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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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You are invited to our Spring Gospel Meeting March 27 – 30, 2022 *South Florida Ave. church of Christ*

GROWING TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Sunday morning Bible class, 9:30 am

"For When for the Time Ye Ought but Not"

Sunday morning sermon, 10:30 am

"Spiritual Growth is a Choice"

-- FELLOWSHIP MEAL --

Sunday evening sermon, 6:00 pm

"Stairway to Spiritual Maturity"

Monday night, 7:00 pm

"Without Faith, Growth is Impossible"

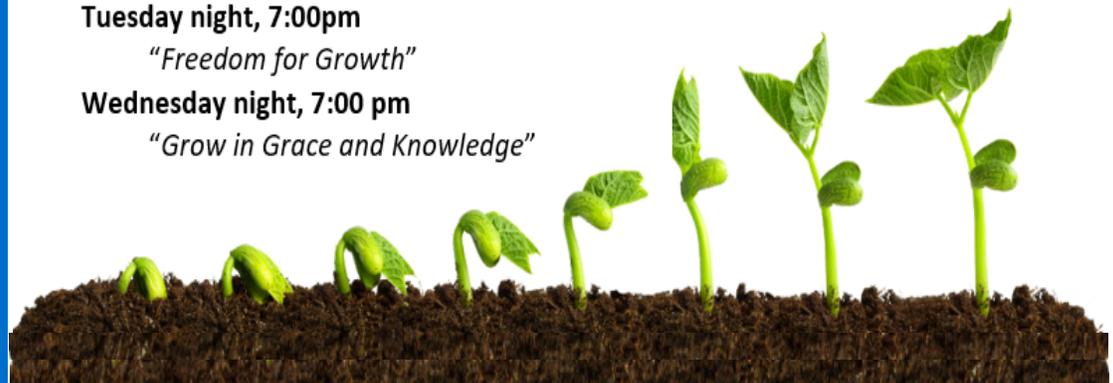
Tuesday night, 7:00pm

"Freedom for Growth"

Wednesday night, 7:00 pm

"Grow in Grace and Knowledge"

Guest speaker: Elliott Glasgow



Jehovah My Strength And My Song

Joshua Cantrell

Isaiah was commissioned with the difficult task of preaching to a nation that rejected the word of God. He had to deliver the bad news of their coming judgment for the sins they committed. In the first chapter he says, "Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me." (Isa. 1:2). Despite his delivering the bad news, he was ready to be pleasing to God (Isa. 6:8). While much of the Book of Isaiah is doom and gloom, there is a ray of sunshine that breaks through for God's people. There was nothing they could do about the coming judgment, but God was going to eventually recuse and deliver them. When we look at our lives today, there is much turmoil and pain. To have the assurance that God is with us, should motivate us to do his will. Isaiah says, "Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD Jehovah is my strength, and my song, he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that he name is exalted. Since unto the LORD, for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth" (Isa. 12:2-5).

God Is My Salvation

The prophet makes the declaration that God is his everything. This song is one of praise and thanksgiving. Amid their tribulation, there is a triumph. Amid their sadness, there is a song. While God is punishing them, he is also showing his great love for them (Heb. 12:5-11). Isaiah refers to "that day." This would be a day to which God's people could look forward. This would be the day when salvation was going to be available for those who responded to the Savior's invitation to come. When we examine ourselves today, we must never forget the sacrifice of Christ, and what he did for our salvation. Because of Jesus, we can be justified back to the Father (Rom. 8:1). The way for man to be saved today is through the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:14-17). That's how we access our salvation, where we can be declared righteous before our Father in heaven. The nation of Israel needed to be reminded that God was their salvation. Isaiah declares that Jehovah is our strength and our song (Isa. 12:2). While the praise for God is taking place, we are also reminded that his people would drink water from "wells of salvation" (Isa. 12:3). The shouts of thanksgiving and praise are reminders of all the great things God has done for us. Then he ends with these words, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee" (Isa. 12:6). Truly, "for the LORD Jehovah is my strength, and my song; he also is become my salvation" (Isa. 12:2).

