

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Felix Robles
3 - Mya Haynes
9 - Tim Dobbs
9 - Ruth Ann Wilson
17 - Troy Freeman
22 - Taylor Lee

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3 – Michael & Jeanette Cain
5 – Jack & Denise Stewart

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SEPTEMBER

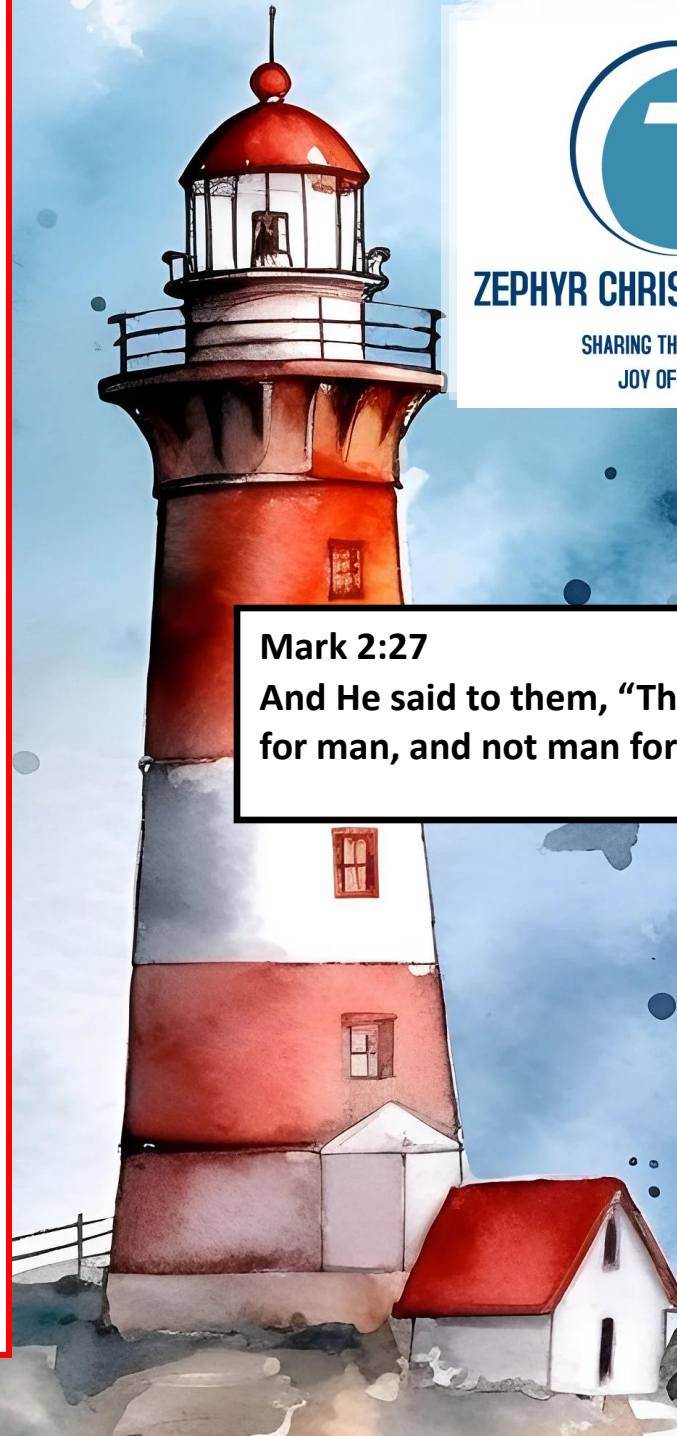


ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

Mark 2:27

And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."



Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

I recently shared with a group of people some basic teaching on what the Bible says about worship. The basic idea of worship throughout the Bible is to bring to God an offering of love and worship. Of course, the most essential thing we offer to God in worship is ourselves.

Here are five things we can do to prepare ourselves for worship:

1. **Prepare in advance** – the Devil will do everything he can to prevent you from worshipping. That's why he will throw everything at you to keep you from church – every hop in the car to drive to church only to find that your gas gauge is on empty? Ever start to get ready for church only to realize that your clothes are still wet because you forgot to turn on the dryer? And it's why the Devil will do everything he can to distract you from worshipping after you get to church.

2. **Remember God is the object of our worship** – We give this lip service, but how often after the worship service is our true thinking revealed? *Did I enjoy the sermon? Was it my style of music? Was the building too hot or too cold?* When we make our worship about our experience rather than God's glory, we insert ourselves into the place of God as if worship should be about entertaining us.

3. **Be a participant and not a spectator** – Here's a thought: as we gather for worship we ought to be fully engaged—heart, soul, mind, and strength—in praising the living God. How do you participate?

