

EG First Ministry in Action EG First Ministry Reports for July - September 2019

Student Ministry

October 16, 2019

REVOLUTION

Pastor Matt Jackson

Fall has finally arrived. The students are in school. It's a season of rest says no one ever in student ministry! August kicked off the arrival of our new 7th graders in youth. Camp and mission trip sign ups have begun. However, most importantly we have dove head first into a fantastic Bible study written by my mentor, Richard Ross, called "Reign". The idea of this study is to give every teenager a firm foundation of how they see Jesus moving forward in life. The goal is to awaken them to the supreme majesty of God's Son! To adore Him as King and Redeemer! And to arise to join Him in bringing His Kingdom here on earth!

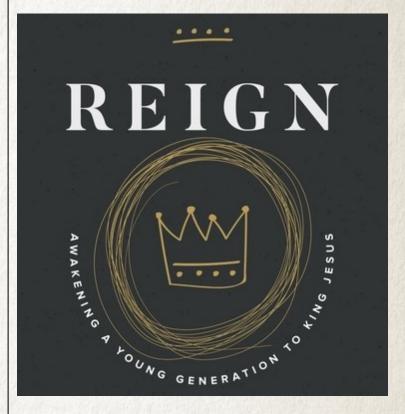
Through this study, many teenagers will see and embrace Jesus in a way that is entirely new for them. They will:

- Reflect on His preexistence with triune God
- Hear Him speak creation into existence
- See announcements of His glory in the Old Testament
- Observe the cross as the high watermark of Christ's
- Watch Him rise from the grave and ascend to heaven
- Celebrate as God the Father enthrones the Son at His
- Join the heavenly throng in singing, "King of kings and Lord of lords!"



Youth at the Fall Car and Craft Show

The Reign study directly confronts what many leaders believe is the primary shortfall of teenagers in the church today—a me-centered faith some call Moral Therapeutic Deism. Church teenagers do love Jesus, but they tend to see Him as a nice friend or even a mascot. They keep Him in the background of their lives, with one exception. When they face some problem or obstacle, they fully expect Him to show up and poof their troubles away. He is relevant only when He is making their lives happier and problem free.



The antithesis to "It's all about me" is the truth "It's all about the glorious King Jesus." Teenagers who understand, embrace, and follow Christ as supreme move from "Jesus is my mascot" to "Jesus is my Monarch." If your teenager isn't coming on Wednesday nights, encourage them to go! This stuff is too important to ignore.

Additionally, we continue to march through the Bible on Sunday mornings using the D6 curriculum. We are working on starting a new Sunday School class that will act as an extension of the student ministry to parents of teenagers. The goal is not to pull those parents who are already attending a class, but to give parents who have not connected a place to call their own that will embrace the concept of discipling their kids at home and being connected to the student ministry. Be on the lookout for the launch of this group!

Finally, we had a great fundraiser for the youth with our Annual Fall Craft and Car Show. It raised over \$2,000 for our student ministry and for the youth and adults who need to make money for camps and mission trips. We had over 90 cars in attendance and over 40 vendors for the craft fair. Thank you to Kim and Clay Rogers, Jimaline Hawthorne, and Karen Mosely for their leadership in heading this up. We had a ton of people in attendance and everyone had a blast. We had several of our youth work, a few parents contribute with bake sale items, and additional office help from Brandy Breckenridge. Again, thank you from our student ministry!!

Healthcare Ministry

Pastor Tim Harden



HEALTHCARE MINISTRY TEAM GREETS THE RESIDENTS
OF GREENWOOD PLACE AFTER SHARING A PROGRAM
OF FAMILIAR MUSIC AND CLASSIC GOSPEL SONGS

For the past 30 to 40 years EGFirst has been involved in a healthcare ministry to the Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities in the area. Much of this time this ministry was known as the Young-at-Heart Band. In more recent times the group as become known as the Healthcare Facility Ministry team.

