

EG First Ministry in Action

EG First Ministry Reports for January - March 2018

April 18, 2018

Food Pantry Continues to Meet Needs

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader



Once again, God has been faithful to meet the needs of the Food Pantry Ministry. During the first quarter of 2018, the ministry received donations of food and cloth bags of \$839.30. During the same quarter, we also received monetary donations of \$11,378.00. Food purchases for the quarter were \$7,934.72.

Our thanks to our Faithful God and church family who made it possible to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. During this period, we served 568 clients, giving out 654 bags of food and feeding 1,736 people for two days.

We currently have seventeen dedicated volunteers working in this ministry. They worked approximately 345 hours during the quarter. We are thankful for every one of them and for those that set up for us and clean up after us. You can find some of us here Monday through Thursday mornings working in one capacity or another. It is certainly a real blessing to be a part of this ministry.

Thanks again for your support!

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

Staying Connected

Staying connected is simple, just join our EG First Yahoo Group! You will receive Church News Emails. To join, simply subscribe at:

EGFBC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To send an email message to the church email, just send the email to:

EGFBC@yahoogroups.com



Matt Jackson, Student and Family Pastor

We have had a couple of successful outdoor movie nights over the past few months that resulted in several guests from the community visiting for some family fun. By far though, the most important thing we do is provide resources for the church family in our HomePointe Center in the lobby. The HomePointe center is like a drive by counseling center for all sorts of struggles, advice for all walks of life, and training for every age group's challenges. Additionally during the month of a child or teens birthday, we have a gift for them at the HomePointe Center and a faithpath challenge kit for you as a parent to help lead and guide your child at home in the stage of life they are going into. All of these resources are also on our website at egfirst.org. Please come by and check the resources at that go along with our current series, "The 9" as well. We are also looking for champions of family ministry that would like to be a presence at the HomePointe Center on Sunday mornings to be able to talk with and guide people to resources and advice. Please see Pastor Matt if you are interested. Thanks!

Children's Ministry Promotes Worship Through Music

Tim Harden, Pastor of Music and Adults

Each Wednesday evening Pastor Tim meets with the preschoolers and the Kidz ministry for a time of music.

The Preschool session usually last from 15 – 20 minutes and features primarily songs and musical games for musical

development and knowledge about God, Jesus, or spiritual values.



The Kidz Choir also meets for 20 minutes and concentrates on developing the singing voice and using it to learn songs that are eventually sung in the Traditional and Contemporary worship services.

Hopefully these experiences open the door to developing a positive participation in worship for years to come in their lives.

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Deacons Leading Through Serving

Andy Miller,
Chairman of the Deacons

The deacons have been blessed with hearing the testimonies from several potential new deacons and hope to have them voted on by the congregation and ordained soon. We gathered together with our spouses for a great evening with food and fellowship at Fujiyama's. The deacons, with the assistance of a few others, were honored to be able serve the Lord's Supper on March 25th to both services. Several deacons and Pastor Ralph have been meeting in room 104 at 8:30am every Sunday morning to spend a few minutes in prayer for the upcoming services, pastors, Sunday School teachers and people attending church that day. Our prayer group is open to the entire church and we would love to have others join us. Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as; prayer, Godly men, misunderstood scripture, accountability and ways to help the pastors. Please let any deacon know of opportunities for our service.

In closing, I leave you with a few words from Jesus' teachings from our April meeting, Matthew 7:7-8, ***"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."***



Servanthood at it's Finest!

Matt Jackson, Student and Family Pastor

While most kids are looking forward to sleeping in everyday of spring break, several of the students from our student ministry got up early on Monday and Tuesday of Spring Break and served at the Florida Baptist Children's Home. From working in the food warehouse to painting the inside and outside of buildings, these students worked hard over their break. The Florida Baptist Children's Home was very grateful for the help and we are hoping to continue to partner with them in many ways over the next several years. Thank you to the students who did a great job!

