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ELLERSLIE CAMPUS

CHRISTIAN RETREAT, CONFERENCE, & TRAINING CENTER

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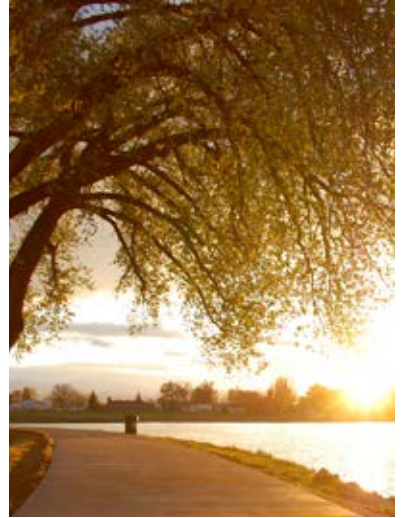


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Eric Ludy

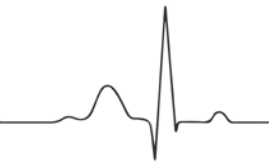
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THE UNPOETIC WORD

TO DESCRIBE A VERY POETIC PLACE

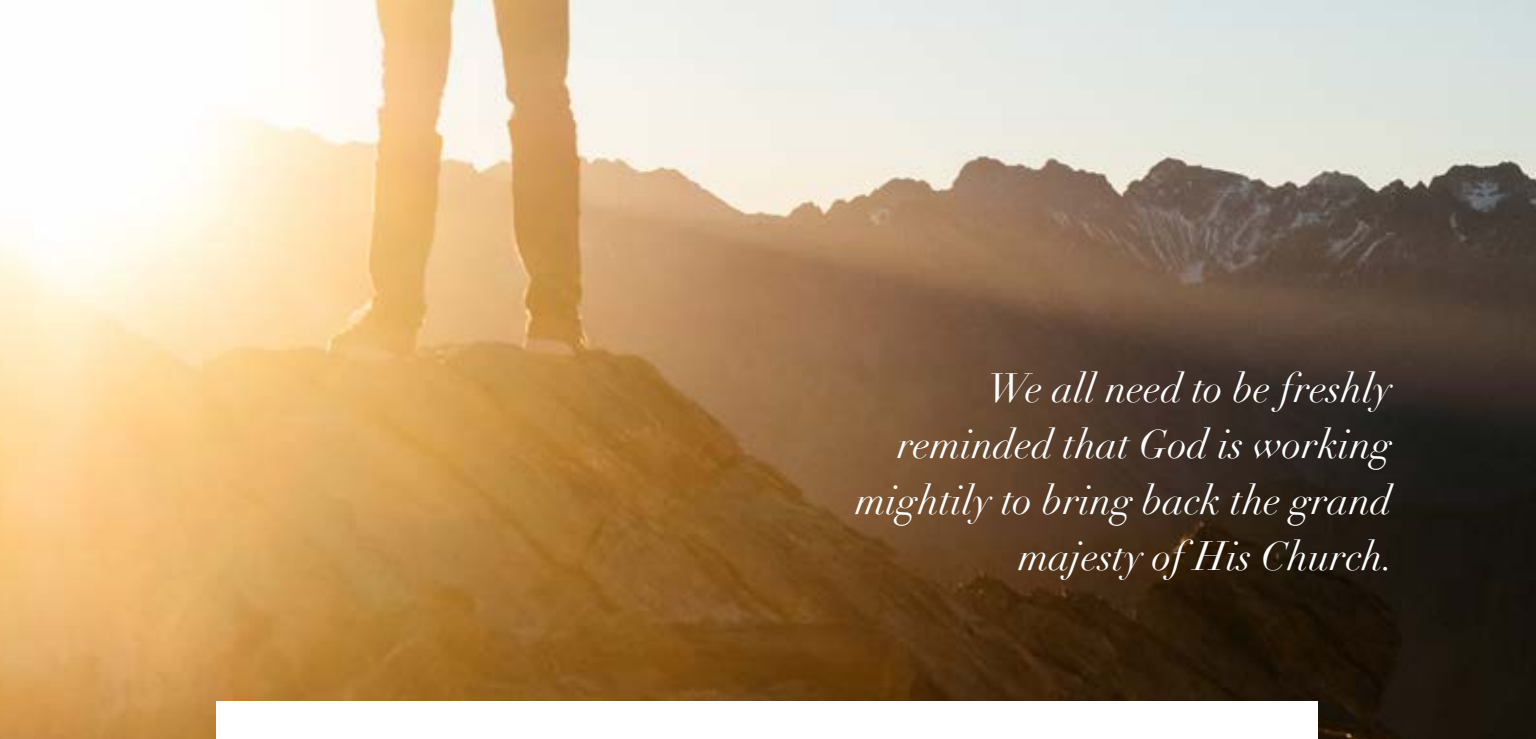
Words invoke emotion, they give impression, and they denote direction. Sometimes words cause you to draw back and say, "No thank you." While sometimes words draw you closer with an eager interest to learn more. With that polarizing tension in view, I'm going to serve up a "word" that may, in fact, initiate an early ending to your reading of this brochure, or could cause you to sit up taller in your chair and lean forward with greater fascination.



Defibrillator.

I must admit, it's a rather unpoetic and unattractive word. But what the word "defibrillator" lacks in linguistic beauty, it makes up for in practical strength. For right now on planet earth, I'm convinced we need a *defibrillator* for the Body of Christ. When the glorified Christ speaks to the Church at Sardis in the book of Revelation, He says, "...strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." This, in essence, is the same as saying, "Oh, you Christians in Sardis, go grab the defibrillator, stick the paddles on the heart of the Church, and give a few jolts of good, old-fashioned Holy Spirit electricity to this languishing Body."

