

A person wearing dark clothing is standing in a field of dry, brown grass. They are holding a brown book in their right hand. The image has a warm, slightly desaturated color palette.

# INTENTIONAL

*What it Means  
to be Christian*

December 31, 2017

Matt Jackson, Youth and Family Pastor

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Today being New Years Eve, it is a good time to get started with some needed changes in our lives. Changes in habits, behaviors, and practices are not easy. In order to really get things moving in the right direction, it requires intentionality in getting started, improving, and finishing strong. All of us have areas in our lives that we would like to look different in the New Year. Whether it is finances, health, relationships, or a deeper walk with God, no change of any significance will take place unless we put an Intentional Plan in place.

We want to help you make 2018 great, so we are kicking off a new sermon series called “**INTENTIONAL**” This series will not only look at how Jesus personified intentionality, but help you develop strong habits to be intentional in every part of your walk with God. We will be exploring the Bible and looking at what Jesus teaches us about examining our Lives, and making a plan to change. Upcoming messages:

**January 7 - BUILD IT** - What does it look like to intentionally build a foundation for your life on the Word of God?

**January 14 - READ IT** - What does it look like to intentionally read your Bible? Why Read it? What good will it do? Can I trust it?

**January 21 - PRAY IT** - What does it look like to pray intentionally in our lives. What happens when you make prayer a priority, a prerequisite, and a practice?

**January 28 - SHARE IT** - What does it look like to intentionally share your story and His story?

**February 4 - SERVE IT** - What does it look like for people to serve each other, their church, and their community? Why do we serve? How can we get involved?

**February 11 - PASS IT** - What does it look like to intentionally pass the torch to the next generation? What do legacy milestones look like? How can we do better as an aging generation to pass on the Word of God to a younger generation?

Hopefully you will do your best to be present each week to develop your own personal growth plan for the New Year!

Happy New Year!

*Pastor Ralph*

In the Front Lobby

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# WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

## **We are so glad you made it today!**

- Grab an info packet in the lobby and a Bible from the information desk
- There is a mother-baby suite in the NE corner of the Worship Center
- Babies and Preschoolers can join us in the preschool area
- 1st-6th Graders, your groups meet at 9:15-10:15AM and you'll be released to "Energize" from the 10:30 Service.

## 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**

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. Will Call and Ticket sales open the day of at 5:30 PM, doors open at 6 PM, and concert starts at 7 PM.

### • **Movie Night: Jan 21 at 6 PM**

We will meet in the Worship Center for a *GREAT* movie. You will not want to miss this opportunity to be challenged in how to fight "the" war, as we watch the PG rated movie "War Room". Invite your friends!

### • **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.

## **OUR MISSION:**

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

# THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

## Sunday, December 31:

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

## Monday, January 1:

Office Closed

## Tuesday, January 2:

Library Open: 9:30 AM

## Wednesday, January 3:

Moms in Prayer: 8:45 AM

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference Room)

Dinner Served: 5 PM

Library Open: 5:45 PM

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM

No Youth Tonight...resume Jan 10

There will be Kids programs

Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:15 PM

Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

## Thursday, January 4:

Threads of Love: 9 AM (Fellowship Hall)

## Friday, January 5:

Salt SS Class Meeting: 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/07: Elizabeth Toro, Carisa Dahl, Dina Trespalacios

1/08: Jerry Dotson

1/09: Richard Kiser, Ron McLellan, Tim Long,

1/10: Tammy Collard

1/11: Lorraine Phifer, Sarah Nutter, T.J. Zammass

1/12: Chickie Harris, Norma Mantz, Cindy Manguira, Jonathan Murphy

1/13: Christy Jackson, Marissa Cruz

# Giving

## *Three ways to make it easy!*

(1) 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!

(2) Give online at: [egfirst.org/give](http://egfirst.org/give)

(3) In person on Sunday mornings during the worship service.

# IN MEMORY OR HONOR

## To Benevolence

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Kumer

## To Lottie Moon

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

## To the Space Coast Seafarers Ministry

In Memory of Chaplain Joe Hunt by Jeanie Wood

## To the General Budget

In Memory of Chuck Routh by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Routh

# YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that when you file your taxes, giving to a church or a non profit organization can 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 **today** will be credited to the 2017 giving statements. Thank you for your faithfulness! You can **give online also at: [egfirst.org/give](http://egfirst.org/give)**.

## Facts and Figures December 24, 2017

<b>Weekend Worship Attendance</b>	<b>671</b>
<u>Weekly Budget Needed</u>	18,191.27
Budget Offering	22,003.01
Designated	2,170.00
CTB Debt Retirement	335.00
Lottie Moon	3,137.00

**Total Offering 27,645.01**

## To Date Figures

Budget Goal	945,946.04
Received	960,035.16
CTB Gifts	2,528,257.50
CTB Year	20,135.05
Lottie Moon	14,707.00

## Wednesday Night Dinner January 3, 2017

**Suggested Donation**  
**\$5 Adult...\$3 Child...\$15 family**

Chicken Sandwich, Mac and Cheese,  
Green Beans, Ice Cream Cup

**Entree Salad:**  
Fried Chicken Salad

**No Reservations Needed**

## Deacons on Call Dec 31 - Jan 6

Jim Gilbert	501-1926
Don Leddin	255-0362
Bill Franklin	255-0868
Andy Miller	288-0844

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

**Psalms 119:105**

## 9:15 am Sunday Traditional Worship

**Choral Praise:** He is Jehovah

**Fellowship Time:** In the Presence of the Lord

**Message in Song:** I'd Rather Have Jesus - Pastor Tim Harden

### **Worship Songs Today:**

Another Year is Dawning

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Footsteps of Jesus

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

My Life is in You, Lord

Living for Jesus

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

## 10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

### **Worship Songs Today:**

First

Let Your Spirit Fall

Burning in My Soul

Come As You Are

Here's My Heart

Forever Yours

## 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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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Diane Nygard has faithfully served EGFirst for many years. Over time, she has served in everything from kids ministry to bereavement, and anything in between. Currently, she does a great deal of clerical work during the week. This helps free up our pastors, so they have more time for ministry. She is also a part of our

Wednesday Night Supper Crew, Discovery Seminar, and also helps coordinate meals for funerals. So, if you see her this week please thank her for all that she does. If you are interested in serving on Wednesdays please talk to her or drop by the office to find out how.

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