



EG First Ministry in Action

EG First Ministry Reports for October - December 2018

January 23, 2019

Thank You - Food Pantry

Barbara Harpold, Team Leader

During the fourth quarter we received donations of food and cloth bags of \$897.25. We Received monetary donations during the quarter of \$8,631.00 and made food purchases of \$10,196.37. We thank God and our church family for helping us meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. During the months of October, November and December we served 718 clients, handing out 847 bags of food, feeding 2,252 people for two days. With each bag of food, each client is given a tract with the plan of salvation and a schedule of our church services.

We have a team of 19 very dedicated volunteers. During the quarter, they put in over 405 hours. We would love to have you stop by and check us out. You can find some of us here working Monday through Thursday - mornings.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who save your paper bags for us, to those who donate food or money and most importantly, those of you who pray for this ministry. We appreciate your support!

Highlights - First Friends

Jenny Rider, Director of Operations



First Friends Weekday Preschool is having another great year. The highlights of the last quarter would have to be our Annual Children's Thanksgiving Feast & Back to Bethlehem, our live manger scene. The school closed out the quarter for the Christmas vacation with classes having birthday parties for Jesus in each classroom.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Ecuador Mission Trip

Pastor Matt Jackson



We are excited to let you know we currently have 14 students and adults attending the 2019 Ecuador Summer Mission Trip from May 31-June 8. Please be in prayer



for the team as we prepare our hearts and minds for this adventure. God continues to do great things in Ecuador and we feel honored to be a part of His ministry to a largely lost country. Please pray specifically for the finances to travel, the material costs of ministry, our preparations of leading Children's Bible School, our health, and our heart to serve. If you would like to help a student or adult, please see Pastor Matt. You can also go to our church website and visit the Ecuador Missions page and give straight towards an individual online. Please pray for the following folks and they prep for this mission trip:

Matt Jackson
Christy Jackson
Noah Jackson
Hannah Jackson
Mark Harpold
Sophi Harpold
Bailey Routh

Sydney Conley
Corbin Conley
Michael Allen
Taylor Lanterman
Stacey O'Brien
Daniel O'Brien
TJ Zammass



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Adult Fellowship Luncheon Report

Pastor Tim Harden

The monthly Adult Fellowship Luncheon meetings continue their traditional goal of providing an opportunity to CONNECT with old and new members of our church family and community. The programs are designed to be entertaining, informative, or inspirational and may or may not have a religious context.

Our October program featured Guy Alesio on the accordion and demonstrated the advancement of accordion music beyond the accordion itself as he exhibited various styles in a digital age.

The November speaker was Jennifer Cleveland from the Center for the Visually Impaired. She gave a lot of information as to how we should react to someone with that challenge and the help that is available if someone finds themselves in that situation.



Jennifer Cleveland
Center for the Visually Impaired

December brought a handful of talented musicians to the forefront to share some of the music of Christmas. Those sharing included Linda Clark (trumpet), Debbie Harden and Deborah James (pianists), and vocalists Debbie and Tim Harden, Mark Kelley, and Chuck Sink. A new feature this year was the "Shoe-box Float Parade" with shoe boxes decorated like a parade float. There were about 20 of these wonderful entrees.

Trips for the quarter included a Day at Bok Tower in Lake Wales and a journey to the Titusville Playhouse to see the stage production of "It's a Wonderful Life."

Both the Adult Fellowship Luncheons and the Day Trips are open to anyone would like to participate. The luncheons are usually the first Tuesday of the month and the trips are publicized in the Sunday morning bulletins.

Which One is Right for You?

Bible Studies

There are ongoing Bible Studies available for everyone. Use this guide to find one that is right for you and your family. Let's do life together, studying the Word.



Men's Bibles Study

Ironmen, Facilitator: Carl Niswander

"Seven Letters to the Seven Churches"

Meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 AM in Room 301

Men's Life Group, Facilitator: Steve Bowen

The Book of Luke

Meets Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room

Mixed Bible Study

Seekers of the Word, Facilitator: Patricia Vowel

Meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in the Conference Room

Adult Bible Study, Facilitator: Pastor Ralph

Currently studying 1 Thessalonians

Meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in the Worship Center

Women's Bible Study

Women Warriors, Facilitator: Rose Schmitt

Meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 AM in Room 104 Conference Room

Youth's Bible Study

United Discipleship, Various Facilitators

Meets on Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Youth Zone

Meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM in the Youth Zone

Serving Opportunities

Looking for ways to serve with your gifts and talents? Look no further, we have some opportunities for you.

