



EG First Ministry in Action

QUARTERLY MINISTRY REPORT, October - December 2017

October 18, 2017

Gearing Up for Operation Christmas Child

Lynne Phillips, OCC Central Drop Off Location Leader

WHY SUPPORT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

- Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collects shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.
- Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ.
- Since 2009, more than 11 million children who have received a shoebox gift have participated in The Greatest Journey—a 12-lesson discipleship program where they learn what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Using a medium-sized cardboard or plastic shoebox (available at EG First) choose to pack for a boy or girl and decide the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. The *most* number of shoebox gifts received each year is for girls ages 5-9. The *least* number of shoebox gifts received each year are for boys ages 2-4 and 10-14.



- Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
- DO NOT include candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related toys; food or liquids.
- A donation of \$9 per shoebox gift is critical for Operation Christmas Child. It provides for the collection, processing, and shipping of shoebox gifts to more than 100 countries. It also provides ministry materials such as The Greatest Gift Booklet children receive alongside their shoebox gift and The Ministry Partner Guide, a tool used to ensure simple, easy-to-understand local outreach event training and clear Gospel presentations.

Place a check inside your shoe box gift made to Samaritans Purse with Operation Christmas Child written in the 'For' line. You may write one check to cover multiple shoe box gifts.

Make the \$9.00 donation online (samaritanspurse.org/occ) to follow your box and receive a tracking label. Attach the label to your shoe box and you can

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use the Look Up tool to find out the county where your box will be delivered.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 21 October 9:00 A.M.:
Prayer Breakfast - Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday 12 November: Shoebox
Prayer and Dedication in both
Worship Services. Bring Your
Shoebboxes with You.

Volunteer With Us During National Collection
Week: 13 – 20 November.

In closing, I leave you with a few words on the sincere agreement from our September meeting,

Matthew 18:19-20, “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”



Deacons Leading Through Serving

Andy Miller, Chairman of the Deacons



The Deacons have the privilege of hosting a widows banquet to be given on October 21st in honor of our widows. The theme of the event will be Mexican Fiesta. Widows, please know that the food will not be spicy, but we do hope to spice up your lives with fun and fellowship. Church, please let any Deacon know of opportunities for our service.

Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as; prayer, managing conflict, personal assessment, spiritual gifts, leadership, prayer groups, worthiness, spiritual growth, problem solving, communication, trust, and commitment.

Connecting Students to Worship

Matt Jackson, Student and Family Pastor

With school beginning in August and now in full swing, the student ministry kicked off several new things to connect and reach new students. Back in August, Revolution United, the student ministry worship time rebooted and we had several new students join the praise team to lead worship each Sunday Night. Currently our praise team includes Aaron O'Malley, Ben Miller, Aaron Dahl, Pastor Mark, Sophi Harpold, Hannah Jackson, Maddi Jinright, Bailey Routh, Sydney Conley, and Sarah Nimmo. Timmy D'Angiolillo continues to do a great job with the youth tech ministry as well. We are still searching

for a bass player but have been very grateful to Page Phelps and Patrick Lamb for filling in for us weekly. Sunday Night Revolution has grown quite a bit this year. We are averaging around 50 folks each Sunday



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evening. The night includes a time of hangout and games followed by a time of worship, message, and small groups. If you have a teen that has not yet connected, bring them Sunday evenings at 5 pm for a great time.

Also, in August we also began a new curriculum in the student ministry. To compliment the vision of the Family Ministry, we wanted something that promoted and connected home and church. We are now using the new and improved D6 curriculum which focuses one month on New Testament, one month on Old Testament, and one month on Special Character (things like integrity, faithful, etc). So far we've studied the book of Ruth, Modern Day Idols, and characters such as Enoch, Noah, and Daniel. The Sunday evening message expands on the Sunday morning study. You may notice the "doorposts" which are things we want the students to remember posted outside the youth zone and on bulletin boards. Each doorpost is highlighted each week.

