

October 17, 2018

Volunteers of All Ages Food Pantry

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader

Tresden Lucker is the newest member of our Food Pantry Team. He is 8 years old and helps with the shopping at Second Harvest every week and also helps to put the food away in the pantry. He is a very dedicated worker. We feel blessed to have him.



During the third quarter we received donations of food and cloth bags of \$410.95. We received \$9,393.00 in cash donations and made food purchases of \$8,506.91. At the end of September, we also received a grant of \$600+ for making purchases at Second Harvest from the Melbourne Elks Lodge #1744. We thank God and all of you for helping us meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. During the months of July, August and September, we served 716 clients, handing out 826 bags of food, feeding 3,030 people for two days. As is our usual practice, each client is given a tract with the plan of salvation and a schedule of our church services.

Our dedicated volunteers worked approximately 383 hours during the quarter. Again, we send our thanks to all those who set up for us and clean up after us. We would love for you to come check us out sometime. Some of us are here Monday through Thursday

mornings each week. Thank you to all who save your paper bags for us, those who donate food, and most importantly, those who pray for this ministry. We appreciate your support!

Deacons Leading Through Serving

Andy Miller, Chairman of the Deacons

The deacons enjoyed honoring the widows of the church with a banquet for them on September 8th. The theme was 50's television and the widows had a great time playing "Name That Tune" with music based on television theme songs.

Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as; prayer, accountability, discipleship attributes, conflict resolution and ways to help the pastors. Some of the ways that deacons are serving include widow visits, Lord's Supper, church vehicle maintenance, church building maintenance, hospital visits, prayer, helping new members, reaching out to inactive members, greeting and ushering. Please let any deacon know of opportunities for our service.

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.

In closing, I leave you with a few words from Jesus' teachings from a recent meeting, Matthew 8:10-13, ***"When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, 'I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.' And his servant was healed at that very hour."***

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What a Toothbrush Means

Lynne Phillips, OCC Leader
Central Drop Off Location

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "Once a month we were loaded onto a bus and transported to a bathhouse where we bathed and brushed our teeth. Up to 30 of us shared one toothbrush. When I received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift with a toothbrush inside I was overwhelmed to have my very own toothbrush and to realize that someone, somewhere, cared about me." Hearing testimonies like this one from a child living in an orphanage half way around the world, who intimately became a Christ follower due to receiving a shoebox gift, strengthens my commitment to the Operation Christmas Child ministry. You too can join God in demonstrating His love to children in need around the world and share the gospel message with them by packing and donating a shoebox gift. Every day, *5,248 children accept Christ as a result of this ministry*. You can be an integral part of getting the shoebox gifts into the hands of receiving children by joining us in prayer and helping us collect shoebox gifts from donors throughout Brevard and Indian River counties and packing them into shipping cartons during National Collection Week.



PACK A SHOEBOX GIFT Using a medium-sized cardboard or plastic shoebox, choose to pack for a boy or girl and decide age

category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 (OCC receives the fewest number of shoebox gifts for boys 2-4 and 10-14). Select a quality "wow" item such as a doll, an uninflated soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animals. Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. For more ideas visit samaritanspurse.org/occ-gift suggestions. Do not include candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items; war-related toys; breakables; food or liquids. A donation of \$9.00 for each shoebox is critical to cover project costs from collection and shipping to training and distribution. Give online through Follow Your Box to receive a tracking label and discover the destination of your shoebox gift. Or, you may place a check inside your shoebox gift made out to Samaritans Purse and designate 'OCC' in the 'FOR' line.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

This Saturday 20 October at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

SHOEBOX PRAYER AND DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday 11 November – 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

EG First members/attendees are encouraged to drop off shoebox gifts at one of these services, however, we will accept them prior to this date if need be.

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK VOLUNTEER

Monday, 12 November through Monday, 19 November. Contact Lynne Phillips for complete information and to register for volunteer service.

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Florida Baptist Convention State Board of Missions

Lynne Phillips, Board Member

I am thankful to serve along with Bob Wilson, FBC Titusville, and represent the Brevard Baptist Association on the Florida Baptist Convention State Board of Missions. The board met August 23-24, 2018 at the Baptist Building in Jacksonville to plan, pray over and give thanks for the ministry of Florida Baptists around the state. Here are some of the highlights:



- A budget of \$30,000,000 was adopted and will be presented to the messengers at the State Convention meeting in November. Tommy Green noted that the budget amount is the same as the 2018 budget goal, with minor changes in distribution. The budget continues to support Green's desire to designate 51 percent of receipts from Florida Baptist churches to the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program, leaving 49 percent for ministry within Florida.

