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Reflections

This past week our family went to the Magic Kingdom. It was the first time Cari, Emily, and Lauren had been so it was especially exciting. We made sure to go on all the rides and see all of the things most people would want to see. One of those things was the fireworks display at the end of the evening. We were unable to get a good view of the parade so I was excited when I saw a spot right in front of Cinderella's castle. It was as close as you could get and I envisioned the fireworks literally exploding over our head. We patiently waited for twenty minutes and then the extravaganza began. It didn't take too long to realize why we were able to find a spot so easily right in front! The pyrotechnics team intentionally set the fireworks to explode on the other side of the castle to get an artistic affect. The problem...the farther away you are from the castle the more fireworks you actually got to see! So we were front row center for the fireworks and we didn't get to see the show!

I am sure we have all had things stand in our way from time to time! We are right in front of the glory of God but we cannot see it because something is wedging itself in between God and us! In **Matthew 26:33** Peter boasted that this would never happen to him...**"Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."** He must have experienced a very low point in his life when he realized that he allowed his fear to drive a wedge in between the Lord and himself. Thankfully, Peter did not allow his shortcomings to cripple him forever! He grew and developed and was used in powerful ways for the Lord! As Christians, we are constantly exposed to things that can potentially get in our way! James said in **James 1:2, 3** to **"...count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."** That tells me that even if I have a wall of struggles in front of me I should feel blest to know that I have been given opportunity to grow!

What stands in your way today?

Jason Waller

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 20:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Robert Underwood** is having problems with his back and might need surgery.
- ❖ **Dwain Chambers** is waiting for approval for more surgery.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain** is at Royal Care Nursing Home in Avon Park, Room 119 and welcomes visits and phone calls. His cell # is 664-9129. Please call after 9pm and anytime on weekends.
- ❖ **Gwin Barnum** has been having some health problems while away and will be coming home for treatment.
- ❖ **Elsie Gannon** has been in the hospital but is doing better.
- ❖ **Lori Barnett** has a frozen right shoulder but it is showing signs of improvement. .
- ❖ **Carmie Green** is back from KY and recovering her strength following surgery.
- ❖ **Bob Parnett** has been in the hospital with a heart problem.
- ❖ **Don Ware, Sr.** will be having surgery on 8/10 to replace a brain shunt.
- ❖ **Helen Piety, Don and Elizabeth Ware** our shut-ins.
- ❖ **Carolyn Thomas** has a pinched nerve in her back.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- ❖ **Mealdine Principi**, a former member, is out of ICU and in a regular room now.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson is at home.
- ❖ **Clint Chaney**, nephew of Pat Voce, **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, **Rita Bridges**, sister of Linda Bridges, has developed more tumors, **Bob Loush**, friend of Bob Maire, **Becky Gates**, **Jim Lawrence**, a friend of John Roberts, **Jayne Davis**, friend of BJ & Carolyn Thomas, and **Gayle Gore** a sister-in-law of Susan Gurganus, are all undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Mary Bellow**, mother of Anne Gunter, is in Kenilworth for a while with a broken arm.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaul and family** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H & Becky Gates** in Brazil.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our pantry is getting bare in places. Instead of putting a list in the bulletin, there is list on bulletin board in the hallway. Remember, we can only give out what we have. Since we are in the hurricane season, we need a good supply on hand. Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated by those using our services.

Our Record: July 22, 2007

Bible Study	80
Sunday AM Worship	113
Sunday PM Worship	80
Contribution	\$4329
Wednesday Bible Study	75
Building Fund	\$425
Ukraine Building Fund	\$100
F.H. Gates	\$0
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 07/26	50



Don Gunter	08/02
Margaret Smith	08/04
Devra Harris	08/07
Shan Wood	08/08



Fred and Tottie Hupp	07/29
Mike and Lydia Tubbs	07/29

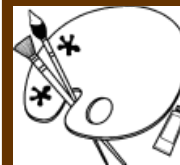
Visitors for July 22, 2007

Ray Fisch	Walter and Pat Voce
Larry Waller	Jim and Jo Miller
Billy and Lyndey Varnadore	Charles and Shirley Oatts

Upcoming Events

A Pig Roast is in the planning stages and a date will be announced later. Donations will be accepted in advance for the cost of the meat. See Tracey Stalter for details.

On Monday, August 13th at 6:30 PM, there will be a meeting of anyone interested in a Diabetes Club. It will meet in the old fellowship hall. For further information contact Anne and Don Gunter, Fred and Tottie Hupp, or BJ and Carolyn Thomas.



Masterpiece of Life

We are all painting a picture on the canvas of life. Our canvas is stretched upon the frame of character and supported by the easel of time. The colors we use are our thoughts. Our words and our deeds are the brushes with which we paint. Little words of kindness, little deeds of love, and little acts of self-sacrifice are the artful touches that make our paintings more attractive and pleasing. When we come to the end of our days on this earth and step back to look at the canvas of life upon which we have painted our thoughts, words, and deeds, it would be good to look upon our painting as a masterpiece of life.

Hugh Fulford



Preaching Schedule

AM Jason Waller
PM Jason Waller

Ladies Class Schedule



The Ladies Class will not meet for their weekly Bible class until September.

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, the clothing room is open for the community. **On the last Thursday of each month the time will be changed to 4-6pm.** If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.



Communion Sign-up

The sign up sheet for 2007 for communion preparation is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Your help is needed. The months of October - December still need people willing to do this.

From the Elders

If anyone has anything that they want discussed when the elders meet, present it to the elder in charge. From July - September that will be Dave Marcum.

