



WHOEVER
DRINKS THE
WATER I GIVE
THEM WILL
NEVER THIRST.

JOHN 4:14

NOVEMBER 26, 2017
PATRICK LAMB, PASTORAL INTERN

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas Season is here! While most kids are counting down the days of the calendar, a lot of folks are not all that excited about this holiday. There are some that are experiencing Christmas blues and can't wait to get past this month of Christmas Trees, parties, gift exchanges and everything that happens during the month of December.

Christmas is a time of expectations. Unfortunately, many of our expectations have become unrealistic because they have been fueled by TV shows and commercials about perfect families and perfect celebrations. For many people, their experience of Christmas is stressful because of loneliness, because of the loss of a spouse, or being single because of divorce or other circumstances. For others, their families live many miles away and it is difficult to make a trip because of work or financial limitations.

At the same time, many parents have the pressure of meeting all the wants that their children have expressed to Santa, and they have mixed feelings about adding to their debt load. Even the Church has added to the pressures of Christmas by expecting participation in every event, and expecting their already overloaded staff to create programs that will often cause burnout and steal the joy of those involved. This is one of the reasons that we cut some of the activities that are high in preparation.

It is so important that we take the time to focus on Jesus during this season. When you look at the season in a new perspective, it allows you to regain your joy during this season of celebration. This new perspective puts Christ first, other people second, and yourself third. When we take time to relieve the suffering of others, it glorifies Jesus. When we do things to demonstrate love to others, it leads us to make a small difference to those who are hurting. Visiting the lonely, meeting the needs of the poor, and caring for those who are grieving, brings you in line with the spirit of Christ, who came to give the gift of salvation to the world.

The true Christmas spirit can be experienced when we see Christmas through the eyes of Jesus. This will keep us from having the Christmas Blues. Let's make this the best Christmas yet as we share the Good News of Salvation!

Love in Christ,

PASTOR RALPH

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome Guests!

- Adults: info packets available in the Lobby
- Children: "Energize Worship": Grades 1-6 dismissed from 10:30 am worship
- Babies - Preschool: age graded childcare available in Preschool area.
- Cry Room available at N.E. corner of Worship Center
- Need a Bible? Free at the Information Desk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight! Annual Turkey Bowl and Movie Night (Youth): 3:30 PM

Youth don't forget to invite your family and friends. The games will begin at 3:30 PM with a movie in the field afterwards. Popcorn and Pizza will be provided.

December 1
6 pm
under the stars
*Bring lawn chairs

Family Movie Night
Christmas Edition
Bring a Buddy!
Come Join us for a trip to the seven levels of the candy cane forrest!
Hotdogs, Hot cocoa, popcorn, and more!
*Candy, Candy Canes, Candy Corn, and Syrup may or may not be provided!

EAU GALLIE
FIRST BAPTIST

Smiling's my favorite!

Singing Christmas Tree Adult Fellowship Day Trip: Dec 9

Come join us as we go to First Baptist Orlando to see the Singing Christmas Tree on Dec 9. We will depart at Noon. Lunch and Program at 2:30 PM. Ticket Prices: \$8.50, \$11.50, \$15.50, and \$20.50. Tickets will be ordered as payment is received. Place payment in an envelope and indicate the names of those purchasing tickets and the level of the tickets purchased. Then you may either place the envelope in the offering, take it to the church office, or give it directly to Pastor Tim.

In the Front Lobby

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THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

Sunday, November 26:

Prayer First: 8:30 AM - Room 104 and Conference Room

Library Open: 8:45 - 9:15 AM

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Revolution United Bible Study: 9:15 AM

Annual Turkey Bowl and Movie Night (Youth): 3:30 PM

Tuesday, November 28:

Women Warriors Bible Study: 9:15 - 11:15 AM

Ironman Life Group: 9:15 - 11:15 AM

Library Open: 9:30 AM

Wednesday, November 29:

Moms in Prayer: 8:45 AM

Dinner Served: 5 PM

Library Open: 5:45 PM

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:15 PM

Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Friday, December 1:

Christmas Family Movie Night: 6PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/03: Christopher Lajza

12/04: Bobbie Lashinger, Raegan Nygard

12/05: Erin Bernhard, Robin Jones, Max Morgan

12/06: Lorena McQueen

12/07: Nancy Hallsworth

12/08: Verna Davis, Paticia Swett, Sarah Langlie

12/09: Betty Boman, Cristina Cruz

THANK YOU!

The Bereavement Ministry would like to say thank you to the Basic Bible Study Class for their food donations for the family of Chaplain Joe Hunt after the service on Saturday.

Phyllis Frey and family would like to thank EGFirst for the floral arrangement for E. David Frey's home going.

The Seafarer's Ministry would like to thank EGFirst for their faithful partnership with them to reach the seafarers for Christ.

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence:

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. James Jaszowskiak.
 In Memory of Bonnie Smith by Bebe Ballard.

To the Seafarer's Ministry:

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kiser, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Turck.

To Lottie Moon:

In Honor of Our Teachers by the BYKOTA Class.
 In Honor of Our Pastors by the BYKOTA Class.

To the Flower Ministry:

In Memory of Phyllis Sharrer by Bobbie Cantrell.

To the Music Ministry:

In Memory of Ann Chandler by Bobbie Cantrell.
 In Memory of Bonnie Smith by Bobbie Cantrell.

To Operation Christmas Child:

In Memory of Paul Freeburger by Bobbie Cantrell.
 In Memory of Earl French by Bobbie Cantrell.

OUR MISSION:

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

Facts and Figures November 19, 2017

Weekend Worship Attendance 523

<u>Weekly Budget Needed</u>	18,191.27
Budget Offering	15,240.23
Designated	2,448.50
CTB Debt Retirement	230.00
Lottie Moon	220.00

Total Offering 18,138.73

To Date Figures

Budget Goal	854,989.69
Received	863,958.31
CTB Gifts	2,526,607.50
CTB Year	18,485.05
Lottie Moon	1,810.00

Wednesday Night Dinner November 29, 2017

Suggested Donation

\$5 Adult...\$3 Child...\$15 family

Potato Soup or Vegetable Soup,
 Side Salad, Baked Potato,
 Pudding Cup

Entree Salad:

Chef Salad

No Reservations Needed

Deacons on Call Nov 26 - Dec 2

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

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 29:2 "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness."

9:15 am Sunday Traditional Worship

Choral Praise: The People Who Walk in Darkness

Fellowship Time: In the Presence of the Lord

Message in Song: People Need the Lord - Mark Kelly

Worship Songs Today:

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Emmanuel

Send the Light

Let Others See Jesus in You

Bless that Wonderful Name

Set My Soul Afire, Lord

Shine, Jesus, Shine

10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Worship Songs Today:

Spirit of the Living God

Good Good Father

God with Us

Arms Open Wide

Do It Again

Overwhelmed

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

Joe and Sedina Bush in the passing of Sedina's sister, Margaret McColl.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Special thanks to all of our Operation Christmas Child volunteers for helping out with this year's drop off. They have taken time out of their schedules to help make an impact for Christ all around the world. If you see someone who helped out this year please take the time to thank them for their time. If you would like to get involved next year please contact Lynne Phillips.

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