

Getting Connected

By Finding My Identity



October 30, 2016

WELCOME!

Dear Church family,

I am continuing my review of our Church Membership Covenant. The third part of the covenant commitment is focused on serving the ministry of the church. God has called each member to help strengthen the church through serving Christ through specific ministries.

3. I will serve the Ministry of My Church: ...By discovering my gifts and talents

"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." 1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

Every person has a particular SHAPE that is unique to every believer. The church functions effectively and joyfully when every person discovers and uses their gifts to build up the body of Christ. Using the **S.H.A.P.E.** acronym, every believer has a **S**piritual Gift that is bestowed on them at the time of their salvation. The Scriptures that speak of spiritual gifts are: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-31, Ephesians 4:7-13 and 1 Peter 4:10.

Also, every person has a **H**earth for serving in various capacities. Some people have a heart for children, while others have a heart for administration and keeping things in order. Every person is born with natural **A**bilities. You will discover that your natural ability for serving will compliment the gift or gifts that God gives you. Just as you have Natural Abilities, you have a Specific **P**ersonality that compliments your gift. If you have the gift of teaching and your personality is introverted, your gift would be used to mentor a new believer one to one or to facilitate a small group. Your Life **E**xperience also affects the way in which you use your gifts. Someone with a Life Experience of going through the trial of addiction will fit perfectly with the gift of teaching, mercy, and exhortation in order to help someone going through a similar experience.

...By being equipped to serve alongside my pastors

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:11-12

The calling of a pastor is to train and prepare the body of Christ to serve one another. Somehow the Church developed a mindset that it was the job of the pastors to do all the work of the ministry. An effective church is a church where its people are trained, equipped, and sent out to minister. This is why visiting the sick, leading mission projects, etc, are best handled by those in the church body.

...By developing a servant's heart

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil 2:3-4, 7

Ministry will not happen apart from a heart that desires to have the mind of Christ, and practices the joy of serving others.

Blessings,

Pastor Ralph

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Please fill out your Connect Card and place it in the offering basket. If you are a guest, please pick up a Guest Packet in the front lobby or by the covered entrance. Free Bibles are also available at the Information Desk! If you have children, childcare is available today in our preschool area for children: birth - age 5. There is also a cry room available at the NE corner of the worship center.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Tuesday!

Tuesday, November 1 at 12:00 PM in the Worship Center

Everyone is invited to join us for the October edition of the Adult Fellowship Luncheon - no reservations are needed! Bring or purchase a side dish for our delicious fried chicken. The program will be hosted by Pastor Tim. Don't pass this opportunity to establish and build relationships in our EG First family!

Sign Up For Your Favorite Adult Fellowship Day Trip!

Sign Up on Your Connect Card.

1. **St Augustine**, Thursday, Nov 17 - 8 am departure - Cost: \$24 plus lunch
2. **Gaylord Palms Ice Display**, Thursday, Dec 15 - 10 am departure - Cost: \$27 plus lunch

OCC Volunteer Training and Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

This meeting is for all of those interested in Volunteering for Operation Christmas Child. We will also be praying for the children who will receive the boxes, for all the volunteers who are helping with OCC and distribution and logistics. For more information contact Lynne Philips at 321-258-4918, simplegift@gmail.com or sign up on your Connect Card.



Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week will run from Nov 14 - Nov 21!

Youth D-NOW Weekend Registration Now Open!

Thursday, Nov 18 to Sunday, Nov 20

Registration is now open for camp in a weekend! Go to www.egfirst.org or pick up a payment envelope in the Youth Zone and turn in to register. Rise Worship will be leading us in song and Raleigh Sadler of the North American Mission Board and Let My People Go, Inc will be our guest speaker. The dates are Friday, November 18- Sunday, November 20. The weekend costs \$70 for all food, lodging and transportation. (\$35 due at registration). Invite your friends!



THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!

