

# WHY CHRISTMAS?



Mark 10:45  
Hebrews 2:14-15

November 27, 2016

# WELCOME!

**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.**

As we approach Christmas, let us all be reminded that this season doesn't need to be dictated by the world in which we live. We have the awesome and God given directive to proclaim Jesus, and what better time than right now! Chances are, we will get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season. We will get caught up in commercialism, gift buying, decorating, parties, and more. Somehow many of us will forget the true meaning and reason for the season. We see bumper stickers that say "Keep Christ in Christmas", but are we even doing that ourselves? Perhaps those are just empty words that are not lived out in our daily lives. Perhaps we speak one thing, but fail to see them in our actions towards others. Jesus was sent into the world to seek, serve, and save the lost. He came as a child in a manger, and yet for many, that's where the Christmas story ends. It ends up being a sweet story of cute little baby Jesus. Yet there is so much more to this life if we are to follow the example of Jesus. A question we must ask ourselves is, "How do we make this Christmas different from every other Christmas we've ever celebrated? How do we live it out and pass the meaning on to future generations? [This morning during our time together we will be focusing on "Why Christmas?"](#) As we explore God's Word and see what the true meaning of Christmas really is, my challenge to everyone is to live by the words of scripture and to follow Jesus whole heartedly beginning with this Christmas.

We will examine 6 reasons WHY Jesus came and yes, they all tie in with the Christmas story! Additionally, when we come to the end of the service, we will have the chance to partake of the Lord's Supper. I know that might not sound like something you do on the first Sunday of Advent kicking off the Christmas season, but what better time to remember why a baby was born, lived a sinless life, shed his blood and had his body broken, died on the cross, and was ultimately resurrected for you. During the 2nd hour service, the children in Energize will even be brought in to see the Lord's supper and take part in it if they have received Christ. Use this time as a teaching moment for your children! This Sunday serves as a time for us to refocus and rethink Christmas.

Next week, Pastor Ralph will begin a series called "Fear Not". Fear attacks us right where our faith lives and keeps us from stepping into the plans God has for us. This series is created for the Christmas season. "Fear Not: will help us overcome fear and transform it into faith and obedience. With messages on the angels' visits to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, "Fear Not" assures us that God will always give us the guidance we need to reject fear! We hope to see you next week as we kick off our series "Fear Not".

Blessings,  
Pastor Matt

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Christmas Family Fest- Saturday, December 3!**

**Saturday, December 3 from 1-4 PM**

Volunteers are needed! We are prepping for a family oriented Christmas-themed outreach for the community on Saturday, December 3 from 1-4 pm. However, we need your help! The Family festival will have a nativity with live animals, inflatable's, music, story telling, food, games, crafts, sleigh rides, and more. If you would like to volunteer, please go by the Christmas Fest volunteer desk in the front lobby to pick a position, or let us know on your Connect Card. You can also contact the church office or email, [mjackson@egfirst.org](mailto:mjackson@egfirst.org)!

## **Mommies on Mission Christmas Bake Sale Goods Needed**

**Bake Sale, Wednesday, December 7th at 5:00 PM**

Mommies on a Mission will be collecting toys for families in Brevard. To help raise money for the toy drive, they will be having a bake sale on December 7th during Wednesday Night Dinner. There will be a table set up full of sweet treats. They are looking for volunteers to bring in baked goods. If you are interested, please drop off the baked goods on Weds, Dec 7th in the kitchen before 5:00 PM.

## **Kidz "Christmas" Night Out**

**Friday, December 9 at 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Sign your kids up for Kids Night Out / Parents Night Off! It will be a fulfilled evening with inflatable's, games, pizza, popcorn, and a kid friendly Christmas movie! You must sign up though! Sign up on your Connect Card, Call the church office at 321-254-2339 x. 7 to RSVP or email [mjackson@egfirst.org](mailto:mjackson@egfirst.org).

**There will be childcare for kids birth-4 and then K-6th grade will be put into 2 different groups (K-3), and (4-6).**



## **Christmas Tree Decorating Service**

**Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 AM**

We will be having a combined service on Sunday, December 11th for our Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Service. There will be a potluck immediately following the service. Please bring a food dish and come and enjoy the fellowship!

## **Active Military & Army Bulletin Board Updates**

Please help us update the military board in the west hall. If you would like to be added to the board or have a family member active in the military, please turn in their Name, Branch, Member Relation and a Picture to the front office.

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!

## **Sunday: November 27**

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

## **Monday: November 28**

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

## **Tuesday: November 29**

Ironmen's Life Group: 9:15 AM

Library Open: 9:30 AM - Noon

## **Wednesday: November 30**

Dinner Served: 5:00 PM

Library Open: 5:45 - 6:00 PM

Bible Study & Prayer: 6:15 PM

Children's Programs: 6:15 PM

Revolution Disciple 6:15 PM

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

Traditional Choral Rehearsal: 7:00 PM

Pastor Basketball League: 9:00 PM

## **Saturday: December 3**

Christmas Family Fest: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**12/04** - Bobbie Lashinger, Raegan Nygard

**12/05** - Erin Bernhard, Max Morgan

**12/06** - Harrison Hayworth, Lorena McQueen

**12/07** - Nancy Hallsworth, Andrew Brooks

**12/08** - Verna Davis, Patricia Swett, Sarah Langlie

**12/09** - Betty Boman, Cristina Cruz

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Text to **321-234-1284**. Type in the amount you would like to give to EG First.

You will receive a text back with a link from Easy Tithe to fill out a short form. Just enter in your name and card information and you will automatically be signed up!

## Memorials and Honorariums

### Benevolence

In Memory of Lois Horton by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Salas.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Honor of our Teachers by the BYKOTA class.

In Honor of our Pastors by the BYKOTA class.

### Facts and Figures November 20, 2016

#### Worship Attendance

9:15 AM	237
10:30 AM	250
Total:	487
Sunday Bible Study:	381
Sunday School Guests:	9
Life Groups:	91

<u>Weekly Budget Need</u>	18,866.88
Budget Offering	16,640.03
Designated	3,271.73
CTB Debt Retirement	550.00
Lottie Moon	720.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>21,181.76</b>
Budget Goal to Date	886,743.66
Received to Date	849,324.65
CTB Gifts to Date	2,232,727.45
CTB Year to Date	17,297.00
Lottie Moon to Date	1,220.00

### Wednesday Night Dinner Nov 30 • 5-6:00 PM

#### Suggested Donation:

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

Mustard Tarragon Salmon, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Roll and Warm Caramel Apple Pudding Cake

**Entrée Salad:** Chicken and Baby Greens w/ warm Gorgonzola Dressing

### Deacons on Call • Nov 27 - Dec 3

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

## Weekly Memory Verse

**Psalm 7:17** I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

### 9:15 AM Sunday Traditional Worship

**Welcome**

**Choral Praise:** Christmas is Coming

**Sharing in Fellowship:** Come On, Ring Those Bells

**Worship Through Singing:**

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Joy to the World

Good Christians Now Rejoice

Celebrate the Child

Emmanuel

**Message:** Why Christmas?

Matt Jackson

**Song of Commitment:** Jesus Paid it All

**The Lords Supper:**

The Bread: Debbie Harden

The Cup: Chuck Sink

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Musical Benediction:** We Are One in the Bond of Love

### 10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

**Welcome**

**Featured Songs Today:**

Let It Be Known

My Victory

How Can It Be

Jesus Paid It All

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Message:** Why Christmas?

Matt Jackson

**Lords Supper**

**Invitation:** We Are The Free

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

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