For years, this particular Scripture in Revelation 3:2 has stood out in my soul as if it had heavenly highlighter pen scribbled over it. And, frankly, I would say, it's what moves Leslie and me in our ministry. And I would say, it's what moves our board of directors



We all need to be freshly reminded that God is working mightily to bring back the grand majesty of His Church.

here at Ellerslie; it's what moves our executive leadership team, our instructors, and our support staff. It's what moves our church pastoral team, our elders, our deacons, and our congregants. Simply put, we all view this lovely property at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in Windsor, Colorado as a defibrillator for the Body of Christ.

**IT'S A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COME TO BE RESUSCITATED,
REJUVENATED, AND RADICALLY REVIVED IN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE.**

This place is special. The original builders back in 1997 envisioned this place as a refuge from the storms of life, a bastion of Scriptural promulgation, and a global instrument of grace-infused training. They wrote Scriptures on every 2x4 and prayed that what took place inside and around these walls would bring life to the Body of Christ and glory to the King of all kings.

We believe their prayers are being answered. For what is taking place here on this very unique and special property is the opposite of what is taking place around this country at present. Here at 655 Southwood Lane, we are cherishing life, truth, purity, love, and humility. We are holding up the one singular thing on earth that can bring life out of death, light out of darkness, and hope out of any and every dead end — His Name is Jesus.

In a time when it would appear the powers of darkness have the upper hand, we all need to be freshly reminded that God is working mightily to bring back the grand majesty of His Church.

Oh, for the wonderful privilege of actually participating in His glorious resuscitating work!

THREE EPIC WORDS TO DESCRIBE OUR PURPOSE

I'm a word guy. To me, words are sort of like dogs — they come in all shapes, sizes, colors, furs, and smells, but they are all lovable, even the rather unpoetic ones like *defibrillator*. So, in the spirit of linguistic celebration, I have three more words (much more attractive than *defibrillator*, I promise) that are important to understand if you desire to grasp what we are doing here in Windsor, Colorado. These three words, though they are less practical than the word *defibrillator*, hit the high notes of epic vision that my soul yearns to sing.

DISCIPLESHIP MAJESTY MISSIONS

I love those three words. Each one of them is totally unique and marvelous in their own right and each one holds a thousand sacred memories inside my heart, courtesy of my dear King's personal inculcation.

If you are game, I would like to personally walk you through the significance of these three words and how they dovetail with the significance of this property.

—Eric







Discipleship

THIS IS THE STUFF THAT ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY WAS BUILT UPON.



One DISCIPLESHIP

NO MORE SYRUPS AND GLAZE

Discipleship. It's a word that many Christians today are backing away from. After all, it doesn't sport the social polish that other more *correct* and *sensitive* words boast.

Discipleship. It's a little too loud and brash for most of the modern populace. People nowadays prefer their words served up with syrups and glaze. Meanwhile, Discipleship is more akin to a thick piece of beef jerky. It's healthy and packed with protein, but it demands some serious jaw exercises in order to swallow it.

Discipleship. I may be a bit strange, but I really like the word. I realize that I'm in the minority today in a mainstream Christian world where terms like *mentoring* and *life-coaching* have become the big boys on the block. But, *discipleship* has something that those terms just can't muster. First off, *mentoring* and *life-coaching* are dressed in suit coats and pressed slacks, while *discipleship* is dressed in battle fatigues. The word *discipleship* is built for action in a time of war, while its hip, modern counterparts are built more for sounding smart in a board room.

Discipleship. It has a five o'clock shadow on its chin, a bit of dried blood caked on its cheek, a stream of sweat cascading down its forehead, and the distinct smell of old-school cologne wafting behind it everywhere it marches.

Discipleship. It's a word for the serious Christian: the ones who want to surrender all, give up everything, be used of God to tackle the powers of darkness, and to really see this world set free from its sin.

Discipleship. It's a word for the passionate Christian: the ones who simply refuse to accept mediocrity in their own lives or in the life of the Church around them.

Discipleship. It is a word that denotes submission, obedience, and respect. *Mentoring* and *life-coaching*, on the other hand, denote suggestions, encouragements, and tidbits of wisdom. *Discipleship* oversees change, growth, and reformation. *Life-coaching*, on the other hand, oversees people who are set on doing things their own way while graciously enduring casual, non-preachy input over steaming coffee mugs and chocolate bon-bons.

So, call me strange, but with a dying world in desperate need of the thunderclap of the Gospel, I'm interested in offering good, old-fashioned *discipleship* and not a new-fangled solution.

Discipleship. This is the stuff that ancient Christianity was built on. And, simply put, it's the stuff that we need as the Body of Christ today if we are really serious about getting the ancient strength back.

Discipleship. It's a word that indicates the purposeful impartation of the Life of Jesus Christ from one Christian to another.

Discipleship. It's a word that sort of grows on you. Because it's a word that simply will not let you remain as you now are.

If you are interested in *discipleship*, you've come to the right place. Because, this is what we do!



an extraordinary DAY AT ELLERSLIE

5:00AM — You get up to pray. And you are doing this not because you have to, but because you really want to. You came to Ellerslie for a two-day personal retreat and you don't want to waste one single moment of your time here on campus.

5:15AM — After splashing cold water on your face and waking up, you hop into your sweats, throw on a light jacket, hide your bedhead under a baseball cap, and head out for a walk around the lake. But this is more than just a walk. This is a prayer walk unlike any other — full of expectancy and a clear sense that God is desiring to speak to you. You even grabbed your Bible to take with you on this jaunt.