Finally our Wednesday Nights have grown quite a bit. Wednesday is designed to be more gender specific with our lady leaders leading our girls group and our guy leaders leading the guy groups. So far our guys have done lots of guy things including fishing, marksmanship, how to be a guy "Bible Studies" and more. Our girls have done prayer walks on the beach, mission projects, and lessons pointing our young ladies to be more godly in their lives. Honestly, Wednesdays have doubled in size from last year and seem to be a real blessing on the students!

We've had a couple special events with one big one having to be rescheduled thanks to Hurricane Irma. We kicked off the new school year with the resurrection of Connect Day which is simply a team building, youth bonding, and gross experience!! We're talking gross games and more! The kids had a blast despite the rain. Currently we are getting ready for a Friday Night Light event after the high school football games on October 20 with a basketball tournament, karaoke, food, and more! We also have a couple mission projects coming up including passing out flyers for Thanksgiving in the Meadows, Trunk or Treat, and more. We have a group going on our first winter retreat in years to WinterPlace, West Virginia on

January 1. Camp at M-Fuge is scheduled next summer to West Palm Beach, Florida and we are working on a spring break mission trip as well! Keep praying for our students! God is working in their lives and we've seen the baptismal filled a few times for them already this year. Try to remember that church for many of them is a safe haven. They aren't perfect kids, but they are here and they need to be loved no matter what. Thanks so much for your prayers and support.



A Vision Worth Your Time

Mark Harpold, Associate Pastor

Love God. Love People. Share Jesus. Reach the World. It sounds simple enough doesn't it? But the goal is for this mission to permeate every area of our lives. It is easy enough to be all about God and his Kingdom while we are gathered together in this building, but much more challenging to take the love and Gospel of Jesus outside these walls. In the New Testament we see a church that is growing daily, not by inviting people to events, but by the members going out and sharing the Gospel with their friends and neighbors. Our goal should be the same: Every Christ follower at Eau Gallie First Baptist should be gathering here for

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Share Jesus,
Reach the World.

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Matt Jackson, Student Pastor

The HomePointe Center Grand Opening will be on Sunday, October 22. If you haven't been in the church lobby in a while, you need to check out the HomePointe Center! It will feature resources for parenting, family, special situations, and every life season. We will also have resources that will compliment our current "prayer" series and future sermon series. There will be "recipe cards" as well with ideas for your kids and for date nights. Come by and check it out next week! Now you might be asking...what is HomePointe? It's much bigger than just a fancy resource center. It's part of an ongoing strategy to connect the church with what's going on at home. It initially began as a solution to an ongoing problem.

You May Know what the Problem is.....

- Half of those raised in church walk away as adults
- The problem isn't what's happening at church, but what's not happening at home
- Adding more events or programs is not the answer

So we are becoming a Homepointe Church. Homepointe @ Eau Gallie is an integrated church strategy for creating a culture of intentional families. It exists to increase the likelihood those attending our churches will...

1. Build a life-long, thriving marriages
2. Introduce their children to Christ
3. Launch their teens as committed believers

What we are doing...

We as church leadership are crafting a vision to further connect Church and Home. God established the home to make disciples and transfer the faith from one generation to the next.

We need a team of folks who want to see the church family be able to pass down their faith

to children and grandchildren and to be a resource for those who need help at home.

If you are interested in being part of the HomePointe Family Ministry Team, it will require training and commitment, but is well worth it! Please note on your connect card and I will be in touch with you soon! (All ages are welcome)

7-5-2

Ralph Nygard, Lead Pastor

Recently I spoke about the intentionality of prayer in the home. I would like to encourage every family in our church to make a commitment to be a 7-5-2 Home. In order to make a commitment to be a 7-5-2- home, we are going to ask you to do these things:

7- Pray seven days a week individually for yourself, your spouse, kids, grandkids, parents & siblings.

5 - Pray five times a week as a family including meals & bedtime.

2 - Pray at least two times a week with your spouse.

Matthew 21:22 NLT "You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it."



Check out our Homepoint Center for a greater explanation of this emphasis and a prayer calendar to use.

