

## QUARTERLY MINISTRY REPORT, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2016

### JANUARY 18, 2017

#### Music Ministry & Adult Fellowship Trips

Tim Harden, Pastor of Music and Senior Adults

#### CHRISTMAS SEASON FEATURES NEW MINISTRY

This year the Christmas Ministry of EG First featured an old tradition but with new emphasis for our church family. In years past the children have caroled. However, this year three different caroling opportunities were offered which included caroling to Nursing/Assisted Living Facilities on a Saturday afternoon, Homebound Members on a Sunday evening, and Children's Caroling on Monday after school. The three caroling sessions averaged about a dozen carolers with only two people caroling more than once. Those who were recipients of the caroling were most appreciative. The carolers were blessed with this opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior in such a meaningful way.



#### ADULT DAY TRIPS PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP



This past quarter three Fellowship Day Trips were engaged in to promote fellowship opportunities among

our church family. In October we took members on a trip to Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville. November's trip was to St Augustine where we took in the spectacular views of the Archeological Park and the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The Gaylord

Palms Ice Display (Peanuts Theme) was the destination in December.



Our trips are open to anyone, giving our folk the opportunity to invite neighbors, bring guests, etc. It gives everyone on the trip the opportunity to get acquainted or to spend time getting to know one another by exchanging recent events in their lives.

Two trips are scheduled for the coming months in February and March. Our February trip will be to the John B. Stetson Mansion in DeLand with lunch (date yet to be announced). Our second trip to the the Strawberry Festival in Plant City is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 (This is Senior Adult Day). The Planters will be the featured concert artists providing our entertainment. Be on the lookout for the sign-ups for these events!



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## The WAVE Ministry

Jordan Jinright, Director of Children

The holiday season is an excellent time for people to focus back on their families by taking a break from school or work to spend time together. Over this past quarter, our church was able to provide opportunities for them to do just that.



On Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, more than 2,500 people showed up for our Trunk-or-Treat where they found bounce houses and games, snow cones, popcorn, and a long line of people with open trunks ready to hand out a mountain of candy and an invitation to the rest of our winter plans.

A few weeks later, our Family Christmas Fest was full of so much excitement that it couldn't be contained inside the building and the fun had to spill out into the parking lot! Everywhere you looked was another game to play or a different treat to try. Santa even covered crowds in snow as he told the story of Jesus' birth. And after hearing the story, families were able to walk through it, in our living nativity that included live animals!

These events were a lot of fun for everyone and a great opportunity to show our community that families are important to our church and that we will go above and beyond for theirs.

Our kids were also excited to get a chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus. You were able to see them help out on the Sunday we dedicated the OCC shoeboxes and several families even helped pack the crates as a part of the OCC crew. Also, in December, Pastor Tim took the Kids Choir on a caroling tour, visiting 4 separate Assisted Living Facilities and putting on 7 performances!



It's always awesome to not only watch the kids be true ministers of the Gospel, but to see them grow while doing it. I'm thankful for the chance to be a part of the Kid's Ministry team at our church, but most of all I'm thankful for our team. It's the volunteers that make our Kid's Ministry great.

Please pray with me, that God sends even more workers into this field that is so ripe for the harvest. If you've never experienced working with the kids in our church, I urge you to come and talk to me about being a volunteer. I promise you will be blessed!



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## Food Pantry

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader



The fourth quarter of 2016 was a very busy quarter for the Eau Gallie First Food Pantry. God was faithful to provide for the needs of this ministry. The Pantry received donations of food and bags during the months of October, November, and December of \$602.79.

During this period, we also received monetary donations of \$7,780.00. We paid out \$9,398.13 for food purchases. Thanks to our awesome God and our awesome church family, we were able to help meet the needs of those in our community that are less fortunate than we are! After we pay our Second Harvest Food Bank statement for December, we will have a balance of \$2,404.68 to begin the first quarter of 2017. During the fourth quarter of 2016, we served 886 clients, gave out 1,021 bags of food and fed 2,724 people. We were closed two Thursdays during the quarter – October 6th during Hurricane Matthew and November 24th for Thanksgiving.

Your Food Pantry Team put in roughly 422 volunteer hours during this time. What a great group of people to work with! All of them are always there when needed and willing to do whatever is needed. We added two new members – welcome Brenda White and Cyndi Price. Once again, thanks to Jordan Jinright and Perry Salter who set up for us each work day. You can find us here packing bags on Monday, putting away food from Second Harvest on Wednesdays and passing out food on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have a very busy ministry!!