Our youth continue to meet on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and Wednesday nights for Bible study, discipleship, worship, special events and more. They are currently doing several fundraisers in order to raise money

Servanthood (Con't)

for their upcoming mission trip to X Fuge summer mission camp and Ecuador. If you feel led to help a student get to camp or the mission trip to Ecuador or just want to support the mission trip as far as providing the money for the resources we will need while on the ground in Ecuador, please get with Pastor Matt or designate a gift towards any of the above. These are all very worthwhile investments into building the kingdom of God and investments into the future of the church. Thank you in advance!

Finally I just want to say thank you to all the youth who, week by week, serve in our church nursery, our children's worship service, our praise team, the boys who stack the chairs and put away tables every Wednesday night, and more. I don't thank you enough for your service, but you are an important part of the body here at Eau Galle First Baptist Church and we want you to know that. Please continue to pray for the youth leaders as we minister to your students weekly. It's a tough job, but very rewarding when you see a student come to know Christ and want to follow Him *daily* with their life. I would ask that many of you also consider and pray about joining the student ministry leadership team as small group leaders, mentors, and support staff. We always need passionate adults willing to step into youth ministry to lead this generation of students. Come talk to me if you are interested.

Please also remember to pray for one of our leaders, Mitch Jinright as he continues to recover from a quintuple bypass. God has done a work in Mitch's life over the past week and he continues to heal. Join us in lifting Mitch up to God daily. He has been one of the most faithful youth leaders for a long time and we want to see him back at it. May God continue to be a powerful presence in the life of Mitch and his family. Thank you!

Focus on Missions

Patrick Lamb, Pastoral Intern

It is **NOT** too late to get involved with missions! We would love to share memories with you in the years to come about our 2018 Missions Trip. Come join us in serving other brothers and sisters in Christ.

Cuba Missions Trip Oct 6 - 12: We will be partnering with the Brevard Baptist Association on this trip. We will be mostly doing light to mild construction on new developing churches. There will be two days where we are meeting with people and sharing the Good News, as well as a tourist day. The trip will cost \$600 and we will have our first preparation meeting and start collecting deposits the first week of May. If you want to officially sign up please email: plamb@egfirst.org

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Florida Baptist Convention State Board of Missions Lynne Phillips, Board Member

The Florida Baptist Convention State Board of Missions met at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center April 5-6. I am humbled to serve on this board representing the Brevard Baptist Association. The Board is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Florida Baptist State Convention and serves as the State Convention ad-interim between annual State Convention meetings each November. Among a number of actions taken by the Board, here are two items of note:

- Offering goal for the 2018 Maguire State Mission Offering was set at \$830,000; 100 percent of the offering allocated to the SEND South Florida Global Fund for Ministry; and any overage above the goal of \$830,000 will be directed to the SEND South Florida Global Fund for Ministry. It was also noted that those serving in churches and ministries in South Florida report that people there are open to the gospel – there are not enough churches to reach all of them.

- Authorized the position of Director, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, The Baptist College of Florida, Next Generation Ministries, Florida Baptist Convention and that up to \$35,000 be withdrawn from interest income generated by the Florida Baptist Convention's investments in the year 2018, for the purpose of funding the position.



Dr. Jerry Haag, Florida Baptist Children's Home President/CEO, reported that they have combined the branding of The Porch Light and Orphan's Heart, along with all of the non-campus care, under a new brand name that signifies what the primary focus has been for more than 100 years: One More Child. Florida Baptist Children's Homes will represent all of their services for children under Florida Baptist Children's Homes and One More Child. While they have a new look, new colors and an exciting new brand, the mission remains - to provide Christ-centered services to children and families in need.

I am happy to provide more information concerning other actions taken by the Board upon request.

Benevolence Ed Davis, Team Leader

Items	Rec'd	Disbursed	Balance
Beginning Balance			\$1,378.42
Received	\$15,794.00		\$17,172.42
Disbursed		\$15,362.29	\$1,810.13
Ending Balance			\$1,810.13
Recap of Above Funds:			
FPL: 1 Mbrs 40 Non-Mbrs		\$6,799.98	
Water Bills: 1 Mbr 17 Non-Mbrs		\$2,790.51	
Housing: 2 Mbrs 7 Non-Mbrs		\$2,454.67	
Misc: 3 Mbrs/ 7 Non-mbrs		\$3,317.13	
Hurricane Fund:			
Beginning Balance			\$2,277.98
Received	\$75.00		\$2,352.98
Disbursed Members			\$2,352.98
Ending Balance			\$2,352.98

The church assisted a total of 67 non-members and 11 members this quarter.

