

URGENT

4 QUALITIES THAT CAN'T WAIT

THE URGENCY OF INFLUENCE
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

One of the most striking ways the Bible teaches us about the power of influence is with the illustration of leaven. The statement, **“A little leaven leavens the whole lump”** is stated twice in Scripture (1Cor. 5:6, Gal. 5:9). In fact, the word “leaven” is used 11 times in the New Testament and in each place, it is used with reference to the pervading power of influence. Now, leaven is a substance that causes fermentation, like yeast, and when only a small amount is added to a large lump of dough it ferments the whole lump. Thus, while it is small in quantity that permeates the whole substance it comes in contact, so it is with influence, meaning, that it only takes a little to have a great effect.

Influence can be either for good or bad. The kind of influence we have on others is based on what we allow to influence our lives and if we are not careful, some influences may slowly corrupt and change us. One can see the influencing power of leaven by the way it changes the dough's shape and temperature. Evil influences are all around us and if we are not careful, we can allow our minds to be filled with the things of the world that will keep us from becoming a true disciple of Jesus. We are ever so easily influenced by the media, television programs, and people that we associate with.

At the same time we often don't realize that many people are being influenced by our words and actions. You may think that what you do and say might seem insignificant, *but in reality*, your influence has a far reaching effect. You have influence in your community, in the work place, and especially in your home. Children are mainly molded by the kind of influence they receive from their parents. Children who are influenced by parents that are worldly minded and insensitive toward sin will grow up to have the same mind set. Therefore, we must live our lives in such a way that will bring about a positive example.

What are the positive things that are influencing your life? Are you being influenced by God's word, Christian books and articles, or are you focusing on the things that may cause you to stumble and fail in your daily life? What kind of influence are you having on those around you?

In His Service,

Pastor Ralph

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

EGFirst Fall Picnic: Today, 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

This 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.

Fall Craft Fair: This 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

Next 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.

THANK YOU

Canaveral Port Ministry would like to thank you for your continued partnership. It enables them to continue the spiritual battle for the men and women on the cargo and cruise ships. They continue to hand out Bibles in 70 languages, tracks, movies, Bible story comics, and messages by Charles Stanley.

Alzheimer's Foundation would like to thank Threads of Love for all their beautiful, colorful donations.

MAB Endocrinology, Dr Chandra, and Melissa would like to thank everyone for the beautiful hats for their patients. The patients love them, and the staff appreciate you thinking of their office.

OUR MISSION:

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

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

Sunday, October 21:

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
Church Picnic: 4 PM at Wickham Park

Tuesday, October 23:

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 24:

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room)
Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 - 6:15 PM
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 25:

Threads of Love: 9 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Rm 200)
Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10AM - Noon
Financial Peace University: 7 PM (Youth Zone)

Saturday, October 27:

Craft Fair: 9 AM - 3 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 28 @ 6 - 8 PM The Great Pumpkin Family Movie Night
Oct 28 Payment 3 of \$50 due for SWO Summer Camp
Nov 10 Walk for Bibles for Canaveral Port Ministries
Nov 11 Prayer and Dedication Services of Shoe boxes

BAPTISMS ON OCTOBER 14

Fernando Vargas
Patrick Breckenridge
Brandy Breckenridge
Joshua Marrero

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/28: Dolores Freeburger, Bob Priess

10/29: Joslin Schrock

10/31: Suzanne Fleming, Marc Kish, Wanda Wells, Beth Nimmo

11/01: Donald Leddin, Dick Pugh, Ben Quinn, Jake Hall,
Rafael Trespacios

11/02: Patricia Hathaway

11/03: Cynthia Price

SYMPATHY

We extend out Christian love and sympathy to Priscilla Strunk and family in the death of her husband, Tom Strunk.

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence:

In Memory of Virginia Dunn by Ed & Nancy Fannin

In Memory of Geri Jordan by Don & Luann Jordan

In Memory of Don Pyron by Don & Lenora Kippeny

In Memory of Phylis Sharrer by Sherry Keene & Bud Sharrer

To the Food Pantry:

Anonymous donation in Memory of Don Pyron

To Hurricane Disaster Relief:

In Memory of Virginia Dunn by Nancy Hunt

In Memory of Don Pyron by Nancy Hunt

Facts and Figures October 14, 2018

Weekend Worship Attendance
423

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering 21,207.00

Designated 5,710.50

CTB Debt Retirement 215.00

State Mission Offering 120.00

Total Offering 27,252.50

To Date Figures

Budget Goal 750,353.71

Received 789,844.10

CTB Gift 2,619,433.16

CTB Year 90,701.66

State Mission Offering 2,392.00

Wednesday Night Dinner October 24, 2018

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

Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo,
Broccoli, Green Salad,
Bread Sticks

Entree Salad
Crispy Chicken Salad

Dessert
Chocolate Brownies

No Reservations Needed

Deacons on Call
Oct 21 - 27

Ray Kotowski 693-0942
Ed Davis 266-3966
Bob Eisenhauer 634-2811
Roger Wiseman 626-7322

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

***“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6***

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Orchestra Praise: “A Mighty Fortress”

Choral Praise: “You Must Be Born Again”

Fellowship Song: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Message in Song: “Living in Harmony” Master’s Men Quartet

Worship Songs Today:

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

He Keeps Me Singing

Above All Else

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

God Will Make A Way

I Need Thee Every Hour

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.

10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

Fill This Place

Rescuer

Peace Be Still

God With Us

Yes I Will

Do It Again

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Our Volunteer of the Week is Nancy Lucas. She gave up a week of creature comforts this past week to go to Cuba on mission. While there she humbly served the Cuban church through an English as a Second Language class every evening. Each day she also went out and shared the Gospel with many people. We are so proud of her not only representing Christ in a dark

place, but also representing EGFirst with humility and passion for the Lord's will.

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