Sunday: October 30

Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Room)

Library Open: 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Youth Leaders Prayer Time: 9:00 AM

Revolution United: 9:15 AM

Sunday School for Children: 9:15 AM

Adult Life Groups: 9:15 AM & 10:30 AM

Revolution Impact: 12:00 PM

Trunk or Treat: 6:00 PM

Monday: October 31

FIT for Life Strength & Flexibility Life Group 10:00 AM

Tuesday: November 1

Women Warriors of God Life Group: 9:15 AM

Ironmen's Life Group: 9:15 AM

Library Open: 9:30 AM - Noon

Adult Fellowship Luncheon: 12:00 PM

Church Leadership Meeting: 7:00 PM

Wednesday: November 2

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM

Dinner Served: 5:00 PM

Library Open: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

Adult Life Groups: 6:15 PM

Bible Study and Prayer: 6:15 PM

Children's Programs: 6:15 PM

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Friday: November 4

BASIC Class Meeting: 5:30 PM

Saturday: November 5

OCC Training and Prayer Breakfast: 9:00 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/06 - Marissa Behl

11/08 - Wayne Kidd, Diana Fleming, Diana Tromley

11/09 - Kendra Ruckman

11/10 - Chris Duke, Rachael Skirvin

11/11 - Addison Marrow, Kylie Salmela, Caden Martin, Mya Costa

11/12 - Acene Jean Pierre

Memorials and Honorariums

Benevolence

In Honor of James Offner and Jim Gilbert by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ingersoll.

In Honor of the Deacons by Bonnie Smith.

In Honor of Nancy Kendall by Thelma Pomeroy.

In Memory of Lois Horton by Chaplain and Mrs. Joe Hunt.

In Memory of Lillian Ceravolo by Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Fowler.

Music Ministry

In Memory of Mitch Cantrell by Sherry Keene.

Food Pantry

In Memory of Lois Horton by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sharrer.

In Honor of Ed Davis by Nellie Crees.

Love and Sympathy:

Lois Horton's Family and friends in her recent passing.

Facts and Figures October 23, 2016

Worship Attendance

9:15 AM	273
10:30 AM	228
Total:	501
Sunday Bible Study:	365
Sunday School Guests:	4
Life Groups:	101

<u>Weekly Budget Need</u>	18,866.88
Budget Offering	17,623.84
Designated	3,479.75
CTB Debt Retirement	270.00
State Missions	65.00
Total Offering	21,438.59
Budget Goal to Date	811,275.84
Received to Date	776,360.60
CTB Gifts to Date	2,230,832.45
CTB Year to Date	15,402.00
State Missions to Date	2,842.00

Wednesday Night Dinner Nov 2 • 5-6:00 PM

Suggested Donation:

\$5/adult | \$3/child | \$15/family

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots, Biscuit, Blueberry Almond
Crunch Salad

Entrée Salad: Apple Almond
Crunch Salad

No Reservations Needed
Come and invite a friend!

Deacons on Call • Oct 30- Nov 5

Brian Still, 704-7938
Jim Gilbert, 253-6416
Don Leddin, 255-0362

Weekly Memory Verse

Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and He will act.

9:15 AM Sunday Traditional Worship

Welcome

Choral Praise: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Sharing in Fellowship: I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Musical Praise: Good, Good Father - Mary Miller

Worship Through Singing:

Love Lifted Me

I Stand Amazed

I'll Say Yes, Lord, Yes

I Will Serve Thee

I Love You, Lord

Message: Getting Connected: By Finding My Identity

Ephesians 1:15-23

Ralph Nygard, Pastor

Song of Commitment: I Surrender All

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Benediction: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Welcome

Featured Songs Today:

In the River

You Have Won Me

Good Good Father

Sinking Deep

My Lighthouse

Tithes & Offerings

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Invitation: Scandal of Grace

**Our Vision: Reaching our community by connecting
people to the family of God.**

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