

# Gentleness

Mark Harpold, Associate Pastor May 27, 2018

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Tomorrow our Nation celebrates the Holiday of Memorial Day. Since a lot of people really don't know the history of why we celebrate this day, I thought I would share with you some information. This U.S. federal holiday is celebrated on the last Monday of May to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the military. No less than 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, and states observed the holiday on different dates. In 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress.

The custom of honoring ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics. After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers' graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on Memorial Day (not Veterans Day). The origin of the red poppy as a modern-day symbol of this day was actually the idea of an American woman, Miss Moina Michael. In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy (papaver rhoeas) was one of the first plants to grow. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground is disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting during World War 1.

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL who served—in wartime or peacetime—and whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. As a church we need to be grateful for the many men and women who have given their lives so that we can continue to worship freely and live in a country that is still known to be one of the greatest countries in the world. Thank You for your sacrifice! Don't forget to invite your friends, work associates, family, and neighbors to attend one of our Freedom Celebrations on June 30 and July 1.

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**

Adult Fellowship Day Trip: Thursday, May 31 - 9 AM Departure (Please note date change) Bok Tower Gardens and Mansion, Admission \$12 plus lunch. Sign Up using the Connect Card as we have opened up a second vehicle for those wanting to go.

Ecuador Missions Offering Our students leave for Ecuador this Friday and return June 9! There are 2 things we are asking of our church family. First, pray! Pray for those going and for those receiving the Gospel in Ecuador. Second, missions takes money and the team is needing money. These gifts will be used to fund the projects and ministries they will be a part of while in Ecuador and to support the children in the Village of Machacuyaku. Our goal is \$5,000 by today. Designate any gift "Ecuador". Thank you!! The mission team includes: Matt and Christy Jackson, Mark Harpold, Sophia Harpold, Michael Allen, TJ Zammas, Pilar Barrera, Kayli Jo Hill, Noah Jackson, Hannah Jackson, and Sydney Conley.

Freedom Celebration: June 30 & July 1 We are currently seeking choral participants for all interested persons who like to sing! No membership or music ministry participation required. Optional bonus rehearsals, voice part CD's, and music provided. Men are especially needed. Sign up on your Connect Card or contact Pastor Tim at 321-505-4341.



## Summer Fishing Camp: July 9 - 13: Daily 9 AM - 3PM

Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to this week long fish camp. Each day we will be learning how to fish as well as putting it into practice. If you would like to sign up please email plamb@egfirst.org or call the office at (321) 254-2339.

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# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

#### Sunday, May 27:

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 United: Ecaudor Craft Prep: 6 PM

Tuesday, May 29:

Library Open: 9:30 AM

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 7PM (Choir Rm)

Wednesday, May 30:

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

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

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

There will be no Kids Activities tonight.

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 31:

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

Friday, June 1:

**Ecuador Mission Trip Begins** 

Salt SS Class Meeting: 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, June 2:

Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 10 AM (Choir Rm)

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

06/03: Linda Carter

06/04: Debbie Harden, Mitch Jinright, Alexis Giles

06/05: Philip McCutcheon, Leslie Hoeft, Katie Spillman,

Joshua Hoffman 06/06: Blake Harpold

06/07: Sue McLellan, Diane Listy, Katherine Atkinson,

Nate James, TJ Calie

06/08: Nole Tracy

06/09: Martin Lamb, Casey Click

**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.

# IN MEMORY OR HONOR

#### To Benevolence:

In Memory of Joe Bolyn by Mr. and Mrs. EJ Kumer In Memory of Irene Meeks by Mr. and Mrs. EJ Kumer

#### To Ecuador Mission Trip:

In Memory of Irene Meeks by Bobbie Cantrell

#### To the Florida Baptist Children's Home:

In Memory of our Mothers, Lillian Ceravolo and Ann Kumer by Mr. and Mrs. EJ Kumer

#### To the Food Pantry:

In Memory of Hank Fleck by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fannin

# **SYMPATHY**

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Millie and Fred Ward and family in the passing of her mother.

# Facts and Figures May 20, 2018

#### Weekend Worship Attendance 418

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering	18,550.66
Designated	4,413.10
CTB Debt Retirement	315.00
Mother's Day Offering	236.00

Total Offering 23,514.76

# Wednesday Night Dinner May 30, 2018

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

Chicken Sandwich, Mac and Cheese, Italian Green Beans, Fruit Cup

#### **Entree Salad:**

Italian Salad

No Reservations Needed

## To Date Figures

Budget Goal 366,026.20 Received 425,775.30

CTB Gift 2,536,822.16 CTB Year 8,030.66

Mother's Day Offering 2,744.60

Deacons on Call May 27 - June 2

6,822.16 Craig Helping 693-3040 8,030.66 Jim Offner 537-2147 2,744.60 Joe Mazzella (347)538-3030

# **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

# 9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Choral Praise: "Reach Out to Jesus" Fellowship Song: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Message in Song: Mark Kelley

Worship Songs Today:

Take My Life and Let it Be 'Tis so Sweet

God is Good Greater is He Spirit of the Living God

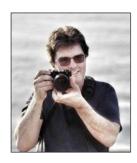
I Surrender All Living for Jesus

#### 10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

### **Worship Songs Today:**

Let Your Spirit Fall Rescuer Peace Be Still O Come to the Altar Holy Spirit

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mark Morgan is our Volunteer of the Week. He has been playing in the worship band here at EGFirst for many years. In these years he has put countless hours of his personal time into improving on and preparing for the Sunday Service. Beyond that he also has tirelessly served on our VBS team creating and producing all of the videos our church uses as well as taking class photos. We are so grateful God has provided a man of God with his talents to our church.

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