5:45AM — You are feeling great. A sense of anticipation is rising in your soul. The sun is coming up and you find a bench near the lake at Ellerslie and you open up the Word. You were reading Psalm 44 before you fell asleep the night before, so you open to Psalm 45. It's written just for you. The Holy Spirit is working in you. Your eyes are watery, a soft, "Thank You, Lord" emits from your lips.

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6:15AM — You do a few push-ups, maybe a few air squats, and a dozen sit-ups just because you have a bit of bonus energy to work off. After all, you are at Ellerslie.

6:20AM — It's shower time. You typically don't sing in the shower, but today is different. In fact, you wake everyone up in the building with your loud notes of praise.

6:45AM — You notice that you are sort of skipping on your way to breakfast in the lake house. You deliberately attempt to stop the skipping, to at least try and hide your excitement. But, it's difficult. You finally decide that if there was ever a place where skipping could be deemed normal human behavior it is right here on the Ellerslie campus. So you skip freely.

7:15AM — You help clear the plates from the table, grab a mug of freshly brewed coffee, and sit down at a table in the lake house where a small group of people appear to be having a conversation about Jesus. Sure enough, they are. And after 59 minutes of delightful banter you suddenly panic, because the morning session in the chapel starts in one minute.

8:15AM — Huffing and puffing you arrive in and through the double doors of the chapel for the Daily Thunder — a big smile on your face. Eric Ludy is testing his microphone and asking if it is on. It is, and the preaching begins. You find a seat and get out your notebook. Forty minutes later you realize that you never wrote one thing down in that notebook. This wasn't a class, this was something different. This wasn't teaching, this was more like a spoken worship service.

9:30AM — You have been on your face for the past fifteen minutes. All is quiet in the chapel. Outside of your own tears of joy, you hear some other people around you sniffing. You wonder if the carpet your face is planted in is clean. But, you decide that even if your tears are currently being mingled with hundreds and hundreds of others that have been on their face right there in that spot before you — it is a privilege to have your face be planted in such a sacred spot as this.

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ABOUT JESUS.



10:00AM — Nathan Johnson walks onto the chapel stage. He notices you have been crying and asks your name. You oblige him with not only your first and last name, but your middle one as well. He asks you how you are doing. You assure him that you have never been better. He smiles an understanding smile and then greets the audience. He declares that today's message is going to be on Psalm 45. Fresh tears bubble up in your eyes. Before today, you would have told people that you aren't the crying sort, but you are now realizing that maybe you are.

NOON — You are standing in the lunch line in the lake house sharing with the person behind you about God's use of Psalm 45 in your life this morning, when a server asks you if you need a gluten-free tortilla. You wish you didn't need to eat gluten free, but, alas, the answer is yes. She smiles and sticks a delicious looking, gluten-free chicken wrap on your plate. The person in front of you asks you, "Have you ever had an Ellerslie chicken wrap?" You admit that you have never had the privilege. They simply say, "Well, heaven awaits!"

I REALIZED
I DIDN'T WANT
IT TO END.

1:32PM — After devouring two chicken wraps and soaking up the powerful lunch table conversation for the past hour and a half, you mentally debate whether you want to go up to the mountains to hike or join in on the afternoon Q&A with Sandi McConnaughey which started near the fireplace in the lake house two minutes ago. You apologize for your sudden departure from the conversation and

make a few polite statements about how fun it was, pick up your backpack, stick your water glass in the bus tray, and weave through the tables to the gathering near the fireplace.

4:30PM — Never in your life have you heard the Gospel stated that clearly. Sandi seemed to be talking straight to you. Since the group was small, she took time asking everyone in the circle questions. And they were questions you needed to be asked and they forced answers to the surface that you needed brought out — for they exposed how desperately you, yourself, were needing a greater hold of and understanding of the Gospel. Sandi had intended to share for an hour. Three hours later she was just finishing up and you realized you didn't want it to end.





5:00PM — Realizing that you are needing to just get away from people and tell God a few things, you set your backpack in a corner of the lake house and head out for another prayer walk around the lake. But, to call this a prayer walk may be misleading. It was a praise walk.

5:30PM — You run into someone from your lunch table as you are picking up your backpack in the lake house building. They ask if you want to grab dinner. You ask when the next session starts. They tell you that there is a class on biblical parenting in the chapel starting at 6:30pm. You say, "Let's do it."

6:30PM — You spent the past hour at a Thai restaurant in Windsor — making a "note to self" to remember to come back there again, if ever God allows you to visit again, and get the chicken pad Thai — it was simply amazing! And so was your conversation. The person you had dinner with missed Sandi's talk on the Gospel, or at least they missed Sandi's version of it. Because you gave it to them with just about as much passion as she had delivered it to you.

8:30PM — You hesitated in coming to a session on biblical parenting seeing that you are twenty-years old, single, and not remotely close to having children. But, there is something about Truth. Even if it is applied to an area that you can't experientially relate to, it's still Truth, and it still works within you. And that is exactly what the past two hours have done to you. And it has also stirred a deep desire to be a godly parent someday in the future. What an exciting vision!

9:00PM — Though you were wanting to soak up this day for everything it had to offer, you find yourself climbing into bed right when you arrive back in your room and saying to yourself, "I'll do my praying while I'm lying in bed." Obviously you were never taught how bad of an idea that is, because in exactly twenty-one seconds from the moment your head hits that pillow you are out.

11:00PM — You are suddenly awakened by someone singing in the shower really loud nearby. You sit up in bed, smile a really big smile, and then whisper to yourself in a blissful state of surreal wonder, "I love Jesus Christ!"

11:01PM — You rest your head back down upon your pillow and think to yourself, *Now that was one amazing day!*

**NOW THAT
WAS ONE
AMAZING DAY!**

DO YOU NEED TO BE SPIRITUALLY REJUVENATED?



