

# EG First Ministry in Action

QUARTERLY MINISTRY REPORT, JULY - SEPTEMBER 2016

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## THE WAVE Ministry

Jordan Jinright, Interim Director of Children



This past quarter has been a big one for The WAVE ministry. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, Michelle Corl stepped down as our Director of Children and Families and accepted a new ministry position with a church in North Carolina. We were blessed to have her while we did and we are praying that God will continue to use her in her new calling. I (Jordan Jinright) am acting as the Interim Director of Children as our church decides how to fill Michelle's shoes.

The good news is that thanks entirely to our amazing volunteers, the kid's ministry is going strong. Every week, in their Plug-in groups, Energize, and E-kids on Wednesdays, kids are growing in their understanding of God and have an opportunity to connect with leaders who are eager to come alongside and help them as they mature.

Our Vacation Bible School was in July and it was an incredibly fun opportunity for us to invite our community into our church and show them how important we think their kids are. It was an

undersea takeover, there were jellyfish and sea turtles everywhere! It's a lot of work (ask anyone involved) and a big imposition (ask anyone, period) but the impact it has on the kids is so worth it. If you listen, you can still hear kids singing songs they haven't heard in over three months.

As far as upcoming events go, we are inviting everyone to a Family Game Night on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. It's going to be a great time to hang out and play some games together. And on October 30<sup>th</sup>, we are having a Trunk-or-Treat in the west parking lot. We are encouraging everyone who can to come set up their trunk and help us pass out a ton of candy to the kids in our neighborhood!



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## Traditional Praise Choir and Orchestra Leads in Worship

Tim Harden, Music Pastor

***Praise God in His sanctuary...  
Praise Him for His acts of power,  
Praise Him for His surpassing  
greatness.  
Praise Him with the sound of the  
trumpet,  
Praise Him with harp and lyre,  
Praise Him with the tambourine...  
Praise Him with strings and flute,  
Praise Him with the clash of cymbals...  
Let everything that has breath praise  
the Lord.  
Psalm 150***

Each Sunday our Praise Choir and Orchestra leads in worship at the 9:15 am worship service. The desire of these two ministry groups is to give God, the Father, and our Savior, Jesus Christ the praise of our hearts for who they are and all that is done in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. In addition we hope to gather the attention of all who are present to focus on the message from God's word and to open our minds as to what God would like to do in our lives and how God would have us respond to His Word.

None of this would be possible without choir and orchestra participants responding to God's call to give of their time and to use their talent, whether great or small, to serve our Lord as we worship each Sunday.

The Praise Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 pm to prepare for each Sunday. During the rehearsal the choir usually focuses on the coming Sunday's selection, but also takes a look at the selections for the next 5 or 6 weeks. Obviously, it is a lot to pack into an hour. In addition each member is provided with a music folder and a CD that has all of the music for the quarter which they can use at home. On Sundays the choir meets at 8:30 am in the choir room for a warm up and quick review of the morning's choir

piece. At 8:45 am the choir moves to the auditorium for a final review of the morning's choir selection with the instrumentation that will be used for that particular piece.

The Praise Orchestra meets for rehearsal once a month on a Saturday



**Pastor Tim rehearsing the Praise Choir on Wednesday evening for Sunday morning's service.**

morning. In this hour long rehearsal, orchestra and choir selections for the current and approaching month are rehearsed. The orchestra also meets weekly at 8:45 am to review the Sunday morning's congregational selections and to rehearse with the choir the appropriate instrumentation for the choir piece that morning. If the choral piece is not full instrumentation, those who are playing receive their music in advance with a CD.

Has God gifted you with the ability to sing or play an instrument? The Praise Choir and Orchestra is open to high school students through "graduation to glory." These two groups provide a great opportunity to serve the Lord and to connect with others who have a similar talent and interest.

If interested, contact Pastor Tim in person, by phone at 321-505-4341 or by email at [tharden@egfirst.org](mailto:tharden@egfirst.org). We would love to have you join us in serving the Lord.

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## Preschool

Jenny Rider, Co-Director



The third quarter began with teachers and staff busily preparing for the upcoming school year. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes before

children fill the classrooms that goes unnoticed. God has continued to humble our hearts as he blesses our school with full classrooms! We are very aware that there is a great responsibility and purpose to fulfill as we strive to honor God and bring him Glory.

