

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

I don't have to tell you that we live in a world filled with animosity, hatred, and divisions. Just recently we witnessed all of the negative press toward our Supreme Court Justice Nominee. This division is clearly surrounded by party lines, and it is difficult to witness such unwillingness for the leaders of our nation to want to even know the truth. Our culture has been battered by one crisis after another: scandals, shootings, angry protests, and a constant barrage of assaults by the media 24 hours a day. Our nation is deeply polarized and fractured into splinter groups that demonize each other on the internet. We have witnessed a dramatic increase in violence in our streets, schools, and even in churches. We've seen the rise in bigotry, hateful racism, and ignorant prejudices against different cultures and immigrants.

While people in the world are divided over their differences and diversity, the church is one place where people should get along.

We need each other and we're better together. God never intended for us to go through life alone, lonely, and without the support of other people. God wanted a family, but he wanted it to reflect diversity. "Jesus, who makes people holy, and those who are made holy are from the same family" (Hebrews 2:11 NCV).

The church should be the place of unity and community where we model the love of Christ for the world. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are brothers and sisters. Our primary identity comes from God, and all other affiliations will not be carried into heaven. We only carry our relationship with God and each other into eternity.

We were put on this earth to learn how to love. As Jesus says in the Great Commandment, it's all about learning to love God and learning to love people. If you don't learn that, you've missed the true meaning of what it means to be a Christ follower. We as the church have an *Urgent* agenda to do all that we can to become agents of reconciliation and love. This is our Biblical mandate. 2 John 5 states "I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another."

Let me encourage you to examine whether you truly love as Jesus loved.

In His 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.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Registration will begin at 4:45 PM. Dinner will be served. This year's guest speaker is: Dr. Tommy Green.

Youth/Children's Leadership Training: Tonight @ 4 PM

BBA Annual Celebration: Tonight @ 5:30 PM

Are you a Youth or Children's Ministry worker, helper, or leader? If so, you will not want to miss this training. Please meet in the Youth Zone.

**EGFirst Fall Picnic: Next Sunday, October 21 @ 4 PM**Come join us for our Annual Fall Picnic. The church will be providing the meat and drinks, we need you to bring a side and a dessert. Hope to see you there!

Adult Day Trip: Bok Tower and Gardens Tuesday, October 23: Depature at 8 AM

Join us for a day trip to Lake Wales, FL. Cost is \$14 plus your lunch while you are there. Carillon concert is at 1 PM, and the Pinewood Estate Tour costs \$5 extra. Sign up on your Connect Card.

## **EGFirst Compassion Ministry Needs You**

Our Compassion Ministry is looking for volunteers for our boutique. Do you like helping people? Come be a part of our amazing ministry! We will train you and promise that you will be blessed! Email or text Melissa Harpold to see how to get involved: 321-403-0970 or meliharp8@gmail.com

Fall Craft Fair: Saturday, October 27: 9 - 3 PM

There will be a variety of vendors with different types of crafts. This is your chance to support some of our local artists and have some fun at the same time.

The Great Pumpkin Family Movie Night Sunday, October 28: 6 - 8 PM

We will be showing the classic "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown". There will be candy, games, photo ops, and a costume contest! Free cotton candy, hotdogs, popcorn, and more. Bring your lawn chairs.

**OUR MISSION:** 

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

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

### Sunday, October 14:

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 BBA Annual Celebration: 5:30 PM

#### **Tuesday, October 16:**

Ironmen Bible Study: 9:15 AM (304)

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

Library Open: 9:30 AM - Noon Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

#### Wednesday, October 17:

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

Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)

Library Open: 5:45 - 6:15 PM

Church Conference: 6 PM (Worship Center)

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

- \* Adult Bible Study
- \* Prayer Meeting
- \* egKids
- \* Youth
- \* Seekers of the Word
- \* Marriage Life Group: Five Lies that Ruin Relationships
- \* Hooking on Hump Day (Crochet Class)

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM (Worship Center)

Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

## Thursday, October 18:

Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)

Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon

Financial Peace University: 7 PM (Youth Zone)

## Friday, October 19:

Domino Fellowship: 6 PM (400 ABC)

## Saturday, October 20:

Operation Christmas Child Prayer Breakfast: 9 AM (400)
Praise Orchestra: 10 AM (Worship Center Stage)
OCC Training for Brevard and Indian River: 10:30 AM

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Oct 21 @ 9:15 AM Sticky Faith Youth and Youth Parents combined Sunday School

Oct 21 @ 4 PM Church Fall Picnic at Wickham Park

Oct 27 @ 9 AM - 3 PM Annual Craft Fair

Oct 28 @ 6 - 8 PM The Great Pumpkin Family Movie Night

Oct 28 Payment 3 of \$50 due for SWO Summer Camp

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

10/21: Sarah O'Malley 10/22: Janice Patton

10/23: Janice Thornton, Matthew Picklesimer

10/26: Zac Zammas

10/27: Carol Rummel, James McCalla

# **SYMPATHY**

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia Dunn, who passed away Thursday, October 4.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Mauvelene Pyron and family in the passing of her husband, Don Pyron.

# IN MEMORY OR HONOR

#### To Benevolence:

In Memory of Virginia Dunn by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis In Memory of Geri Jordan by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis In Memory of Don Pyron by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis

In Honor of Our Pastors by the BASIC Class, BYKOTA Class

# Facts and Figures October 7, 2018

# Weekend Worship Attendance 441

## Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

21,520.20
5,762.50
170.00
175.00

### Total Offering 27,627.70

### To Date Figures

Budget Goal	732,052.40
Received	768,637.10
CTB Gift	2,619,218.16
CTB Year	90,486.66
State Mission Offering	g 2,272.00

## Wednesday Night Dinner October 17, 2018

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

Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, Vegetable Blend, Roll, Key Lime Pie

> Entree Salad Seafood Louie

No Reservations Needed

## Deacons on Call Oct 14 - 20

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

# **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

## **WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS**

9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir

**Celebration of Baptism** 

Choral Praise: "Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated" Fellowship Song: "I Love You with the Love of the Lord"

Message in Song: Chuck Sink

Worship Songs Today:

We are Called to be God's People

Trust and Obey

Bless that Wonderful Name They'll Know We are Christians We are One in the Bond of Love Have Thy Own Way

The Family of God

Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.

## 10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

**Celebration of Baptism** 

Do What You Want To Love Changes Everything Come and See At the Cross Love Ran Red Forever Yours Love Goes On

# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



Trezden Lucker is our Volunteer of the Week. He has been helping out in out Compassion Ministries by preparing food bags for those who are in need in our community. We are so thankful for Trezden's joyful efforts in aiding our church's vision to impact our community for Christ. If you see Trezden this week please let him know how much we appreciate his help!

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