YOUTH GROUP

Vince Daugherty

Jesus' Ministry

It is hard to put into words exactly all that Jesus did in His lifetime. Remember that most of the information we know about Jesus came from a three year time span during His public ministry. Acts 10:38 sums up Jesus' actions saying simply, "He went about doing good." Though the Gospels are not small books, John said, "And there are also many other things Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25). Luke 8 gives a quick snapshot into Jesus' ministry. Remember, this is all just one chapter. Truly this Man was the Son of God!

1. Followed by many including women who supported Him (Luke 8:1-3)
2. Taught in the unique style of parables (Luke 8:4-18)
3. Taught about true family (Luke 8:19-21)
4. Calmed a waves and the sea (Luke 8:22-25)
5. Healed a demon plagued man (Luke 8:26-39)
6. Restored a dead girl back to life (Luke 8:40-56)

What would be written about the current chapter in your life? Would it be busy being about your Heavenly Father's work? Maybe we cannot do all of the same things Jesus did, but what if you spent your time doing good; finding ways to glorify God?

The Power That Preserves

Josh Potvin

Last week's news broke that the famed ship *Endurance* had been found in 2 miles of water after 107 years. Nearly unchanged all that time due to ice cold waters, the *Endurance* is the physical remains of perhaps the greatest survival story of the 20th century. If you don't know the story, it makes for a captivating read how Ernest Shackleton and his crew survived their grim adventure. Finding this ship that had disappeared from history, perfectly preserved, reminds me of how God works to preserve His church (Matt. 16:18). Through centuries dominated by Catholicism, then the chaos of the Protestant Reformation, finally the seed of The Word again took root (Matt. 13:18-23) in the 19th century. This period is known as The Restoration. Now we are again able to freely discern the Truth & be a part of His Kingdom (1 Thess. 2:12-23). Setting the 1st Century church as our example, we know how to be a part of that Kingdom with Christ as its head (Eph. 5:23). This amazing providence is yet another proof that He keeps His Promises (Josh. 21:45; Titus 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:4). Since the church is more valuable than any historic find (Matt. 13:44) and its restoration affects the destiny of all men (Heb. 9:27), then the church of Christ is the greatest survival story of this, or any, century. Let's pray to the Lord that all will find the church that His Power has preserved for their salvation.

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health
 Ron & Judy Ford - health
 Bernetta Green - health & strength
 Brian Smith - heart
 Debbie Bush - health
 Sharon M. Washington - health
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health
 Stacey Paulin - health
 Brenda Mask - inner-ear problems
 Carol Eason - sick
 Toney Wilson - health
 David Anderson - post op

PRAYER LIST

John & Linda McShane - moving
 Jim Turner - health, tests
 Neil Entwistle - heart attack
 Bobby Simpson - health
 Margaret Coone
 Annett Phillip - health
 Vanessa Palmer - health
 Janie Wise - health
 Jeanelle Thrower - health
 Anita Shearer - health
 Bill Long - rehab & covid
 Charles Paulin - health

(Please update the office of any changes)

The **EXTENDED FAMILY** and **FRIENDS** prayer requests are emailed every week and posted on the bulletin board

Pray for our Shut-ins

Joyce Burbage Carol Eason Ellen Shearer
 Please call before visiting

Invitation Responses

Toney Wilson asks for prayers for sin that she's struggling with and for upcoming tests for her health.

George Davis requests prayers for his family to return to God.

Remember to regularly check the bulletin board for information on upcoming events, pictures of recent events, thank you cards, and recent missionary newsletters.



STUDY WITH US Ladies' Bible Study



Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00pm

In-person or Online

"You Have Heard That It Was Said" Part 2

Matthew 5:27-48

Pantry Request:

Ginger Ale 8-12 oz cans

Please leave them on the counter in the hall by old pantry closet. Thank you!