- In Next Generation ministries, the Board previously approved the creation of a Baptist Campus Minister position at the Baptist College of Florida, making it the first time the Graceville campus will have a BCM on campus. Lance Beauchamp, formerly the BCM director for the Tallahassee area, was affirmed in the new BCF position. Barry Sproles, who previously directed campus ministry in the Jacksonville area and through Campus Church, part of First Baptist Church Jacksonville, was elected to the position of BCM Director, Tallahassee.

- The partnership between Confraternite Missionnaire Baptiste d'Haiti and the Florida Baptist Convention was renewed. Since it began in 1995, 63,000 professions of faith have been made. Board members were reminded to continue to pray for these pastors as they continue to grow.

- After a recommendation from the Southern Baptist Convention Associational Leaders, the Board approved a name change for associational leaders from "Director of Mission" to "Associational Mission Strategist." The move comes after an SBCAL study group, led by Jacksonville Baptist Association lead missional strategist Rick Wheeler, made the recommendation at the 2018 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas. Board member Ted Traylor, lead pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, also served on the study team. Mike Hoffmann serves in this role for the Brevard Baptist Association

- The Board approved a prison ministry grant that will allow more than 40 seminary graduates from Hardee Correctional Institute to be sent out in groups of four to serve as chaplains in prison churches. Board member Mike Wetzel, pastor of The Island Chapel in Tierra Verde, has been directing the seminary program at Hardee Correctional Institute for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for several years and has been encouraged by the success they've experienced so far.



Focused and on Mission

Matt Jackson, Student and Family Pastor

The focus of our student ministry is discipleship and unity. The last several months we have changed our Sunday morning format, Sunday nights back to Wednesday nights, and incorporated several special outreach events. We have also changed the camp we attend during the summer months to one that focuses on heavy

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duty discipleship and extreme fun! It's seriously the best of both worlds. We have welcomed several new 7th grade students into our ministry and they have jumped in ready to go! It's been great to see the older



and younger students studying scripture together. Over the coming winter break, there are 30 of us heading up to SWO Winter Camp, which is a discipleship and ski camp in the mountains of North Carolina. We are also planning our international mission trip to Ecuador and have over 40 signed up for summer camp so far. While it's good to see so many students wanting to attend these



camps and events, it's more important for us to find a real sense of unity in love and create an environment which welcomes any new

student who walks through the door. We have begun *Sticky Faith Sundays* which bring youth and parents together for worship and Bible study once a month during the Sunday School hour. We have begun monthly training as a church and additional training for all youth and children's leaders as well. We are also thinking and praying through the family ministry events we do as a church and are asking a lot of questions to determine whether they are accomplishing what we desire God to do through them. So if you see some changes to some traditional things we've done in the past, there is a prayerful reason for it.



Finally, we had a BIG win in August with the Richard Ross parenting weekend. Dr. Richard Ross of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary led a morning session for parents of youth and kids, preached in the main service, and led a session for parents and youth after church. It was an amazing and challenging weekend! Honestly there was not a dry eye in the building after youth and parents got very real with each other. We continue to strive to put discipleship resources and support into the hands of parents to create good habits and strategies in the home. Please pray for us as we continue on this great adventure.

Fall Craft Fair
Saturday, October 27
9 am - 3 pm

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Kicked Off Another Year

Jenny Rider, Director of Operations



The ending of the third quarter starts the new school year at First Friends. God is faithful in pouring out his mercy and grace over our

school, by bringing his precious children to our wonderful Christian teachers to uplift and teach. This is our mission as we honor God and bring him Glory!

As we kicked off our new school year, our first Children's Chapel was also celebrated with Grandparents day. We were so honored to have so many grandparents and special people that play a vital role in our students lives attend chapel with the children and then visit the children's classroom.

As the quarter ends we are just ramping up, so busy days are ahead, we ask the church body to continue to pray for First Friends, as we know there are families God has brought to us to minister to and our prayer is to keep our hearts in tune.

