

EG First Ministry in Action

QUARTERLY MINISTRY REPORT, OCTOBER 2015 - DECEMBER 2015

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New Beginnings for the Students of Eau Gallie First!

Youth & College, Pastor Matt Jackson

DISCIPLE6

A SIX-YEAR CURRICULUM FOR
MAKING TEENAGE DISCIPLES

We are so excited to dive into some serious discipleship with our teens on Wednesday nights through a newly released curriculum by way of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary called Disciple6. Our prayer is that God draws students closer to Him through our intense discipleship night. Disciple6 also teaches the students how they can disciple others. Teenagers share in the leadership of the sessions. They prepare to disciple believers now and for a lifetime, nearby and to the ends of the earth.

Please be in prayer for this journey and for all our students and leaders who dare venture! That journey will be a comprehensive, six-year curriculum to be used with those teenagers who want to be disciples of Jesus. The studies are grounded in Scripture and include the content areas of: Apologetics, Core Doctrines, Servant Leadership, Biblical Interpretation, Ethics, Spiritual Disciplines,

Biblical Relationships, Evangelism, Missions and Worldview.

Revolution United Praise Team!!!

I have to say that Nick O'Brien is doing a fantastic job as our Youth/Worship intern. If you haven't dropped by the youth zone on a Wednesday afternoon or Sunday evening and had a chance to hear the youth praise team, you simply need to! The team was able to lead a song during the Celebrate Christmas tree



decoration service in December and lead our students three times a month during

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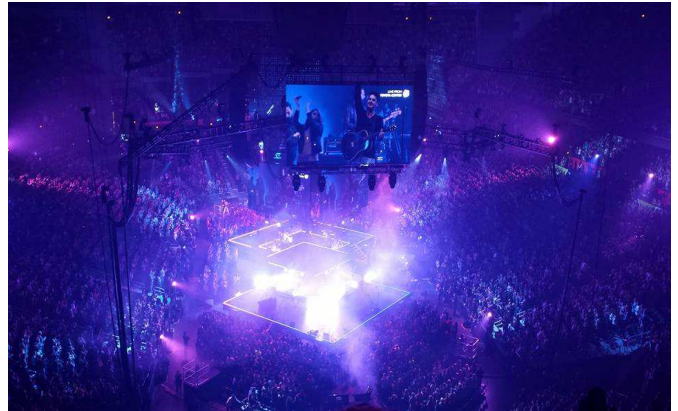
Revolution United. Nick O'Brien leads this team, all while continuing to lead RISE Worship (ministries) which calls him to lead in different churches and camps throughout the year. The time that Nick and the students on the team put into leading is remarkable and it really shows in their hearts of worship. Please continue to pray for our students who lead weekly: Bianca Pizarro, Katie Nimmo, Gina D'Angiolillo, Annalee Mobley, Maddie Jinright, Aaron O'Malley, David Miller, Kasi Nelson, Blake Harpold, and of course Nick O'Brien.

Passion 2016 Trip is Life Changing



The Beginning of January always proves to be one of my favorite times of year. Our high school seniors and a few college students packed up the vans and headed north to Atlanta for one of the largest gatherings of students in the world for the Passion Conference. Passion has been around since 1995 and has been deemed part of the resurgence of the church among millenials and the younger generation. Many of the songs we sing

today were birthed from Passion conferences and songwriters. Students



were able to sit under the teaching of Louie Giglio, Christine Caine, Ravy Zacharius, John Piper, Levi Lusko, and more. David Crowder, Hillsong United, Rend Collective, Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, and Kristian Stanfill were among some of those who led worship for the two day conference. One of the most amazing things we have seen God do through Passion is raise up a generation that makes a difference around the world. During the 2016 Passion Conference, students raised almost \$800,000 in one offering to build a hospital in Syria for pregnant women and babies complete with an NICU. That is Huge! Passion also has inspired what is commonly known as the END IT Movement. Several years ago Passion

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brought human trafficking and modern day slavery to the forefront of our lives and now people all over the world are actively doing something about it. In fact, February 25 is END IT Day, so look for the red X! Additionally, Rise Worship will be leading an END IT Night, where we will worship and pray all in the name of Jesus, and discernment of how we can make a difference right here in Melbourne, Florida. We hope everyone will be able to join us this night!

