

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*

*Is it Christmas Yet?*

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor    December 24, 2017



# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Christmas is finally here! We have listened to Christmas Music for the past month, decorated our trees and houses, attended several Christmas themed presentations, and have gained at least 5 pounds eating all the great homemade cookies and candies. This morning on Christmas Eve we come together to truly celebrate the New Born King.

It is so awe inspiring to imagine that the God of the Universe would come to live among us to bring about Salvation through the birth and death of his only Son so that our sins could be forgiven. His gift to us is truly amazing through the demonstration of his love. The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Cor. 9:15 ***"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"***

Because of such a great gift, it ought to move us to express our love to God through worship and following the teachings of the Word of God. Because Jesus loved, we must love; because Jesus served, we must serve; because Jesus gave, we must give; because Jesus forgave, we must forgive. Not only did the long awaited Messiah come into the world to bring us Salvation and the Promise of Eternal Life, he came to show us who God really is. He demonstrated to us how to fulfill our purpose in this world while we go through this life.

I pray that this celebration of Christmas will cause you to experience the presence of God afresh and anew. Please let the spirit of Christmas permeate your entire life throughout this coming year. As you spend time with your families, take a moment to recognize Jesus in the midst of the celebration of gifts, laughter, and fellowship. If you are feeling lonely and discouraged during this season, remember that Christ is also acquainted with grief and loneliness. He promises to never leave you or forsake you.

God's blessings to each of you this day!

Love in Christ,

PASTOR RALPH

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# WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

## Welcome Guests!

- Info packets available in the Lobby
- Kid's bulletin available from the ushers
- Babies - Preschool: groups available in the preschool area, for both morning worship services
- Cry Room available at N.E. corner of Worship Center
- Need a Bible? Free at the Information Desk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## • 2018 Offering Envelopes

Are available to pick up at the tables, in the hallway, outside the Media Library. If you would like envelopes, please indicate on your connect card and they will be made available the following Sunday.

## • Melbourne Gospel Jubilee with The Triumphant Quartet: Jan 13, 7 PM

Tickets are \$10 and a free will offering will be taken. Tickets may be purchased in advance at: MELBOURNEGOSPELJUBILEE.COM or at the door if available.

## • VPK First Friends has Openings

Currently there are a few spots open in our 3 year old classes for 3 day and 5 day vpk. If interested, please contact Dee Helbig or Jenny Rider at [preschool@egfirst.org](mailto:preschool@egfirst.org) or 254-2339 ext 25.

## • 2018 Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some people to serve on a rotating basis for approximately 45 minutes each Friday stuffing bulletins. If you are available please let us know of your interest on the Connect Card.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/31: Jackie Wallace, Richard Dawson

1/01: Todd Skirvin, Tony Costa, Tiger Shung

1/02: Bruce Ingersoll, Wesley Dage, Joshua Clement

1/03: Dorman Fowler, Barbara Springstroh, Taylor Burgess

1/04: Chuck Sink, Ann Baumgarter, Janet Strimel, Shari Monteith

1/05: Charles Meeks, Cheri Daubendiek, Candy Thomas

1/06: Doug Stewart, Barbara Carnes

## OUR MISSION:

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

## THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

**Monday, December 25:**

Office Closed

**Wednesday, Dec 27:**

No Dinner or Services

**Sunday, December 31:**

Traditional Worship Service: 9:15 AM

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:30 AM

Sunday School for all Ages: 9:15 and 10:30 AM

## SUNDAYS FOR THE KIDS

- Babies and preschool groups meet from 9:15 to Noon where they will be nurtured by our loving staff as they learn through Bible lessons the three foundational truths: God made them, God loves them, and God wants to be their friend forever.
- 1st-6th Grade groups meet during the 9:15 hour and dive deep into the day's lesson with games and activities that encourage discussion and understanding.
- "Energize" is a worship experience for 1st-6th Graders. At a certain point in the 10:30 worship service, kids are invited to the Youth Zone where they will hear the day's lesson applied to their life. You can pick them up from the Youth Zone after service.
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**Stop by the Kids Min Info Desk to check-in and get more information**

## SYMPATHY AND LOVE

We extend our Christian sympathy and love to Darrell and Betty Roberts in the death of Darrell's sister, Joyce Griffin.

## BAPTISMS

Corbin Conley

Nellie McEver

Jennifer Shepherd

## GIVING THROUGH TEXTING

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

Text to 321-234-1284, then type 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!

# IN MEMORY OR HONOR

## To Benevolence

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wells  
 In Honor of Pauline Fleming by Wayne Spencer

## To the Food Pantry

In Memory of Nancy Iannello by Mr. and Mrs. David Strunk

## To the General Budget:

In Memory of Nancy Iannello by the Iannello Family

## To the Space Coast Seafarer's Ministry:

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Fowler,  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Korte

# YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that when you file your taxes, that giving to a church or a non profit organization will help reduce your tax burden? Just like the deductions of mortgage interest, the IRS allows you to reduce your taxable income by the amount you donate. It is a benefit that we can give the church money instead of the government. Although, this is a wonderful benefit, it is not the reason why we give. We should give out of gratitude because God first gave to us. Any gifts received in the office by Dec. 31st will be credited to the 2017 giving statements. You can **give online also at: [egfirst.org/give](http://egfirst.org/give)**. Thank you for your faithfulness!

## Facts and Figures December 17, 2017

### Weekend Worship Attendance 494

Weekly Budget Needed 18,191.27

Budget Offering	18,388.10
Designated	6,855.50
CTB Debt Retirement	495.00
Lottie Moon	2,300.00

**Total Offering 28,038.60**

### To Date Figures

Budget Goal	927,754.77
Received	938,032.15
CTB Gifts	2,527,922.50
CTB Year	19,800.05
Lottie Moon	11,570.00

## Wednesday Night Dinner December 27, 2017

**Office Closed**

**There Will Be**

**No Wednesday Night Dinner**

**This Week**

## Deacons on Call Dec 24-30

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

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

**Psalm 121:1-2** "I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

## 9 and 11 AM Christmas Eve Worship

**Choral Praise:** The First Noel

**Instrumental Celebration:** Christmas Joy and Glory

### **Worship Songs Today:**

Angels from the Realms of Glory      Away in the Manger  
Angels We Have Heard on High      Go Tell it on the Mountain  
Light of the Stable

**Message in Song:** Almost There - Living Proof Ladies

**Message:**                      Is it Christmas Yet?  
   Galatians 4:4-5  
   Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor

**Musical Meditation:** O Holy Night  
   Living Proof Ladies - 9 AM Service  
   Kami Lucker - 11 AM Service

**Congregational Closing:** Silent Night

## STAY CONNECTED!

Staying connected is simple, just join our EG First Yahoo Group! You will receive Church News Emails. To join, simply subscribe at:

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To send an email message to the church email, send the email to:  
[EGFBC@yahoogroups.com](mailto:EGFBC@yahoogroups.com)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



You! As the new year approaches it is a great time to become more involved and join one of our fabulous ministries. Whether it is kids ministry, parking team, Wednesday night supper crew or one of the many others, we thank you for stepping up to the challenge of ministering to others in our church.

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