The current team goes out once a month to a local facility to share with the residents there. The group meets about an hour before the designated program time to warm up and become oriented to the program of the day. The program consists of songs of their era, a musical game, humorous commentary, and classic gospel songs.

Current active members include vocalists: Judy Caldwell, Dawn Kellam, Rae Miles, Chuck Sink, and Iva Walton. Instrumentalists include; Debbie Harden (flute), Tim Harden (piano), and Frank Knowles (guitar).

This ministry is open to anyone of any age who would like to participate. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

The Grateful Food Pantry

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader

During July, August & September of 2019, we received donations of food and cloth bags of approximately \$3,528.25. During this same period we received monetary donations of \$14,775.00 and made food purchases of \$11,387.70. I want to take this opportunity to thank you, church family, for your response to our September Food Drive! Wow! Your response was awesome. During the quarter, we served 840 clients, giving out 1,080 bags of food, feeding 2,549 people for two days. Included with each bag of food is a tract with the plan of salvation and a church schedule. Our dedicated team of 19 members put in a total of 382 hours picking up the food, putting it away, packing the bags, and distributing them. Stop by and check us out! Once again, a big THANK YOU to all of you who save your paper bags for us, those who donate food or money, and most importantly, those who pray for this vital ministry. Your support is much appreciated.

Florida Baptist Convention State Board of Missions Report

Lynne Phillips, SBOM Member, Brevard Association Representative.

The Florida Baptist Convention State Board Missions met 29 August 2019 at the Convention Office in Jacksonville. The following are the highlights of decisions made at the meeting:

Noting that the sexual abuse crisis continues to be at the forefront of concern among Southern Baptists, the State Board of Missions affirmed the importance of protecting the vulnerable and took steps to strengthen screening policies. The Convention has already taken steps to create awareness and address concerns among the churches and the Florida staff, including extensive background checks. A statement adopted by the Board during this meeting encouraged all Florida Baptist churches to "diligently evaluate and enhance their policy and procedures" to protect the vulnerable. It also urged pastors to enhance their efforts to prevent abuse and care for abuse survivors. Additionally, the statement affirmed the theological quardianship role of the local association and state convention's determination of a cooperating church as it pertains to a church's handling of abuse allegations. The board also adopted its own policy requiring a criminal background screening of all its members. The approved screening process, complementary to the convention's employee screening process, will be completed at the beginning of each term of service and repeated every three years.

In other action taken during the meeting, the board approved a \$30 million Florida Cooperative Program budget for 2020 that will designate 51 percent of all receipts to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program and 49 percent to missions and ministries of the Florida Baptist Convention.

The \$30 million proposed CP budget is an amount identical to the 2019 budget and represents the same percentage distribution between national and state ministries. All receipts over the budget amount will be forwarded to the SBC.



Florida Baptist programs of mission, ministry and support will receive \$11,710,00 for ministry in 2020. Changes to the Florida budget reflect actual expense trends and personnel expenses including salary increases. Funding for Florida's cooperating ministries will be distributed to The Baptist College of Florida, \$1,650,000; Florida Baptist Children's Homes, \$1,140,000; and Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, \$200,000. The proposed budget will be considered by messengers attending the Florida Baptist State Convention meeting, Nov. 11-12 in Orlando. Green explained to the board that church planting and revitalization continue to be the cornerstone focus for Florida Baptists, noting the "phenomenal start" of the newly initiated "Send Network Florida." In a related matter, the board learned that 67 churches received church planting and revitalization grants from March 1, 2019 through July 30, 2019. In personnel matters, the board elected Ben Braly of Jacksonville as director of Baptist Collegiate Ministry for the Jacksonville area.

With the resignation of Mark MacDonald, who served as Strategic Communication Catalyst since 2017, the Board approved a restructuring of the Convention's communications functions within the responsibilities of the Director of Strategic Initiatives. Micah Ferguson, who serves in this role, will lead and execute overall communication, promotion, brand management and the news/information strategy of the convention.

