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#2 Love
People

WELCOME!

Welcome! Please fill out your Connect Card and place it in the offering basket. If you are a guest, please pick up a Guest Packet in the front lobby or by the covered entrance. Free Bibles are also available at the Information Desk! If you have children, childcare is available today in our preschool area for children: birth - age 5. There is also a cry room available at the NE corner of the worship center.

Loving People Biblical love is unselfish love. One of the best illustrations of love is found in Romans 15:1-2 where Paul states, "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." Then, in the very next verse, he uses our Lord as an example of self-less love (Romans 15:3). True love acts from nobility. It doesn't think of self first but of others. The greatest word picture to convey biblical love is found in John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends." If we visualize Jesus as he suffered on the cross, we will be able to visualize true, authentic love, for Jesus not only laid down His life for His friends, but for His enemies as well.

The kind of love of which Jesus spoke is always actively good. If we love God and our neighbors, we will have no problem with any commandment of God. We will do what God expects us to do, doing what is best for our neighbors. True biblical love is demonstrated by action. In 1 Corinthians 13:1-4-8, Paul provides us the unselfish characteristics of biblical love. **"Is slow to lose patience. Looks for a way of being constructive." "Is not possessive." "Is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance." "Has good manners." "Does not pursue selfish advantage." "Is not touchy." "Does not keep account of evil." "Does not gloat over the wickedness of other people." "Shares the joy of those who live by the truth." "Knows no limit to its endurance." "Knows no end to its trust." "Knows no failing of its hope." "Can outlast anything. Love never fails."**

Paul tells us that the way we learn to love unselfishly is by putting on the mind of Christ. "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-9-ESV) If we truly want to love people, we will love as Jesus loves, and give our lives to others with a servants heart.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Ralph

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Sign Up Now for the Adult Fellowship Day Trip

Sign up on your Connect Card, call the church office, 321-254-2339, or contact Pastor Tim to sign up. No advance payment needed.

(1) - Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City: Thursday, March 2 (Senior Adult Day).

Discovering Church Membership Seminar . Sign Up Today!

Sunday, March 19 from 4-7:00 PM

This Course is offered every 3 months so that people can learn about the history, core values, and beliefs of this church. It also helps people to understand how our church is structured and how we cooperate with other churches to bring the Gospel Message to the World. As the early church was committed and "members of one another" this course will give those who attend an opportunity to join the membership of EGFIRST Baptist. **Dinner will be provided. Sign up on your Connect Card. Childcare is available on request.**

Walk for Bibles

Saturday, March 4, 8:00 AM - Noon

Space Coast Seafarers Ministry is putting together a Walk for Bible's to raise \$37,000 to be able to purchase Bible and Jesus films for their Ministry throughout the year. The event will be held at First Baptist Church of Cape Canaveral, 8711 N. Atlantic Ave, Cape Canaveral. Sign Up on Your Connect Card. Contact Patrick Lamb for extra information at plamb@egfirst.org.

Thank You

EG First Family,

We are so grateful for the calls, cards, messages of concern and most importantly, prayers on our family's behalf after the untimely death of our son, Jeff. Many thanks, also, to the Seekers Class for their generous donation to Habitat for Humanity in Jeff's name. This is indeed a church of brotherly love and we are so blessed to be here.

Vance and Chris Duke

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!

Sunday: February 19

Prayer First: 8:30 AM
Library Open: 8:45 - 9:15 AM
10:00 - 10:30 AM
Youth Leaders Prayer Time: 9:00 AM
Revolution United (Youth): 9:15 AM
Sunday School for Children: 9:15 AM
Adult Life Groups: 9:15 AM & 10:30 AM
Revolution Worship & Life Groups: 6:00 PM

Monday: February 20

FIT for Life Strength & Flexibility Class: 10:00 AM

Tuesday: February 21

Ironmen's Bible Study: 9:15 AM
Women Warriors of God: 9:15 AM
Library Open: 9:30 AM

Wednesday: February 22

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM
Dinner Served: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Library Open: 5:45 PM
Bible Study & Prayer: 6:15 PM
Children's Programs: 6:15 PM
Revolution Disciple 6: 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:15 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thursday: February 23

Threads of Love: 9:00 AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

02/26 - Lily Emken, Jean Waters, Robb Workman, Jennifer Vawter

02/27 - Dawn Kellam, Leah Liebold

02/28 - Betty Faulkner, Page Phelps

03/01 - Jim Glanville, Rose Schmitt

03/02 - Rita Hanchey

03/03 - John Laurance, Evelyn Keller, Dianna Cunningham,
Tom Hutchison

You can now give through texting! It's easy and 100% Secure!

Text to **321-234-1284**. Type in the amount you would like to give to EG First.

You will receive a text back with a link from Easy Tithe to fill out a short form. Just enter in your name and card information and you will automatically be signed up!

Memorials and Honorariums

Benevolence

In memory of Clarence Turck by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Turck.

In memory of Adrian Cutliff by Thelma Pomeroy and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniels.

In Memory of Paul Fleming by Carolyn Newman, Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wall and Janet Hutton.

Food Pantry

In Memory of Adrian Cutliff by Nellie Crees.

In Memory of Amy Lee Fannin by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fannin.

In Memory of Hallet Harrell (Sue Rawles' father) by Sue Rawles.

Ecuador Missions

In Memory of Al Yoder (Christy Jackson Dad) by Mitchell Beckman, Kimberly Jespersen, and Samantha Scheeler.

**Facts and Figures
February 12, 2017**

Worship Attendance

Traditional:	286
Contemporary:	178
Energize	46
Total:	510

<u>Weekly Budget Need</u>	18,191.27
Budget Offering	19,643.07
Designated	3,011.75
CTB Debt Retirement	809.00
Lottie Moon	20.00
Total Offering	23,483.82
Budget Goal to Date	127,338.89
Received to Date	135,908.52
CTB Gifts to Date	2,237,724.45
CTB Year to Date	2,602.00
Annie Armstrong	60.00

**Wednesday Night Dinner
February 22 • 5-6:00 PM**

Suggested Donation:

\$5/adult | \$3/child | \$15/family

Beef Stroganoff over noodles,
Vegetable Medley, Dinner Roll,
Cheesecake Cup

Entrée Salad: Steak Salad

No Reservations Needed
Come and invite a friend!

Deacons on Call • Feb 19 - Feb 25

Andy Miller, 288-0844
Richard Korte, 255-1430

Weekly Memory Verse

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

9:15 AM Sunday Traditional Worship

Welcome

Instrumental Meditation: Majesty - Praise Orchestra

Choral Praise: The Lord Strong and Mighty

Sharing in Fellowship: Bind Us Together Lord

Message in Song: Deborah James

Worship Through Singing:

God, the Father of Your People
In My Heart There Rings A Melody
Let Us Love One Another
We Are One in the Bond of Love
In My Life, Lord

Message: First Things First: Love People
Ralph Nygard, Pastor

Song of Commitment: Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Benediction: Make Me a Blessing

10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Welcome

Featured Songs Today:

Build Your Kingdom
In the River
Send Us to the Nations
God of Justice

Tithes & Offerings

Message: First Things First: Love People
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Invitation: The Lion and The Lamb

**Our Vision: Reaching Our Community by Connecting
People to the Family of God.**

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