

THE MESSENGER

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ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

Ephesians 1

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ!

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

We are in the time of year where it rains every day in Florida. Sometimes you can see the rain clouds rolling in, and other times the sky looks quite clear but we still get sprinkles. And although my lawn appreciates the rain, it makes life complicated. If you are going out, you have to plan around the rain!

It reminds me of what Jesus said in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble." I think it was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who said it this way: "Into every life a little rain must fall." The idea is simply that we will experience obstacles and difficulty in life. Thankfully, Scripture gives us principles to remember that can help us when the showers come:

Remember that God can redeem any situation. I was talking with and praying with someone recently and they were sharing some of the rain they were experiencing. As we talked and prayed I shared that God might be using the rain to keep them on their knees and dependent on God, or God might be using it to remind them that His grace is sufficient, or God might be using it to do a mighty work that brings glory to God. Rain can grow beautiful flowers or flood church buildings – and God has a purpose in it all.

Remember that you are not experiencing anything that others have not experienced before. I'm not saying that there is comfort in the suffering of others, but I am saying that there is comfort in knowing that others have gone through what you are going through and have come out the other side.

Remember that God is with you. Because God is Spirit, He is not limited by space or time so He can be fully with you and fully with me at the same time! When the rain comes into my life, I can sometimes feel like God is distant or that God has forgotten about me; of course that's not true, but feelings aren't always based on truth. So in the storms of life, even though you might not feel like, consciously remind yourself that God is with you...He has not left you...He is an ever-present help in times of trouble (Ps. 46:1).

Remember you have a church family to rely on. Romans 12 says that, in the church, we are to be fully devoted to one another in love and that we are to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. When you are experiencing a season of rain, reach out to people in the church who can pray with/for you, spend time with you, encourage you, help and comfort you. But also, be someone who looks for those experiencing the rain and reach out to them, maybe you can be their umbrella.

Sincerely,

Jon

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- ◆Church leaders - wisdom, perseverance, unity, seeking after God
- ◆Jeff Aker - Praise the Lord! He's walking! (Cherie' Osborne)
- ◆Ellen Annis - health concerns
- ◆Sarah Baumberger - skin cancer and treatment
- ◆Michael Caine - recovery from cataract surgery
- ◆Shelli Candy - brain tumor/peace/comfort
- ◆Desiray Cook - health
- ◆Tammy Cook - recovery from surgeries/ulcers
- ◆Keith Dalton - mother nursing home; daughter passed
- ◆Michele Danella - gastrointestinal issues
- ◆Katherine Ferrell - dementia (Michele Danella's mother)
- ◆Jessi Gardner - co-workers mom, cancer in spine
- ◆Char Henderson - heart problems
- ◆Tim Herkel - physical therapy
- ◆Jonathan Lehn - Praise the Lord Getting well!
- ◆Emily Lewis - Praise the Lord her spine is healing!
- ◆Jim Lewis - cancer free (PTL!) needs to rebuild muscle
- ◆Carol Lochtefeld - health concerns
- ◆Gary & Pat Nicholson - peace and health
- ◆Karol Perkins - health
- ◆Allan and Alice Poole - health concerns
- ◆Happy Reed - surgery
- ◆Dan Scott - cancer returned (Nancee Scott's son)
- ◆Bill Stacy - health
- ◆Denise Stewart - health
- ◆Talona and family - (Shelli Candy's granddaughter)
- ◆April West's son - suffering seizures /faith in the Lord
- ◆Vernon Yoder - recovery from stroke (Marti Bontrager)



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WOMENS BIBLE STUDY - Beginning Wednesdays, August 6th at 1:00PM , meeting at Pam Smith 's home (37040 Lakota Ct. Zephyrhills, FL. 33542). If you have any questions please call Linda Vollstedt (309 - 532- 2613) or Pam Smith (330-437-6521).

ZCC KIDZ - We will meet at Hercules Park for a Scavenger Hunt, Wednesday, August 13th, 5:30 - 7PM. Please invite a friend and text Mrs. Cherie' if you need a ride.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Beginning Thursday, August 7th at 6:00PM , meeting at Phil & Pam Smith 's home (37040 Lakota Ct. Zephyrhills, FL. 33542). If you have any questions please call Pam Smith at 330-437-6521.

REMINDERS: ELDER'S MEETING - Tuesday, August 19th, 9 AM. All members invited to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



5 - Ann Zeigler
6 - Penny Herkel
9 - Steve Jackson
10 - Elaine Hewitt
12 - Kevin Gardner
13 - Kaitlynn Harrison
16 - Payton Murphy
16 - Lexy Murray
17 - Michael Cain
18 - Walt Mieilke
19- Dresden Dobbs
20- Jeanette Cain
21 - Pam Smith
23 - Denise Stewart
25 - Larry Buckland
31 - Ken Walton

3 John
NASB
² Beloved, I
pray that
you may
prosper in
all things
and be in
health,
just as
your soul
prosper.



7 - Gary & Pat Nicholson
9 - Steve & Fely Jackson
10 - Larry & Ellen Buckland
10 - Mel & Helen Marshall
21- Dan & Sue Sabatucci
23 - Jon & Barbie Stradtner
24 - Bill & Marsha Ward

Colossians 3:14-15 ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.



Note from Mission, Neighborhood Care Center -

Zephyr Christian Church,

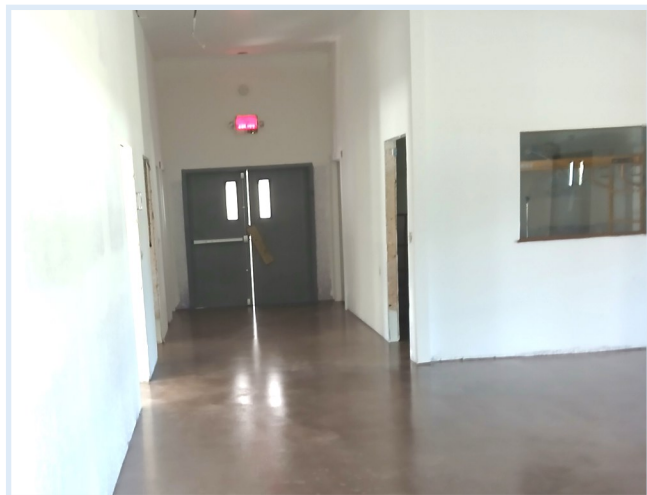
Thank you for your \$200.00 donation and your continued support.

We appreciate all you do for us. We will be putting your donation toward our roof at N.C.C. to be fixed, so we can hopefully get back to helping more people in need.

Thank you,

LeeAnn Buckford (Director of Neighborhood Community Center)





**Praise the
Lord!
85% of
building
repairs
completed!**