Faithful Ministry to the Homebound

Janice Thornton, Team Leader

We continue to visit our members who are in nursing homes and homebound. Our numbers were down some this quarter due to the holidays.

This quarter we had 104 visits

Please continue to pray that more members will find it in their hearts to join our Homebound team. The need is great and there are only eight of us on the team covering all the nursing homes, hospitals and the ones who are homebound.

I do want to thank the team members who are so faithful in their visitations. It means a lot to the ones who are homebound and in the nursing homes.

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Adult Fellowship Trips

Pastor Tim Harden



February 2015- Trip to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando. This is a miniature reproduction of what Jerusalem would have looked like at the time of Jesus. There was a guided explanation of the city.



November 2015 - Train ride from Eustis to Mt. Dora and back on an authentic steam locomotive. The group enjoyed a time of touring the quaint downtown section of Mt. Dora and enjoyed eating lunch there as well.



April 2015 - Airboat ride on the St. John's River. There was a guided tour and explanation of the wildlife we saw.

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Season of Discipleship for Kids

Michelle Corl, Children's Director

This season we are really taking a hold of the concept that "When you learn to see God's image in kids, it increases the potential for kids to see God." This concept radically changes how we approach children's ministry.

A kid has obvious potential the day he or she is born. Every phase of their life reminds us they are fearfully and wonderfully made.

The point is you should never underestimate a kid's potential to **(learn, grow, innovate, and believe)** because there's one thing that makes every kid the same...

EVERY KID IS MADE IN
THE IMAGE OF GOD.

Think about this:

Every kid doesn't think the same, but every kid **(has the ability to reason.)**

Every kid doesn't feel the same, but every kid **(wants to be loved.)**

Every kid doesn't enjoy life the same, but every kid **(loves to have fun.)**

Every kid doesn't talk the same, but every kid **(has something to say.)**

Every kid doesn't look the same, but every kid **(likes to be noticed.)**

Every kid doesn't imagine the same, but every kid **(wants to believe in something.)**

Because of that, we have started small by

incorporating different ways to engage children in knowing God.

In Energize, our children have opportunities to serve on our worship and tech team. There they get a taste of what it's like to

use your God-given gifts and abilities to serve others.

We also have started a Men/Boys

discipleship group called, Band of Brothers, where dads and their sons meet together to challenge each other both physically and spiritually.



Please be in prayer for The WAVE Ministry this season as we strive to honor God in this way by treating every kid (and their parents!) like they are made in the image of God. Please also pray for committed, passionate, and

godly members of our church body to respond to God's call in their lives and become a member of The WAVE Ministry team.

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God Supplies the Needs of the Community Through Food and Clothes

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader

GOD IS ABLE!!! No matter how big the need, He is able to supply. The Food Pantry received donations of food during the months of October, November and December with \$2,857.22. This figure includes 106 food bags received from our church family during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. During this same period, we received monetary donations of \$8,134.00, which also includes receipts from the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Thank you Church family for your support of this very vital ministry!! During the fourth quarter, we served 786 clients and gave out 959 bags of food which fed 2,679 people. Each bag that we give out has enough food for two days.

The Food Pantry Team put in approximately 495 hours during this quarter. We were closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New

Year's Eve to give our volunteers well earned time with their families. We have a super team! I cannot brag on them enough. They are always available when needed. We enjoy serving God and obeying His command by helping the less fortunate and we have a great time of fellowship while doing it. We so appreciate Jordan Jinright and Perry Salter who faithfully set up for us each work day. Also a big shout out to Publix and Panera Bread who make it possible for us to give out an extra treat of pastries or bread along with each bag of food. We had our yearly inspection by Second Harvest and passed with flying colors!

