INTENTIONAL What it Means to be Christian

READ IT

January 14, 2018

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

Why Read the Bible? The Bible is the only book that can bring lasting change to your life when you apply its teachings. The Bible is full of stories that describe the known emotions and reveal the truth about God, and most importantly, give us direction on how to live our lives. Reading the Bible can help you in ways you can never expect or dream of and will also make you a much better person. You really can't live as an effective Christian without the guidance of the truth of God's word.

The Bible Will Teach You The Real Meaning And Purpose Of Life – God has promised people eternal life, but what is the real meaning and purpose of living in the world today? The Bible teaches us that the real meaning and purpose of life is to dedicate our lives to God. Through many stories, the Bible emphasizes the meaning of having a good relationship with God. By having a special relationship with God, you can have a joyful life with a purpose.

The Bible Will Reveal Your Future – If you were looking for a way to find out your future, the Bible is the answer. The Bible can give you a clear direction of your future and teach you about what God has in store for you in eternity.

The Bible Will Give You Power – This amazingly powerful book gives you enough power to overcome all difficulties in life. Despite the difficulties we encounter and sins we commit, the Word of God will give you more power and the will to live and overcome the obstacles that try to trip you up.

When you read the Bible, God's Holy Spirit can **remind you** of specific messages or stories that relate to your personal concerns. When you read the Bible, God's Holy Spirit can **guide you to reflect on the choices people made in biblical times**, - both wise and unwise, when you are searching for direction, and making choices in your own life. When you read the Bible, God's Holy Spirit will fill you with God's peace, and help you put the problems of the world in the right perspective.

When you read the Bible, God's Holy Spirit will **convict you of sin**. You learn how to discern truth versus lies. You discover what's right and what's wrong. The pride you have in your own efforts diminishes, and you look to God. Your sin stands out, and you turn to Him. I pray that you will make the Bible a priority in your life starting today.

In His service,

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We are so glad you made it today!

- · Grab an info packet in the lobby and a Bible from the information desk
- · There is a mother-baby suite in the NE corner of the Worship Center
- · Babies and Preschoolers can join us in the preschool area
- 1st-6th Graders, your groups meet at 9:15-10:15AM and you'll be released to "Energize" from the 10:30 Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Offering Envelopes

Today is the last day to pick up your envelopes, they are available outside the Media Library in alphabetical order by last name.

Women's Ministry Kick Off Party: Sat 11 AM to 1 PM

Come help us kick off the New Year! All women and youth girls are invited. Bring your favorite brunch food and have a great time. Sign up using the connect card. Contact Stephanie Whitley (321-872-4034) or Linda Hayes (321-243-9015) with any questions. Last day to sign up: Wed, Jan 17.

Movie Night - War Room: Jan 21 at 6 PM

Invite your friends and come enjoy the movie *War Room*. Find out how prayer can be a vital part of your life. Child Care is available for babies and toddlers by RSVP only. RSVP to the church office or Pastor Matt (321-254-2339 or mjackson@egfirst.org). It is a movie you do not want to miss!



The Qualities of Faith: Unlocking the Puzzle of Christian Character: Tuesdays at 9:15 AM (RM 201)

It is not too late! Come join us in studying nine qualities of the Christian character or what Paul called the "fruit of the spirit": Please join the Women Warriors Bible Study for this exciting and insightful study.

OUR MISSION: LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SHARE JESUS, REACH THE WORLD

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

Sunday, January 14:

Prayer First: 8:30 AM - Room 104 and Conference Room

Library Open: 8:45 - 9:15 AM 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Revolution United Bible Study: 9:15 AM

Revolution Worship: 6 PM (doors open at 5 PM)

Tuesday, January 16:

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (Rm 202)

Women Warriors Bible Study: 9:15 AM (Rm 201)

Library Open: 9:30 AM

Wednesday, January 17:

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room)

Dinner Served: 5 PM Library Open: 5:45 PM

Quarterly Church Conference: 6 PM (Worship Center)

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 20:

Praise Orchestra Rehearsal: 10 AM (Worship Center)

2018 Women's Ministry Kickoff Party: 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/21: David Horde

01/22: Pat Offner, Aaron Liebold

01/23: Steve Ward, Marci Norman, Ashley Basinger

01/24: Jack Stabler, Suk Jaszkowiak, Jamie Johnson, Karen Harshaw

01/25: Catherine Edwards, Barbara Hoffmann, Tonya Calie,

Angelique Jones, Melissa Albanese

01/26: Donna Lamb, Diane Merlino

01/27: Judith Hurst

THANK YOU

Nancy Hunt and family would like to thank you for the many ways in which you honored our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Joseph F. Hunt. The cards, calls, food, and monetary gifts to the Seafarers and church ministries were overwhelming. Joe would have been humbled by such an outpouring of your love!

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence

In Memory of Paul Freeburger by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Salas

To the Food Pantry

In Memory of Phyllis Sharrer from Mr. and Mrs. Jess Salas In Honor of Jack Vernezze's Birthday by Judy Hurst and Lynne

Tips for Successful Scripture Memorization

- 1. Know you can!! If you can recite a song, phone number, or even a cell number or email address ... you can memorize Scripture.
- 2. Start by reading the passage the verse is located in, to gain understanding of the verse you are memorizing.
- 3. Write the verse(s) out, by hand, on an index card or note pad.
- 4. Post the hand written verse where you will see it often.
- 5. Read the verse out loud before each meal, tv session, or other routine activity. Have fun with it! Change your tone, volume, and other vocal qualitites. If you have children, check out Seeds Family Worship on Youtube to help with Scripture memorization.
- 6. Memorize the first word, then add the next word or phrase and memorize it along with the previous memorized piece. Repeat, in this fashion, until you have the verse(s) memorized.
- 7. Memorize with your family, a friend, or small group. Challenge and encourage each other!

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Facts and Figures January 7, 2018

Weekend Worship Attendance 517

Weekly	/ Budget Needed	18,301.31

Budget Offering Designated CTB Debt Retirement	39,167.81 7,754.80 330.00
Lottie Moon	5,056.00

Total Offering 52,308.61

To Date Figures

Budget Goal	18.301.31
Received	39,167.81
CTB Gifts	2,529,121.50
CTB Year	330.00
Lottie Moon	21,478.00

Wednesday Night Dinner January 17, 2018

Suggested Donation \$5 Adult...\$3 Child...\$15 family

Publix Fried Chicken, Corn on the Cob, BBQ Baked Beans, Banana Pudding

Entree Salad:

Steak Salad

No Reservations Needed

Deacons on Call Jan 14 - Jan 20

Ray Kotowski	693-0942
Ed Davis	266-3966
Roger Wiseman	626-7322

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE



Ephesians 4:31-32 (ESV) "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

9:15 am Sunday Traditional Worship

Choral Praise: I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy

Fellowship Time: Bind Us Together, Lord

Message in Song: The Love of God - Mark Kelley

Worship Songs Today:

Wonderful Words of Life I Know Whom I Have Believed God is Good all the Time You are My All in All Step by Step 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus Thy Word

10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Worship Songs Today:

Alive in You Holy Ground Let Your Spirit Fall One Thing Your Love Changes Everything Beautiful Things

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



This week's Volunteer of the Week is none other than Tom Watkins III (Tommy). He has been a greeter at our church for *many* years. He happily and humbly welcomes many people each week to EG First. He also helps clear the stage between services. We are so thankful to have Tommy serve on our welcome team with distinct dedication. If you see him this week please take the

time to thank him for his dedicated service.

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