

respectable **sins**

Confronting the Sins We Tolerate

lack of self control

Galatians 5:22-23

March 12, 2017

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.

(1 Kings 3:1-3 NIV) Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter. He brought her to the City of David until he finished building his palace and the temple of the LORD, and the wall around Jerusalem. {2} The people, however, were still sacrificing at the high places, because a temple had not yet been built for the Name of the LORD. {3} Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the statutes of his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

There is much written in the Old Testament about the alliances that were made with other nations. Solomon's sin of marrying foreign wives and building places of worship for them in the high places was strictly forbidden by the Lord.

In an effort to keep the peace, Solomon used these unholy alliances as a type of political compromise in order to keep a strong economy, happiness, and peace throughout the land. His example was followed by each successive king.

At first, the nation of Israel remained strong and steadfast to the Lord, but over the span of time, the nation moved away from the monotheistic worship of the Lord God. For the kings, it was easier to co-exist with the enemy instead of fighting. Our nation also has entered in many unholy alliances with the world around us. In order to keep our economy strong and to develop strong friendships with our enemies, we have compromised many of our principles. Our politicians have not been as concerned with doing the right thing as they are with doing the most popular and easy thing. Several issues including abortion, affordable health care, the protection of social security benefits, and unjust taxation of the American working class have not been effectively addressed because of the fear of criticism.

For the Christian, unholy alliances with the world exist as well. The acceptance of immoral practices and the toleration of social sins are condoned not so much by our actions but rather our lack of making a stand. The moral corruption of our lives does not happen overnight. Christians today are very hesitant to hold fellow believers accountable for their spiritual walk because of their own fear of others pointing a finger in return. The minds of our children are becoming more and more foggy about what is right and wrong. The decay of our nation is only being encouraged by the Church's failure to make a stand for truth from our pulpits and in our individual lives. My we return to the authority of the Word of God to our individual lives, in our Church, and in our Nation.

In His Service,

Pastor Ralph

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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.**

Buy Your Cinnamon Rolls Today - \$3/roll!

The money raised today will go toward the Youth Ecuador Mission Trip and M-Fuge summer mission camp. Our rolls are available for sale in 3 separate locations around the church!

Disaster Relief Training This Saturday

Saturday, March 18, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Become a trained volunteer for FLDR. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Cost is \$25 for new volunteers + \$16 for a background check. You can specialize in one area of training: childcare, logistics, feeding, ERT, cleaning, or spiritual care. Price includes: lunch, training materials, ID badge, t-shirt, hat and pin. Contact Larry Porter with any questions at regalbear@bellsouth.net or 321-258-6199.

Save the Date: 50's Themed Spring Dinner Show

Friday, March 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Join us for our 50's themed comedy dinner show brought to you by the student ministry. There will be a best dressed 50's contest, trivia, decor, and Comedian Larry Weaver! Tickets are \$15 each (server tip not included). There will be 50's themed food: burgers, fries, chicken fingers, (optional dinner salad upon request at time of purchase), shakes, pop, coffee, and more! **Childcare available (birth-4 years of age with RSVP).** Buy your tickets on Sunday in the lobby or church office during the week.

Freedom Celebration Vocalist Volunteers Needed!

Mark your calendars. The event will take place on Saturday, July 1, at 7 PM and Sunday, July 2, at 4 PM. Participants will be provided with bonus rehearsal opportunities and CD's to learn and review the music. Bonus rehearsals will begin the week following Easter. Enrollment is open to ALL who wish to join. **Sign up on your Connect Card beginning today with your name and voice part.**

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!

Sunday: March 12

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: 6:00 PM

Monday: March 13

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

Tuesday: March 14

Ironmen's Bible Study: 9:15 AM
Women Warriors of God: 9:15 AM
Library Open: 9:30 AM
Phebean Class: 7:00 PM

Wednesday: March 15

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
Girls Nite Out (Youth girls 7th-12th grade): 6:15 PM
Soulcon (Youth guys 7th-12th grade): 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:15 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thursday: March 16

Threads of Love: 9:00 AM

Saturday: March 18

Disaster Relief Training: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Orchestra Rehearsal: 5:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

03/19 - Larry Porter, Linda Clark, JoJo Mazzella, Shyla Belle Jinright

03/20 - Janet Forrer, Matt Jackson

03/21 - Jeremy Frontz

03/22 - John Carden, Diane Browning, Noah Torres

03/23 - Janet Stepp

03/24 - Hal Beaty, Arthur Sharrer, Linda Bagley, Dee Helbig

03/25 - Elizabeth Brown, Becky Eisenhauer

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!

Sympathy & Love

Chris and Tom Hutchison and family in the death of their niece.

Hal and Janet Stepp in the death of Hal's Mother.

Charlie and Stephanie Whitley in the death of Charlie's step-son.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Christy and I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and concerns you had for us over the last few weeks. Loosing Christy's dad was a shock but we know as a Christ follower, he is with Jesus now which brings so much comfort. Thank you for all the prayers with my "latest" surgery. Although it is slowing me down, we are thankful for a church family that cares and for youth leaders that pick up my slack! Again...thank you!

Pastor Matt and Christy Jackson

**Facts and Figures
March 5, 2017**

Worship Attendance

Traditional:	298
Contemporary:	181
Energize	46
Total:	525

<u>Weekly Budget Need</u>	18,191.27
Budget Offering	27,955.08
Designated	11,787.50
CTB Debt Retirement	295.00
Annie Armstrong	295.00
Total Offering	40,332.58
Budget Goal to Date	181,912.70
Received to Date	197,993.37
CTB Gifts to Date	2,238,739.45
CTB Year to Date	3,617.00
Annie Armstrong	505.00

**Wednesday Night Dinner
March 15 • 5-6:00 PM**

Suggested Donation:

\$5/adult | \$3/child | \$15/family
Corn Beef, Cabbage, Red Potatoes,
Roll and St. Patty's Cake

Entrée Salad: Lemon Pepper
Chicken Salad

No Reservations Needed
Come and invite a friend!

Deacons on Call • Mar 12 - Mar 18

Martin Lamb, 541-7310
Jim McCalla, 431-4470
Richard Hayes, 243-3939

Weekly Memory Verse

Psalm 119:11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

9:15 AM Sunday Traditional Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Whom Shall I Fear - Kidz Choir

Choral Praise: The Lord is My Strength

Sharing in Fellowship: Bind Us Together, Lord

Message in Song: Trust in You - Living Proof Ladies

Worship Through Singing:

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Higher Ground

My Life is in You

Yes, Lord, Yes

As the Deer

Message: Respectable Sins: Lack of Self Control

Ralph Nygard, Pastor

Song of Commitment: I Surrender All

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Benediction: Just a Closer Walk

10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Welcome

Featured Songs Today:

Fierce

It Is Well

Good Good Father

Great Are You Lord

Tithes & Offerings

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Invitation: No Longer Slaves

Our Mission: Love God, Love People, Share Jesus, Reach the World

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

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