Jeremiah 22:15-16 "Are you a king because you excel in cedar? Didn't your father eat and drink and administer justice and righteousness? Then it went well with him. **He took up the case of the poor and needy, then it went well. Is this not what it means to know Me? (This is) the LORD'S declaration.**"



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EG Kids

Jordan Jinright, Children's Director

Kids Ministry has been going strong all winter long. Our Sunday groups continue to dive into lessons from assorted Bible stories with discussion and fun activities that reinforce the day's lesson. Energize is the most exciting place to be during the 10:30 service! If you are interested in joining in the fun, let Jordan know.

The Family Game Night took place on February 11th! It was table vs. table bedlam as teams challenged each other to see who would be the Game Night Champions. Tense battles were waged over "Stranger Things: Bible Trivia" and "Name that Tune: through the years! And to top off it all off, this Game night was "a la mode!" Massive amounts of ice cream were consumed as families decked out their Sunday night sundaes at one of two toppings bars! It was a great time to have some fun with the entire church!

As Easter approached we were excited to give families a fun way to invite their neighbors to church on Easter, using our "You've been Egged" kits. Church families would stealthily hide a dozen eggs in a neighbor's yard, and then sneak the door hanger/invite card onto the door knob. This door hanger invited them to first enjoy their egg hunt, then to "come sit with us," on Easter Sunday. We estimate nearly 175 families were invited this way, so if you see somebody new, be sure to say hello!

As we approach the summer, there's some important stuff coming up:

* The Summer Shindig will be on May 26th. Be sure to mark the date so you can celebrate the beginning of summer break with us! And let Jordan know if you'd like to help!

* Winshape Camp is June 18th- 22nd at Calvary Chapel Viera. It is just the most incredible summer day camp there is! More information and signup is available on the Winshape website, hurry though, it's filling up fast. – And this year, we've been invited to send a team of volunteers to work with the camp. Volunteering with Winshape is an amazing experience! If you are able, you should! It doesn't even have to be all day, they can work you in shifts! Let Jordan know if you'd like more info on helping out.

* VBS is July 23rd-27th. The theme is "Amped: Live fully alive" all based around extreme sports. Surfing, skating, climbing, skiing, motocross (you get the idea). We do VBS right at this church, so if you want to be a

part of the team that makes VBS awesome again, we can use all the help we can get! Sign up on the church website @ EGFirst.org/VBS.

Be sure to follow your Kids Ministry on facebook so you don't miss all the fun stuff coming up! @EGKidsMin

Threads of Love

Lori Ingraham

We are off to a roaring start for the new year. We have 3 new members, Diane Dotson, Sue Rawles and Kay Frank. We are happy to have them join us.

We have received many donations of fabric and yarn this quarter for which we are most thankful.

This quarter we have donated 18 surgical pillows, 8 string bags, 9 bibs, 20 walker bags, 9 baby caps with one baby blanket, and 27 chemo caps. We have received "Thank you notes" from Pregnancy Resources, The Alzheimer Association, Hibiscus Court, The Cancer Center and numerous individual recipients of our handwork.

We are always happy to have more helping hands. No experience necessary. We have many jobs that do not require sewing skills. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30am, every month in Room 400A.



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First Friends Preschool

Jenny Rider, Co-Director



During this past quarter, we hosted many events for our students and families. We provide monthly activities to enhance our students learning as well as build relationships with the families. We enjoyed a visit from Dr. Mackay's dental office to express the importance of caring for their teeth; Donuts for Dads (a dad/father-figure/special someone attends this event where the Dad received a card and gift made by the student and spent time together during special classroom activities; Community



Helpers day was full of exciting demonstrations and interacting. Special thanks to Petty Officer 2nd Class, Brian Harvey of the U.S. Coast Guard (Dad to our very own Ethan Harvey); Melb. Fire Dept., Melb. Police Motor Cycle and K9 units; Special thanks to Officer Dan Rhoades of Cocoa Police K9 unit (dad to our sweet



Kaelyn Rhoades) and fellow officers; and Easter egg hunts with a spring petting zoo of bunnies, chicks, and ducks, courtesy of Cox Farms in Melbourne.