Brevard Mommies on A Mission continues to operate on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the same time as the Food Pantry. They would appreciate any gently used clothing that you might not have need of anymore. Also, they can always use more volunteers. Check them out!

***Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor. Proverbs 22:9 NLT***

***Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do. Deut 15:10 NLT***

## Deacons



The Deacons continue to have the privilege of serving God through His church in many different ways. We are all available to help as needs arise. Please let any Deacon know of opportunities when our service is needed. Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as, officer elections, revitalization of the church, spiritual gifts, hospital visits, protecting the pastors, and adopting a deacons covenant. In closing, I leave you with a few words on the Son of God from our November devotion:

***John 1:1-4, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that***



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## Student Ministry

Matt Jackson, Pastor of Students and Families



A new year means new beginnings in the student ministry. As we begin 2017, we've begun 2 new groups on Wednesday nights geared with a focus to help students become

the men and women that God has purposed them to be. On Wednesday nights at 6:15 pm, the guys (youth, dads and other guys are always welcome) meet together for the group "How to be a Guy!" With an emphasis on discipleship, this age integrated group is coming

together to teach young men how to do guy stuff such as fishing, camping and

hunting, to etiquette, dating, and being a gentlemen. We want to see our young men be Princes of King Jesus in this world. It's a call to step up and be the man God wants them to be.



Our girls are meeting together for a group called "Girls Nite Out". This is an all inclusive girls group for grades 7-12. We are



focusing this group on teaching our girls how to be women of God, letting them share in

leadership, life skills, gender specific wisdom, lots of fun, and so much more. All girls are welcome!



Our Sunday morning focus is unchanged with a time of coming together as youth of all ages are always invited. We just kicked off a series call "All In" and are teaching what it looks like to be all in with Jesus. Sunday evenings go a little deeper with a time of worship and life groups. Our life groups have been growing over



the last few months and its been exciting to see a lot of new kids come and give it a try. It's a great time to make friends, bond with leaders, and

grow in their faith.

The last Sunday of each month features a time of putting our faith in action as we go out into our community and "DO" missions. Over the last few months we have made a trip to the Seafarers Ministry, a nursing home, done trash cleanup for the City of Melbourne, made homeless kits for our local homeless folks, and had several of our youth volunteer at our own Christmas Fest. I know sometimes it seems like there's not a lot of youth sitting in the service on Sunday morning, but know that many are serving in different

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## Student Ministry Cont.

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ministries in the church behind the scenes. We couldn't do Energize, some of the children's classes, and even manage all the tech booth responsibilities without our youth. One of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, Timmy D'Angiolillo, sometimes works in the tech booth for both services running sound, helping wherever he is needed. I love to see these students find their "place" of service in the church which prompts me to say that these students are not the church of tomorrow, they are the church of NOW. Please encourage these students when you see them!

Finally we have begun registration for Youth Camp. Deposits are due January 22 (\$80). This year the students will be heading to Union College in Kentucky for M-Fuge. We have several students interested but sometimes funding from home falls short. The total cost of camp is \$330 this year which includes almost everything (camp, lodging, Six Flags over Georgia ticket, most of the food, t-shirt, and memories to last a lifetime). If you would like to sponsor a student to go to camp, please come and talk with me. Camp is always life changing for our students! We will be doing a few fundraisers and encourage all of our students to be very active in their participation of those money making opportunities, but sometimes they still need help. Additionally, we are short on vehicles to make such a long drive. Rental car companies are putting their foot down on church groups transporting students 12<sup>th</sup> grade and under in rental vans due to vehicle roll overs which of course puts us in a tough situation. How do we get to camp? That is being worked out but might require several smaller vehicles (mini-vans) or charters which get real expensive. Pray for wisdom and guidance as



we figure this out! Thank you always for your support of the student ministry!

## ECUADOR MISSIONS



This year we were able to put a team of 12 together to head to Ecuador during Spring Break. We are excited to be able to take a few new students and adults and a couple who has not been there in years. From April 7-15 they will have

the opportunity to minister in Machacuyaku and Tena, Ecuador. We will be raising funds for this over the next few months as well. Our goal is to see a gift of \$6000 given by the church to fund all ministry supplies, construction costs, and camp scholarships to the children in Machacuyaku. This does not include what team members will be paying from their own pockets. If you'd like to make a tax deductible gift, please designate Ecuador on your checks or simply give online designated to "Ecuador".