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In other business, the board:

-approved the transfer of \$50,000 from the Convention's operating reserve fund to underwrite expenses to be incurred by hosting an exhibit and sponsoring "Crossover Florida" in conjunction with the 2020 Southern Baptist Convention when it meets June 9-10 in Orlando;

-transferred \$200,000 from the Convention's operating reserves for capital needs projects at the Baptist Building in Jacksonville and Baptist campus ministry buildings statewide; and

-granted provisional church at large status to Bedrock Baptist Church in Sarasota: and Mercy Fellowship church in Venice until final approval is given by the Florida Baptist State Convention.

The last board meeting for calendar year 2019 is scheduled for Monday, 11 November in conjunction with the Florida Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando.

First Friends

Dee Helbig, Director



First Friends Preschool & VPK is off to a great start. We are filled to capacity with a waiting list in most of our classes. We welcomed a few new faces to our school staff. We are so proud of Mrs. Badis as she stepped in to the role of 2 yr old teacher. We pray for this ministry and for what God has in store for each of the families we have the privilege and pleasure to serve. We ask you to join us in prayer for this year and to help us serve God in mighty wavs.







TRIKE-A-THON 2019

We kicked off the year with a few events already. On September 23rd we honored our wonderful Grandparents at

Children's Church. The children all made cards and proudly showed off their classrooms to their grands. It was so nice to host so many families at our monthly Children's Church. We had nearly 100% of our children represented. We are so blessed to have Mrs. Cheryl Lang serve each month as our amazing Bible story teller. She is helping us plant the seeds of faith and the love of Jesus in the hearts of our students.

On September 30th we had our Trike-A-Thon to help raise money for our playground. All of our classes participated, from our sweet 2 yr olds to our energetic VPK classes. Ben Murphy led the pack with 91 laps!! We are certain he will have raised the most money as he had pledges per lap! WOW! This is the first fundraiser for our playground. We are hoping to give our playground an upgrade and much needed TLC. If you would like to donate or can help in any capacity we would truly appreciate it. We are so thankful for the love, prayers, and support given to us by EGFIRST. We ask you to continue to lift the families, the staff, and this ministry up in prayer. We ask for God's continued guidance, grace and mercy as we serve the families and children in our care this school

Family Ministry

Pastor Matt Jackson

Pastor Matt and Children's Minister, Jordan Jinright have been working to put the Youth and Children's Ministry under the same Family Ministry umbrella for the past couple of months. Back in August, we had a Family Game Night complete with ice cream and all the fixins. About 100 people attended and had a great time! We are working on ways to bring the entire church family together at least once a month for events that will build the individual family but also encourage and edify the church family.

In September we hosted a Youth and Children's Leader Appreciation Lunch with about 50-60 in attendance. It was great seeing all the folks that make Youth and Children's Ministry possible in our church. Sometimes it's one of those jobs that is behind the scenes or in the gutters that not many people take notice, but these folks are in the trenches weekly serving God and serving future generations. Thank you again to all these great folks!

On October 20, we have our church picnic coming up at Wickham Park. It's always a great time to get the church family together before the time changes and temps have finally cooled down a little. We will be in the back large pavilion by the lake again and ask everyone to bring a side dish to share. We will provide the fried chicken and drinks! Don't forget your lawn chairs!

Finally we look ahead to some family events coming up in November and December. In November, we are hosting a family Thanksgiving Potluck and Trivia Night that will be designed for the whole family (kids and adults). We ask

that on November 17, you plan on bringing your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and we will provide the Turkey and Ham, plus the drinks!

On December 6, we will be hosting a Christmas Family Movie Night in the worship center. The movie will be announced shortly. The same weekend, on December 8 is our Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Celebration at 10:30 AM followed by lunch on the grounds. Again, bring a side to share and plan on staying for some great holiday fellowship.

Come join us and be part of the encouragement of family life here at Eau Gallie First Baptist.

