

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church family,

There are many people at EGFirst who have come and responded to the Gospel because someone invited them. There is a lot of power in the personal invitation. The best time of the year to invite someone to attend church is Easter Sunday. Most unchurched people know this is a special day and are open to attend on a day that they know there will be many others attending for the first time.

I know that many people that have been invited don't attend the first time. Keep on inviting. Don't give up or get discouraged. Sometimes it takes a while but if you keep on inviting, God will answer your prayers and those you have invited will come and hear the Gospel.

Many Christians get intimidated by sharing their faith. But conversations about the Good News should be natural and sharing your faith should be an organic experience. Following what the Bible teaches brings great joy. Jesus told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit controlled them they would have great boldness.

The Bible shows many ways that people shared their faith. There is really no "bad" way to share your faith. One of the most effective ways is to partner with the church by **inviting others**. The church is your partner in bringing the Good News to your family, friends, and the world. God never intended for you to be without a church family, and he never intended for you to have to bear the burden alone of spreading the Good News.

Everyone can invite someone to church. Philip was one of Christ's disciples and he brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus. He simply said, "Come and see what I have found."

Inviting friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to attend a church service, a small group, or a special event is effective. Inviting comes naturally and does not require any special training. You simply ask. When you are excited about what God has done in your life, you want others to know your story. Invite them to hear the music, to hear a sermon series, to attend a special day or big event, to check out the children's programs, or simply to come to church and have lunch with you afterward.

Don't stop inviting people. God will use you to make an impact and to reach people! Inviting is evangelism! Let's pray that we will see many new faces on Easter because someone invited them to attend. Pray that when they attend, they will be open to the Holy Spirit's leading and respond to the great news of the Gospel.

Expectantly in faith,

Paston Raiph

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



Domino Fellowship

This Friday, March 16 @ 6 PM Fellowship Hall Come Join Us!



Saturday March 17 @ 9 AM

Come learn with us what it means to be a man of God in our ever changing world. Breakfast is free. The Penny Creek Band will be here with us! Sign up with the Connect Card or by getting a ticket from the front desk.

EGFirst Student Ministry Fundraising Italian Dinner



\$10 donation per Dinner Fri., March 23 from 6 - 8 PM
Fellowship Hall...Pick Up or Dine In
Get tickets Lobby on Sunday mornings
Worship center Wednesday nights
Front desk during the week



GOOD FRIDAY Community Night of Worship

Friday, March 30 @ 7 PM Worship Center



OUR MISSION: LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SHARE JESUS, REACH THE WORLD

THIS WEEK AT EG FIRST!!

Sunday, March 11:

Prayer First: 8:30 AM - Rm 104 and Conference Rm Library Open: 8:45 - 9:15 AM and 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Revolution United Bible Study: 9:15 AM

Revolution Worship: 6 PM (doors open at 5 PM)

Tuesday, March 13:

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (Rm 202) Women Warriors Bible Study (Rm 201)

Library Open: 9:30 AM

Phebean SS Class Meeting: 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 14:

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

Dinner Served: 5 PM Library Open: 5:45 PM

Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Friday, March 16:

Domino Fellowship: 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 17:

Men's Breakfast: 9 AM (Fellowship Hall)



Ecuador Mission Trip Won't you Go? June 1-9, 2018 5 spots still remaining \$600

All ages 9th grade and above are welcome.

Middle schoolers welcome with a parent.

Passports need to be worked on ASAP.

See Pastor Matt or email mjackson@egfirst.org with guestions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

03/19: Larry Porter, JoJo Mazzella, Shyla Belle Jinright 03/20: Janet Forrer, Matt Jackson, Briar Rose Jinright

03/21: Jeremy Frontz

03/22: John Carden, Diane Browning

03/23: Janet Stepp

03/24: Hal Beaty, Bud Sharrer, Linda Bagley, Dee Helbig

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

To Benevolence

In Memory of Ann Connor by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis In Memory of Jay Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fannin In Memory of Bobbie Lashinger by the Seekers Class

THANK YOU

Thank you for allowing me the use of a walker during my time of rehabilitation. This saved me both time and money, while I recuperated. - Mr. Ralph Ellis

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your wonderful support as I Walked for Bibles in memory of Joe. You gave \$840 which will purchase 70 Bibles! These Bibles in many different languages will travel around the world to places where missionaries may never get to go! I am humbled by your generosity!(and for those wondering yes, I did walk the whole 3 miles!) Blessings, Nancy Hunt

FAITHPATH AND BIRTHDAYS!

Hey kids, youth, and parents! Come visit the HomePointe center to receive a birthday gift (for the kids and youth) and a Faith Path kit (for parents). We are located in the front lobby of the church. Faith Path kits are also available on the church website @ www.egfirst.org.

Facts and Figures March 4, 2018

Weekend Worship Attendance 548

Weekly Budget Needed 18,301.31

Budget Offering	25,437.20
Designated	6,596.50
CTB Debt Retirement	355.00
Lottie Moon	82.00
Annie Armstrong	596.00

Total Offering 33,067.70

To Date Figures

Budget Goal	164,711.79
Received	187,086.21
CTB Gift	2,533,219.50
CTB Year	4,428.00
Lottie Moon	22,000.00
Annie Armstrong	751.00

Wednesday Night Dinner March 14, 2018

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

Publix Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll, Banana Pudding

Entree Salad:

Fried Chicken Salad

Deacons on Call March 11 - March 17

Ray Kotowski	693-0942
Ed Davis	266-3966
Roger Wiseman	626-7322

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:9 "So whether we are at home or away, we

make it our aim to please him."

9:15 am Sunday Traditional Worship

Choral Praise: "I Will Rejoice"

Fellowship Time: "I Love You with the Love of the Lord"

Message in Song: Pat Offner

Worship Songs Today:

Blessed Redeemer

At the Cross This Joy that I Have

There is a Redeemer

The Lord's Prayer Just As I Am

O, How He Loves You and Me

10:30 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship

Worship Songs Today:

Alive in You

My Heart is Yours

No Longer Slaves

Love Came Down

Forgiven

The Lion and the Lamb

Home Pointe Pointe Suilding Strong Families

Stop by the HomePointe Center and grab your birthday gift online @ egfirst.org

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mitch and Jenni Jinright have done a lot for EGFirst. They currently teach spiritual truths to many of our young people as youth small group leaders; and have done so for numerous years. Together they volunteer at many of our different

events and even volunteer on their work breaks. We appreciate your ministry!

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