If you are feeling a little thin in the spiritual department these days, a trip out to Windsor, Colorado might be just the ticket.

If you are just needing a day or two away from the frenzy, consider joining us for a day of refreshment or a mini-retreat.

If you are needing a week to reset your spiritual system, consider joining us for our Weeklong Intensive Training.

If you are desiring a season to establish new thinking patterns and new behaviors, consider joining us for our 5-Week Discipleship Training.

If you are craving the training to go into this world and practically change it for Jesus Christ, consider our 5-Week Advanced Training and Missionary Preparatory Program, after you complete either the Weeklong Intensive Training or the 5-Week Discipleship Training.

If you are hungry, we are serving up some large spiritual steak dinners here in Windsor. We have the defibrillator paddles out, ready to use on your spiritual life.

Nearly every day we gather for prayer on the campus. Nearly every day we spend focused time in worship and songful adoration of Jesus Christ. And nearly every day we preach the Word of God in the chapel. So, pick a day, pick a week, pick a month, pick a year — we would love to serve you.

It is our hope and prayer that God will draw those whom He is wanting to participate in this exciting work out here to Windsor, Colorado.

You may be just the person we have been praying for.

Turn the page to explore the possibilities.

*Revive me, O Lord,
according to Your word.*

PSALM 119:107



DAY

A DAY (OR A FEW) OF REFRESHMENT

A hefty portion of Kaboom with a side of Pow and a spoonful of zesty Soul-Stir!

You can now enjoy Ellerslie Discipleship Training in small micro-bursts. Come for one day! Or come for two, three, or four. The point is, our campus is now set up to make our training environment accessible to the day-trip travelers and not just those with a lot of time on their hands.

- Stay with us (reserve a room in advance by visiting our website), or stay locally on your own.
- Consider joining us for worship, prayer, and devotions every morning at 8:15am in the chapel. (See page 28.)
- Feel free to sit in on a daily session at 9:30am, offered throughout the week. (See page 28.)
- Find quiet places around the campus to enjoy time with the Lord in prayer or Bible study.
- Read more in "An Extraordinary Day at Ellerslie" on page ten.

Book your visit with us at
ellerslie.com/visit

WEEK

WEEKLONG INTENSIVE TRAINING

A large serving of Wowzer with a helping of Amazed and a bowl full of zesty Awakened!

Our Weeklong Intensive Training takes the power of our semester training and crams it strategically into a digestible one-week spoonful of spectacular. If you can't come for our 5-Week Discipleship Training program, then grab this one-week version, take out your spiritual knife and fork, and dig in to this juicy filet.

- Fill your day with prayer, worship, and discipleship sessions as you enjoy a peaceful environment that helps you focus on Jesus Christ.
- Join fellow believers from around the world in learning how Christianity actually works.
- Discover how to stand boldly in your position as a Christian as you learn about practical faith, grace, the Gospel, and how to study the Bible.
- Watch your spiritual life grow as you fall more in love with Jesus Christ and His Word.

Register for a weeklong at
ellerslie.com/weeklong


SEMESTER

5-WEEK DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

A generous portion of Altered with a meaty sauce of Life-Change poured on top!

This is our flagship training. When people talk about Ellerslie Training, this is usually what they are referring to. It's just enough time to really get your life changed and yet not too much time that you start to grow overly comfortable. It's the perfect blend of push, pull, pinch, and prune.

- Take the Weeklong Intensive Training further by spending an additional four weeks going deeper.
- Spend five weeks in a set apart, peaceful, Christ-centered environment.
- Build lifelong friendships with other believers who are passionate about Christ.
- Fall in love with God's Word and become deeply rooted in Truth.
- Be discipled by Eric Ludy and our team of biblically-based instructors.
- Discover a Christianity that actually works!



Register for a semester at
ellerslie.com/training

SEASON

5-WEEK ADVANCED TRAINING + MISSIONARY PREPARATORY PROGRAM

A prime cut of Ready-to-go with a side dish of Raring and plenty of left-overs of Roaring and Riled-up in a to-go box!

If you are interested in pushing this discipleship thing even further, we can help. If you are passionate about pursuing missions, let's work together to press in that direction. Ellerslie is set up to prepare you for next steps. If you are interested in pursuing a Bible college degree, let's join up together to lay the foundation stones in place so that your next steps are strong ones.

*The prerequisite for this training is to complete either the Weeklong Intensive Training or the 5-Week Discipleship Training.

- Lay the groundwork for missions, ministry, or a life firmly built on God's Word.
- Discover and hone the calling of God in your life as you spend a longer season growing with us.
- Grow deeper in your understanding of Scripture and Gospel-centered living.
- Be trained for real-world Christian living and ministry.



Learn more at
ellerslie.com/advanced

2019 – 2020

ELLERSLIE CAMPUS CALENDAR

June 2019

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-  DAILY SESSIONS + STUDIES
-  WEEKLONG INTENSIVE TRAINING
-  5-WEEK DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
-  5-WEEK ADVANCED TRAINING + MISSIONARY PREPARATORY PROGRAM
-  CONFERENCE

Consider joining us for a day, week, semester, or season!

VISIT ELLERSLIE.COM

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DAILY SESSIONS + STUDIES:

Join us for our Daily Thunder study every morning from 8:15-9:20am (see p. 28 for more details).

Daily classes are offered throughout the week starting at 9:30am on a variety of Christian themes and topics.

Find additional details at Ellerslie.com/calendar

"SPIRIT-FILLED SOULS ARE ABLAZE FOR GOD.
THEY LOVE WITH A LOVE THAT GLOWS.
THEY SERVE WITH A FAITH THAT KINDLES.
THEY SERVE WITH A DEVOTION THAT CONSUMES.
THEY HATE SIN WITH FIERCENESS THAT BURNS.
THEY REJOICE WITH A JOY THAT RADIATES..."