Benevolence Report

Ed Davis, Team Leader

What a loving and generous God we serve! This quarter He provided \$15,850.23 to meet needs within the church family and the local community. A total of \$6,754.23 was used to meet family needs and \$7,097.39 was used to meet local community needs. Car and miscellaneous expenses were extremely heavy within the church family.

July - September 2019 Disbursements

FPL \$5,012.49 (4 mbrs/ 29 non-mbrs) \$1,278.80 Water (0 mbrs/ 8 non-mbrs) Housing \$1,100.00 (1 mbrs/ 2 non-mbrs) \$6,460.33 Misc. (4 mbrs/ 4 non-mbrs) \$13,851.62 Total:

Deacons Leading Through Serving

Andy Miller

The deacons were honored to spend a special evening with the EGFBC widows. The banquet had a western theme that was played out with decorations, photo booth, barbeque, chocolate mini hats, singing, comedy skits and most importantly fellowship time. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the delicious food. Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as;



prayer, salt & light, work matters, combating laziness, enthusiasm, courage, gossip and serving widows. Please let any deacon know of opportunities for our service.

In closing, I leave you with a few words on good works from our September meeting, (Ephesians 2:8-10), "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship. Created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." This is the means (by



grace), the avenue (through faith) and the result (for good works) of salvation. These are the pillars upon which life in Christ balances, each of which is necessary for that life to stand. God himself intentionally chose, fashioned and set apart good works for us to live inside. This truth helps us combat laziness, for by faith, we trust that in our daily lives we will encounter pre-planned good works.

Threads of Love's Success Story

Karen Messamore, Chairman

For this quarterly report we are happy to report that our group has been very successful with adding new people.

We've lost some members due to relocation as well. Thanks to all the Threads members who volunteer and work hard. We also appreciate all the donations we have received. Your generosity of materials, iron, fabric, and yarn has made a difference.

Due to that hard work and donations we were able to deliver a variety of quilts, caps, pillows, and bibs to local Cancer Centers and Alzheimers Groups. They are so grateful and have sent cards of thanks.

We continue looking for ways we can serve our community. We have added a few more projects to our ministry outreach. We will now be making caps for the Cape Canaveral Port Ministries and bibs for Hibiscus Court (an Assisted Living Facility in Melbourne).

We have made some leadership changes with Karen Messamore becoming the Chairman, and Bebe Ballard becoming the Attendance Director. We welcome new members, so come out and join us as we serve our community! We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, unless posted otherwise. There are a variety of jobs available and no experience is necessary.





Operation Christmas Child

Lynne Phillips, Area Coordinator: Space Coast Area Team

Eau Gallie First Baptist Church was the host site for the Space Coast Area Team's Project Leader Workshop and Prayer Luncheon held Saturday, 24 August. Over 140 individuals from 41 area churches and community groups came together to deepen their understanding of Operation Christmas Child, learn about the latest resources and best practices, network with others who support Operation Christmas Child, and to learn more about the impact these simple gifts have on children in need around the world.



Special guests included Anita Burns, OCC Regional Director, Florida/Puerto Rico, and Greg and Sue Vafiades, who shared their experiences giving our shoebox gifts to children in South Africa this past June. Angelia Bell, Music Director, Wings of Grace Ministries, led in musical prayer and worship. Phillip A Bokz was on hand to encourage and remind participants that it's no trouble to fill up a box with a quality WOW gift, hygiene items, and school supplies. The Chick-fil-A Cow came to learn more about Operation Christmas Child and gave out gift cards for a free chicken sandwich.

Workshop attendees visited exhibits that helped them have a better understanding of the work that goes on year round in Brevard County to increase awareness and support for the Operation Christmas Child project. Attendees were able to purchase hand made gifts for their shoeboxes and learn how to make unique shoebox gifts.

