

FREE FROM THE PAST

Romans 5:12-21

April 14, 2019 Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

Today, as we think about Palm Sunday, it always amazes me that Jesus was celebrated by the masses as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, but less than a week later probably many of the same crowd were shouting "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" Christianity has always been a faith that demands a sacrifice. Jesus understood that His sacrifice on the cross was necessary to pay the price (atone) for the sins of mankind. Without the shedding of blood there would be no remission of sins. But the question I ask myself and the church today - "how willing are we to commit our lives to truly following the Savior that it would cause us to endure any suffering for his sake?"

Christians across the world are suffering, being imprisoned, and even dying for their faith, but here in America, we have become complacent about our relationship with Jesus. We have accepted the fact that the average Church member attends church about one to two times a month. Many that call themselves believers will not serve, give of their resources, nor are they willing to be held accountable for their actions and lifestyle. We live in a world that has a consumer minded mentality that has been adopted into the church. At the same time, many will not make a stand for biblical beliefs, and allow the lifestyles and sins of the world to be accepted as the norm. We are so afraid that people will label us as intolerant, that we will not speak up against sin.

I really believe that people in the world are looking to see if those who profess to have a relationship with Jesus are living out in their lives the teachings of the Word of God. I think about what Jesus said, Matthew 16:24-26 "... If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

As we think about God's love, and the cross that Jesus was crucified on, may we also think about our commitment to following Christ and giving him our all.

In Christ's love.

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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.

## THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

### Sunday, April 14:

Pastor's Prayer Team: 8:30 AM (Rm 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 Youth Open Game Night: 6 PM

#### Tuesday, April 16:

Woman Warriors Bible Study: 9:15 AM (400A)

"The Book of Proverbs"

Ironmen Bible Study: 9:15 AM (Rm 301)

"Questions Jesus Asked"

Library: 9:30 AM - Noon

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon

#### Wednesday, April 17:

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 (Worship Center)

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

- \* Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
- \* EGKids (Room 304)
- \* Youth (Youth Zone)
- \* 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, April 18:

Boutique: 10 AM (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon

## Friday, April 19:

Office closed in observance of Good Friday Night of Worship: 6:30 PM (Worship Center) Domino Fellowship has been moved to April 26

#### Saturday, April 20:

Praise Orchestra Rehearsal

#### **OUR MISSION:**

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

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

## Freedom Celebration Choir Sign Up

Sign up today using the Connect Card.

### Night of Worship: This Friday at 6:30 PM!

**Good Friday**: We worship together, praising God through music and celebration of the Lord's Supper. A great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors as well.

#### Adult Fellowship Day Trip: SunRail Train Ride

Tuesday, April 30 Departing at 9:45 AM This trip is now full. You may sign up to be on the waiting list. Please contact Pastor Tim if there is a need for you to cancel.

#### **Everything Ecuador:**

**Ecuador Giving:** We want to give everyone a chance to be part of the 2019 Ecuador Mission trip without traveling. This year we are praying for \$5,500 in Ecuador Missions Giving to be able to carry out things like building materials, translators, Ecuadorian staff, teaching materials and more. Any gift would be truly appreciated and a blessing to those in Ecuador. To give simply designate "Ecuador" on your giving envelope. You can give online as well. **Received to date \$3,116.00.** 

#### **Student Ministry Job Board**

Need an extra set of hands to complete your tasks? If so, you can visit the new "Help For Hire" bulletin board in the east hallway of our church. You will find postings by our youth who are looking to earn funds for summer camp and/or mission trip payments. These students are available to perform jobs such as lawn work, babysitting, pet care, and more.



## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Email: EGFBC-subscribe@yahoogoups.com

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

04/21: Betty Roberts

04/22: Sydney Conley, Koltyn Jinright

04/26: Sandra Dyer, Don Farlow, Gene Henderson, Neil Brown,

Kelly Lamb

04/27: Michael Fort, Christopher Arrouet

## IN MEMORY OR HONOR

#### To Benevolence:

In Memory of Jerry Dotson by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis. In Memory of Ardys Noack by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis In Honor of Ed Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phillips

## **THANK YOU**

Threads of Love, The pillows were very helpful to our patients. Thank You. God Bless, Barbie, Patient Navigator at Cancer Care Center of Brevard.



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4 WAYS 2 GIVE





In Person: Place in Offering Plate

# Facts and Figures April 7, 2019

#### Weekend Worship Attendance 447

Weekly Budget Needed18,629.15Budget Offering25,409.03Designated4,624.40CTB Debt Retirement835.00Annie Armstrong1,125.00Ecuador Missions1,858.00

#### Total Offering 33,851.43

To Date Figures

 Budget Goal
 260,808.10

 Received
 282,069.82

 CTB Year
 4,797.00

 Annie Armstrong
 2,800.00

 Ecuador Missions
 3,116.00

# Fellowship Supper Wednesday, Apr 17

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

> Roasted Pork Loin, Rosemary Potatoes, Broccoli Spears, Roll, Rocky Road Parfait

Pear Gorgonzola Salad

### Deacons on Call Apr 14 - 20

Martin Lamb	541-7310
Jim Gilbert	501-1926
Richard Hayes	243-3939
Brian Still	831_2006

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous." Romans 5:19 (NLT)

## **WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS**

### 9:15 AM Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Kidz Choir: "We Believe" Choral Praise: "Hosanna!"

Fellowship Song: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Message in Song: Adam and Kaimi Lucker

Video

Worship Songs Today:

The Power of the Cross

At the Cross

There is a Redeemer
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Are You Washed Worthy is the Lamb

Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.

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

Celebration of Baptism The Lion and the Lamb Do What You Want To

My Victory
No Longer Slaves

Lord I Need You O Come to the Altar Joy

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

## **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 and calendar of events. You will also be able to listen to or watch past sermons.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



The Building and Grounds Ministry up keeps our facilities and improves them. **Karl Mantz**, one of the faithful members of this team, pressure washes our sidewalks and entrances, and prepares our church for worship by placing pens and envelopes in the back of the pews. We are so thankful for all of the time and effort that Karl Mantz and team put into maintaining and improving our facilities.

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