The most recent financial statement is posted on the board in the educational building. Anyone who desires a copy see one of the elders or secretaries.

Your Help Is Needed

The clothing room is in need of plastic bags. Please bring any that you have and leave with Betty or the office staff.

Encouragement Card

For those who want to send a card to Susan Gurganus' sister-in-law, see below.

Gayle Gore
1701 Commerce Ave; Lot # 147
Haines, City, FL 33844

Prayer Meeting

Group 3 will hold their monthly prayer meeting for men and women today, at 5:00 pm.

It all Adds Up

"Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the work with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." Acts 17:10

The story is told of a small boy and his grandfather who were walking down the street near where the grandfather lived. In the distance they could see, rising high in the sky, a factory smokestack. The boy was astounded at the height of it and asked his grandfather, "What in the world is that smokestack made out of?" The grandfather answered, "Well, it's made out of bricks."

The boy, as boys are wont to be, was not satisfied. "Granddad," he asked, "do you mean that big stack is made out of the same kind of bricks you have around your garden?" "Yes, the very same kind," his grandfather replied. "How did they get it up that high with such small bricks," was the next question, (small boys are full of them, you know). Old granddad searched for a simple answer the boy could understand and replied, "The men just kept adding a little every day to what they had done the day before."

Further down the street they met a friend of grandfather. After a bit, they found themselves involved in a religious discussion. It was easy to see the grandfather was by far the best Bible student. He would quote one verse after another—give a Bible example, a parable, an inference—in order to prove a point.

Naturally, the boy was proud of his grandfather, for he felt his granddad "had won." They returned home, and the boy, still thinking of the discussion and his grandfather's Bible knowledge asked another question. "Granddad, how is it you know so much about the Bible and the other man didn't?" Once again, the grandfather searched for a simple answer. Then he said, "Son, I supposed it's a great deal like those men who built that smokestack. I just keep adding a little bit every day to what I already know, and it all adds up."

The wise grandfather was doing what the noble Bereans of long ago had done. Are you adding bit by bit to your knowledge of God's word? Regular, daily study holds the key to Bible knowledge.

Olden Cook



The Great Horned Owl

Did you know the great horned owl has eyes 100 times more sensitive to light than the human eye? The Creator also put a sound tunnel from his ears to each eye. His eyes are sunken in his head and the feathers around each eye form a saucer shape. Scientists call it a parabolic dish antenna. This dish can collect the sounds of a mouse scurrying fifty feet below the owl. Lowell Worthington

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)

Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)

Olin Shinholser382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)

Paul Talbert385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton.....453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)

Chris Fowler386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)

Roger Gurganus453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)

Tracey Stalter471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)

BJ Thomas.....385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)

Don Ware382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

MINISTER

Jason Waller.....385-0488

THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS

Shamgar had an Ox-goat;

Rehab had a string.

Samson had a jawbone;

Moses had a rod;

Dorcus had a needle.

ALL WERE USED FOR GOD.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

June Hackbart

Greeters:

Ron Horton Don Gunter
Bill Sweeton Anne Gunter

Pick Up Cards:

Austin & Forest Ritenour

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Hayden Parker & Forest Ritenour

Sound Room:

Tracey Stalter

Secure Building This Week:

Tracey Stalter

Announcements:

Harry Johnson

Song Leader:

Paul Talbert

Opening Prayer:

Clem Smith

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

BJ Thomas

Serve:

NEXT SUNDAY

Prepare Communion:

Carolyn Thomas

Greeters:

Ron Horton June Hackbart
Bill Sweeton Lori Brockwell

Pick Up Cards:

Forest Ritenour & Joshua Fowler

Pick Up Communion Cups:

Nathan Ramer & Hayden Parker

Sound Room:

Don Ware

Secure Building Next Week:

Don Ware

Announcements:

Olin Shinholser

Song Leader:

Don Gunter

Opening Prayer:

Dave Marcum

Lord's Supper:

Preside:

Carl Martin

Serve:

Announcements: Harry Johnson

Opening Prayer: Clem Smith

Song: 860 There is a Habitation

Song: 572 Each Step of the Way

Song: 313 The Old Rugged Cross

Communion

Offering

Song: 881 Mansion over the Hilltop

Lesson: Jason Waller

Invitation Song: 926 What Will You Do with Jesus

Song: 406 Just a Closer Walk with Jesus

Closing Prayer: John Roberts

1. Edison Green
2. Leon Tubbs
3. John Ware
4. Dale Spung
5. Don Ware
6. Herb Ellis

1. Telles Oregon
2. Troy Talbert
3. Nicholas Stalter
4. Bob Parnett
5. BJ Thomas
6. James Ware

Closing Prayer:

BJ Thomas

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

Robert Capps

Opening Prayer:

Bill Benton

Lord's Supper:

BJ Thomas

Closing Prayer:

Roger Gurganus

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

James Ware

Invitation:

Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

Carl Martin

Closing Prayer:

Roger Gurganus

Sunday Evening

Song Leader:

John Ware

Opening Prayer:

Robert Capps

Lord's Supper:

Carl Martin

Closing Prayer:

Bill Sweeton

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader:

James Ware

Invitation:

Jason Waller

Closing Prayer:

Cliff Blain

Reminder

If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected.

Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts.

Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL

If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to:

Sebring Parkway Church of Christ
3800 Sebring Parkway
Sebring, FL 33870

Name _____

Address _____

Age Range:

0 - 10 yrs 11 - 17 yrs

18 - 50 yrs 51 - ?? yrs

MEET WITH US

Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM
Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM

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**Fire cleanses
but the blood
of the Lamb
washes
whiter than
snow.**