Discovery Group

Lynne Phillips, Leader

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" Proverbs 3:5-6

It all began with a group of women meeting weekly to read and discuss Dr. David Platt's book, Radical. By the time we'd completed the book it was apparent that God had brought our group together for a specific purpose, thus Discovery Group came into being. Today, Discovery Group is composed of both men and women directed by God to multi-housing ministry in a low income, 96 unit, apartment complex in Melbourne. The diverse residential population represents a variety of cultures, races, religious beliefs, and values. Many residents are middle-aged

or older and are retired, unemployed or disabled, and living alone. There is a large contingent of Spanish speaking residents who are immigrants from other countries. Approximately thirteen families with children live in the complex and only one of these families has both parents living in the home. In addition to single parenthood, the community and family environment meets one or more of the criteria that puts these children at risk for poor social, emotional, economic and developmental outcomes as an adult (poverty, crime, unemployment, arrest or drug use, physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, teen pregnancy, welfare dependence, family dysfunction, etc.). Therefore, as we began to prepare for the work God had assigned to us He made several things clear. First, His work would not 'start' with our arrival in the complex; He was already there and we were to 'go to them' and join Him in what He was doing there.



Second, because evangelism does not occur in an isolated bubble but in tangible social contexts and communities that have their own histories and cultures, calling people to follow Jesus is one component of a holistic ministry that also includes interacting with people, showing sympathy, ministering to their needs, and gaining their trust and confidence. This kind of impact does not happen overnight. It takes time and it takes commitment. It means making sure the gospel touches people's lives, *not just their ears*. God showed us that we needed to discover what residents are doing with their time. What might be causing distress and pain? What is bringing them joy? What are they "worshipping?"

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Third, the compassion of Jesus must be at the heart of meaningful ministry. God was instructing us to be a consistent presence in



the community and to focus our attention and priorities on building relationships with the residents. He would require from us faithfulness, integrity, and compassion; not to see the apartment complex as a 'mission project' but as a place full of people to view with compassion. Jesus' earthly ministry demonstrates to us that if we can't relate to the residents, there's no chance for them to see what He is like... if we don't know them, then how can we understand them and help them? Then, as we came to know the residents we were to treat them like our family. Therefore, we would not just be telling people about the truth of God's Word, but demonstrating the truth of that Word.

Now, in three years of following God's direction in this community, there are innumerable 'God stories' of His love, mercy and grace in action. The property manager says the community is now a peaceful place to live and residents interact with one another and with him in a more kind and relational manner. Children have Christmas gifts, school supplies, and go on field trips. A simple trip to a petting zoo caused one eight year old to exclaim, "This is the best day I've ever had in my whole life!" Resident's food and clothing are supplemented as needed. They are covered in prayer daily bringing their

specific needs to us regularly: multiple surgeries for a deaf new born with Downs Syndrome, a baby whose parents are 16 & 18 years old born seven weeks premature, the family whose grandchild died of pneumonia at age 3. Love and care is extended in times of distress as with staying at the side of a widow with no family when she was diagnosed with terminal cancer during emergency surgery in the middle of Hurricane Irma. Consistent encouragement from God through Discovery Group members changes lives as it did with the woman who was so depressed she never came out of her house, yet with regular encouragement she now helps us lead our ESL classes and is attending church regularly. The work of the Lord in demonstrating His faithfulness to "never leave us nor forsake us" goes on, and on, and on.

Using activities and events not as the focus of ministry, but as tools providing opportunities to know and interact with residents has helped us create authentic relationships with them. Activities such as Coffee Hour, Fit Class, ESL, Bingo, holiday events, community meals, field trips for children and adults, door to door delivery of bread, Bible study and worship enrich the lives of residents and join Discovery



Group members and residents together in experiencing God's love, glorifying Him and understanding His gift of salvation. In order for Discovery Group to facilitate these activities, He has been faithful to "supply all our needs according to his riches in Glory." Discovery Group is grateful to be a ministry of Eau Gallie First Baptist Church and sponsored by the Brevard Baptist Association. While many

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members of Discovery Group attend EGFirst, Christians from several other churches in Brevard County are also part of the group. We are asking God to bring others to help in our work: men who are available during daytime hours to visit, minister to, and establish relationships with male residents and Bi-lingual (English-Spanish) speaking men and women.

