

THE MESSENGER

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ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

Please complete the Spiritual Gift Assessment that was sent out by email in June. We are here to help you discover your Spiritual Gifts!

1 Corinthians 12:7 "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. "

The building is coming along and the vote on the chairs was 46 versus pews 13. The chairs have been ordered and should arrive in four months. We are researching chair rental companies until then. There are a few other needs in order to start meeting for services in the Worship Building. A new a/c unit, all bathrooms in working order, sound system, and sealing outside of the building. We will need help with sealing the outside of the building and would appreciate all those willing to help. We will begin working on sealing over the next several Saturdays until finished.



PRAYERS & PRAISE

- ◆ **Church leaders** - for their wisdom, perseverance, unity, and seeking after God
- ◆ **Jeff Aker** - slow recovery from auto accident (Cherie' Osborne)
- ◆ **Ellen Annis** - health concerns/pain
- ◆ **Sarah Baumberger** - skin cancer and treatment
- ◆ **Michael Caine** - cataract surgery on June 25th
- ◆ **Shelli Candy** - brain tumor
- ◆ **Desiray Cook** - health
- ◆ **Keith Dalton** - mother nursing home; daughter (Michelle) in hospice
- ◆ **Katherine Ferrell** - dementia (Michele Danella's mother)
- ◆ **Megan Andersen-Hall** - recovering from back surgery
- ◆ **Char Henderson** - heart problems
- ◆ **Tim Herkel** - pain and arthritis
- ◆ **Jonathan Lehn** - in critical condition (Happy Reed)
- ◆ **Emily Lewis** - spine out of place (Corey Lewis' sister)
- ◆ **Jim Lewis** - cancer free (PTL!) needs to rebuild muscle
- ◆ **Carol Lochtefeld** - kidney infection
- ◆ **Gary & Pat Nicholson** - peace and health
- ◆ **Cherie' Osborne** - pain and health concerns
- ◆ **Allan and Alice Poole** - health concerns
- ◆ **Happy Reed** - growth in heart; relationship with his son, Larry
- ◆ **Julie** - recovery from surgery (Happy Reed)
- ◆ **Dan Scott** - cancer returned (Nancee Scott's son)
- ◆ **Denise Stewart** - emphysema
- ◆ **Talona and family** - (Shelli Candy's granddaughter)
- ◆ **April West's son** - suffering seizures /he would come to faith in the Lord
- ◆ **Vernon Yoder** - recovery from stroke (Marti Bontrager)

Happy Birthday!


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| 2 - Calob Lewis | 16 - Marcia Ward |
| 3 - Barbie Stradtner | 23 - Rich Fulton |
| 6 - Nathan Roque | 25 - Donald Stansfield |
| 12 - Jessie Gardner | 28 - Alexis Roque |
| 14 - Tammy Cook | 30 - Desiray Cook |

Happy Anniversary!

- 17 - Linda & Ralph Zito
19 - Cole & Jaimi Wernette



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		1 ZCC KIDZ - Roller Skating 10AM—	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day 	5
6 Worship Gem Estates 10AM	7	8	9 zcc KIDZZ PIZZA 5:30 PM –7PM	10	11	12
13 Worship Gem Estates 10AM	14	15 Elders Meeting 9 AM	16 zcc KIDZ BOWLING 9:30 AM - 12:45pm	17	18	19
20 Worship Gem Estates 10 AM	21	22	23 ZCC KIDZZ PIZZA 5:30 PM – 7PM	24	25	26
27 Worship Gem Estates 10 AM	28	29	30	31		
ZCC kiDZ Picnic, Playground & Water Park Time TBD						

REMINDERS: ELDER'S MEETING - Tuesday, July 15th, 9 AM.

All members invited to attend.

ZCC KIDZ - We will be taking the children to Eddie's Roller Rink, July 1st, 10 AM - Noon, Bowling, July 16th 9:30AM –12:45PM and Picnic & Water Park, July 27th. Please call Cherie' at 813-924-0372, if your child will need a ride.

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

On the cover of this newsletter, you have been reminded that we are emphasizing Spiritual Gifts. Let me remind you of the importance of knowing and using our Spiritual Gifts and try to assuage any fears or hesitation you have about taking the Spiritual Gift Assessment.

First, we trust that God is good, and kind, and loving and since He is the One who gives Spiritual Gifts we can trust that He gives us our Spiritual Gifts out of His goodness, He Gives us our Spiritual Gifts for our benefit, and He gives us our Spiritual Gifts motivated by His love for us.

Second, since God gives us our Spiritual Gifts and we don't get to choose our Spiritual Gifts, then the Gifts you have or don't have are not any reflection on who you are or where you are spiritually. For example, if the assessment shows that you do not have the Spiritual Gift of evangelism (and I don't), that doesn't mean you are a horrible Christian – instead, what it means is that God didn't choose to give you that Gift!

Third, God gives us our Spiritual Gifts so that we can effectively partner with Him in ministering to others and having a Kingdom impact. If we choose to not know our Spiritual Gifts or choose not to use our Spiritual Gifts, we are short-circuiting God's plan for us. We vote to not partner with God and we decide that we don't want to be effective in ministry or kingdom growth. And neither of those are good options!

Fourth, God places the Spiritual Gifts in the local church to shape the unique ministry of that church! In other words, God shapes what our church should be about and focus on by the Spiritual Gifts He gives our church. I can illustrate it this way – when I played basketball our team didn't have any tall players but we had a lot of speed so we tried to run other teams until they were worn out. A bad coach would have forced our team to play a certain style of play no matter what our strengths were; and a good coach would adopt a style of play to take advantage of his team's strengths. The same idea is true of churches and Spiritual Gifts – when we know what our Gifts are and we utilize those Gifts in ministry, our “team” will be effective.

So please take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment; answer each question honestly (if you hesitate or have to try to manufacture a “yes” response answer no); and let the church office know your results. You will be glad you did and our church will benefit.

Sincerely,

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