The preschool Open House was held the week of March 5th and was well attended, registration for the 2018-19 school years is well underway, and we are about 75% full for next year. However, we do still have select openings our 3 and 5 day preschool and 5 day VPK classes so please recommend us to your friends and family.



Please join our staff in praying for a full school for next year, and for wisdom for us to see and act on the ministry needs in our preschool family.

Submitted By: Jenny Rider, Director of Operations



Friday, April 27 @ 7:30 PM

Bring your family and friends to a fun outdoor movie night!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Lynne Phillips, Leader

Central Drop Off Location Brevard/Indian River Counties

During National Collection Week November 2017, approximately 15,200 of the 11 million shoebox gifts collected world-wide were received, placed into cartons, and loaded onto freight trucks by dedicated volunteers serving at the Central Drop Off Location (EG First), then sent on the next step of their journey to reach children around the world and share the good news of Christ with them. I am thankful to God for calling diligent servants who work hard and are committed to utilizing this ministry to accomplish Christ's mandate to "make disciples." We were blessed to have students from the Wings of Grace Ministry and Richard Hannan, Director of Operations for CITA (Christ Is The Answer) and twelve of their residents, partner with us in our work; we're especially thankful for their help with the heavy lifting!



As we look toward National Collection Week 2018 (12-19 November), I urge you to consider now if you'll be part of our ministry team. There are multiple ways to be involved immediately- prayer, assisting with planning and preparation for National Collection Week, shopping for shoeboxes gifts you plan to donate; the list goes on and on. The scope of the spiritual impact on children who receive shoebox gifts is incredible. Because Operation Christmas Child is a year round ministry, every 24 hours more than 30,000 children hear the gospel at shoebox outreach events. Every 16 seconds a child becomes a

follower of Jesus (5,248 every day) during The Greatest Journey discipleship program that is offered to every child who receives a shoebox gift. There is compelling reason to not grow weary in doing good; Africa is home to 507 million children under the age of 14. If



each of the 327 million people in the U.S. packed a gift-filled shoebox, Operation Christmas Child still wouldn't reach all the boys and girls in Africa.

Will you join God in what He is doing through Operation Christmas Child? Call me.



Easter Service 2018

College, Careers, and Beyond Patrick Lamb, Pastoral Intern

This past month we have officially started our College, Careers, and Beyond Bible Study class on Sundays at 11:45 AM right after service. We are working through the New Testament accounts of Jesus' life in effort to learn how we can better shine the light of Jesus in our community. Most importantly we do all this over some free food, the second most important need of young adults. Although we have only been actively meeting for a few weeks we have had a good turn out and have even seen a few new people come out to see what it's all about. If you would like to help out or even cook a meal for the group please let me know (plamb@egfirst.org) or if you know of anyone who is a young adult looking for a Bible Study please send them our way!

Get Your Hat While They Last! Patrick Lamb, Pastoral Intern



We are selling hats to support the college ministry, which will need funds to reach out to other young adults. The suggested donation is \$10 but if you want to give more than that, it is more than okay and very appreciated. Feel free to get them Wednesday night or email me at plamb@egfirst.org. We look forward to seeing you wear the hats around town, helping us spread the word.

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March Adult Fellowship Potluck Luncheon

Tim Harden, Pastor of Music and Adults



Good food and fellowship enjoyed by those in attendance to the March Adult Fellowship Luncheon

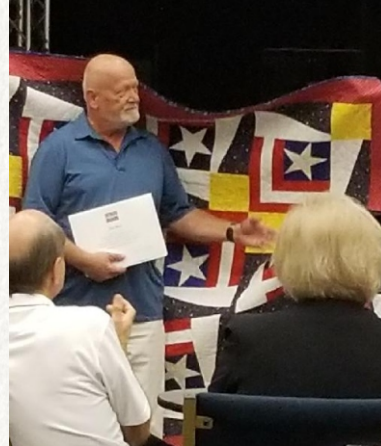


Vietnam Veterans honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution



13 Men received "Quilts of Valor" for their Military Service

The Adult Fellowship Luncheon had its greatest attendance during the Winter Quarter. January featured vocalist Bobby Kelly performing tunes of the Sinatra era. Love Inc shared



Fred Ward receiving his "Quilt of Valor" for his Military Service

the February program (an organization which we financially support through our budget) and explained the ways they assist those in our community with needs. The March meeting saluted our military veterans with the Daughters of the American Revolution giving certificates and pins to our Vietnam Veterans and the Quilts of Valor honoring 13 of our military veterans with beautiful handmade patriotic quilts.