- Fight distractions – pray for God to expand your attention span
- Sing – believe it or not, God LOVES the sound of your voice!
- Engage with the message – take notes, have your Bible open, make sure your heart is ready to receive the seed of God's Word

4. **Be a relentless encourager** – Hebrews 10:25 says that one of the reasons for corporate worship is to “stir up one another to love and good works” (Heb. 10:25). Biblical encouragement means that we intentionally care for one another's souls.

5. **Actively seek out visitors** – visiting a church can be an uncomfortable experience, and for many of us meeting new people is difficult, but welcoming guests with warmth and authenticity can make a world of difference. Invite them to sit with you, or go to lunch with a group of people, or introduce them to someone else.

Jon

Praise & Prayers.....

OUR NATION and LEADERS

OUR MISSIONS

Larry Buckland - heart

Michael Cain - cancer

Shelly Candy - mass on pituitary gland

Chalmers Family - provision

Chris & Denise Dodd - pain/severe injuries/comfort

Jessie Gardner- pain relief /health

Heidi - Praise the Lord! Procedure went well! (Berardicurt)

Tiffany Hernandez – family/resources/direction

Cheryl Howes – complication & surgery postponed

Dorothy Hudson - Praise the Lord getting well!

Kuykendall Family - Anzelika diabetes/strength

Cindy Lang - test results(cancer)

Amber Logan - eyesight

Logans - sale of house

Joel Lowe - cancer/ paralyzed/ surgery recovery (Osborne)

Bea Meilke - severe back pain

Walt Meilke - stage 4 cancer

David Osborne - walking/recovery/provision

Jacob Osborne - Christian influences/understanding

Allan & Alice Poole - healing/comfort for family

Chad Pomiwitz - peace/comfort/understanding/strength

Dale Shank - stage 4 cirrhosis of the liver (D-I-L of Fern)

Denise Stewart - hands/face/eye (recovery from fall)

Sandra Vann - protection/peace/health

Matt White - stage 4 cancer (Faith Stiver's grandson)

Crystal Zelinske - young mother with brain damage/strokes causing temporary comas that are increasing.

John Zelinske - sore on foot not healing

Stay Connected.....

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP - Meet at Chick-Fil-A on Monday Nights @ 7:00 PM. Call or email church office for further information 813-782-8893) or zephyrcc@aol.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Wednesday at 1:00 PM at Pam Smith's home. Please call (740-243-7560) if you would like to join us.

ZCC KIDZ (Preschool - High School) - Meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Contact Cherie' Osborne before 12:00 PM on Wednesdays if you need a ride (813-924-0372).

MEN'S DISCIPLE GROUP - Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM, contact Cole Wernette (813-713-2140) if interested.

LADIES DISCIPLE GROUP - Thursday evenings at church building, 6:30 PM, contact Jaimi Wernette (832-803-8012) if interested.

CONNECT CARDS - **Please** remember to sign the connect card on Sunday, it helps the church.

ELDER'S MEETING - Saturday, September 5th, at 10:00 AM. All church members are invited to attend.

COMING IN OCTOBER.....

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER - Save the Date: Saturday, October 10 from 9am to 1pm All Proceeds Will Be Used to Purchase New Playground Equipment for the Youth

Set Up- Fri 10/09-time tbd

Donation Dates

Sat 10/03 9-12

Sun 10/04 1-6

Fri 10/09 1-6

Volunteers needed. Youth 8yrs and up, men to help with heavy items and anyone else that wants to help there will be plenty.

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MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES of FLORIDA - Once again searching for houseparents. This is a wonderful opportunity for a mission-minded family or couple who feel called to invest in the lives of children and serve in a unique ministry setting. If you know of a family or couple who may be a good fit, we would be grateful if you would share this opportunity with them. Most importantly, please pray that God would lead the right people to us and give us wisdom throughout the search process.

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP -

More than a camp, we're a ministry: a place to experience God's Creation and see lives change.

MOTHER & DAUGHTER RETREAT

October 2-3, 2026 (Spaces Limited)

2026 Theme: "Decades" Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Cost: \$78/adult and \$53/child ages 5-17 (reduced rate for 5 and under) While all ages are welcome, the event is geared toward lower and upper-elementary-aged daughters and their mothers.

S.A.C.M. - The **Word** will fly to various parts of the world, carried by strangers. The seed is being sown. Sometimes, a simple idea can transform the way we broadcast Christ to the world. **If you can't be a missionary, be a Bible missionary!**
Blessings, Steve

TOUCHING LIVES NEIGHBORHOOD CARE CENTER

- In need of volunteer/volunteers. 813-780-6822 Summer hours. (M & W) June 9 AM – 12PM/ Closed July and August, reopens Monday after Labor Day in September.

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Women's Small Group1 PM/ KidZone 5:30 - 7 PM	3 Ladies Disciple Group / Men's Disciple Group 6 – 8 PM	4	5 10 AM Elders Meeting / 5 PM Family Game Night
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