Finally, prior to beginning our work at the apartment complex thoughts of how we would financially accomplish it did occur. However, during the time that God was preparing us for this ministry one name came up time and time again in our training materials. Therefore, it was clear that Discovery Group was to utilize the 'George Muller' approach for 'financial peace.' As He was with George Muller, God has been faithful to Discovery Group! ***"To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."*** Jude 1:25

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Launches 2018 -2019 Season

Tim Harden, Pastor of Music

September and October have featured two great meetings for our fellowship luncheon meetings with 70 plus gathered for each time together.

The September meeting focused on a visual tour of a portion of Galilee, the land where Jesus walked. October's meeting was highlighted by the accordion music of Guy Alesio who demonstrated that even the accordion can take advantage of the technological age we live in today.

These informational, inspirational, or entertainment oriented programs are designed to provide settings where our members can feel comfortable inviting guests to attend. In this way we hope to provide an additional entry way or connection for those not yet a part of our fellowship.

Our program for November 13 features Jennifer Cleveland, a dynamic speaker for the visually impaired and December will resound with the music of Christmas. Who can you invite to join our fellowship?

EGFirst Hosts the 66th Annual Meeting of the Brevard Baptist Association

The Brevard Baptist Association, a group of Baptist churches in Brevard County who have joined together to facilitate a greater ministry and outreach in our county and beyond, met at our facility on Sunday, October 14, for their 66th annual meeting.



Exhibits were on display from the Seafarers Port Ministry, the Florida Baptist Children's Home, Love Inc, Wings of Grace, Special Gatherings, Discovery Group (Lynn Phillips, Director) and the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief (Larry Porter, Region 5 Coordinator).

After a time of fellowship, a delicious meal was served by Candace Gilbert and her team. The meeting was conducted by Mike Hoffman, Associational Mission Strategist and member here at EGFirst and worship was led by the Worship Team at Central Baptist in Melbourne.

Ministry reports and testimonies were shared by Seafarers Ministry, the Compassion Ministry here at EGFirst including the food pantry and boutique (Pastor Mark Harpold), the mission outreach to Cuba made possible by the regularly occurring mission trips from our association (the most recent trip included Patrick Lamb and Nancy Lucas from our own congregation), and an outreach by the

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First Baptist Church of Aurantia to an unreached people group in Mexico.

The meeting was climaxed with a message from Dr. Tommy Green, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention.

The meeting featured not only ministry taking place among the member churches of our association, but served to inspire and challenge those present to continue the spiritual battle locally and afar on a level that would be impossible by any one church alone.

Upcoming Schedule for October 2018

18: Financial Peace University: 7 PM
19: Domino Fellowship: 6 PM
20: OCC Prayer Breakfast: 9 AM
20: Praise Orchestra: 10 AM
20: OCC Training: 10:30 AM
21: *Church Picnic*: 4 PM
23: Ironmen Life Group: 9:15 AM
23: Women Warriors Life Group: 9:15 AM
24: Men's Life Group: 1:30 PM
24: Marriage Life Group: 6:15 PM
24: Hooking on Hump Day Crocheting: 6 PM
24: Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30 PM
24: Traditional Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM
25: Threads of Love: 9 AM
25: Financial Peace University: 7 PM
27: *Fall Craft Fair*: 9 AM-3PM
28: *The Great Pumpkin Family Movie Night*: 6 PM
30: Ironmen Life Group: 9:15 AM
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Benevolence

Ed Davis, Team Leader

We received \$13,012.00 and disbursed \$12,263.30 this quarter. A total of 69 clients were served with funds disbursed as shown below:

FPL: \$6990.58 (38 non members and 5 members)

WATER: \$1257.62 (10 non members)

HOUSING: \$2770.00 (5 non members, 1 member)

MISC.: \$1245.10 (6 non members, 4 members)

Obviously, we paid portions of a lot of power bills; restoring service in several cases. We also paid to restore water service in 4 or 5 cases. Cost for emergency housing was a big item this quarter and Medical expenses added up in the miscellaneous category.

Through conversations with clients about their pressing financial needs we gain some insight into their understanding of the Gospel.. Most welcome prayer in regards to all their needs, material and spiritual. The ultimate goal of this ministry is to share God's love. We are grateful for a God-Led church that expresses His Love by meeting spiritual and material needs.

Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

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