We would also like to welcome some new staff that have joined First Friends this school year; Beth Nimmo- VPK Teacher, Nichole Lightsey- VPK Teacher and Tori Copper- VPK Teacher. We are so blessed to have these wonderful teachers and Christian women in our classrooms uplifting and teaching our children! Also we would like to mention and thank Barbara Hoffman who has graciously stepped up and filled in while Diane McKinley has been away. Her husband, John received a lung transplant and he is now in Jacksonville recuperating. We just can't say it enough or thank him enough, how God has worked out so many details!

As the quarter ends we are just ramping up for busy days ahead. We ask the church to continue to pray for First Friends, the families here that God has brought to us to minister to, and to make our hearts in tune with God's Spirit.

## Food Pantry

Barbara Harpold

Wow! September was a very busy month but God is faithful to provide the needs of His ministry. The Food Pantry received donations of food during the months of July, August and September of \$539.36. During the same period, we received monetary donations of \$8,116.00. During this period, we paid out \$8,019.87 for food purchases. THANK YOU, GOD, AND THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for your help in meeting the needs of those in our community that are less fortunate than we are. After paying our Second Harvest Food Bank invoice for September, we will have a balance of \$2,473.97 to start the fourth quarter. During the third quarter, we served 881 clients, gave out 1,044 bags of food and fed 3,028 people. Each bag given out has food for two days.

The Food Pantry Team put in roughly 444 volunteer hours during this time. We have a great team! They are always there when they are needed. We enjoy helping others and we have a great time of fellowship while doing it. We could not do it without Jordan Jinright and Perry Salter who faithfully set up for us each work day. A big shout out to them for their help. As usual, we thank Publix and Panera Bread, who make it possible for us to give extra bread or pastries along with their food.

The Clothes Closet continues to operate on Tuesday 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. This may be the ministry for you!

***Hebrews 13:16 "Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. Those are the sacrifices that please God." NLT God Bless All of You!***

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## Student Ministry

Matt Jackson, Pastor of Students and Families

### Student Ministry Looks to Make an IMPACT!

The new student ministry schedule kicked off in August, reserving the last Sunday of each month for local missions. Our desire is to see more of our teens serving God in our community by serving others. Each month we are planning mission projects and striving to build relationships

outside our church walls. In August, we were able to take a group of about 25 to the Seafarers Ministry on a Sunday afternoon to help clean the center, wash buses and vans, and educate our students on what the Seafarers ministry is all about. Many of our students were amazed at what the ministry accomplished each year and many want to go back on a regular basis.

In September we collected supplies to build homeless ministry kits. Thank you to all who generously gave towards these. The youth were able to build 100 ministry kits. Additionally we were able to put small Bibles and "Life Books", which are produced by the Gideons, in each kit. Basic living supplies from soap and shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste to can openers and socks are included in these kits. They will be given out by individuals and our great folks who run the food pantry each Tuesday and Thursday.

For our October project we will be heading up the church Trunk or Treat Outreach on Sunday, October 30 from 6-8 pm. The youth will be working the event, helping pass candy out to all our trunk or treat cars, handing out popcorn, and much more. Even

after the hurricane passed, many of our students were working hard in their own neighborhoods for friends, families, and strangers. We even took a few out and about on Columbus Day to serve and help folks clean up. I believe many of them are catching the vision of what it means to love your neighbor! We look forward to the holidays to implement some other great ways to reach out and love on our community!



### Revival coming to local schools?

In the 20 years of doing student ministry, I can honestly say I have never seen the impact of revival and Christian influence in schools more than I have this year. A couple of years ago, Dan Carter from First Baptist Church of Melbourne began working as a campus missionary for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Brevard County Schools. He has managed to get more local church involvement, training for students leading these clubs, and folks to lead bible studies on a regular basis. At Eau Gallie High School over 150 students have consistently been attending FCA which includes times of fellowship, worship, teaching God's Word and so much more. Robin Shaver, a teacher and sponsor of FCA helps get



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## Student Ministry Cont.