The Clothes Closet continues to operate on Tuesday mornings during the same hours as the food pantry. They will not be operating during the month of January and will not be

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Meeting Needs Through Blessing Others

Ed Davis, Team Leader

General Benevolence

\$2,385.41 Beginning Balance
\$8,628.00 Received
\$10,832.09 Disbursed
\$181.32 Ending Balance

Total of 64 clients, including 7 church members

\$8,224.66 FPL payments, 53 clients, including 4 members

\$856.10 water bills for 7 clients

\$1,751.33 misc., 4 clients, including 3 members

The church family continues to honor the Lord through giving to meet the urgent needs of many, including some within our family. We bought an inexpensive car so a husband and wife (members) could get to work. Power bills continue as the largest expenditure.

We are glad to have Tom Hutchison as a team member. Tom has worked with us for several months and has a great heart for hurting folks.

Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Women on Mission- Learning and Doing

Women on Mission met on Thursday, October 1 for a Prayer time for Muslim Women. Cheryl McKinny and Michelle Phillips led us in praying for specific needs as we prayed on our knees on prayer mats. Some of our attendees wore traditional Muslim clothing. Afterward, we enjoyed some middle eastern sweets.

November 5, we gathered for a potluck supper and Foreign Mission Study led by Virginia Dingley. We enjoyed a meal with some Asian dishes then learned about the people, their wedding and funeral traditions, their ways of earning a living, sex trafficking and how our missionaries are ministering to the people.

On December 3, Nancy Hunt hosted our Christmas Party at her home. We had a delicious potluck meal.

We discussed the programs for future meetings. We had a great time of fellowship as we shared Christmas memories of years past.

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Deacon's Serving the Church

Andy Miller, Co-Chairman

The Deacons met in November and January with time dedicated to devotions, fellowship, encouragement and prayer. Several administrative items on the agenda included officer elections (Co-Chairmen Andy Miller & Richard Korte, Secretary Jim Gilbert), deacon nominations and widow assignments.

The deacons also took time to say goodbye to Rusty Renn. The Renn's have moved to North Carolina and will be dearly missed. Rusty has served God faithfully as a deacon for many years.

In closing, I leave you with a few words on renewal from our January devotion, **Philippians 2:12-14**, "**Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing.**"

2 Peter 3:18 says "...you must grow

Connecting to One Another and Christ Through Life Groups

Pastor Mark Harpold

in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Our goal regarding Lifegroups and Bible Fellowship classes, is that our whole Eau Gallie First Baptist Family will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Savior! That each of us would learn to love each other as God loves us, and to honor and prefer one another because of our love for Christ.



It has been awesome to see this taking place before our very eyes as more and more of you are connecting with each other through the discipleship ministry here at EG First! It is an encouragement to your pastors and leaders to see so many of you growing and building relationships with others in Bible Study, Missions, and common interest groups.

The most important thing that we can do as Disciples of Jesus is to learn to listen to and obey the Holy Spirit. So whether the Spirit is leading you to join a group, or possibly lead a group, the most important thing you can do is to be obedient. God has great things ahead of you as you follow Him!

Please keep your eyes open for more information regarding Lifegroups as the year goes forward! If you have any questions please contact us at discipleship@egfirst.org.

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Blessing Lives Through Threads of Love

Lois Ingraham, Team Leader

Our group has been very busy this last quarter. Although our attendance was less due to illness, we were able to accomplish much. Thanks to all the workers that were able to attend.

We delivered 20 baby quilts, 45 baby caps and 19 surgical pillows to Holmes Regional Hospital. The Cancer Center received 37 Chemo Caps and Joe's Place received 21 bibs. Before Christmas we donated 50 Lap Quilts that were packaged in our beautifully decorated gift bags to five different Nursing Homes.

After our last meeting in December we enjoyed having lunch at the Olive Garden.

I would like to thank everyone that donated fabric, thread and yarn to our group. We like to use cotton fabric for our lap quilts, upholstery fabric for walker bags, stretchy fabric for chemo turbans and soft fabric for surgical pillows.