Sisters Sending Sunshine reveal will be on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Rene's home.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

March

Designated Elder - Brian Kenyon

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Announcements Brian Kenyon
 Song Leader/prayer Andre Medley
 Devo Terrance Dindy, Jr.
 Closing Prayer Zach Jones

Sunday, March 20, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Sermon Joshua Cantrell
 "The Cleansing of Your Leprosy"
 Matthew 8:1-4

6:00 P.M.

Sermon Joshua Cantrell
 "The Stand for Life"
 Proverbs 7:16-19

10:30 A.M.

Open/Close bldg (both) B. Kenyon
 Greeters Brunson
 Song/prayer before class Kyle Bingle
 Announcements Rick Kenyon
 A.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Tyler Anderson
 Lord's Table George Davis
 Closing Prayer Wesley Brunson

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song Leader David Williams
 Scripture reading/Prayer Lou Van Allen
 Lord's Table George Davis
 Closing Prayer Josh Potvin
 Greeters E&C Smith

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Announcements Rick Kenyon
 Song Leader/Prayer Brian Kenyon
 Devo Jeff Stewart
 Closing Prayer Kyle Faneuf

Upcoming Events

March

19 - Secret Sister Reveal, 10am
 19 - Men's breakfast, 9a Orange St.
 22 - Ladies' Night, 6pm Joinery, meet at bldg
 25 - SING, Orange St. 7pm
 27-30 - Spring Gospel Meeting

April

2 - Kissimmee ladies day
 3 - Potvin baby shower
 3 - fellowship in-service
 10 - Elders/deacons mtg
 12 - SFA Men's breakfast
 16 - Men's breakfast, 9a Eagle Lake

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Feb 27 \$5,500.00
 Mar 6 \$8,185.00
 Mar 13 \$7,179.00
 Contribution Average \$6,711.55
 Weekly budget \$7,663.43

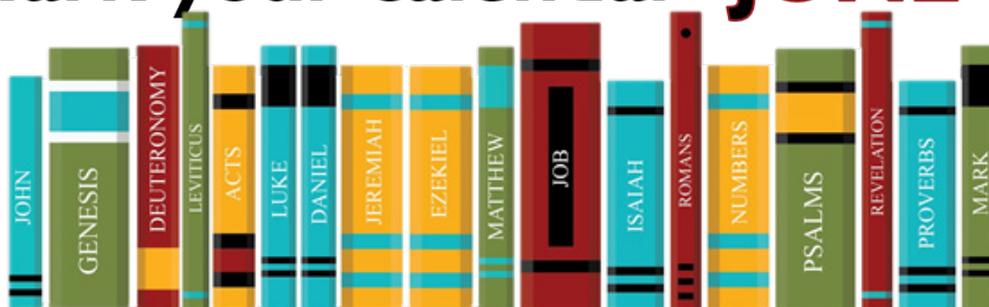
I have decided

I recently was heading to the checkout line at Aldi, but the worker did not have the light on so I was not sure it was open. I was telling Klark to ask the cashier when a woman came up on my heels and rudely exclaimed "excuse me!!!" as she tried to push past me into the line where we were now standing, albeit somewhat crookedly. After about 5 seconds of trying to explain I saw that she was not to be reasoned with, and I finally moved over and let her through, thinking loosely of passages like Proverbs 25:21,22 and Luke 6:27. Still, I thought "What a jerk!" I placed my items behind hers on the conveyor belt, and smiled like it didn't bother me. Inwardly, I was shooting darts. I definitely didn't have a kind heart in that moment. As we stood there, Rissa was softly singing as she helped unload the groceries on the belt. I recognized the song as "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," but after listening a few seconds I could hear that she had misheard the lyrics... she was singing "I am excited to follow Jesus." What a humbling moment! While not the traditional lyrics, I thought it was a perfect variation. Shame on me for begrudging an opportunity to be kind! If my heart isn't into treating others as Jesus would, it isn't truly following Him (Phlp. 2:14; 1 Corinthians 13:1).

Lord, help us to sing and mean it- "I am excited to follow Jesus!"



Mark your calendar **JUNE 5 – 8**



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The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

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