

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor January 6, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

1 Peter 1:23-25 (NIV) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NIV) Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

It is interesting how parents of little children try to get them to eat certain foods. They often will eat a bite themselves and say, "See, Mommy likes it, now won't you have some?" The only problem is that for those who tried baby food as adults know that its taste hardly resembles what it says on the jar. Likewise, once a believer really knows the joy of living for Jesus, he will not want to go back to living a life that is absent of the Lord's guidance and direction.

Our spiritual rebirth comes from the promises of the enduring Word of God. The ways of the world only satisfy our human desires for a short time and the glory of the world begins to grow dim. It becomes imperative that every believer learns that they must desire the guidance, strength and direction that comes from the study of the Bible. The study of the Word of God is the only way a Christian can follow the commands of the Lord. The ability to get rid of the sins of hatred and deceit, as well as hypocrisy, envy, and slander can only come from the application of God's Word. I have observed that many Christians fail to open their Bible throughout the week, and even rarely remember to bring their Bible to Worship and Bible Study on Sundays. When we have truly tasted what it means to develop a close relationship with Jesus Christ, we will never want to turn back to the ways of the world. The world is no substitute for marvelous love of our Loving Savior. Let me challenge you to develop a strong habit of spending time in the reading and study of God's Word each day as you begin the New Year.

In Christ's 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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Last Day to Pick Up Your 2019 Offering Envelopes
They can be picked up now at the tables outside the Media
Center/Library. Boxes are arranged in alphabetical order by last
name. Please note, if your current envelop number is greater than
250, you have been assigned a new number.

Traditional Service Praise Choir has Openings

January begins a new calendar year and a new season for the Traditional Service Praise Choir. The choir is open to all interested persons who have the ability and desire to sing for the Lord. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30-8:30 PM in the choral rehearsal room. Contact Pastor Tim for further information.

Melbourne Gospel Jubilee Presents The Triuphant Quartet This Saturday, January 12 @ 7 PM in the Worship Center All tickets are \$10. Tickets on sale through the office and www.MELBOURNEGOSPELJUBILEE.COM.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are now available to anyone who might want one. See any usher to get yours.

Adult Fellowship Potluck Luncheon:

This Tuesday, January 8 @ Noon

Everyone is welcome. No reservations required, Bring a covered dish to compliment fried chicken. Our special guest is local musician Angelia Bell.

Adult Fellowship Day Trip:

Thursday, January 31: Departure @ 9 AM

The Orlando Science Center. 3D movies and a planetarium show with 4 floors of exhibits. The cost is \$19 admission plus lunch in Orlando. Sign up on your Connect Card. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

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

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

Sunday, January 6:

Pastor's Prayer Team: 8:30 AM (104) Open to All

Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Room)

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

United Discipleship: 9:15 AM

Tuesday, January 8:

Women Warriors bible Study: 9:15 AM (104)

Ironmen Bible Study: 9:15 AM (301)

"Seven Letters to Seven Churches"

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon Adult Fellowship Luncheon: Noon (Worship Center) Phebean Class Meeting: 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Deacons Meeting: 7 PM

Wednesday, January 9:

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

Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center) Library Open: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

- * Adult Bible Study
- * Prayer Meeting
- * EGKids (Room 304)
- * Youth (Youth Zone)
- * Marriage Life Group (Room 400B)
- * Hooking on Hump Day [Crocheting]: (Room 104)
- * Seekers of the Word (Conference Room)

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

Thursday, January 10:

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon

Friday, January 11:

Basic Bible Fellowship Class Meeting: 5:30 PM (400 ABC)

Saturday, January 12:

Melbourne Gospel Jubilee: 7 PM (Worship Center)

PRAISE!



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions has received **\$20,563.91** to date. The offering will remain open to the end of January.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/09: Richard Kiser, Ron McLellan, Tim Long

01/10: Tammy Collard

01/11: Lorraine Phifer, Sarah Nutter, Michael Spillman,

T.J. Zammas

01/12: Chickie Harris, Norma Mantz, Cindy Manguira,

Jonathan Murphy

01/13: Christy Jackson, Marissa Cruz 01/14: Walter Mora, Krissy Frontz

01/15: LeeAnn Brown 01/16: Jack Vernezze 01/17: Audrey Surette 01/18: Sue Carden

01/19: Douglas Park, Wanda Mauldin

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence:

In Honor of our Pastors by Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Kumer

To Lottie Moon

In Memory of Billy Goodnough by Brenda White

THANK YOU

Your faithfulness is a tremendous encouragement to me and this ministry. Please pray for a season of harvest. Thank you-Mark Wodka, Director, Canaveral Port Ministry.

Facts and Figures December 30, 2018

Weekend Worship Attendance 367

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering 17,293.00
Designated 3,448.00
CTB Debt Retirement 470.00
Lottie Moon 3,155.00

Total Offering 24,366.00

To Date Figures

 Budget Goal
 951,668.12

 Received
 985,354.50

 CTB Year
 2,623,341.16

 Lottie Moon
 20,563.91

Fellowship Supper Wednesday, January 9

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

Soup and Salad Bar Vegetable Beef and Broccoli Cheddar

Assorted Bread and Cheesecake Parfait

No Reservations Needed

Deacons on Call Jan 6 - Jan 12

Craig Helpling 693-3040 Jim Offner 537-2147 Joe Mazzella (347)538-3030

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir Choral Praise Song: "Heavenly Sonlight" Fellowship Song: "Surely the Presence" Message in Song: Fernando Vargas

Worship Songs Today: Another Year is Dawning He Keeps Me Singing Bless that Wonderful Name

Shout to the Lord

Precious Lord

Have Thine Own Way Footsteps of Jesus

10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

Do What You Want To Your Love Changes Everything Reckless Love Beautiful Things
O Come to the Altar
Fierce

GUEST WIFI PASSWORD

For your convenience, our guest password is: 87654321 While you are enjoying WIFI, check out the church website at: egfirst.org You will find digital copies of the bulletin, calendar of events, and you will be able to listen to and watch past sermons.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



The Ministry Spotlight of the week is the Contemporary Band that has been serving the second hour Worship Service for many years. One of the long standing members of the band is Brad Beckmann. Brad has been playing bass for nearly 10 years and recently began to lead a few songs on vocals. We are bit only thankful for the effort he puts in but what the entire team does.

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