Matt Jackson, Student Pastor

the students focused, but the student involvement in leading this group is amazing. I had the honor to speak at a Friday afternoon meeting with those 150+ students in attendance and was blown away by their desire to see God glorified in their school. Eau Gallie is not the only school where things are happening though. Melbourne High School, West Shore, Satellite, Heritage, Palm Bay and more are gaining momentum and we are seeing more and more students getting involved.

Back in September we took our students to an FCA rally for church youth groups called Collision held at Melbourne High School. Over 400 students were in attendance from several different youth groups representing the Kingdom. They prayed fervently for Gods will to happen on their campuses. They worshipped and prepped for "See You at the Pole" (a worldwide prayer effort in which students meet at their flag poles on the last Wednesday of September to pray). God is doing great things on our campuses and I implore you to pray for it to continue. Revival just might be coming to our schools!

## Family Ministry Events on the Menu

We are looking forward to several family ministry events in the church over the next few months. Family Ministry is such a crucial and vital way to reach our community and integrate every age group into the life of the church. We are a church family and even though we might not always see eye to eye on styles of worship music or traditions, we still love each other and are called to love our community. This is why we want to expand our family ministry opportunities.

Beginning on Friday, October 21, we are getting together as a church family for **Family Game Night**. Our Dominoes Fellowship will be a big part of the night, but we will have others things like volleyball, video games, ping pong and foosball,

board games, and 9 square going on. Did I mention free pizza?

On Sunday, October 30 from 6-8 pm, we will be having our church **Trunk or Treat Event** for the community. We NEED ALL church goers to come on out and be part of a great outreach to the local community AND it's easy. Just come and park your car, set up a couple of lawn chairs and pass out candy and chat it up with the kiddos and their families. We will have free popcorn, cotton candy, and more! Please sign up on your church connect card, call the church office, or email (Mjackson@egfirst.org) to volunteer to park your car and hand out candy!

On Saturday, November 19 during the youth **D-NOW Weekend**, we will be having a family worship night as part of the D-NOW. We want to not only show what the youth do during a D-NOW weekend, we want to get everyone together to worship as a church family during a youth ministry event. It's open to everyone. Rise Worship will be leading us in song, and Raleigh Sadler from Let My People Go, Inc. and the North American Mission Board will be speaking. It's gonna be a fantastic weekend and an even better night!



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## Bahamas Mission Trip

Mark Harpold, Associate Pastor

This past September a small missions team went on a "Cruise with a Purpose." After finding a very cheap cruise to Nassau and Freeport Bahamas, we contacted Carnival Cruise Lines about bringing donations to



orphanages on both of those islands. Carnival allowed us to bring enough extra suitcases to carry all of the donations given to us by our church family to the Bahamas!

Monday morning we woke up in Freeport. After disembarking in Freeport, we took a taxi to the Grand Bahamas Children's Home with suitcases full of your donations: clothing, diapers, baby food, hand made quilts and other items. The workers at the home were very grateful for all of the donations and



encouraged by our presence there as well. It was incredible to get to meet them and to hear their stories. We were ecstatic to be able to love on their babies also! Our time in Freeport flew by, and before we knew it we were back on the ship getting ready for the next day.

Tuesday after breakfast we disembarked in Nassau, New Providence, and headed immediately to customs to get the donations cleared to bring them into the country. The customs officials were kind but firm, and helped educate us on the process so we can be more prepared next time! The

whole process took about 15 minutes and we were on our way to the Children's Emergency Hostel with more suitcases full of donations!

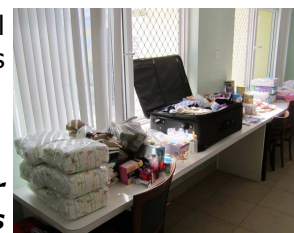
The staff at the Children's Emergency Hostel was very grateful for our presence there as well as all of your donations. It was so great to see God's hand in orchestrating our visit! They usually don't have little babies at the Hostel, but there just happened to be a baby there who could



benefit from all the diapers and baby food that we brought! God's timing is perfect!