— SAMUEL CHADWICK

MEET THE LEADERSHIP

ELLERSLIE FOUNDERS & DIRECTORS



Eric Ludy

PRESIDENT, ELLERSLIE MISSION SOCIETY
SENIOR PASTOR, CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE
LEAD INSTRUCTOR, ELLERSLIE TRAINING

Pastor Eric Ludy has been laboring on the front lines of Christian leadership for more than two decades. He serves as the president of Ellerslie Mission Society and the lead instructor for Ellerslie Discipleship Training. Eric is the bestselling author of eighteen books and is a highly respected voice within Christianity on key issues such as prayer, godly masculinity, and Gospel-centered living. Eric's sermons are heard by thousands of listeners around the world each week, and his short films such as *The Gospel* and *Depraved Indifference* have impacted millions. Eric and his wife, Leslie, are well-known for their classic book on relationships, *When God Writes Your Love Story*. Eric and Leslie have been married twenty-five years and have six children, four of whom were adopted. The Ludys live in Windsor, Colorado. Visit Eric at www.braveheartedchristian.com.



Leslie Ludy

DIRECTOR, SET APART GIRL MINISTRIES
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, ELLERSLIE TRAINING

Leslie Ludy is a bestselling author and speaker with a passion for helping women become set apart for Christ. Leslie has spoken to hundreds of thousands of women over the past twenty-five years. Her core message of complete surrender to Christ in every area of life has inspired today's Christian women to exchange mediocrity for a thriving spiritual life that impacts others for God's glory. Leslie is the host of the popular Set Apart Girl Podcast and founder of the *Set Apart Girl Magazine*, which inspire women of all ages toward Christ-centered femininity. Her annual Set Apart Conference reaches several thousand women each year around the world. Leslie's bestselling books for women include *Authentic Beauty*, *Set-Apart Femininity*, and *The Set-Apart Woman*. Visit Leslie at www.setapartgirl.com.

INSTRUCTORS

AT ELLERSLIE



Nathan Johnson

Nathan received his Masters of Divinity in 2008 and has been in full-time Christian ministry for over fifteen years. He has spent time "in the trenches" of inner city work, ministering to the homeless, the elderly, and underprivileged children. Nathan has a passion for biblical training and discipleship, and has been a guest speaker at many churches, youth retreats, and Christian conferences around the country over the past decade. He has taught college-level classes on various books of the Bible, biblical concepts and themes, and how to study the Bible. Nathan has a love for missions and has also mentored many young men in the areas of godly masculinity, purity, biblical Truth, victory and freedom over sin, and daily Christian living.



Sandi McConnaughey

Sandi has served in a wide variety of ministry for over forty years — leading women's Bible studies, counseling in a crisis pregnancy center, as well as in many other discipleship positions. She also spent several years working as a registered nurse and serving in hospital ministry as a counselor. Since Ellerslie began, Sandi has served as the Director of Women's Ministry, providing spiritual leadership to female students, teaching the Gospel, and serving Eric Ludy as his executive assistant. Sandi has been happily married to her husband, Dan, for 44 years. They have 6 children (one an adopted daughter from Haiti) and 22 grandchildren. Around Ellerslie, she's affectionately known as "Mama Sandi" and her chocolate chip cookies are legendary!



Dan McConnaughey

Dan has taught and discipled Christians for over forty years. His widely diversified background in both ministry and military roles make him uniquely qualified to train and equip this generation of up-and-coming leaders and missionaries for effective front-lines service. He has served a wide variety of ministry positions, including youth pastor, church planter and Bible teacher, and speaker at churches and missions events. He has served with the Navigators, The Truth Project, and completed Prison Fellowship's Centurion Program. Dan has also been a flight instructor, aviation mechanic, corporate pilot, air traffic controller, and classical guitar instructor during his varied career. He and his most excellent wife have been married longer than all the rest of the staff combined.



Philip Hartman

Philip has been part of the team since 2011. He is deeply passionate about prayer, discipleship, and evangelism. As the director of Ellerslie's Weeklong Intensive Training and 5-Week Discipleship Training, he has spent considerable time discipling young men and pointing them toward Jesus Christ. Philip is married to his lovely wife, Emily, and they live in Windsor with their daughter, Sabina. Philip desires by the grace of God to live a faithful life as a husband, father, and preacher of the Gospel. Whether on the Ellerslie Campus, at home, or overseas, his passion is that his life may proclaim one thing, "Worthy is the Lamb to receive the reward of His suffering!"



