



AMPED

LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor
July 22, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

In the last couple of weeks I have been sharing with you what it means to live and AMPED life. I borrowed this theme for from our VBS focus. Living an Amped life means that we are living excitingly, enthusiastically, and expectantly for Jesus Christ. In Ezekiel 37, the prophet calls a valley of dry bones back to life, and as we learned last week, the prophet Joel speaks for the voice of God and tells the people of Judah that they would again dream dreams, and see visions.

I believe it is so easy to get discouraged to the point that we stop dreaming and believing that God still has His best waiting for us to experience. One of the most difficult periods in our lives is the period of waiting. Jesus made his followers wait until they received power from on high. That's a promise for us, not just them. You will receive supernatural power for the task ahead if you don't rush God's timing.

I'm convinced that much of the dream-centered life is simply saying, "Okay, God, it doesn't make sense to me. All of culture is going the other direction. But I'm going to do exactly what you say." That posture of patience and obedience is much more powerful than our own efforts.

One of the great challenges in my life is to avoid the temptation of paying too much attention to what looks good and impressive on the outside and not enough attention to what is hidden on the inside. For example, as a pastor, when I share a message, I want that message to change lives, to powerfully influence people in positive directions, and to inspire and edify my listeners. But the truth is, I can see only a small percentage of the results the message produces. People may thank me afterward, but I cannot see what has happened on the inside. They could forget everything I said by the time they get home.

I have to tell myself that outward displays of appreciation can be deceptive and addictive. I have to trust that by being faithful in study, preparation, and listening to God the message will do its work in ways God has in mind for people's lives. I may never see the results, but I press onward, believing in what I cannot see. In the same way, your dream is developing even when you can't see it.

If you want to live an AMPED life, you have to refuse to quit. How you behave during delays will determine your ultimate outcome. God works on us during the delay, and one thing he's putting into us is persistence, determination, and endurance. It is maturing under the surface. Don't give up on your dream, and allow God to revive you again and give you a new vision for the future.

In His Love, *Pastor Ralph*

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.

Ministry Opportunities

Would You Like to be Greeter?

We need First and Second Service coverage. If interested please call: Mary Lou Lindsey at 321-243-8535

The Information Desk Needs You:

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

Back to School Bash

We are collecting school supplies (any type) to fill backpacks for families in need in our community. Please bring your donations and place them in the bins provided or drop them at the church office during the week. All supplies must be in no later than August 5.



OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SHARE JESUS, REACH THE WORLD

UPCOMING AT EG FIRST!!

Sunday, July 22:

Library Open: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Combined Worship Service at 10:30 AM

We will be having the Lord's Supper and there will be no Sunday School.

Monday, July 23:

VBS: 6 PM

Tuesday, July 24:

Library Open: 9:30 AM

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

VBS: 6 PM

Wednesday, July 25:

No Regular Scheduled Programs due to Vacation Bible School

VBS: 6 PM

Thursday, July 26:

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

VBS: 6 PM

Friday, July 27:

VBS Family Night: 6 PM

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. 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!)

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Sonia Greene in the loss of her brother.

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence:

In Memory of Jeanie Beahan by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kotowski

To the Preschool Ministry:

In Memory of Jeanie Beahan by Dorman Fowler, and an anonymous donor

To Food Pantry

Donation from the PIC Class

To Threads of Love

Donation from the PIC Class

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

07/29: Barbara Reese, Jennifer Hoffman

07/30: Violet Harrell

07/31: Jackie Huff, Timmy D"Angiolillo, Castor Pulliam

08/01: Sue Rawles, Andrew Picklesimer

08/03: Theresa Simpson

08/04: Meagan Lang

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

Facts and Figures July 15, 2018

Wednesday Night Dinner July 25, 2018

Weekend Worship Attendance
412

No Regular Scheduled

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Activities

Budget Offering 17,968.00

Designated 6,630.55

CTB Debt Retirement 125.00

Due to VBS

Total Offering 24,723.55

To Date Figures

Budget Goal 512,436.68

Received 560,787.53

CTB Gift 2,539,194.16

CTB Year 10,402.66

Deacons on Call July 15 - July 21

Craig Helpling 693-3040

Jim Offner 537-2147

Joe Mazzella (347)538-3030

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WORSHIP SERVICE MUSIC

10:30 AM Combined Worship

Worship Songs Today:

I Saw the Light

I'll Fly Away

How Great Thou Art

How Great is Our God

God With Us

Lead Me to the Cross

Love Come Down

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



The Volunteers of the Week are the VBS Set Up Team (approximately 35 - 40 people). They have done an amazing job the past few weeks getting ready for our VBS this year. Please walk around the church and check out all that they have done and let them know how much their work and love for children means to us.



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