Adult Fellowship Luncheons

Help with clean-up after each meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information please contact Pastor Tim @ (321) 505-4341.

Boutique

People to help make the Boutique run smoothly and efficiently. The most help is needed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information please contact Melissa Harpold @ (321) 403-0970.

Food Pantry

Could use some people to help prepare the food bags for distribution most mornings Monday through Thursday. For more information please contact Barbara Harpold @ (321) 288-3827.

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Kids Ministry

Love serving younger kids? The Kids Ministry could use a few more servants with hearts for kids. For more information contact Jordan Jinright at 321.254.2339 x 13.

Media Team

Is in search of some people to help with the media presentations during services. For more information please contact Brian Miller by email: brianmiller13@hotmail.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Lynne Phillips – Area Coordinator

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I thank the Lord for His blessings on Operation Christmas Child



National Collection Week 2018 held in November. This ministry uses a simple shoebox gift as an opportunity to share about

Jesus Christ and to demonstrate His love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Every shoebox donor and ministry volunteer is, in essence, a foreign missionary.

Thank you, congregation and staff at EG First, and Pastor Ralph Nygard, for supporting this ministry by donating 410 shoeboxes and allowing our facility to be used as the Central Drop Off Location for shoebox collections from Brevard and Indian River Counties. Our faithful and hard working Drop Off Volunteers, collected, counted and packed into cartons and freight trailers 16,288 shoeboxes; an increase of 990 over the number of shoeboxes received in 2017. Please join me in thanking these volunteers, including our ministry



partners, C.I.T.A (residents and Richard Hannan) and Wings of Grace (Dwight Bell and students), who were essential to a successful week of collection:

Albritton, Ellie	Mello, Vivian
Campos, Debbie	Miller, Andrew & Shelley
Cheatwood, Bill & Shirley	Price, Cyndi & Taylor
Edens, Beverley	Salter, Kelli
Dahl, Aaron	Scanlon, Michele
Frontz, Cheryl	Schmitt, Rose
Green, Ernestine	Spaulding, Zim
Hall, Nanette	Stepp, Hal & Janet
Hayden, Liz	Walker, Patricia
McCarty, Cheryl	Weber, Mark
Hutchison, Chris & Tom	White, Brenda
Nygard, Ralph	Whitley, Stephanie
Phelps, Gretchen, Page, Elijah, Hezekiah, & Maggie	

Please forgive me if you volunteered and I inadvertently left your name off this list. Your service is not forgotten by the Lord.

Although there is a greater emphasis on this ministry during collection week each November, Operation Christmas Child is a *year round ministry*. If you'd like to have more information about serving year round I'd like to talk with you about this. I encourage everyone to visit samaritanspurse.org/OCC and view the spiritual impact videos to see first hand how God is using this ministry to bring entire families to Christ.

2018 - A YEAR OF REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS

Pastor Ralph M. Nygard

With the destruction of the hurricane and the age of our building, 2018 was a year of repair and improvements. I am thankful that we could make these improvements by using our reserve funds without having to ask for additional offerings from the congregation. One of the funds we used was the Challenge to Build/Debt retirement fund which was established 18 years ago as a Capital Funding program for 3 years to give "over and above" our tithes in order to provide funding for our new building. A few of us have continued to give toward that fund, which has allowed us to replace Air Conditioners, and do a few minor renovations over the years. Thank you for your sacrificial giving to this fund.

After the hurricanes, we thought because of our large deductible (\$150,000) we would not be able to qualify for funds for repairs, but after working with the insurance company, I was able to secure a check for \$63,000 to assist in replacing our roof. I also found out while negotiating with a new insurance company for our policy, that we had an equipment breakdown rider, that would
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allow for funds to help with large breakdown such as an Air Conditioner. We received a little over \$10,000 back toward the replacement of the Fellowship Hall A/C system.

Overall, we spent \$210,000 on our facility this year. \$18,500 for the Fellowship Hall AC, \$143,000 on the total roof replacement, (minus the metal portion), \$28,000 on a new Digital Sign, \$9,000 for sealing and striping the parking lot, \$4,000 for painting the outside of the building, \$3,500 for a New Refrigeration Unit for the Walk In, and \$4,000 for new LED Parking Lot Lights.

We are still in the process of the remodel of the Children's Worship Area, and since we were able to get the plans corrected and passed by the city, a lot of things are happening toward the end goal. Total cost for this will be around \$50,000 including the sound and video system.