We also just found out that our Ecuador missionary friends, Steve and Carol Thompson, will be with us on Friday evening, February 3 at 7:00 pm. We'd like to invite anyone to come on out and support the evening. There will be no fancy show. Our goal is to have a simple (very simple

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dinner), Q and A, and fellowship with them. Steve is a fantastic story-teller and we hope to hear what new things are going on in Ecuador. Even if you just want to stop by and visit, please RSVP so we know what size



room we need to reserve for our guests!

Steve and Carol have been serving in Ecuador since 1988. They work in areas of church planting and leadership development in the central mountain and central jungle regions. The Thompson's work alongside Ecuadorian pastors and ministry leaders in a church planting network through the ministries of 2 Camp/Training Centers: Camp Chacauco, located near Patate in the central mountain region where they live, and Camp UNPES, located near Tena in the jungle. They look forward to many more years of service to the Lord in Ecuador.

## First Friends

Jenny Rider, Co-Leader

As the fourth quarter ends it marks the midpoint of the year for us here at First Friends.



We've had a terrific year so far, the children

have been able to experience many new adventures in their young lives and we have seen them grow so much socially and in knowledge.

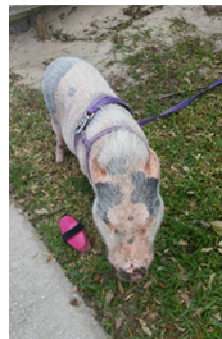


There were several special activities the children participated in this quarter starting with Fall Fun Day. The children were able to interact with ponies, sheep, bunnies, chickens, goat and last but not least a donkey! Then it was time for the "Children's Thanksgiving Feast". They had a

great time sharing a feast with all their friends and



hearing the story, "Let's Celebrate God's Blessing on Thanksgiving". As we closed the quarter out it was also time to celebrate Christmas. Our favorite function would have



to be, "Back to Bethlehem". With the help of EG Firsts pastoral staff, faithful friends of First Friends, and Cox Farm we were able present to the children and their families a live manger scene. It is such a wonderful opportunity to

share the true meaning of Christmas, for the families to see that First Friends is committed in helping their children grow in God's word, and for the pastoral staff to meet our school families.

As always we thank the church for its continued support in prayer and we ask that you continue to refer First Friends as this is our main source of advertisement.



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## Threads of Love

Lori Ingraham, Team Leader

We had a very productive 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter at Threads of Love.

Products our ladies created:

- 21 Crochet Chemo Caps donated to the Cancer Center.
- 2 beautiful baby blankets with matching caps given to Pregnancy Resources.
- 45 quilts delivered to Brookshire, Hibiscus Court, and Consulate



Health Care.

Ladies putting the quilts in

our gift bags.

Two tables covered with all the beautiful quilts.



We can always use more helping hands as we are anxious to get started on more projects in 2017. If you are interested in crocheting, sewing, crafting or using your hands to make beautiful products, we invite you to join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

## Benevolence

Ed Davis, Team Leader

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Totals

Beginning Balance	\$351.57
Received	\$10,391.00
Disbursed	\$9,652.60
Ending Balance	\$1,099.97
Florida Power	\$6,465.05
36 non-members, 3 members	
Water Bills	\$1,427.95
14 non-members, 1 member	
Housing	\$1,150.00
5 non-members, 1 member	
Miscellaneous	\$509.00
2 non-members, 1 member	

### **Year-End Totals**

Received	\$42,569.46
Disbursed	\$42,774.93

For the 264 clients served this year, including 38 members, our largest payments were a total of \$23,571.29 to FPL and \$6,460.50 for water bills.

We are privileged and most thankful to serve the Lord through a loving, giving church. The most important part of this ministry is the opportunity created to share the Gospel with almost all of our clients.

***Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.***

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## Operation Christmas Child

Lynne Phillips, Operation Christmas Child Director



We are so blessed that our church, EG First was the official Collection Center for Operation Christmas Child during

National Collection Week. Our church held a Prayer and Dedication Service to kick off all National Collection Week activities. During the service, our EG First family brought over 410 shoe box gifts to be prayed over for the children who will receive them.

During the National Collection Week held in November, we had more than 50 EG First volunteers that helped to ensure



all Christmas Shoe Boxes were prayed over, collected, counted, packed and loaded into trailers to be sent out to our processing centers in Atlanta. Our wonderful volunteers

packed over 15,876 shoe box gifts in a weeks time!

Thank you EGFirst for supporting multi-housing ministry for low income residents in Melbourne.



**Provided traditional Thanksgiving Day meal.**



**Donated gifts for Christmas store.**

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