

# ALIVE AGAIN! Ezekiel 37:1-10

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor July 8, 2018

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

Haggai 1:1-12 (NIV) ... the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabe..., the high priest: This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built." Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD."You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of vour hands."

Many people wonder why their lives are so void of blessings. The prophet Haggai describes how the people of God had spent much time and effort in building their homes and taking care of their own needs while the place of worship remained in ruins. They had not necessarily forgotten God, instead they were too busy with lining their own houses with beautiful paneling and growing their crops in order to become wealthy that they told God by their actions that he was second best. Being treated as second best will not be tolerated by the Lord.

Years ago I had the opportunity to do some consulting work with some of our churches in the state of Florida. What I discovered was many church buildings were in disrepair and are furnished with worn out equipment while the homes of the people who attend these churches are in model condition. Even though the New Testament church is not to be defined by its facilities, the state of the facilities often reflects the heart of the people. The worship of God must consume the best of our time, talents, and energy. Haggai describes a people that were void of blessings and prosperity. They were never full and satisfied. In our quest for material things, often we want the newest model or design, and are never happy. Investing our lives in the work of the Lord and in ministry to others will pay tremendous spiritual blessings. Wouldn't it be great if God's people would spend a Saturday afternoon making visits to widows, and telling the Good News to their neighbors instead of making the trip to Home Depot for the newest product to install in their homes? Maybe Jesus had Haggai's prophecy in mind when he spoke of laying up treasures in heaven. Blessings have a direct relationship with the priority we give to the Lord. In His Love, Paston Raiph

# 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



#### LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! 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. \$85 includes tackle. If you would like to sign up please email Patrick at plamb@egfirst.org or call the office at (321) 254-2339.

## The Information Desk Needs You:

Qualifications Needed: be able to: smile, be friendly, give information, and take people to classes. Sign up using the Connect Card.



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

# **UPCOMING AT EG FIRST!!**

## Sunday, July 8:

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

### Tuesday, July 10:

Library Open: 9:30 AM Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200) Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

## Wednesday, July 11:

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room) Basic Computer Skills Class: 4:15 PM (Fellowship Hall) Dinner Served: 5 PM

Library Open: 5:45 PM

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

Adult Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, & egKids, There will be no Youth.

## Thursday, July 12:

Threads of Love: 9 AM (Fellowship Hall) Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200) Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

### Friday, July 13:

Basic Class Meeting: 5:30 PM (400 A, B, C) Domino Fellowship: 6 PM (Youth Zone)

## Wednesday, July 18:

There will be Dinner, Church Conference, Adult Bible Study, Youth Groups, egKids and Prayer Meeting

## Sunday, July 22:

Combined Worship Service at 10:30 AM We will be having the Lord's Supper and there will be no Sunday School.

## Wednesday, July 25:

No Regular Scheduled Programs due to Vacation Bible School

## **Student Ministry Leaders Wanted**

Have you ever thought about serving in the student ministry? Whether you are a parent, single, a college student, or just someone who has a passion for reaching teens for Christ, perhaps this is the ministry you are called to. From Bible study and small group leaders, to breakout facilitators, special event help and hosts; we need you! Student ministry shapes the future of the church while giving many students a call to future and present ministry. Come join the Revolution United. Note on your connect card that you are interested, email Pastor Matt (mjackson@egfirst.org) or call the church office (321-254-2339 x 15). \*background check and application required (its really not as bad as it sounds!)

# **IN MEMORY OR HONOR**

### To Benevolence:

In Memory of Irene Meeks by Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Fowler

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 07/15: Sandy Pratt
- 07/16: Charles White, Millie Ward, Sabrina Gould
- 07/17: Cyndi Bernhard
- 07/18: Darrell Faulkner, Stephanie Whitley, Ken Price, Tiye Clarke
- 07/19: Jim Gilbert, Mary Kotowski
- 07/20: Jan Stevenson, Jean Stokes
- 07/21: Charlotte White, Vicki Stephens

**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

# SYMPATHY

We extend of Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Beahan in her passing on July 2nd.

Facts and Figures July 1, 2018		Wednesday Night Dinner July 11, 2018	
Weekend Worship Attendance 1,163		Suggested Donation \$5 Adult\$3 Child\$15 family Publix Fried Chickon, Mac and	
Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31		Publix Fried Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Vegetable Blend, Roll, Banana Cream Pie	
Budget Offering Designated CTB Debt Retiremen	20,770.30 3,364.75 at 423.00	Entree Salad: Fried Chicken	
Total Offering	24,558.05	No Reservations Needed	
To Date Figures Budget Goal 475,834.06		Deacons on Call July 8 - July 14	
Budget Goal Received CTB Gift CTB Year	527,264.43 2,538,907.16 10,115.66	Martin Lamb Jim McCalla Richard Hayes	541-7310 431-4470 243-3939

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:6

Message Today:

Amped: Alive Again! Ezekiel 37:1-10 Pastor Ralph Nygard

## 9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Choral Praise: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"Fellowship Song: "Surely the Presence"Message in Song: "Lead Me to the Cross" - Praise BrandWorship Songs Today:He Keeps Me SingingTrust and ObeyThis is the DayGreater is He

# 10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

Worship Songs Today: Nothing is Impossible Glorious Day Let Your Spirit Fall

Miracles He is Jesus Do What You Want To

# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



Our Volunteer of the Week is Steven Pace. He has worked in the kitchen as a part of our Wednesday Night Supper group for a while. We are so thankful for his efforts in making Wednesday Night Supper possible and greatly appreciate him. If you would like to get

involved in our kitchen team please let us know by writing it on your connect card.

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