One Life Philippians 3:7-14 N T E N T O N A L

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor January 27, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

Have you ever considered that simply inviting someone to church could be all it takes for Jesus to take hold of them and change their life? All you have to do is ask them to come! It seems too simple, doesn't it?

Consider this quote from Dr. Thomas Rainer in <u>Ten Surprises About the Unchurched</u>: "Ninety-six percent of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if they are invited. Perhaps we need to pause on this response. Perhaps we need to restate it. More than nine out of 10 of the unchurched said they would come to church if they were invited."

Yet, for various reasons, we often hesitate to invite others to come to a church service. We allow fear of awkward conversations or rejection to stop us from inviting those close to us, as well as strangers, to a place where they can hear the good news and meet Jesus.

The Apostle Paul said: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Romans 1:16

We are concluding the message series today on Intentional. My question for you is "What if you intentionally invited 5 people to attend our church this month?" It's really not that hard, and you will find that most people will be open to your invitation. It is only because we often allow the devil to create in us the spirit of fear that we don't take the initiative to invite people to church.

I can tell you that if you invite someone to attend the church, and whether or not they attend, you will still feel blessed by God. I can tell you by experience that this is absolutely true.

This morning we are providing for you a packet of 5 invite cards to share with people this month. On the front of the card is our church info, and on the back of the card is a website address:

Godworthloving.com This website answers several questions

people have about God and religion, so even if they aren't interested in attending church at this time, they might be interested in reading the information on the site and read about God's plan of salvation.

Let me encourage you to try inviting someone. Pray that God will give you the opportunity and the boldness to say: "Do you attend church anywhere?" and if they say no, share the card with them and invite them to attend one of our Sunday services. If they are not interested at the moment, just encourage them to look at the website on the back of the card. God can do something great if you will give it a try.

Blessings, 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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Church Membership Seminar:

Sunday, February 10: 4 - 7 PM

This course is offered so people can learn about the history, core values, and beliefs of this church. This course will give those who attend an opportunity to join the membership of EGFirst Baptist. A dinner will be provided. Please sign up using the Connect Card.

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. No prepayment required.

SuperBowl SUBday

Today you can pre-order subs and sub combos for SuperBowl Sunday which will be served out of the kitchen on Sunday, February 3 right after church services. You can pick up and take home or even stick around and fellowship while you eat. See bulletin insert for more information.

Youth SuperBowl Party: Sunday, February 3 @ 6:30 PM Pizza, wings, games, and of course the BIG game on the BIG screen! Invite your friends. Bring a 2 liter bottle of any drink to get in!



Visit for FREE resources for marriage, parenting, life seasons and other great resources!

www.egfirst.org/ministries/homepointefamilyministry

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

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

Sunday, January 27:

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

Youth United Discipleship: 9:15 AM

Tuesday, January 29:

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

Ironmen Bible Study: 9:15 AM (301)

"Seven Letters to Seven Churches"

Library: 9:30 AM - Noon

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon

Wednesday, January 30:

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

Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center) Library Open: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM Quarterly Church Conference: 6 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

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Threads of Love: 9 AM (400) Boutique: 10 AM (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon

HomePointe - Drive Faith Home (New App)

Follow these simple steps to get started:

Step 1: To download the app go to:

http://gloo.app.link/dfh5040317

(This will automatically direct you to the Apple App or Google Play Store. The app icon will show "gloo", which is the mobile platform used for the Drive Home Faith app).

- **Step 2:** Open the "gloo" app and select **Sign Up** to create a user account.
- Step 3: Select Yes to be notified about important activity in the app.
- **Step 4:** Select **Allow** to receive notifications
- **Step 5:** Select **Start Program** at the bottom of the page to work through this initial overview program. The app will then recommend next steps based on your answers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

02/03: James Williams, Ron Rummel, Cindy-Lou Downs,

Melissa Weber, Anne Hutchinson

02/04: Jo Riccardo, Maudie Davis, Richard Korte, Linda Hayes, Jamie Agati

02/05: James Offner

02/06: Delilah Adkins, Ray Brown, Kasi Nelson 02/07: Loretta Kish, Marty Monteith, Jamison Rish

02/08: Imogene Smith, Sue Lee, Bill Faulkenberry, Janet Dabney,

Kurt White

02/09: Frank Knowles

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence:

In Honor of Pastor Tim and the Music Ministry by Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Kumer

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Craig and Sharon Helpling and family in the death of their daughter-in-law, Sandra.

Facts and Figures January 27, 2019

Weekend Worship Attendance 500

Weekly Budget Needed 18,629.15

Budget Offering	14,830.45
Designated	3,659.10
CTB Debt Retirement	140.00
Lottie Moon	162.00

Total Offering 18,791.55

To Date Figures

Budget Goal	55,887.45
Received	59,476.82
CTB Year	525.00
Lottie Moon	21,432.91

Fellowship Supper Wednesday, January 30

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

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Roll, Coconut Cake

Greek Salad

No Reservations Needed

Deacons on Call Jan 20 - Jan 26

Bill Franklin	266-3396
Aaron Liebold	863-414-1294
Andy Miller	288-0844

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

9:15 AM Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Choral Praise Song: "Stonger"

Fellowship Song: "Bind Us Together, Lord" **Message in Song:** Adam and Kami Lucker

Worship Songs Today:

Onward Christian Soldiers
Standing on the Promises

When the Saints Go Marching In

Heavenly Sonlight

Step by Step

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Higher Ground

Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.

10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

The Lion and the Lamb Glorious Day Holy Ground Let Your Spirit Fall

First

Love Changes Everything

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



For the Ministry Spotlight of the Week we would like to recognize the Chair Team in all that they do for our church. Every week they sacrifice their time to provide a conducive environment for our Sunday Worship. We especially want to thank Tracie Collins for her dedication to this team! We are so thankful for her sacrifice.

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