We appreciate the dedicated and hard work of the Space Coast Area Team, all of our special guests, Pastor Ralph Nygard, and these Eau Gallie FBC volunteers who, through the blessing, provision, and

leadership of the Holy Spirit, provided workshop attendees with an informative, fun and worshipful experience, not to mention great food:

Bev Edens, Chris Hutchison, Ernie Green, Erlene Johnson, Michele Scanlon, Cheryl Frontz, Debbie Campos, Zim Spaulding, Stephanie Whitley, Rose Schmitt, Brenda White, Patsy Walker, Nancy Hunt, Vivian Mello, Betty Taylor, and Kim Squeglia.



In case you are not familiar with this project, Operation Christmas Child collects your donated shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 168 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories. Since 2010, more than 14 million children who have received a shoebox gift have participated in The Greatest Journey—a 12-lesson discipleship program. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family.

You can learn how to pack a shoebox and view gift suggestions at samaritanspurse.org/occ. When packing your shoebox do not include candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.

A donation of \$9 per shoebox gift is critical for project costs. It provides for collection, processing, shipping to over 100 countries, training receiving ministry partners (Christians)

who distribute the gifts to children, and The Greatest Gift booklet that introduces children to Jesus when they receive their shoebox. You may give your donation online through Follow Your Box and receive a tracking label to discover its destination, or you may place a check inside your shoebox gift made out to Samaritans Purse with OCC written in the 'For' line. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

In 2019, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. Pastor Ralph has set a goal of 500 shoeboxes to be collected at EGFirst this year. Bring your shoebox gifts to the OCC Prayer and Dedication Service at EGFirst on Sunday, 17 November.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Pastor Tim Harden

EGFirst's Adult Fellowship Luncheons resumed in September with guest speaker Jim Johnson of Just-A-Preacher Ministries who emphasized the importance of being involved in ministry. In October, Lynn Phillips and some of her team were featured as they shared detailed information about the Shoebox Ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Those who attended both of these meetings also enjoyed a great potluck fried chicken luncheon, great fellowship around the table, and a fun time with Pastor Tim's Paper Challenge.



LYNNE PHILLIPS SHARES ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
AT THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The goal of our Fellowship Luncheons is to provide a nonthreatening means to be connected to the church body here and to foster greater relationships among our members and guests. The meetings feature a Christian environment with Christian values in a program that may be informational, inspirational, or entertainment oriented. The meetings are open to anyone (children should be

accompanied by adults) so members should aggressively invite others to attend.



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Missions

Pastor Matt Jackson



We have a couple opportunities as far as missions goes coming up in the very near future. In late October we are going to be unveiling a child sponsorship program that we are partnering with the church in the jungle of Ecuador. There are 25 children in need of sponsorship at \$30 per month which covers food, medical, teaching supplies, spiritual formation, and more. More information will be available on October 27 about this opportunity.

Finally we are getting close to Lottie Moon Offering Season! The last 2 years our church has done a fantastic job eclipsing over \$22,000 each year for support of International Missions through the IMB. We would love to see that again. Be on the lookout for the kick off of our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our **Kids Ministry** is waiting for you! Now is your chance to join the team! Babies - Preschool - Elementary Month-on, Month-off positions available

even serve one Sunday a month. The Team needs you! Stop by the Welcome Desk to find out where you fit in. Email JJinright@egfirst.org for more info.



Boutique Volunteers needed Tuesday and Thursdays. Please contact Brandy Breckenridge (254-2339 x10) or Pastor Mark (254-2339 x 20) for more information if you are interested.



Resources are available in the lobby to assist in building strong families. There are many pamphlets that contain information about various life situations you might encounter in your family. These resources are available to you free of charge, and are also on the Church website.

Hey, church family we have something just for you! Come visit the HomePointe center to receive a birthday gift (for the kids and youth), Faith Path kit (for parents), or informational sheets on various life situations (for everyone). Come check it out! We are located in the front lobby of the church. Faith Path kits are also available on the church website @ www.egfirst.org

Staying Connected

We have quite a few ways for you to stay connected with your church family. Here are just a few ways:

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