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Fear Not!  
Luke 2:8-12

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor  
December 2, 2018

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

**1 Tim 4:7-8 NIV “Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”**

How much does tradition dictate your life? Isn’t it amazing how much we live our lives following meaningless traditions? Years ago you could walk into almost any Baptist Church about twenty minutes past eleven and the ushers would be taking up the offering. Not all traditions are bad, yet they must be linked to some purpose that reinforces truth in order to have an application that is relevant to a given situation.

In preparing for Christmas dinner, a daughter asked her mother why she always chopped the end off the roast before putting it in the pan to cook. Her mother replied, “Because dear, that is how my mother did it.” Wanting to know why, she called up her grandmother to find out more information and received the following answer. “I chopped the end off the roast because it wouldn’t fit in the pot.” A good reason for grandma, yet it had no relevance to the future generations.

Every person has certain traditions that are part of their everyday living. If you visit in the homes of many different families, you will find the practice of myriads of traditions. The most important traditions should be those that increase one’s dependence on the Lord for everyday living. Especially at Christmastime, we should be placing a high value on the family traditions that help us to celebrate the Advent of our Lord. Our traditions should not be worldly centered, but centered on our relationship with God. Godliness should be our greatest concern.

Notice that Paul states that physical exercise is only somewhat profitable when compared to living a life of Godliness. I believe that he is contrasting traditions with a real experience with the Lord. Traditions have some value, but a person filled with Godliness has value in everything. What meaningless traditions are you holding on to? Is a vital relationship with the Lord your utmost goal?

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



### **Tree Decorating and Carol Sing Service:**

**Next Sunday, Dec 9: 10:30 AM**

Service will be followed by a Christmas Potluck. No Sunday School.

### **Church Wide Christmas Caroling: Sunday, Dec 16 @ 3PM**

Come one, come all for this wonderful Christmas tradition as we bring joy to those around us.

### **Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec 23 @ 10:30 AM**

Westward Road will be with us. Come and be encouraged to travel "westward". Combined Adult Bible Fellowship @ 9:15 AM.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: Monday, Dec 24**

4 PM Contemporary Service

6 PM Traditional Service

### **Jingle Jam FX: Saturday, December 15: 2PM**

A Christmas Family eXperience for children and families. Dance and play together as you experience the Christmas story.

### **Youth: The Great Christmas Game: Today @ 4 PM**

Cost is \$5



### **Toys Needed:**

This year we are working together with Brevard Family Partnership to provide Christmas gifts for children who are in foster care in Brevard County. We are currently collecting toys (or money to purchase them) for children age 2 to 17. Any help you could provide would be a big blessing to these families who have taken on the

responsibility of caring for foster children. All donations are needed on or before Wednesday December 12th. Thank you!

### **OUR MISSION:**

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

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

## Sunday, Dec 2:

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

## Tuesday, Dec 4:

Women Warriors Bible Study: 9:15 AM (Room 104)  
Library Open: 9:30 AM  
Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Room 200)  
Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon  
Adult Fellowship: Noon (Worship Center)

## Wednesday, Dec 5:

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room)  
Dinner Served: 5 PM  
Library Open: 5:45 PM  
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM  
\*Adult Bible Study  
\*Prayer Meeting  
\*EGKids (Room 304)  
\*Youth (Youth Zone)  
\*Seekers of the Word (Conference Room)  
\*Marriage Life Group (Room 400B)  
\*Hooking on Hump Day [Crochet Class]:(Room 104)  
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM  
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

## Friday, Dec 7:

Salt Bible Fellowship Class Meeting: 6 PM

## Saturday, Dec 8:

Praise Orchestra: 10 AM (Worship Center Stage)

## THANK YOU

We would like to say a big THANK YOU for your love and generosity for the Thanksgiving Basket donations you provided. We were able to feed 10 families at Creel Elementary School and 52 additional families in our community. God is good!

- Compassion Ministry Team

### Adult Luncheon Christmas Parade: December 4 @ Noon



Calling all those who like to have fun. Please bring your covered dish to share *AND* an empty shoebox decorated as a Christmas Parade Float. Your decorated shoebox float may be anything Christmas related ... religious, home and family, funny, Santa, etc. - crash your wrapping paper

closet, Christmas decorations, a child's toybox/dollhouse, old photos of yourself, ANYTHING. Just join in the spirit of the holidays and share your "float" with us at our Luncheon. A "Float Table" will be setup to display your fun. Thanks for participating and MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL! See you at the Luncheon!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/09: Betty Boman, Cristina Cruz  
12/10: Joyce Bostic, Azara Lucker  
12/11: Wandell Adkins, Jess Salas, Sharon Kiser, Tracie Barrett,  
Katrina Colley,  
12/12: Shauna Hume  
12/13: Brenda Henderson, Sarah Liberto  
12/14: Iva Walton, Evelyn Woods, Warren Thomas  
12/15: Thelma Pomeroy, Robert Daniels, Karen Hermann,  
Brad Beckmann, David Harshaw, Samantha Nimmo

## IN MEMORY OR HONOR

### To Benevolence:

In Memory of Billy Goodnough by Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Kumer

### To Lottie Moon:

In Memory of Billy Goodnough by Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Fowler

### To the Media Library:

In Memory of Virginia Dunn by Betty Smith

## SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Gaynor Goodnough at the recent passing of her husband Billy.

### Facts and Figures November 25, 2018

**Weekend Worship Attendance**  
405

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering	14,405.25
Designated	4,009.38
CTB Debt Retirement	265.00
Lottie Moon	719.00

**Total Offering** 19,398.63

### To Date Figures

Budget Goal	860,161.57
Received	897,248.70
CTB Year	93,011.66
Lottie Moon	2,454.00

### Fellowship Supper Wednesday, December 5

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

Chicken Tamales,  
Refried Beans,  
Spanish Rice, Salad,  
Churros

**Entree:** Taco Salad

**No Reservations Needed**

### Deacons on Call Dec 2 - Dec 8

Bill Franklin	266-3396
Aaron Liebold	863-414-1294
Andy Miller	288-0844

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

***"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not  
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."  
Isaiah 40:31***

## WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

### 9:15 am Worship with Orchestra and Choir

**Choral Praise:** "Fear Not"

**Fellowship Song:** "Come on, Ring Those Bells"

**Message in Song:** Mark Kelley

### **Worship Songs Today:**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Joy to the World

Sing We Now of Christmas

What Child is This

For He Alone is Worthy

Child in the Manger

Go Tell it on the Mountain

### 10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

Fill this Place

Silent Night

Glory in the Highest

Noel

How He Loves

The Lion and the Lamb

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Ministry Spotlight of the Week is Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Praise God! We collected and loaded 16,288 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the EGFirst Baptist Central Drop Off Location. Thank you shoebox donors and our magnificent and hard working volunteers including many from CITA!!

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