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65th Annual BBA Meeting

Tim Harden, Music Pastor

BREVARD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS

EGFBC along with 57 other churches along the Spacecoast in Brevard County make up the Brevard Baptist Association. These churches met on Sunday evening, October 8 for the 65th annual meeting of the association. Rev. Mike Hoffman, who is a member here, is the lead mission strategist for the association.

The purpose of the Association is to strengthen the ministry of its member churches and to connect these congregations to accomplish ministry that would not be possible by individual churches alone.

Some of the emphases for the Association this year has been (1) to encourage congregations to reach outside of their walls into their communities (2) Pastoral prayer groups and ministries involving multiple congregations such as the packing of 40,000 meals for distribution and the sharing of Care Boxes with first responders (3) support of member churches through prayer, encouragement and resources (4) And continued support of the Seafarers

ministry which brings thousands of seafarers to the Cape Canaveral Port from all over the world.

A new venture for 2018 will be two planned mission trips to churches in eastern Cuba. Anyone interested in participating should contact the associational office at 321-631-0820.

The Seafarers Ministry also is open for participants to come and share with seafarers from around the world as they come to the center to connect with their loved ones on the internet or to fulfill personal needs and resources. Opportunities to share the Word of God in their own "heart language" and the love of Christ abound. Financial support can be given in their annual "Walk for Bibles" and by attending the upcoming Gala at the port on Nov. 16th, The Seafarers Ministry celebrates 20 years of "Reaching out to the World" this year.

Also included in the meeting were short testimonies of what God is doing in several different ministries within and outside of the church. Our own Lynn Phillips shared about the ministry to the Arch Creek Run Apartments which house low income families and individuals. Members of EG First and several different churches are involved in this ministry.

It was exciting to see what God is doing in and among the churches of Brevard Baptist Association!



A Haitian Choir shares musically at the 65th Annual BBA Meeting

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Food Pantry Continues to Meet Needs

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader

God was faithful once again to provide the needs of the Food Pantry Ministry during the third quarter of 2017. The Pantry received donations of food and cloth bags during the months of July, August, and September totaling \$316.22. During the same period, we also received monetary donations of \$7,356.00.

We paid out \$9,732.89 for food purchases.



Thanks to an awesome God and you, our awesome church family, we were able to help meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community! Before we pay our Second Harvest Food Bank statement for September, we had a balance of \$1,178.13 to begin the last quarter of 2017. Our Second Harvest invoice for September is \$1,432.01 which left us a little short but we have faith that God will provide.

During the third quarter, we served 649 clients, gave out 780 bags of food and fed 1,894 people for two days. The Food Pantry did not operate for three days during hurricane and power outage.

A committed food pantry team put in roughly 370 volunteer hours during this time. We have a great group of people. They are always there at their scheduled times and ready to fill in whenever and wherever needed. Once again, our thanks to those 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 active and busy ministry! It is a blessing to be a part of it.

We thank you so much for your support. This ministry couldn't continue without you. God Bless You!!

Brevard Families on a Mission continues to operate on Tuesday mornings during the same

time as the Food Pantry, from 10 to 12. They have a very busy ministry, also. They could always use more volunteers. Check them out!

Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor. Proverbs 22:9
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First Friends Preschool

Jenny Rider, Co-Director

First Friends classes began on August 14th with 28 students enrolled in the Pre-K program for 4 year olds and 41 students in preschool, for a total school enrollment of 69. We have a dedicated staff of 11.

Each year our staff has a theme and verse, and this year our theme is Cultivate Kindness. Our verse is from Galatians 5:22 which states; "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." We seek to obey God as we teach and guide our precious of preschoolers.



Be sure to view our preschool bulletin board in the preschool foyer where you will see beautiful seasonal- themed artwork from our "Class Artists of the Week." Our preschool enjoys monthly visits to the church library and also we look forward to our monthly Children's Chapel. Pastor Tim and Jordan Jinright graciously prepare music and a Bible lesson for all the children and their families to enjoy once a month. We look forward to an exciting fall with our upcoming Fall Fun Day and the children's Thanksgiving Feast.

We truly believe that each student and family is in our school for a reason, and we feel privileged to be able to minister and witness to those families. Please be in prayer for our ministry as we continue to serve the families of preschoolers in our community.

