

Dear Church family,

Luke 22:3-6 (NIV) "Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present."

As we approach Easter our thoughts often center round the events that led up to the crucifixion of Jesus. Judas, one of the twelve, did the unthinkable. He betrayed the Lord for a price of thirty pieces of silver. It is hard to imagine that a man that had spent three years in the presence of the Lord could do such a terrible thing. After all, he had been present at the feeding of the 5,000, the healing of many sick, the restoration of sight to the blind, and many other supernatural events. He had watched the gentle character of our Lord as He responded to the threats of the Pharisees and other enemies.

Each of us is guilty of betraying Christ, too. Notice that the scripture states that Satan entered into heart and mind of Judas. Just as Judas performed this act of betrayal, we betray Him in more subtle ways.

Have you ever given into the leading of worldly temptations? Have vou made a choice to put the schedule of the world above the Lord and His work? Do you seek your own agenda while ignoring the leadership of the Lord in your life? Have you failed in following the commands of Christ to live lives that are holy and pure, and to be a witness to the people that you encounter? We have something in common with Judas. Let's not be too hard on Judas before we take the time to recognize the failure in our own lives to really make Jesus Lord of every area. The Church today is sadly lacking of people who are sold out for the cause of Christ. We want to experience the harvest without the labor, joy without the sacrifice. and blessings without any commitment. Most pastors and church leaders today have learned to be content with getting the dregs of the lives of believers because of the fear that if they demanded more, they would get even less, and be criticized for calling people to accountability.

How many times have we handed Jesus over to the enemy when no one was watching? Jesus deserves our best, and our all. Remember he bore the cross and the shame of our sins, so that we could be delivered. Have you betrayed the Savior? It's not too late to make him Lord of all.

In His Love,

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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

We are excited to announce that great things are happening in our Church Compassion Ministries. In a few weeks Families on Mission will be relaunching our clothing ministry with a renewed purpose and vision. We want to share the love of Jesus with everyone who comes through our door! We are currently transforming our clothing ministry into a boutique where each person who comes in is treated with dignity. We are seeking loving, compassionate people to work with us in this ministry. If you would like to help we have 1 and 2 hour shifts available. Please contact Melissa Harpold for more information at 321-403-0970.



Good Friday, March 30 @ 7 PM Worship Center



Saturday, April 21 @ 10 AM will be our Second Annual Car and Crafts show! We will have cars on the outside and the Worship Center will be filled with craft

vendors, and best of all there will be free food! If you would like to enter a car or be a craft vendor please contact the church of fice or email plamb@egfirst.org.

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

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

#### Sunday, March 25: Prayer First: 8:30 AM - Rm 104 and Conference Rm Library Open: 8:45 - 9:15 AM and 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Revolution United Bible Study: 9:15 AM Revolution Worship: 6 PM (Off Campus) Tuesday, March 26: Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (Rm 202) Women Warriors Bible Study: 9:15 AM (201) Library Open: 9:30 AM Wednesday, March 27: Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Rm) Dinner Served: 5 PM Library Open: 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM Friday, March 30: Good Friday Community Night of Worship: 7 PM Saturday, March 31 Praise Orchestra: 5 PM Praise Band: 6 PM Easter Sunday, April 1 Worship: 9 AM and 11 AM **No Sunday School**



Ecuador Mission Trip

June 1-9, 2018 5 spots still remaining \$600

All ages 9th grade and above are welcome. Middle schoolers welcome with a parent. Passports need to be worked on ASAP. See Pastor Matt or email mjackson@egfirst.org with questions.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/01: Peggy Crisp, Bob Harris, Lenora Kippeny, Azadeh Aftahi 04/02: Fren Matthews, Taylor Newton 04/03: Lillian McCue, Damon Hanchey, David Nygard 04/04: Vance Duke, Betty Darnell 04/05: Mary Ann Deem, Pam Johnson, David Staples 04/06: Mark Harpold

04/07: Darrell Roberts

## IN MEMORY OR HONOR

#### To the Library

In Memory of Jay Johnson by the BYKOTA Class a book was donated.

#### In Memory

The flowers have been placed in the lobby today in memory of Gloria Reams by her children.

### **FAITHPATH AND BIRTHDAYS!**

Hey kids, youth, and parents! Come visit the HomePointe center to receive a birthday gift (for the kids and youth) and a Faith Path kit (for parents). We are located in the front lobby of the church. Faith Path kits are also available on the church website @ www.egfirst.org.



# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE



### 9:15 am Sunday Traditional Worship

Choral Praise: Hosanna, Hosanna! Fellowship Time: In the Presence of the Lord Worship Songs Today: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus 'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross We are One in the Bond of Love

### 10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Worship Songs Today: Alive in You Overwhelmed Resurrecting

Your Grace Amazes Me My Victory The Lion and the Lamb

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



The youth boys have done a great Job for the last couple of years tearing down the tables and chairs after Wednesday night supper. We are so thankful that they have had blessed us with their time and energy. Please thank a youth boy this week for helping support us and our maintenance team.

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