Thanks again for your faithfulness in giving.



Focused and on Mission

Pastor Matt Jackson, Student and Family Pastor

The student ministry has made 2018/2019 the year of a focus on discipleship. From the camp we go to, to Sunday Morning United Discipleship, to Wednesday Night United Worship, our focus is simply helping our students be more like Jesus. Our kids are growing up in a tough world. We have kids in public schools, homeschooled, private schools, and yet they face



some of the same temptations each and every day. We truly believe that by helping them imitate Jesus, they will be more than conquerors in life and truly live for Him when they

get a job, go off to college or the military, get married, and more. God is doing some amazing things in our students. However, we still have several lost students that need Jesus. Please begin praying each and

every day that God would change their hearts, drop the scales from their eyes, and turn their lives towards Him.

Over the past few months, our students were able to have plenty of experiences together from Bible study, scavenger hunts, caroling, Friday Night Light events, fundraisers, and our annual Turkey Bowl (flag football). Over the winter break, we took a group of 30 students and adults to Winter SWO.

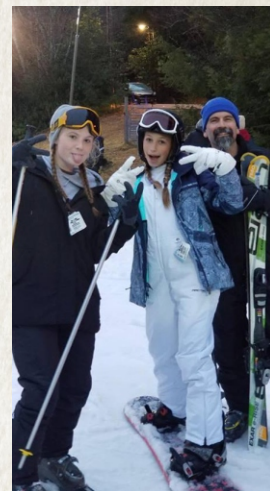
SWO stands for Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters. It is the camp we are now attending in the summer and winter. It has a strong conservative view of the Scriptures. It teaches boys how to be godly men and girls how to be godly



women. It has a strong focus on discipleship and small groups. The worship services are authentic and powerful. The preaching is exegetical and to the point. The recreation opportunities are second to none with chances to ski, white water raft, tube, zip line, mountain bike, canoe, horseback ride, skeet shoot, paintball, gaga ball, climbing towers, 3 man swings, and so much more! Our cinnamon roll fundraisers are helping us raise money for

transportation to camp this summer. Our other fundraisers including coupon books, coffee, winter banquet, and more help each individual earn money towards summer camp and Ecuador mission trips. Right now we have 42 signed up for summer camp. However we need you to pray that more spots become available with the camp itself. We have some of our spots but need more to open this month. We are #1 on the waiting list which is a good thing but we have a lot of students wanting to attend!

Finally, as we dive into 2019, please pray for our youth leadership. They do a fantastic job and love our youth. We do however, need more



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people who love and are passionate about student ministry, especially men! We sadly say goodbye to one of our youth workers, David Staples, who God has led to attend church with his aging parents to be able to take care of them during the next several years. We thank David for his years of service and his love of mentoring our youth guys. If you have a heart for student ministry and would like



to help, please give me a call or email me (mjackson@egfirst.org) so we can discuss how you can serve. Thanks!

Let My People Go

Pastor Matt Jackson

There are more than 40 million enslaved people in the world today.

This is overwhelming. A number so large leaves us asking, What could I even do to help?

Raleigh is excited excited to announce that he is publishing a new book titled Vulnerable: Rethinking Human Trafficking, which releases in February

In his book Vulnerable: Rethinking Human Trafficking, Raleigh Sadler, president and founder of Let My People Go, makes the case that anyone can fight human trafficking by focusing on those who are most often targeted. This book invites the reader to



understand their role in the problem of human trafficking, but more importantly, their role in the solution.

Raleigh has devoted a better part of his adult life raising awareness of this subject and he needs your help to get the word out. I'd love for you to buy 2 copies of his

book and to give one to someone you care about like a good friend or a pastor. Also, we would be honored for you to leave your review on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, ChristianBook.com, and Goodreads.com and share about the book on social media. This will help tremendously as we get the word out. The book is available online for preorder right now! Thank you so much!

*Raleigh is a former youth intern at Eau Gallie FBC, has spoken here several times and currently leads "Let My People Go" which is a non-profit organization that exists to empower the local church to love those most vulnerable in their communities.

The Quilting Queens

Lori Ingraham

Threads of Love volunteers packaging quilts to be donated to Cancer Centers for distribution to patients for Christmas.