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Connecting Our Kids to God

Jordan Jinright, Children's Director

The school year brings routine and familiarity. The half frantic, half lounging days of summer are replaced with predictable and structured



schedules for the families in our church.

We are excited to see more kids and new faces with each week in every part of our kids ministry. They start their Sundays in small groups where they can learn and ask questions about that day's bible lesson as they play games and do activities that drive the lesson deeper.

Then in the second hour, your kids get a loud, exciting, sometimes messy double dose of that lesson in Energize. It's great to see them engage in what's being taught to them each week.



But that's not the end of the lesson. Here at EG First, we recognize that parents have a far greater ability to influence their kids than we ever will and so we work hard to

equip them in any way we can. Every week, we have two things that we want to make sure go home with every family. The first is the Parent Cue, which is a quick rundown of what we are learning about and some quick things they can do to reinforce it at home. The second is a God

Time. These small devotionals are a perfect way to help your kids get started on spending personal, one-on-one time with God, daily! So if you haven't see these resources yet, make sure you do this coming Sunday!

Please pray for more workers to join the Kids Ministry team. There are few ministries in our church that require more of you, but there are none that have more fun. If you have questions about joining us, please let Jordan know. God is moving among the kids of our church and we invite you to join Him as he



Seafarers Ministry

Carolyn Bowers, Administrative Assistant

From July 2017 to Sept 2017 we had 11,738 seafarer visits and we estimate that 45% or 5,282 participated in lunch.

Canaveral Port Ministry was started in 1997 by the Brevard Baptist Association to show men and women, representing 120 countries, the love of Christ by meeting their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs as they work on ships coming to Port Canaveral.

At the ministry we provide transportation to and from their ship, free internet, transportation to shopping areas, free lunch, snacks and coffee, and an address so they can have packages delivered. We also make Bibles and Christian materials in over 60 languages available to them for free so they can grow in their knowledge of the Lord. Chapel services are offered a few times a day.

The beauty of this ministry is that the same people are coming sometimes once or twice a week which gives opportunities to build friendships and share the gospel. In 2016 107 people were reached for

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Young At Heart

Tim Harden, Music Pastor

For over 25 years the mostly "senior" members of our congregation have ministered and shared at area nursing homes using a "kitchen band" concept. This ministry outside of our church walls has brought countless occasions of joy to nursing home and assisted living residences throughout our community.



Young At Heart on Mission

However, it is our desire at this time to broaden the base of opportunity and update the presentation. As a result the former "Young at Heart Band Ministry" will be known as our "Healthcare Facility Ministry." The musical core of the programs will be a trio: Debbie Harden (flute), Tim Harden (piano) and Frank Knowles (guitar). Optional percussion can be added by participants but the emphasis will be on vocal presentation and interaction with the residents of the facilities. Participants can choose to simply be a greeter or join in on the singing (no choir experience necessary). This daytime ministry is also open to ALL ages.

If interested, contact Pastor Tim (321-505-4341). We hope to continue to make an impact on the lives of those who are in our area healthcare facilities. Your participation can make a difference in the lives of those who are residents there.

Benevolence

Ed Davis, Team Leader

\$1,080.62	BEGINNING BALANCE
\$13,202.41	RECEIVED
\$13,237.77	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
\$1045.26	ENDING BALANCE
	ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS
\$5,221.42	FLORIDA POWER - 35 NON-MBRS & 3 MBRS
\$2,356.74	WATER BILLS - 11 NON-MBRS & 3 MBRS
\$4,036.92	HOUSING - 2 NON-MBRS & 2 MBRS
\$1,622.62	MISCELLANEOUS - 1 NON-MBRS & 5 MBRS
	HURRICANE FUND
\$4,140.00	Received
\$535.00	Temporary Housing
\$3,605.00	Balance

This month we are off to a slow start, with three days in July and August that we had no funds. Even though we also lost three days because of the storm, the church made a great response and met many needs. Housing was a major concern due to the storm.

We were able to help a total of 67 individuals this quarter (54 non-members and 13 members).

Thank you again for allowing the team to serve the church through this ministry.