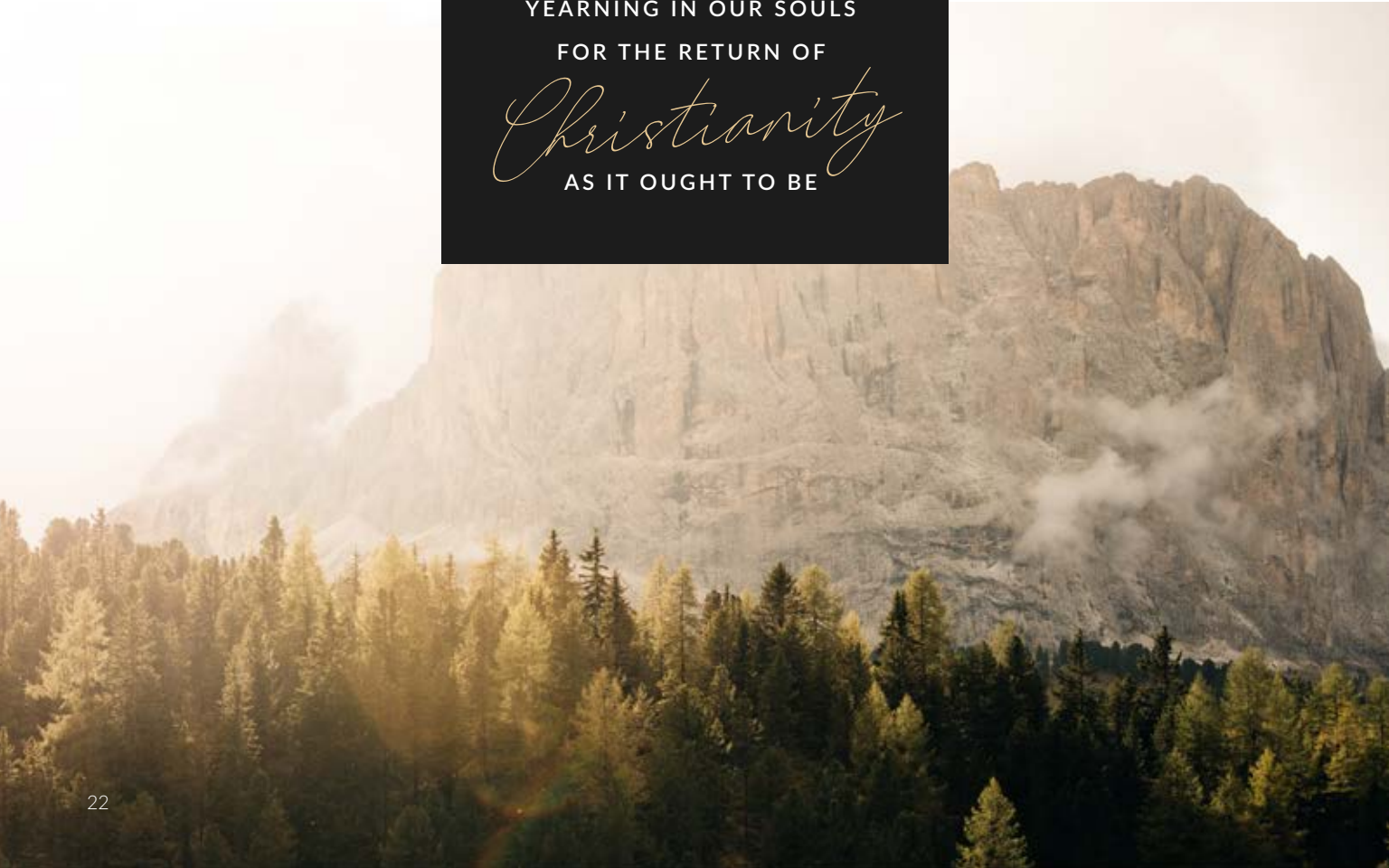
Elijah Robertson

Ever since the Lord apprehended Elijah as a teenager, he has committed himself to working in and training for ministry. Right out of high school, he attended a Bible school in Pennsylvania and after several years of hands-on ministry, attended Moody Bible Institute where he majored in biblical studies and elementary education. Elijah is passionate about the glory and nature of God, and works to see the Church of Jesus Christ established in the Word of God. He delights in teaching and preaching God's Word to this end. Elijah is happily married to his wife, Lauren, and they have two children. He considers his family his greatest ministry.



A MOMENT-BY-MOMENT
YEARNING IN OUR SOULS
FOR THE RETURN OF

Christianity
AS IT OUGHT TO BE



Two MAJESTY

A RETURN OF THE IRISH ELK

The Irish Elk is now extinct. Many modern folk shrug nonchalantly at such news, for such tidings mean very little to them. But to those who know what the Irish Elk once was, its extinction is a tragedy. For the Irish Elk was once a picture of majesty. Its head reached heights over ten feet tall with a rack of antlers which sprawled twelve feet in diameter and an additional five feet upwards into the ancient skies. That's fifteen feet of pure and utter awe.

Ellerslie's Campus is forty-five minutes from beautiful Estes Park, Colorado, where it is common to view herds of elk grazing. I've grown up around elk, but not Irish Elk. Elk are impressive creatures, with a hint of majesty on their brow. And if I didn't know about the Irish Elk, I wouldn't complain about the bull elks in Estes Park (literally one-fourth the size of the Irish variety) and their tiny racks of antlers. But I do know about the Irish Elk, and thus I have a vision of what an elk truly ought to be.

I'd like to draw a parallel between the Irish Elk and triumphant Christianity. Both roamed the earth in history past and both seem to have gone extinct in our modern day. Oh, we still have a less triumphant version of Christianity that can be observed today, however, it would seem that this modern species stands less than one-fourth the size of its mighty ancestor. It's Christianity minus the majesty.

And, yet before we bemoan the loss, I wish to declare that there is a stirring within the ranks of the Christian soldiers of our day. It's a desire to see the rack of glory return. It's a yearning to see the ancient heavenly majesty thunder, once again, upon the stage of time.

For in an age where spiritual mediocrity is praised within the corridors of the Christian faith, moral lassitude is overlooked, and the post-modern silt of the liberalizing

church is tacitly exonerated in our midst — there is a need for lion-hearted believers to emerge. Or should I say, "Irish Elk" Christians to rise up.


All one must do is read the Bible to see how far we are from the stature of our Cross-purchased ancestry. But how do we get from where we are to where we ought to be? There is a very simple solution. There must be more of Jesus in our lives, in our families, and in our churches. More time given to Him in prayer and pursuit, more of our souls opened up for Him to rule and control. He is Majesty. And for majesty to return, He must be given the preeminence in all things. (See Colossians 1:18.)

