

## EFBC/BSA SCOUTING PROGRAMS IN 2013

While we were certainly saddened by the recent membership changes voted on by the national council of the BSA, it is our intention to continue being the Chartered Organization for Pack 130 and Troop 37. Many of our leaders have years of service in the Scouting Program. This is their service/mission to youth. We have maintained a mutually beneficial relationship with Scouting members (adults and youth) for over 30 years.

We have always felt our missions, while not the same, do run hand in hand. Our Unit Leaders work with boys and young men to help them develop into responsible citizens who will contribute to their community and country. In the process, they are guided by Christian leaders and exposed to Biblical principles. This will continue. We have over one hundred boys and leaders registered in Scouting and who have faith in this program.

Protection of our Scouts and Leaders has always been our top priority. We are very careful of whom we allow to serve as leaders and committee members in our programs. The Committee Chairman, as well as the Chartered Organization Representative, approve all new adult applications. These individuals are members of EFBC. The church does a criminal background check on all leaders. All leaders are also required to take a "Youth Protection Course" from the BSA. All of our leaders are either parents of our scouts (past and present); Scouters which we have known and worked with for many years; or Troop 37 Eagle Scouts who are over 18 years old and wish to remain registered in Scouting.

The church is a place for sinners to come and repent of their sins. We are all sinners, trying to live Christ-like lives. We will continue with our mission to influence our Scouters to live in righteousness, walk with the LORD, and do their duty to God and to Country. We do not believe the new BSA membership policies will have any great impact on our Scouting programs here at EFBC.