

**STAYING  
IN  
THE  
SWEET  
SPOT**

**JOSHUA  
1:1-5**

**LIVING**

**IN THE**

**PROMISED  
LAND**



Ralph Nygard, Pastor

**July 23, 2017**

# WELCOME!

Welcome to Eau Gallie First Baptist Church. Our vision is to reach our community by connecting people to the family of God. That includes you! Please take a moment to fill out your Connect Card and place it in the offering basket when it comes around during the service. If you are a guest, we invite you to pick up a "guest packet" in the front lobby or by the West Covered Entrance.

Free Bibles are also available at the information desk! If you have kids, childcare is available in our preschool area for kids: birth-age 5. There is also a cry room available at the NE corner of the worship center. For kids grades 1-6, they are invited to "Energize" kids worship which dismisses during the Contemporary Service. Don't forget to pick them up after the service in the Youth Zone.

Dear Church family,

Have you ever noticed that when you talk with people, they seem to be waiting for better and happier days to happen in their lives? Many people think that if they just work hard enough and long enough that one day they will be able to sit back and enjoy the fruit of their labors. Whether it is getting to retirement with money in the bank, going on a dream vacation, or just getting the kids through school, they often discover that when they arrive at their goal, they find themselves still not happy and fulfilled.

Today we begin a new sermon series, "Living in the Promised Land." The focus of this series is that God wants you to experience His presence and blessings every day of your life. Just like Joshua was chosen to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land, he wants to lead you to rely upon His direction and discover the blessings of what it means to be obedient to the calling of God right now in your life. Just as God promised the people of Israel a land flowing with milk and honey, he has promised you a place of peace and contentment as well as abundance and joy.

One of the reasons we find ourselves waiting to enter our Promised Land is because we keep holding on to the past and looking back at our failures and thinking about the good ole' days. The days before added responsibilities, the days before a household of children, or the days when your health was better. As long as we hold on to the past, you will never be open to what God has in store for you today. He may be trying to lead you to the Promised Land but you fail to notice it because you are looking to re-create a time that you remembered when days were better.

God wants to bless your life today, and he wants you to be open to his leadership in your life. It is my prayer that through this message series, that you will begin to see God at work in your life, and if you're ready to trust God and follow him, you can begin to take possession of the Promised Land today.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Ralph

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## **Discovering Church Membership Seminar. Sign Up Today!**

**Sunday, August 13 from 4:00 - 7:30 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.**

## **End of Summer Tea for Ladies and Youth Girls, 7th and Up!**

**Save the date for Saturday, August 12 at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.**

EG First Women's Ministry is holding the tea for women and youth girls 7th grade and up. We ask that you bring a fingerfood of your choice and your favorite cup for tea. Hot tea, drinks and desserts will be provided. Sign up on your Connect Card!

## **First Friends VPK and Preschool Openings**

Church family! Our First Friends Preschool and VPK still has a few spots open for the 2017-2018 school year! They are also offering classes for 2 year olds on Tues/Thurs. Contact Dee Helbig and Jenny Rider at 321-254-2339 x 25 for any questions!

## **What is Challenge to Build?**

You may have noticed that people give to the CTB fund and could be wondering what this fund supports. Back when our church relocated to this property, we asked people to give an "over and above" offering for a period of 3 years. Through this giving we have raised over 2.25 million dollars. Through the challenge of "equal sacrifice, not equal gifts" many people are still giving to help pay down our building debt and for replacement repairs of the building. With more people joining in giving, we can eventually become debt free.

**Love God  
Love People**

**CHURCH T-SHIRTS  
HAVE ARRIVED!**

**Share Jesus  
Reach the World**

**Buy yours today in the church lobby!  
Only \$10 (benefits youth missions)**

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!

## Sunday: July 23

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

Revolution Movie and Manhunt Night: 6:00 PM

## Monday: July 24

Worship Center Staging Reset: 7:00 PM

## Tuesday: July 25

Library Open: 9:30 AM

## Wednesday: July 26

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM

Dinner Served: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Library Open: 5:45 PM

Church Conference: 6:00 PM

Bible Study & Prayer: 6:15 PM

Children's Programs: 6:15 PM

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:15 PM

Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Children's Ministry (PJ/Movie Night 6:15 PM

Revolution (Game Night): 6:15 PM

## Thursday: July 27

Threads of Love: 9:00 AM

## Friday: July 28

Domino Fellowship: 6:00 PM

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**07/30-** Violet Harrell

**07/31** - Jackie Huff, Timmy D'Angiolillo, Castor Pulliam

**08/01** - Sue Rawles, Andrew Picklesimer, Alonzo Welcome

**08/02** - Theresa Moore, A.J. Ellison, Jyllian Workman

**08/03** - Theresa Simpson

**08/04** - Meagan Lang

**08/05** - Douglas Reep, Gloria Long, Andrew D'Angiolillo, Nick Correa,  
Dakota Jinright

**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 Alice Vernezze by Kent and Maria Bolton.

In Memory of Alice Vernezze by The PIC (Partners in Christ) Sunday School Class.

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Dear Pastor Ralph,  
Thank you for the wonderful Celebrate Freedom concert on July 2. I am so glad I met you at the hospital where you and your wife gave me an invitation. Every aspect of the celebration was outstanding! Great talent used for God's glory! May God bless you richly in your ministry.  
In God's love,  
Sally B

### Facts and Figures July 16, 2017

#### Worship Attendance

Combined Services Total: 448

<u>Weekly Budget Need</u>	18,191.27
Budget Offering	12,224.96
Designated	3,542.50
CTB Debt Retirement	135.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>15,902.46</b>
Budget Goal to Date	527,546.83
Received to Date	539,546.10
CTB Gifts to Date	2,246,045.45
CTB Year to Date	10,923.00

### Wednesday Night Dinner July 26 • 5-6:00 PM

#### Suggested Donation:

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

Lasagna, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Toast and Snickers Salad

**Entrée Salad:** Italian Salad with ham, pepp, provolone, tom, cuke, egg, bell peppers and salami, olives

**No Reservations Needed**  
**Come and invite a friend!**

### Deacons on Call • July 23 - 29

Joe Mazzella, (347) 538-3030  
Jim Offner, 537-2147  
Craig Helping, 693-3040

## Weekly Memory Verse

**Jeremiah 20:9** If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

### 9:15 AM Sunday Traditional Worship

**Welcome**

**Choral Praise:** A Call to Trust

**Sharing in Fellowship:** Bind Us Together, Lord

**Message in Song:** Mary Miller

**Worship Through Singing:**

Like a River Glorious

Oh Jordan's Stormy Banks

God Is Good All the Time

Count Your Blessings

In Your Time

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Surely Goodness and Mercy

### 10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

**Worship Songs Today:**

Alive

Fierce

Holy Spirit

Miracles

My Lighthouse

**OUR MISSION:**

**Love God, Love People, Share Jesus, Reach the World**

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