Ellerslie is a training environment where this very thing is happening. "The Return of the Irish Elk," is not merely a humorous, unofficial motto amongst our students and faculty; it's a very serious articulation of an actual, real-world event being witnessed by each and every person on our campus. It is a moment-by-moment yearning in our souls for the return of Christianity as it ought to be.

There is a need in this day for souls polished pure by the fire of God, hearts built courageous by the training of the Spirit, and minds tempered and harnessed by the unchanging Truth of Scripture. After all, who will stand when all others subside into a seated silence? Who will fight for Truth when all others have determined fighting for Truth to be harmful and incorrect?

The time has come for the Church to regain its ancient rack of glory and to rise up and remove the spit from the face of Jesus Christ. The return of the Irish Elk Christian is at hand.

So, who's with us?



Check off all your spiritual cravings
in one remarkable place!



YOUR SPIRITUAL BUCKET LIST

✓ **I WANT TO SEE GENUINE, VIBRANT,
JOY-FILLED CHRISTIANITY!**

Odds are if you come to Ellerslie you will see just that. We often say that if you head up the mountains into Estes Park you are likely to see elk, moose, deer, or some other really cool critters. The same is true with Ellerslie. If you hang out here, you are bound to see some joy-filled creatures, some loving ones, some leaping ones, some laughing ones, and some that love talking about Jesus more than anything else in the entire world.

✓ **I WANT TO JUMP INTO A TIME-
MACHINE, GO BACK IN TIME, AND
HEAR PAUL PREACH!**

If you squint and tilt your head to the right and try real hard not to be distracted by the fact that you are not in ancient times — you might just be able to check this one off your bucket list, too. We have some really good preaching flying around on our campus every day. We must admit that it isn't quite Paul the Apostle, but it's really feisty, fiery, and fun just as we would imagine his preaching would have been.



✓ I WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE "SPIRITUAL GROWL" THAT ERIC LUDY IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT!

Spiritual oomph is what we specialize in. Truth is an amazing elixir — it repairs the soul. It turns frowns upside down and charges the soul like a spiritual injection of adrenaline. If you are desiring to get that spiritual gusto in your giddy-up, a stopover at Ellerslie might be just the ticket.

✓ I WANT TO GET A HANDLE ON TRUTH SO THAT I CAN BETTER TEACH OTHERS!

Check our training calendar on page 18. Our year is packed full of deep spiritual impartation. And it is all available just for you. It is our desire that you take advantage of our training so that you can both grip the Truth and then go and help others grip it as well.

✓ I WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS!

We've got a great view. In fact, you don't need to just stare. Come out and stay at Ellerslie, and then take an afternoon jaunt up to Rocky Mountain National Park to really get into that majestic beauty.

✓ I WANT TO HOST MY OWN RETREAT IN COLORADO!

We've gotcha covered there, too. For, whereas Ellerslie offers training, conferences, and retreats of its own, it is also a place where you can set up your own training, conference, or retreat.

✓ I WANT TO GO SERVE JESUS ON THE MISSION FIELD!

Ellerslie's training is set up as the perfect launch pad for world-class missionaries. In fact, mission sending organizations love to receive Ellerslie grads.

✓ I REALLY WANT TO GO TO BIBLE COLLEGE!

Once again, Ellerslie is your place. We don't call ourselves a Bible college per se, but, we are the perfect warm-up for a Bible college education. We give you the foundation so that you can build high and strong.



We prepare students for *muscular* living.
WHETHER IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD OR IN THE SLUMS OF CAMBODIA.



Three MISSIONS

THE NEXT GENERATION OF
AMY CARMICHAELS AND HUDSON TAYLORS

When our organization first arrived on this campus a decade ago, we had a clear vision for missions. It stood before us as a mighty monument of grandeur, as something akin to a golden statue of C.T. Studd flexing in the bright sunlight. We charged one another, “That is what we are building here — muscular missionaries!” We were designed as a training model to produce heroes, valiant men, and noble women to “go” into all the world. With a name like Ellerslie Mission Society, the grand and epic expectations were baked in from the start. In hindsight, looking back on these past ten years, I see something marvelous that has taken place here on this property, but not necessarily the “something marvelous” that we expected.

Oh, it’s not that we haven’t produced muscular missionaries here in Windsor. We have. But, we thought we would be the one sending them out. After all, that is what a mission society does.

After ten years, we have come to the conclusion that we are not really a mission society, in accordance with the classic definition. Instead, we are a preparatory training facility for a Christian’s effective entrance into a mission society. But, even more exciting than that, we are a preparatory training facility for a Christian’s effective entrance into ... *anything*.

Organizations all over the globe look for laborers out of our graduates. Mission posts all over the world seek workers out of our student base. Churches the world over seek pastoral leadership potential out of our leadership trainings. Ministries often pick their key help staff exclusively out of our select graduates. And businesses hire our students simply because they come, often built-in, with the requisite character,

industrious work ethic, and joyful spirit every business environment craves.

Ironically, we are still named Ellerslie Mission Society. But, our function has become beautifully specialized. We prepare our students for muscular living, whether that be the overseas mission field in Bangkok, Christian filmmaking in Franklin, or aircraft maintenance in Longview. We are uniquely positioned to supply foundational training to Christian leaders for every walk of life.

Thirteen years ago Leslie and I stood in the pouring rain on this property just outside the chapel building under a gazebo. Looking at the chapel building, where our primary training takes place daily, I asked audaciously, “Lord, train up the next generation of Hudson Taylors and Amy Carmichaels in that building.”

That is precisely what God is doing. For on this property a fire is burning in the hearts and lives of the leadership and the vast community that makes up and makes possible this precious environment. When someone arrives on this lakeside property, they encounter that fire. And, as fire is known to do, it changes them. It purifies them. It makes them shine brighter and hotter.