This Quarter our group donated 32 quilts to 2 Cancer Centers, 12 bibs to the Alzheimer Association, 25 baby caps 4 baby blankets to Pregnancy

Resources, and 37 chemo caps to Cancer Centers. Sam Kosmick, Activities Director, for Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation asked our group to make padded seat belt shoulder protectors for his group when they are traveling on their bus. With the help of Lily Emken donations of the furry fabric and many members helping we were able to complete 20 of these seat belt protectors in one day. Jo Riccardo delivered them and Sam was delighted and happy with them. We are looking forward to a productive, active new year with more of our volunteers being able to attend. We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas luncheon at the Red Ginger. Come join us for good fellowship, coffee, and



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sharing. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in Room 400. No experience necessary, as we have something for everyone to do.

Happy, Blessed New Year to all



Winter Banquet Coming Soon

Pastor Matt Jackson

The Youth will be hosting the annual Winter banquet at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 1 this year. More details will be coming out soon!

Our entertainer will be comedian Rik Roberts. We will be having an Italian themed night with a full course dinner served to your table by our youth. Ticket information and purchase opportunity will be available in the next couple of weeks. We would love to sell the place out for the evening and help the youth with their camp and mission trip costs. Be on the lookout! In the meantime, here's a little info about our entertainer!

Most recently seen on Pure Flix Comedy All-Stars, Rik keeps his humor relevant and easy to relate to. As a father of two young kids, he has found there are enough real life situations that we can all laugh at without going "below the belt". *Family friendly comedy* is his specialty. Crafting comedy club level funny along with church clean content, guaranteeing a fun filled evening for the whole family.



Discovering God's Love

Lynne Phillips, Discovery Group Leader

In the October 2018 edition of the church newsletter you were introduced to the call and mission of Discovery Group, a ministry of EGFirst entering its

fourth year of multi-housing ministry at a Section 8 apartment complex. To give prospective to the information I'll be sharing in this article, here's an overview of the community demographics given in the October report: 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 fourteen 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.).

Here are October-December 2018 ministry highlights:

Weekly: ESL classes, Bible study, devotionals and prayer, fellowship hour, door to door delivery of baked goods, helping hands projects and fitness classes.

Monthly: community brunches and suppers, recognition of birthdays, bingo, and door to door delivery of monthly activity calendar, devotion and evangelism materials. Activities and special events: Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, the Lord's Supper, supported residents in creating items for and packing 29 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts, attended the funeral of a resident's three year old nephew, provided transportation for errands and doctor appointments, provided spiritual and emotional support to a resident suffering from delusions and hallucinations, helped with household chores, through



Divine guidance connected a teenage father to a Christian man who now serves as his mentor, held a prayer service and shower for the teenage father's baby, taught three year old deaf Downs Syndrome child about God's love in one on one Sign Language sessions, shared Christ with residents who identify as Jehovah Witnesses, took several residents

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to the Whet Women's Bible Conference hosted by Calvary Baptist Church of Grant, Christmas Tree Decorating event, Community Christmas Store, Children's Book Fair, delivered Christmas stockings filled with gifts, candy and The Story of Jesus booklets to children, and delivered gifts, special treats and baked goods to residents on Christmas day.



While these members of Discovery Group attend EGFirst, Hal Beaty, Debbie Campos, Bev Edens, Cheryl Frontz, Ernie Green, Chris Hutchison, Erlene Johnson, George Miller, Michele Scanlon, Zim Spaulding, and Lynne Phillips, seven Christians from other churches are also part of this mission team. We are asking God to call out bi-lingual (English-Spanish) speaking men and women to assist in all areas of ministry and men who are available during daytime hours to visit and minister to male residents. We pray these individuals will respond to His call.

We thank God for 'establishing the work of our hands' (Psalm 90:17) and His faithfulness in providing Divine guidance and resources needed for this ministry. A special thanks to Candace Gilbert for preparing the Thanksgiving Day meal along with help from her husband, Jim, and Joe Mazzella. We are grateful for the many ways the Brevard Baptist Association supports this ministry. Thank you Pastor Ralph Nygard, the Finance Team and congregation of EG First for including Discovery Group in the 2019 budget. These resources and the dedication of Discovery Group members means making sure the gospel touches resident's lives, not just their ears.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16

EG Music Ministry Sounds Out at Christmas

Pastor Tim Harden

December was a busy month for EGFirst musicians who had many additional opportunities to share the music of Christmas beyond the normal Sunday morning services.

The Adult Fellowship Luncheon for the month featured the music of Christmas with musicians Linda Clarke, Tim and Debbie Harden, Deborah James, Mark Kelley, and Chuck Sink.

