



LAST WORDS

JOHN 17:20-23

Mark Harpold, Associate Pastor
November 18, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

Luke 12:15-21 (NIV) “Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ And he told them this parable: The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

I recently read a magazine article that told how Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft and the richest man in the world gave 150 million dollars to his competitor, Apple Computers. Pretty Interesting. Why would he do something like that? The reason can be summarized that by helping Apple develop new products, Microsoft avoided lawsuits that might be levied against them for unfair competition practices and antitrust suits. In other words, giving away money to the competition was good for business. I remember a few years ago that Gates earned the title of the richest man in America.

While we often focus on the very rich, greed is often developed by those who would be described as poor or average in their income. Jesus said that a man’s life does not exist in the abundance of his possessions. Yet, the quest for things by most people is a high priority. Very few people, including Christians, have a standard set by which they will judge the adequacy of their life. How much is enough when it comes to the things that we own? When do we cease wanting more and more? Greed usually starts with an attitude of desire that can only be satisfied by acquiring wealth. For many, all other potential blessings in life are forsaken for the cause of possessions.

The Christian must be spending time storing up riches in heaven. How do we do this? We must first realize that physical riches and riches in heaven have no common ground. We become rich in Christ when we obey His word and follow His teachings and example. We lay up treasure in heaven when we bring people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing the gift of eternal life. Most Christians also are looking forward to the day when they can retire and take it easy. There is nothing wrong with retirement, but the Bible teaches that the quest for earthly riches becomes a problem when we spend our lives preparing for that end in itself. Each day that we live should be spent fulfilling the purpose that God intends for us as we serve God by serving others. The Apostle Paul stated, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” His preparation was focused on pleasing the Lord with every moment of his life. This too should be our desire. May we receive his approval.

In Christ’s love, *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 Compassion Ministry's Thanksgiving Drive:

Deadline for food and monetary donations is *today*. For food donation suggestions please pick up a list at the Information Desk.

Sticky Faith: Today, November 18: 9:15 AM

Parents of Youth and Youth will have a combined Sunday School.

Adult Fellowship Day Trip: Friday, November 30: 6:30 PM

Departure at 6:30 PM to see "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Titusville Playhouse. Cost \$25 (balcony seats). Sign Up on your Connect Card, payment required for tickets to be ordered.



Youth Annual Turkey Bowl: Next Sunday, November 25: 3 PM @ Crane Field

Come on out and play some Flag Football! Youth, Parents, and leaders are invited!!

SWO Summer Camp: Next Sunday November 25

Payment number 4 for \$50 is due.



Lottie Moon Missions Breakfast: Saturday, December 1: 9 AM

Guest Speaker: David Groseclose, Missionary to Israel

Tree Decorating and Carol sing Service:
Sunday, Dec 9: 10:30 AM
followed by a Christmas Potluck



Christmas FX: Saturday, December 15: 2PM

A Family eXperience for children and families (K - 6th).

OUR MISSION:

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

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

Sunday, Nov 18:

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
OCC National Collection Day: 12:15 - 3 PM
Church Leadership Training: 5 PM

Monday, November 19:

Bykota Class Meeting: 9:30 AM (400E)
OCC National Collection Day: 4:30 - 7:15 PM (Lobby)

Tuesday, November 20:

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, November 21:

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room)
No Wednesday PM Activities due to Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 22:

Offices Closed due to Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23:

Offices Closed due to Thanksgiving



Ecuador Missions Trip Applications and \$100 deposits are due Sunday, November 25. They can be picked up in the Youth Zone. The dates of the trip are May 31- June 8, 2019. Trip information sheets are also available in the Youth Zone.

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, calendar of events, and you will be able to watch or listen to past sermons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/25: Patricia Fairbanks, Tyler Langlie
11/26: Carla Sears
11/27: James Jones
11/28: Don Woodworth, Paul Ouimette
11/29: Maddi Jinright, Joshua Hayden
12/01: Grayson Fichter

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence:

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Fetkenhour

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



This week's Ministry Spotlight is the EGFirst's Compassion Ministry. They meet so many in need and are going above and beyond this season passing out Thanksgiving meals. Someone who we would like to thank this week is Bob Harpold for his many years of sacrifice for our church. Bob alongside of his wife Barbara still does everything he can to help meet the needs of the community through the food pantry ministry. Beyond

that he also raised a pretty good kid whom we get to have on our staff, Pastor Mark Harpold.

Facts and Figures November 11, 2018

Weekend Worship Attendance
465

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering	18,864.39
Designated	5,414.25
CTB Debt Retirement	555.00
Lottie Moon	500.00

Total Offering **25,333.64**

To Date Figures

Budget Goal	823,558.95
Received	867,745.28
CTB Gift	2,621,213.16
CTB Year	92,481.66
Lottie Moon	910.00

Fellowship Supper Wednesday, November 21

No Regular Scheduled

Activities

Due to Thanksgiving

Deacons on Call Nov 18 - Nov 24

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

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

***“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:7***

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Lord's Supper Shared Today

9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir

Orchestra Praise: “Lead ON King Eternal”

Choral Praise: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Fellowship Song: “I Love You With with Love of the Lord”

Message in Song: “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”
by Master's Men Quartet

Worship Songs Today:

Come, Ye Thankful People Come
Count Your Blessing

Give Thanks

Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.

10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

I Saw the Light

I'll Fly Away

Scandal of Grace

Rescuer

Once and for All

Forgiven

Lord I Need You



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