Ellerslie Mission Society may not be today what we once thought it was to become a decade ago. But, we are convinced God has given us an even greater job description. We don’t just prepare men and women to be sent out as missionaries to the farthest reaches of this earth, but we are set up to revitalize the Body of Christ and inspire every last one of them to become a radical missionary in their little corner of life.



ELLERSLIE
daily thunder

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

PSALM 145:11-12



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO TAKE A LITTLE OF THE ELLERSLIE BOOM, GRIT, AND OOMPH HOME WITH YOU ... YOU CAN!

live.ellerslie.com

Our (LIVE) stream is available every morning at 8:15am.

For years the thunder of Truth has been cracking the skies in little Windsor, Colorado, but it hasn't been within ear shot of those of you that weren't present and on campus. Things have changed. We are now streaming the bold statements, the humorous mishaps, the awkward fumbles, and the courageous comments (LIVE) every morning.

And, if you miss us (LIVE), you can listen and re-listen through our Daily Thunder podcast.

If you are passing through Colorado, please consider stopping by. We encourage you to arrive around 7:45am at the campus, get on your knees, and spiritually prepare for battle. The thunder begins to roll at 8:15am sharp. During the week, it is usually Eric Ludy or Nathan Johnson doing the talking, but don't be surprised to see a special guest every now and again. After about 30–40 minutes of classic Ellerslie oomph, we stop the stream and transition into a time of prayer and worship for those who are here in person. There is simply no better way to start out the day.

A typical format for the week:

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS: Eric Ludy

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS: Nathan Johnson

SATURDAY:

Special Guest (TBD)

SUNDAY:

Eric Ludy

Student Testimonies

"I would highly recommend this Bible training for anyone who wants to go deeper, learn more of the love, victory, dependency, and obsession with Jesus! The staff are committed, godly teachers and the campus is wonderful. If you are looking for a set apart time to immerse yourself in Jesus — this is it!! Even for those of us that are a little older! The Word is what is taught here. ... Truth is proclaimed. Specifically, I became more confident in what it means to live 'In Christ.'"

CHERYL K. | OHIO, USA

"I found the discipleship training, preaching, and atmosphere to be foundational to my future ministry endeavors ... I would definitely recommend Ellerslie to anyone who is serious about their relationship with Jesus Christ and wants to live a victorious Christian life."

ROY P. | AUSTRALIA

"This has been one of the most challenging things I have ever done, but by far the most rewarding. It is not easy to truly die to self, but how God builds us back up in His ways is simply amazing. Ellerslie has given me the foundation of faith and truth I came in looking for and so much more. They provide space to truly dig into Christ and learn to lean on Him through all situations."

KATHERINE P. | ARIZONA, USA

"I'm so thankful for the work going on at Ellerslie. The environment is wonderfully focused on the Gospel and places the Word of God, Jesus Christ, in His rightful place of authority. With the Bible serving as the foundation, everything else is geared toward fostering a deeper intimacy with Jesus through prayer, study, teaching, and practical engagements with the local community. And a handful of exciting activities and surprises as well!"

MARSHALL B. | CANADA

"Ellerslie is a place to come if you are serious about pursuing Jesus Christ and desire to know Him more. Jesus can draw you closer to Himself anywhere, but Ellerslie has been a really helpful tool for me and a place where He has done that. The staff are humble and unpretentious, truly living what they teach."

KRISTIN Y. | TEXAS, USA

"My family spent four months at Ellerslie and absolutely loved our time in the Ellerslie community. We were all challenged to grow deeper in the Lord and to live lives totally sold out to Him. ... We would *highly* recommend anyone who is hungry for more of the Lord to attend a semester at Ellerslie."

DAVID B. | VIRGINIA, USA



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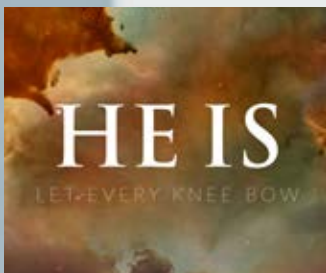




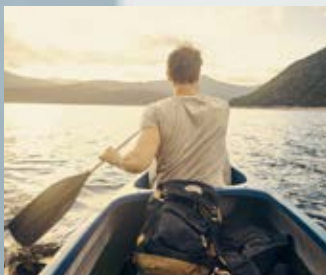
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WE ARE PASSIONATE
 ABOUT RETURNING TO
 HISTORICAL, BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY
 THAT IS FIRMLY PLANTED
 UPON THE WORD OF GOD AND
 FOCUSED UPON CHRIST JESUS.
 WE EXIST TO EQUIP BELIEVERS
 TO LIVE GODLY LIVES AMIDST
 THIS GODLESS AGE, AND IN
 SO DOING, TURN THE WORLD
 UPSIDE DOWN FOR
 JESUS CHRIST!

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THE 10TH ANNUAL
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Join Leslie Ludy for
this powerful event!



UNASHAMED

STANDING BOLDLY WITH JESUS

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF
GOD TO SALVATION FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.

Romans 1:16

JUNE 7-8, 2019

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VISIT SETAPARTGIRL.COM/CONFERENCE TO LEARN MORE!

In Summary:

We are a campus that exists for
the glory of God and the strengthening of believers.

On these beautiful grounds, lives are centered around
the Word of God, prayer, and the person of Jesus Christ.

We have a passion to refresh, strengthen, and equip hungry souls,
and then send them out with the Gospel power of Christ.

We're all about Jesus, and *Jesus in you!*

COME *and* VISIT

DAY | WEEK | SEMESTER | SEASON

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BE WATCHFUL,
AND STRENGTHEN THE
THINGS WHICH REMAIN,
THAT ARE READY TO DIE...

Revelation 3:2



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