Sunday, December 9, featured one of the most popular services of the year: The Tree Decorating and Carol Service." Various tree decorations were given spiritual significance and carols were sung



Assisted Living Facility Carolers during the church-wide caroling event this past December.

accompanied by the church Praise Orchestra as the ornaments were placed on the tree. Featured Christmas selections were also shared by the Livingproof Ladies, the Traditional Service Praise Choir, Mary Miller, the Kidz Choir, the Contemporary Service Praise Band, an instrumental trio, the Master's Men Quartet, and Pat Offner.

The following Sunday was our church wide caroling event. Two groups of carolers were dispersed with the youth and their leaders going to Hibiscus Court (Sandy Dyer), Melbourne Terrace (Ed and Mary Holstein, June Hathaway, and Mike Vlass), and Bethesda Healthcare (Bob Bird). The Adult group traveled to our homebound folk: Mildred Booth, Evelyn Woods, Doug Stewart, Peggy Crisp, and Gus and Claudine Munich.

The season was climaxed with the Christmas Eve services at 4 PM and 6 PM. The earlier Contemporary Service featured the Praise Band and Kami Lucker while the later Traditional Service participants were the Livingproof Ladies, the Master's Men Quartet, the Praise Orchestra, and Debbie Harden.

We are thankful for all of those who had a part in making Christmas 2018 a special time in celebrating our Lord's birth.

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The Kitchen Korner

Candace Gilbert, Team Leader

Our very own Candace Gilbert is back leading the Hospitality Team. She has whipped up some incredible menus for the coming months! Here is a sneak peak at the tentative menu for the upcoming months (but always check your bulletin to verify the week's menu in case there are changes):



Jan 30: Parmesan Crusted Tilapia, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Roll, and Coconut Cake. Salad option: Greek Salad.

February 6: Taco Night, Beans and Rice, with Churros. Salad option: Entree Taco Salad.

Feb 13: Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli Spears, Corn Bread, Lemon Cake with Raspberry Icing. Salad option: Baby greens with Warm Gorgonzola Dressing.

Feb 20: Fried Chicken sandwich, Potato Wedges, Carrot Raisin Salad, and Apple Crisp. Salad option: Cobb Salad.

Feb 27: Shepherd's Pie, Green Salad, Roll, and Black Forest Cake. Salad option: Chef Salad.

Mar 6: Aussie Chicken, Mashed Red Potatoes, Zucchini, Roll, and Peach Pudding Parfait. Salad option: Fried Chicken Salad.

Mar 13: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Garlic Bread, and Mint Chocolate Pudding Parfaits. Salad option: Apple Almond Crunch Salad.

Mar 20: Hoisin Glazed Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Asian Style Vegetables, Roll, and Cherry Cheesecake Parfait. Salad option: Oriental Chicken Salad.

Mar 27: Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli Spears, Garlic Bread, and Yellow Cake with Chocolate Frosting. Salad option: Greek Salad.

Benevolence

Ed Davis, Team Leader

A total of \$10,367.00 was received this quarter with \$9,818.58 disbursed to assist sixty clients. Fifty-four of these clients were non-members and six were members as tabulated below. Critical housing assistance needs were unusually prevalent this quarter. We know that we are reaching the community when people stop us in the grocery store to thank us for paying their FPL bill. They are told God provided their help and they should thank Him.

October - December 2018 Disbursements

FPL (1 member/ 33 nonmembers)	\$4,909.00
Water (2 members/ 11 nonmembers)	\$1,159.94
Housing (1 member/ 7 nonmembers)	\$2,421.00
Total:	\$9,818.58

Review of 2018

Total Funds Received	\$49,863.42
Total Funds Disbursed	\$49,432.29

FPL (9 members/ 138 nonmembers)	\$23,041.17
Water (3 members/ 53 nonmembers)	\$ 7,419.21
Housing (6 members/ 29 nonmembers)	\$ 8,159.06
Misc (19 members/ 17 nonmembers)	\$ 8,160.06

What a privilege to serve God through his church (His people) working with loving obedience to share the Gospel through meeting materials needs with funds He provides. We served 274 clients in 2018.

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.'"

Giving the Easy Way

To give by app go to the playstore of the App store - easy tithe

To give online go to: www.egfirst.org/giving

To give by texting: text your gift and designation to 321-234-1284. (Example: type \$100 - General Church Fund or \$50 Ecuador Missions). You will receive a confirmation! First time users will need to fill out a short form on their smart phone.