I can't emphasize enough the impact that our presence had on the staff of both of these homes. They are literally "on an island." To know that people in the US have taken notice of them and want to help is a HUGE encouragement to them. Please pray for the staff of these homes as they are the hands and feet of Jesus to the abandoned, neglected, and abused children of the Bahamas.

We want to say a big thank you to all who gave to make this trip a success!



**Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27 (NIV)**

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## Benevolence

Ed Davis, Benevolence Team

\$1622.22 Beginning Balance  
\$12,110.80 Received  
\$13,371.44 Disbursed  
\$361.57 Ending Balance  
\$7,202.19 FPL - 44 NON- MBRS  
\$1,678.32 Water Bills - 11 NON-MBRS  
\$2,162.28 Housing 4 NON-MBRS,  
4 MBRS  
\$2,328.65 Misc. - 4 NON- MBRS,  
5 MBRS

What a generous church! You gave a total of \$12,110.80 this quarter and helped 72 clients, including 14 members, paying out a total of \$13,371.44.

Miscellaneous payments included medical treatment, medicine, tuition and auto repair.

***Prov. 14:31(NIV) He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.***

## Deacons

The Deacons had the privilege of providing the Widows with a virtual vacation to Hawaii on September 10<sup>th</sup> for the annual Widows Banquet. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the decorations, photos, food, skit by some of the Deacons and the steel drummer/singer. The deacons are always looking for ways to serve. If you recognize any needs where we can help, please let one of us know.

***Romans 8:24-25, "For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."***

## Threads of Love

Lori Ingraham, Team Leader

This past quarter we have had a steady number of participants. However, some of our ladies were unable to attend every meeting due to illness of spouses, doctor's appointments, or changes in living arrangements.

We would like to thank those who donated fabric and other sewing needs. We try to use up everything we get. "If God gives you scraps, you make a quilt."

### **This quarter our group delivered:**

#### **To Pregnancy Resources:**

5 bibs and 11 burp cloths

2 beautiful crocheted baby blankets with matching caps

1 crocheted baby blanket with 3 caps

#### **To Cancer Center:**

32 chemo caps and turbans

#### **To Joe's Place - Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation:**

13 Bibs

9 walker Bags

We are continuing to make lap quilts to be given out at Christmas to those living in nursing homes who may not receive any gifts.

Thank you to Sharon Barna Kiser and Lorraine Phifer for their timely devotionals and a big thank you to Jo Riccardo for making our coffee.

We always have room for more willing hands. Sewing experience is not required. We do hands on projects such as decorating our lovely gift bags by cutting out flowers from fabric and gluing them onto the bags. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays from 9:00 till 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen. See you there.

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## Opportunities, Opportunities, Opportunities

Lynne Phillips, Operation Christmas Child Director



### Operation Christmas Child Collection Week, November 14-21<sup>st</sup>!

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse International Relief, provides individuals, families, churches and groups the *opportunity* to fill empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. Each shoe box provides *opportunities* for churches in the communities, towns and villages where gift boxes are sent to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children who receive them and their families. After receiving a shoe box gift, children have the *opportunity* to participate in The Greatest Journey, the discipleship program developed by Samaritan's Purse to teach children to know and follow Jesus Christ.



EG First serves as a Collection Center during National Collection Week. This means our church is tasked with receiving every shoe box gift donated in Brevard and Indian River Counties, packing them into shipping cartons, loading the cartons into freight trailers and

sending them on their way to the processing center in Atlanta. Volunteers are needed to accomplish this work.

### Opportunities to Serve and Important Dates

- 1. VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING -**  
Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 P.M.  
Room 400A
- 2. VOLUNTEER TRAINING & Prayer Breakfast -** Saturday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP.
- 3. LAST DAY to donate shoe box gift -**  
Monday, November 21
- 4. MISSIONARY FOR A DAY -**  
Monday, November 21 - healthy and strong individuals needed to load heavy cartons into the trailer. If you work during the day consider taking a day's vacation as an offering to the Lord, and help us with this heavy lifting.

**Bring your shoe box gifts to the worship service Sunday, November 13!!!**

**For complete information about Operation Christmas Child call or text Lynne Phillips at 321-258-4918 or send an email to [simplegift2013@gmail.com](mailto:simplegift2013@gmail.com).**



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