If anyone is interested in joining us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday we can

From the Pastor's Heart

Pastor Ralph Nygard

I know a lot of people don't like change. A lot of us are like that in many different areas of our life. We have pretty similar routines throughout the day and get used to doing things a particular way. While there is nothing wrong with routines, sometimes it is good to evaluate what we do and why we do it. Our leadership staff made some evaluations about the effectiveness of some of our routine ministries, and through prayer and careful planning, we decided to make a few changes in some of our ministry programs. As the old saying goes: "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."



For the first time in many years, we didn't sponsor the Fall Festival, but decided to move our efforts to a local neighborhood community. We met

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with the Homeowners Association and with their encouragement and even some funding; we put on a community wide block party



for the residents of Kingsmill. While not on as large of a scale as the Fall Festival, many residents came and enjoyed the afternoon. A good connection was established with the community and we recently received a plaque of Appreciation.

For our Christmas events we also tried some new ways to celebrate the season and reach out to include people who don't usually attend our events. While some of the programs that were presented had mixed



reviews, the Christmas Family Fest was well received by those who attended. We realized we tried to do too much in

one weekend, and as a result this caused confusion in our promotion. The Christmas Tree Decorating and Carol Sing Service that was held on Sunday morning was tremendously supported by the church and about 2/3rds of those attending stayed for the Dinner on the Grounds that followed. It was

really good to have both of our services celebrating and fellowshiping together. Our Christmas Eve Services were well attended and several people have returned to visit the

church again on the Sundays that have followed.



God is blessing our church with people who are coming and

desiring to get involved in service and ministry. I believe that 2016 will be a great year of growth and the power of God bringing about the harvest we have planted. Please pray with me that we will see a revival take place in our church this year.



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Preschool Ministering to Families and Children

Jenny Rider, Co-Director

Well here we are looking back at the last quarter of the year and remembering all the fun we had at First Friends but at the same time, anticipating all the fun and memorable times to come.



October brought "Fall Fun Day" which has got to be in the top two funniest days. Della Cox brought her best and brightest barn animals to visit that day. And Pinky the Pig has learned to sit for a piece of peppermint candy! And then there was the pumpkin patch- such fun to hunt for the perfect mini pumpkin! But the best of all was getting to climb up the slide and slide into a hay pile, even if you itched for hours afterwards!

As we welcomed the month of November, it was such a wonderful opportunity to help children understand what gratitude means, what true blessings are and what the Bible says about demonstrating kindness and sharing with others. Our families of First Friends participated in the food drive here at Eau Gallie First and also in a sock drive with



Socks of Love in November. The children made a special point to see how the buckets would grow each day. We ended the month with the children having their own Thanksgiving Feast. The children dressed as either Pilgrims or



Indians, and then assembled into the Fellowship hall where Michelle Corl read "The First

Thanksgiving" to the children. It was such a treat to listen to Michelle tell a story. It's a must if you get the opportunity! Then the children gathered as parent volunteers served their feast to them and their teachers. It was a fun time of fellowship together.

Then it was time to welcome December. We started with "Mary's Good News", teaching the children from the Bible of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. It was so exciting to share this with the children- some who had never heard of these events or the true meaning of Christmas. This is never old news! Then, to



give the children a visual, we ended the semester with "Back To Bethlehem", the live manger scene. Such a sweet, simple recount of the birth of Christ in a manger. We couldn't have done it without the help and support of our wonderful pastoral staff and great friends who portrayed the Three Wise Men: Pastor Ralph, Pastor Tim, good friend Darryl Everett; and two other Wiseman: Pastor Matt, and the wonderful Lynne Phillips; Mary: Michelle Corl; and Joseph: Pastor Mark (with guitar in hand). Then of course Della returned with very select barn animals to play their

special part in this wonderful event! Then it was time for the children to finish up their special gifts that they made for their families. And what treasures they were! For years to come, they will pull out those little gifts and joy will fill their hearts once more when they think back on the little hands that made them!



As we closed out the physical year and entered into a new year, we know God is walking before us, putting His plan in place. We ask for your continued prayers for open hearts, wisdom and discernment. We have many things planned for the upcoming months so stay tuned! Thank you so much and may God richly bless you, First Friends.



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