins *Friday*, *January 15*, *from 7:00-9:00pm*, and continues *Saturday*, *January 16*, *from 9:00am-3:30pm*. Click here to download the Islam Simulcast Guide. (*Please print this out and bring with you on Friday and Saturday*.)

Check out the links below for more information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STc9K9REWSA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=debRXYHTKIE

### **Downtown Hope**

Downtown Hope is having an Open House on **Saturday**, **January 23**, **from 12:00 --1:30PM** at 255 West Street. Pray that God would use them in their new location to further reach Annapolis with the gospel.

### **Winter Relief**

EP will be hosting 25 guests, who are homeless, the week of *January 25-February 1*. We are still in need of a Woman Night Host on *Thursday January 28*, as well as help with set up, tear down, and laundry. If you are unable to be present that week, please be part of the Prayer Team. Sign up sheets are in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Mandatory Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00PM in the Cove. For more information contact Laurie at *Lnelson@epannapolis.org*.

# **Pastor's Reception**

Visiting or new to the EP Church family? We invite you to our Pastor's Reception Sunday, January 31, at 10:45AM in room 113. Stop in to meet with Pastor Bruce and learn about getting connected at EP.

# **Preparing for Marriage Class**

This 13 week class begins *Sunday*, *February 7*. The class is designed to encourage and assist any seriously dating couples and engaged couples as they consider how to plan for a lifetime together. Newlyweds and those married for a year or less are also welcome. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:00-10:30AM in room 304. Pre-registration is requested. A registration form can be found at *www.epannapolis.org*. Cost is \$75.00 per couple and includes materials. Brochures are available at the welcome center or in the hallway wall racks. For more information, contact Al & Nancy Strong at 410-643 -0975.

#### **Homework Haven at Woodside Gardens**

We have an immediate need for several tutors on *Thursday afternoons from 3:00-6:00PM* or any amount of time you can give. Volunteers willing to help elementary age children with reading and math are greatly needed. If you have time to spare and would like to impact the children in our community, please contact Laurie at *Lnelson@epannapolis.org*.

#### **High School Retreat**

High school students, join us from **Friday**, **February 19**, **to Sunday**, **February 21**, for the Shawnee Ski Retreat. The location is Mont Lawn Retreat Center in the Poconos. Please mark your calendar. Online registration is now open.

### **College Ministry**

We will be going to the Jubilee College Conference on February 19-21 in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information visit www.jubileeconference.com or contact Isaac Vineyard at ivineyard@ccojubilee.org.

## **Women's Ministry**

- Prayer Retreat: Have you been looking for a place to connect and serve? Would you like to be part of our mission? The Women's Ministry Prayer Team has a place for you. You are invited to our Prayer Retreat on January 30, from 8:00 10:00AM at Cheryl Mullis's home: 1607 St Margarets Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. We will spend the morning praying for our church, our community, and one another. There is always room for one more!
- 2016 Women's Conference: Save the Date! **September 30 October 1** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania more information to come.

#### Intro to EP

Wondering what EP is all about? Interested in Church membership? Want to find out how to get connected into the life of the church? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, join our Intro to EP Class! During the class, participants will learn about EP's vision and mission, take a look back at her history, learn what it means to put your faith in Christ and find out what church membership involves. Along the way, you'll meet new friends, connect with church staff and even become a church member, if that's your desire. The Intro to EP Sunday morning class will take place on **February 28**, **March 6**, **13**, **and 20**, during the 11:00AM worship hour. Although not required, you may RSVP to Pastor Greg Doty at gdoty@epannapolis.org before February 25, or register online at gdoty@epannapolis.org.

## In the Church Library

One strong point of our church library is the Bible commentary section which includes multiple commentaries on each book of the Bible. Use them to help you study the Bible, lead a study, or find an answer to a Bible question that you have. Come on in to the board room/library in the hallway behind the sanctuary to check on these and many other materials including books, DVD's, and CD's for children and adults. For more information contact Ruth Burge, *riburge@epannapolis.org* 

## Olympian 2016

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars now for a fun and faith-filled VBS for kids 4yrs. -5th grade! At Olympian, coaches will challenge kids to join God's Team and run the Race of Faith with wholehearted obedience to God. Please note a change in the schedule this year, to accommodate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

- Opening program: Sunday, June 26, 6:00 -- 7:00PM
- Camp: Monday-Thursday, June 27-30, 8:45am-12:00PM
- Closing Program: Thursday, June 30, 7:00-8:00PM