



*Matthew 2:1-12*  
*2 Corinthians 8:1-5*

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor  
December 16, 2018

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

Christmas Day is quickly approaching and most of us have been busy putting up decorations, attending parties, making plans to see family, and purchasing gifts to place under the tree. At the same time, let me ask you a question. How are you doing preparing your heart for this most special day of the year? Have you taken some time to pray and read the Biblical narratives? Or have you taken the opportunity to refresh your mind with the wonder of how much God loves you? He showed that love by sending His only Son into the world to save you from the penalty of your sins and establish with you a personal friendship.

There are so many people in our world who have no real understanding of the Christmas message. Next Sunday you have the opportunity of inviting your friends and neighbors to attend the Christmas concert featuring the wonderful music of Westward Road. All of our Pastors are excited that they are coming to share with us at 10:30 am.

Also, on Monday afternoon and evening we will celebrate the birth of our Savior with our Candlelight Services at 4 and 6 pm. Many people are open to coming to church on Christmas Eve, and they are waiting for your invitation. Don't let this season slip by without doing your best to share the Good News through this special opportunity. I will do my best to share a message that will bring about the work of the Holy Spirit through the power of the Word of God.

Don't forget to give your offering to support the work of our International Missionaries through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Love in Christ,

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.

## GUEST WIFI PASSWORD

For your convenience, our guest password is: 87654321

While you are enjoying WIFI, check out the church website at: [egfirst.org](http://egfirst.org) You will find digital copies of the bulletin, calendar of events, and you will be able to listen and watch past sermons.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### **Church Wide Christmas Caroling: Today @ 3PM**

Come one, come all for this wonderful Christmas tradition as we bring joy to those around us. Meet here at the church.

### **2019 Offering Envelopes are Available Today**

They can be picked up now at the tables outside the Media Center/Library. Boxes are arranged in alphabetical order by last name. Please note, if your current envelop number is greater than 250, you have been assigned a new number.

### **Special Called Church Conference: This Wednesday (Wednesday December 19) @ 6 PM**

This special called meeting is for the purpose of approving the 2019 proposed budget.

### **Christmas Concert: Next 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**

Invite someone to attend!

4 PM Contemporary Service

6 PM Traditional Service

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who gave of your time and resources to make Christmas a little nicer for some foster children in Brevard County. Your gifts and monetary gifts are greatly appreciated!

### **OUR MISSION:**

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

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST

## Sunday, December 16:

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 Worship: 9:15 AM

## Tuesday, December 18:

Library Open: 9:30 AM - 12 PM  
Boutique: 10 AM - Noon (Room 200)  
Food Pantry & Community Assistance: 10 AM - Noon

## Wednesday, December 19:

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

## Friday, December 21:

Domino Fellowship: 6 PM (400ABC)

# WESTWARD ROAD



December 23 @ 10:30 AM

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/23: Ali Schluter, Barbara Harpold, Robert Simcox  
12/24: Bonnie Dowdy, Katherine Pearson, Hezekiah Phelps  
12/25: Myshel Morgan  
12/26: Sedina Bush, Carol Bush, Donovan Rogers,  
12/27: Betty Farlow, Monica Hall  
12/28: Lou Ann Stapleton, Mike Schmitt, Vincent Temaat,  
Patrick Albanese  
12/29: Linda Wells, John Urquhart, Corbin Conley

In the Front Lobby

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## IN MEMORY OR HONOR

### To Benevolence:

In Memory of Billy Goodnough by Bebe Ballard

In Honor of Bebe Ballard's Mother by Bebe Ballard

### Facts and Figures December 9, 2018

**Weekend Worship Attendance**  
**505**

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering	15,247.62
Designated	4,419.05
CTB Debt Retirement	210.00
Lottie Moon	2,880.00

**Total Offering** **22,756.67**

### To Date Figures

Budget Goal	896,764.19
Received	934,954.52
CTB Year	93,691.66
Lottie Moon	8,484.00

### Fellowship Supper Wednesday, December 19

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

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes,  
Roasted Carrots, Roll, Sweet  
Potato Pie

**No Reservations Needed**

### Deacons on Call Dec 16 - Dec 22

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

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

***"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."***

***Romans 6:23***

## WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

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

**Prelude:** Christmas Medley

**Choral Praise:** "African Noel"

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

**Message in Song:** "Welcome to our World"

Debbie Harden and Deborah James

### **Worship Songs Today:**

Joy to the World

The First Noel

Light in the Stable

Mary Did You Know

What Child is This?

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Go Tell it on the Mountain

*Blank Sermon Notes available on tables near entrances.*

### 10:30 AM Worship with Praise Band

Joy

Born is the King (It's Christmas)

Do What You Want To

King of Heaven

What a Beautiful Name

Silent Night

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



For this week's Ministry Spotlight, we would like to highlight the Kids Ministry. Our Kids Ministry is always actively trying to find new ways to teach our children about Jesus. This can only be done with the help of those who are willing to serve in more discrete ways. Aaron Gould and Noah Jackson are a part of our Kids Ministry Tech Team, and have done a great job filling a vital and very needed role. We are so thankful for them, and all

of the others who serve in the Kids Ministry, service to our children.