The two trips for the quarter were to Reptile World in St. Cloud in February and to the Strawberry Festival in Plant City in March.

The Adult Fellowship ministry is open to anyone who desires to participate and provides a means to connect people to EGFfirst and to develop relationships among our church family. Our next luncheon is May 1st and will feature our very own "Mater's Men Quartet". Hope to see you there!



Jeanie Wood Displays one of the "locals" at Reptile World

Text to Give!

You can give through texting! It's easy and 100% secure! Text to 321-234-1284, then type the amount you would like to give to EG First. You will receive a text back with a link from Easy Tithe to fill out a short form. Just enter in your name and card information and you will automatically be signed up!

EG First Ministry In Action - May Calendar Events

Sunday Worship: 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM Every Sunday

Tue, May 1

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (RM 202)
Library Open 9:30 AM
Adult Fellowship Luncheon: Noon (Worship Center)
Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 7:30 PM
Deacons Meeting: 7 PM

Wed, May 2

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference RM)
Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 PM
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Fri, May 4

Salt S.S. Class: 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Sun, May 6

Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Rm)
Library Open: 8:45 AM
Revolution Bible Study (Youth): 9:15 AM (Youth Zone)
Library Open: 10 AM
Revolution Worship & Life Groups: 6 PM (YZ)

Mon, May 7

Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 11:30 AM

Tue, May 8

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (RM 202)
Library Open 9:30 AM
Phebean SS Class Mtg: 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Wed, May 9

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference RM)
Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 PM
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thu, May 10

Threads of Love: 9 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Fri, May 11

Basic Class Meeting: 5:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Sat, May 12

Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 4 PM
Addison Marrow Memorial: 11 AM

Sun, May 13: Mother's Day!

Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Rm)
Library Open: 8:45 AM
Revolution Bible Study (Youth): 9:15 AM (Youth Zone)
Library Open: 10 AM

Mon, May 14

Bykota Class Meeting: 11 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Honor the Grad: 6 PM

Tue, May 15

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (RM 202)
Library Open 9:30 AM
Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 7 PM

Wed, May 16

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference RM)
Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 PM
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thu, May 17

VPK Graduation: 10 AM (Worship Center)

Fri, May 18

Domino Fellowship: 6 PM (Youth Zone)

Sat, May 19

Freedom Celebration Orchestra Rehearsal: 9 AM (WC)

Sun, May 20

Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Rm)
Library Open: 8:45 AM
Revolution Bible Study (Youth): 9:15 AM (Youth Zone)
Library Open: 10 AM
Revolution Worship & Life Groups: 6 PM (YZ)

Mon, May 21

Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 7 PM (Choir Rm)

Tue, May 22

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (RM 202)
Library Open 9:30 AM

Wed, May 23

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference RM)
Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 PM
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM

Thu, May 24

Threads of Love: 9 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Sat, May 26

Praise Orchestra: 10 AM (Worship Center Stage)
Summer Shindig: 6:30 PM (Whole Building)

Sun, May 27

Prayer First: 8:30 AM (Conference Rm)
Library Open: 8:45 AM
Revolution Bible Study (Youth): 9:15 AM (Youth Zone)
Library Open: 10 AM

Tue, May 29

9:15 – 11:15am

Ironman Lifegroup: 9:15 AM (RM 202)
Library Open 9:30 AM
Freedom Celebration Choral Rehearsal: 7 PM (Choir Rm)

Wed, May 30

Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM (Conference RM)
Dinner Served: 5 PM (Worship Center)
Library Open: 5:45 PM
Wednesday Night Programs: 6:15 PM
Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM