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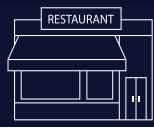
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\$289,000 C7469019



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354 N. Wilson Ave. - Situated on an oversized lot within the city limits. This 3 bedroom-1 bath, 1945 Spanish Colonial Home is one of a kind.

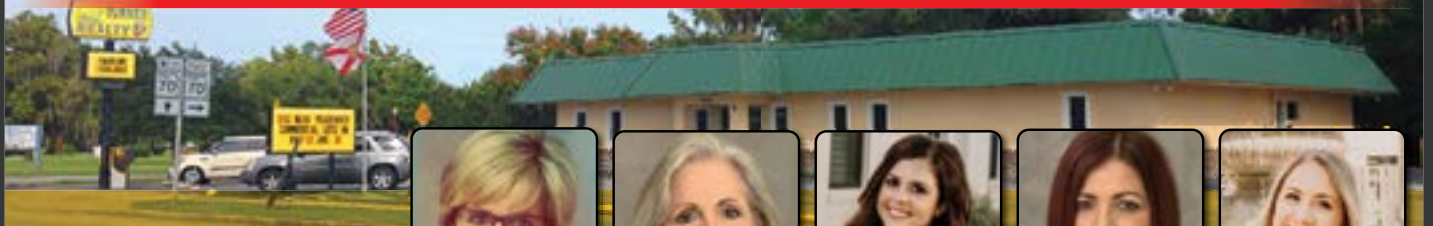
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418 W. Pine - Perfect starter home! Built in 2019 -this 3 bedroom, 1 bath is walking distance to downtown Arcadia.

\$169,000 C7469776

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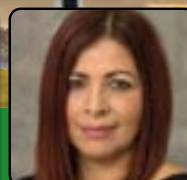
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 Circle K (North)
 Before & After Hair Salon
 Craig's RV Park
 Little Willie's RV Park
 Dollar General
 Arcadia Post Office
 City of Arcadia
 Oak Street Deli
 MyShelly's Kitchen
 Magnolia Seafood
 Circle K (Nocatee)
 Speedway
 Circle K (East)
 Martin's Family Market
 Arcadia Discount Liquor

Country Café
 Publix
 Walgreens
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 Toby's RV Resort
 Arcadia Village
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NEW LISTING

1/3 acre residential building lot in Ona. There was a house years ago, now a vacant lot. Electric is available, there was a well and a septic. Seller does not know condition of them. There is a fence around the lot and a gate right on the curve on Prescott. No sign right now. Please verify with Hardee County any uses you might want. No survey readily available at this time.

ASKING \$25,000! MLS#C7470360
(No Seller Finance, No Lease)



REDUCED

This lot is just shy of 3/4 of an acre. The zoning is Ag, and grazing animals are permitted. Pls check with Desoto County for any building facts and uses. There is a nice pond on this property and it is fenced on 3 sides. Will require a well and septic and driveway. Fill dirt on the lot for Buyer to use.

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Out Of County Warrant

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AVALOS, FRANCISCO CARDENAS:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

AVANT, JASON LEE:
Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill, Battery - Touch Or Strike

BRIDGES, SCOTT ALLEN:
Disorderly Intox - Disorder Intox Public Place Cause Disturbance

BROWN, ISRAEL NOVELL:
Prob Violation

BROWN, LATRICIA ANN:
Veh Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor Vehicle, Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp 1St Off, Fraud-Imperson - Know Intent Unlaw Posses 5 Or More Ident, Prob Violation

CAMARGO-OSORIO, LAZARO:
Battery - Touch Or Strike

DA SILVA, OSLEANDRO RODRIGUES:
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DICOLA, MICHELLE:
Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

GAMBLE, WILLIAM DAVID:
Traffic Offense - Dui Alcohol Or Drugs

GARCIA, RODOLFO:
Out Of County Warrant

HATCHER JR., JAMES FRANKLIN:
Out Of County Warrant

HERNANDEZ-MORAN, FIDEL:
Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence, Lewd Lascv Behavior - Molest Vic Less 12Yoa Offender 18 Yoa Or Older, Prob Violation

IRICK, JOSEPH EVERETT:
Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

LANDRY, SCOTT AARON:
Battery - Touch Or Strike

LOPEZ VELAZQUEZ, JESSICA NICOLE:
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LUCAS, BRYAN JEFFERY:
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MCLEOD, SCOTT MICHAEL:
Prob Violation

MENDEZ, TAMMY LYNN:
Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Marijuana-Possess - Not More Than 20 Grams

MORALES-HERNANDEZ, RONALDINO MARCEL:
Traffic Offense - Dui Alcohol Or Drugs

OCHOA, RUDOLFO DAVID:
Fail To Reg As Career Off - Fail To Reg Or Provide Info

PALACIOS, ROBERTO JAVIER:
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RIPA, COLLIN HENRY:
Battery - Touch Or Strike, Battery - Commit Domestic Battery By Strangulation

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ULLOA, EMILIO ODAIR:
Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

VICENTE MARCOS, EDVIN FEDERICO:
Battery - Touch Or Strike

WALKER, CHRISTOPHER LARNELL:
Veh Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor Vehicle, Synth Narcotic-Possess - Wit Sell Mfg Del Wi 1000Ft Worsh/Busn Sch I/li, Cocaine-Possess - Wit Sell Etc Wi 1000Ft Worship/Busn Sch Ii

WALZER, ERICA ANN:
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WOLFE, BOBBI MICHELLE:
Prob Violation

WRIGHT, KEVIN EDWARD:
Aggrav Battery - Cause Bodily Harm Or Disability, Moving Traffic Viol - Reckless Driving 1St Off

ZUNIGA, AMANDA ESTER:
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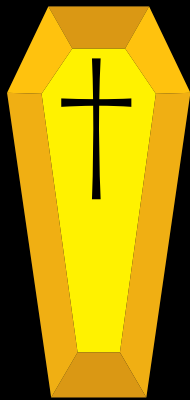
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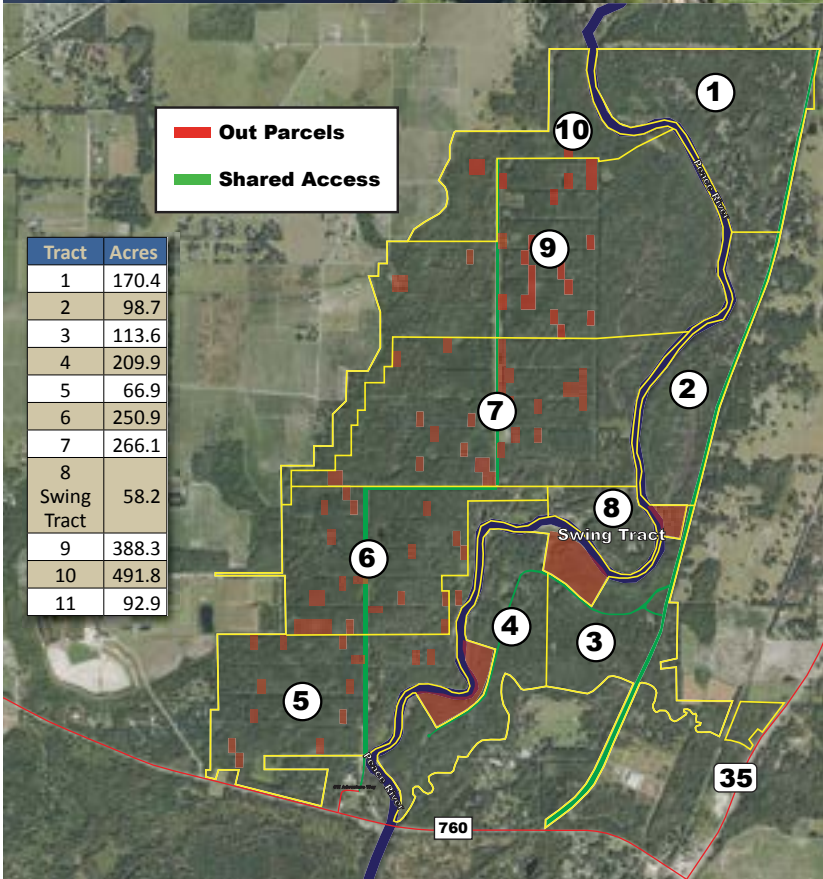
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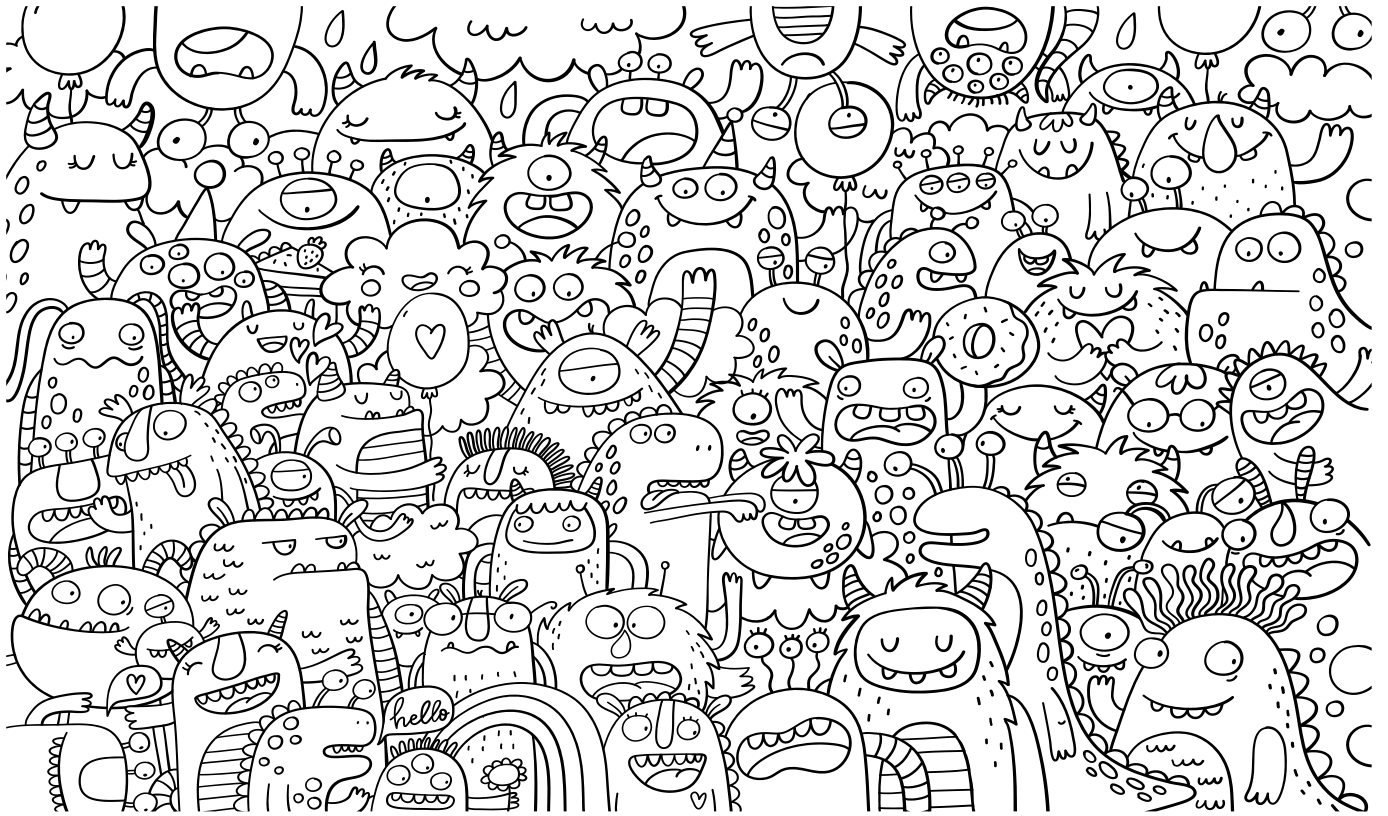
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Mexican Night: Crowning Señorita DeSoto.....	7:30 PM
Mexican Band.....	8:30 PM

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Saturday, February 4

Rabbit & Poultry Show.....	9:00 AM
Pageant(0-1 & 2-3).....	1:00 PM
Midway Opens.....	3:00 PM
Pageant(4-6).....	3:00 PM
Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	5:00 PM, 9:00 PM
TJ Hill Magic Show.....	5:30 PM, 9:30 PM
Fearless Flores Family.....	6:00 PM, 10:00 PM
Miss DeSoto Pageant.....	7:00 PM

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Sunday, February 5

Midway Opens.....	3:00 PM
Pageant (7-9).....	3:30 PM
Beef Grooming.....	4:00 PM
Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	4:30 PM
Pageant (10-13).....	5:00 PM
Fearless Flores Family.....	6:00 PM
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TJ Hill Magic Show.....	9:00 PM

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Monday, February 6

Midway Opens.....	5:00 PM
Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	6:30 PM, 8:00 PM
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Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	6:30 PM, 8:00 PM
TJ Hill Magic Show.....	7:00 PM, 8:30 PM
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Fearless Flores Family.....	7:30 PM, 9:00 PM

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Wednesday, February 8

Midway Opens.....	5:00 PM
Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	6:30 PM, 8:00 PM
TJ Hill Magic Show.....	7:00 PM, 8:30 PM
Beef Breeding.....	7:00 PM
Fearless Flores Family.....	7:30 PM, 9:30 PM

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Thursday, February 9

Midway Opens.....	5:00 PM
Youth Talent Show.....	5:30 PM
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Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	7:00 PM
TJ Hill Magic Show.....	7:30 PM
Fearless Flores Family.....	8:00 PM
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Friday, February 10

Midway Opens.....	5:00 PM
Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	5:30 PM, 9:30 PM
Livestock Awards Ceremony.....	6:00 PM
TJ Hill Magic Show.....	6:00 PM, 10:30 PM
Fearless Flores Family.....	6:30 PM, 10:00 PM
CWA Wrestling.....	7:00 PM

MADNESS TO MIDNIGHT
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Saturday, February 11

Midway Opens.....	3:00 PM
Jurassic Kingdom Show.....	3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM
Buyers Appreciation Dinner.....	4:00-5:30 PM
TJ Hill Magic Show.....	6:00 PM, 9:00 PM
Fearless Flores Family.....	4:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 9:30 PM
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10. COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENT

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MEETINGS

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YARD SALES

Yard Sale

SAVE THE DATE: Feb 18th 9-1 Huge multi family yard sale ! Plus Bazaar, lots of new items. Craig's RV Park 7895 NE Cubitus Ave Arcadia

YARD SALES

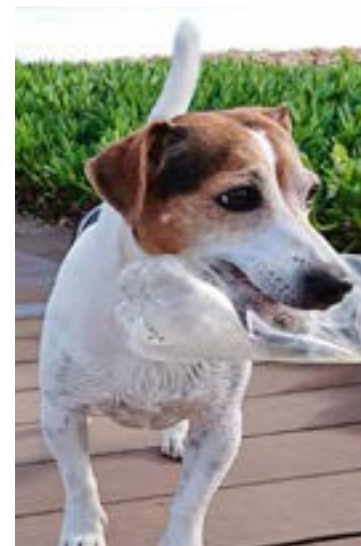
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Our Community CHURCH DIRECTORY



<p>Arcadia First Church of the Nazarene</p> <p>132 W. Gibson Street, Arcadia (863) 491-1422</p> <p><i>Rev. Steven Johnson</i></p> <p>Morning Worship ~ 10:45 am Sunday School ~ 9:30 am</p> <p><i>Come and See</i></p>	<p>BETHEL INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES</p> <p>Pastors Melinda & Carlos Hernandez</p> <p>Sunday Service: 12pm Wednesday Family Night Bible Study: 7:30pm</p> <p>Childcare, Kids Church & Youth Services available</p> <p>7538 Cubitis Ave. NE Arcadia, FL 34266</p> <p>Phone: 863-266-3468 www.bethelheartland.com <i>We are a Bilingual Ministry!</i></p>	<p> Calvary BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p>Sundays Life Groups - 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM</p> <p>Wednesdays Adult, Youth & Children's Ministries - 6:00 PM 48 N. 15th Avenue Arcadia, FL 34266 863-494-4345 www.cbcarcacia.org</p>	<p>PRAYER REQUESTS? 863-449-3279</p> <p>Pray Without Ceasing</p> <p>Sunday Evenings Bible Study 6:00PM</p> <p>COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</p>
<p>Cowboy Church FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>Sunday 9:00am</p> <p>Nocatee Community Center Baldwin Avenue</p> <p>Call 863-697-1508 863-494-1128</p> <p>For Information Pastor Jerry Atkins Gathering Strays for Jesus</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church</p> <p>209 West Hickory Street</p> <p>Welcome You to Worship At 11:00am each Sunday Traditional</p> <p>Families and children welcome. Sunday School 9:45am</p>	<p>FAITH TEMPLE FIRST BORN CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD</p> <p>230 CITRUS AVE. ARCADIA 941-536-1058</p> <p>NEW PASTOR <i>Jaufees Peoples, Jr.</i></p> <p>Sunday Service 11pm Wednesday Service 7pm</p>	<p>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00am Church Service 11:00am</p> <p>1004 W. Oak St.</p> <p>Pastor: Anthony Arias</p>
<p>CHURCH OF GOD NOCATEE</p> <p><i>"One of the fastest growing Church of God's in Florida!"</i></p> <p>4870 S.W. Hwy 17 Arcadia, 34266 863-494-1143</p> <p>www.cognocatee.org Sunday School 10am Worshop 10:45 & 6pm</p>	<p>NORTH HILLSBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p><i>Pastor Ellis Cross</i></p> <p>SUNDAY: School - 10:00am Worship - 11:00am & 6:00pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Bible Study - 6:30pm Youth Group - 6:30pm 863.494.3455</p> <p>253 N. Hillsborough Ave. www.MYNHM.com ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE.</p>	<p> Oak Hill Baptist Church</p> <p><i>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord.</i></p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>5104 NW Oak Hill Avenue Arcadia, FL 34266 863-494-6224 oakhillbaptistarcadia@gmail.com <i>Pastor Tyson Bloor</i></p>	<p> Pleasant Hill Christian Church Ministries, Inc.</p> <p>Sunday Service 11:15 am</p> <p>Lunch served 2nd and 4th Thursdays (All Welcome)</p> <p>319 S. Lee Avenue Rev. Samuel Morgan, Pastor</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist</p> <p>Saturday Sabbath School - 9:30am Saturday AM Worship Service - 11am Prayer Meeting Tues. - 7pm</p> <p><i>Servicios en español similar horario.</i> Bible Study Appts. Available</p> <p>2865 SE Ami Dr. 863-244-6793 Diane Burrough</p>	<p>ST. EDMUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH</p> <p>327 W. Hickory St., Arcadia, FL 34266 <i>(Corner of Manatee Avenue & Hwy 70-W)</i></p> <p>863-494-0485</p> <p>Sundays at 8am & 10am</p> <p>Misa en español Dom 7:00pm www.EpiscopalArcadiaFL.com</p>	<p>Trinity United Methodist Church</p> <p>304 W. Oak St. • Arcadia, FL 34266 863-494-2543</p> <p>Sermons available on: www.TrinityArcadia.com</p> <p>Sunday Worship: 9:30am Sunday School: 11:00am Sunday Romans Bible Study: 6:00pm</p> <p><i>Masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated.</i> Pastor Louie Mabrey</p>	<p><i>Old Southern Gospel Singing & Preaching</i></p> <p> VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH ARCADIA, FLORIDA</p> <p>Sunday School 10am Sunday Services 11 & 6 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7</p> <p><i>Pastor Stuart Swanberg</i> 863-399-0233 309 N. Monroe Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266</p>

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As it is in heaven.
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our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
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1. Not invited
6. Whale ship captain
10. One point south of southwest
14. Small cavity in a rock
15. Recidivists
17. City of Angels hoopster
19. A way to mark with one's signature
20. OJ trial judge
21. Rice cooked in broth
22. One point east of due south
23. One point east of southeast
24. Complements an entree
26. Grouped by twos
29. Disfigure
31. Woods
32. Political action committee
34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
35. Kin groups
37. Philippine Island
38. Contrary to
39. Bluish-gray fur
40. Comprehend the written word
41. Natural depressions
43. Felines
45. Breathe noisily
46. Taxi
47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Foot (Latin)
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Monetary units of Peru
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. High points

CLUES DOWN

1. Green and yellow citrus fruit
2. A bright color
3. Thicket
4. Journalist Tarbell
5. A place to work or relax
6. Sharp mountain ridge
7. Helicopter
8. Mimic
9. Suggests
10. More musty
11. Large, flightless rail

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13. Soviet Socialist Republic
16. People who can account for you
18. Taunt
22. South Dakota
23. Cover the entirety of
24. Kids' favorite visitor
25. A way to save for retirement
27. Fencing swords
28. C. China mountain range
29. Type of sandwich
30. Team
31. Paddle
33. Partly digested food
35. Most cagey
36. Shoppers make one
37. Cathode-ray tube
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. Concern
44. Blood group
46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
50. Type of bread
51. S. Nigerian people
52. Scottish tax
53. Young women's association
54. Brazilian city
55. Hide of a young animal
56. Midway between north and northeast

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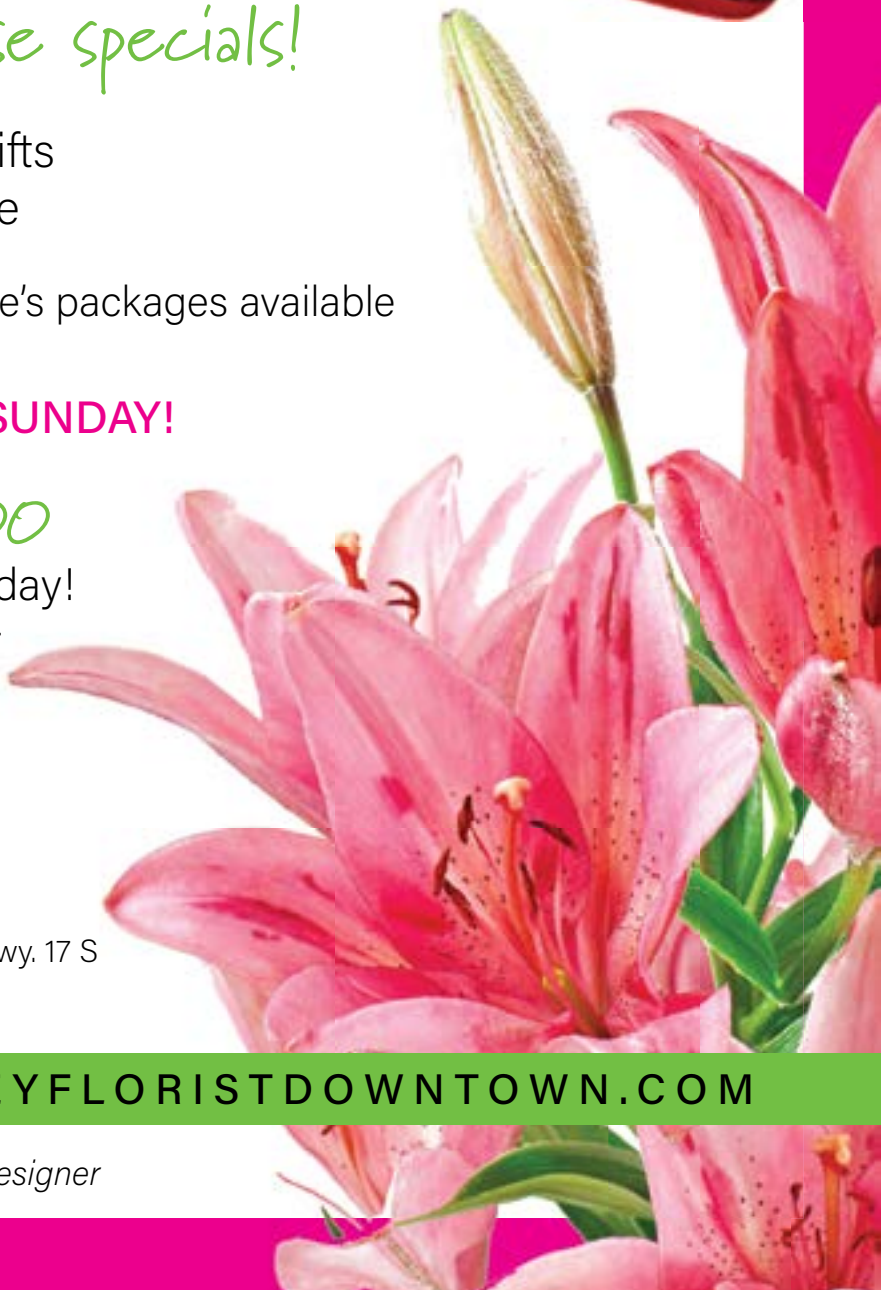
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- **Florida Driver's License (with current address)**
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- **Checking/Savings Account Statement**
- **Paid Utility Bill with Current Address**


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Applications for exemptions and discounts **MUST** be made **IN PERSON** at the office **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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- Building Inspection Certificate of Occupancy

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Contact your local property appraiser's office for more information or to request an application. If submitting an application ***IN PERSON***, an appointment ***MUST*** be made and copies of your supporting documents must be taken.



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Many people attend church all their lives but never had a relationship with the living God. Your problem could be that you are a church member, but not a member of the body of Christ. To be a member of the body of Christ you have to be filled with God's presence the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the spirit to us after he ascended to the Father. You can find out all about the Holy Spirit by reading the book of Acts and the Gospel of Luke of the Bible.

The book of Acts is a continuation of what Jesus began in Luke. Jesus promised believers they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. There is only one other New Testament reference to the baptism of the Holy Spirit outside of Acts and it is 1 Corinthians 12:13. Churches today are seeking to reach the lost. Acts continues today as we spread the gospel throughout the earth. The Holy Spirit is our helper to accomplish this. The Bible explains who the promise of the Holy Spirit is for and how he is received. the book of Acts is very important to know the Holy Spirit.

As you read the book of Acts you will find out what the day of Pentecost means to us. At this time the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. As you search for more knowledge read Ephesians 1:13 and it will tell you our relationship with the Holy Spirit and who gives us access to the Father. The day of Pentecost is a very important day to remember. The book of Acts also tells us about the first Gentile converting to Christianity and how they received the Holy Spirit.

It's a gift folks that God will give us if we only will believe. The Apostle Peter explains what happened on the day of Pentecost. The book of Joel 2:28-30 says that inn the last days God would pour forth his Holy Spirit upon all mankind. And folks we are living in the last days now. When Jesus came he died for our sins and rose from the dead. As his ascension was eminent the Holy Spirit could be given to all who would repent and call upon the name of Jesus both Jew and Gentile, to anyone who would believe.

God ordained this day of Pentecost. When you repent of your sins and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior the Holy Spirit seals you until you are taken away. The Holy Spirit places you in the body of Christ giving us access to our father God. We have finally passed from death into a new life. Believe me folks when you die your life is still not over. Folks have you been born again by the spirit of God? If not won't you call on him to save you from your sins? Life is ticking away folks, time is getting short.

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Chapter 3

Taking naps in the middle of the day does sound like your old, but my wife says I did the same thing when I was 24, so maybe it is not just a sign of getting old. Maybe it's about the time you have in the middle of the day. If you have the time to sit down, well you might as well take a nap. The dreaming is the part that bothers me. All those dreams I have and trying to make sure they are dreams and not reality. When my mom's old chair started falling apart and my wife made me get rid of it, that is when the dreams turned bad. Not into horror, but bad. Like one time I was just sitting in my chair watching a little TV when I hear someone knocking on the front door. I go over and open the door and there stands a raccoon with a little mailman hat on. The thing says to me, "I have a special delivery for you from the squirrels in tree number 17". I said, "Ok", and then he says, "You will have to sign for this". He reached up to me and handed me a palm tree limb and says, "Tear off the three leaves on the bottom". So, I do, and then I turn and walk back to my chair. I get back to my chair and begin to open this, what I assumed to be a letter,

but of course it wasn't, it was a bird of paradise leave with little acorns glued into sentences. The letter read that the squirrels in tree number 17 had had enough of me trying to keep them out of my pool cage and if I didn't stop, they were going to start piling acorns up in front of my front door. Signed, The Squirrels in tree #17. Man, that letter made me mad. Out my front door I go screaming. I guess I was going to give them a piece of my mind. But as I went out the front door, I realized that I had no idea which tree was #17. Then I thought, well I only have so many trees so I will just go around to every tree until I find these talking squirrels. I guess I assumed they could talk, after all they could write me a letter. Anyway, starting with the first tree on the right side of my house, the first tree I come to, I hold the letter they sent up and yelled for the ones that sent me this to come down. After the first three trees, I began to slow down a little and talking a little calmer. As I came around the corner of the house, I ran into my neighbor who was walking her dog. She smiles and says good morning. I say good morning back. She sees the leave in my hand and says the squirrels sent you one too huh. They want me to leave out more bird food because their families have grown, and I don't put out enough. Then she just turns and keeps walking. I am just getting ready to go to the next tree, when I spot a squirrel trying to run across my front yard. After him I go, running

with the leave in my hand, shouting as I go. He completely ignores me and goes right up a tree. I get right to the tree and look up and there are at least 20 squirrels just sitting there looking down at me. I shake the letter at them and ask did they send this letter. They just looked at me. I said it again. Again, they just looked at me. One more time, I asked the same question. The same answer. Nothing. Mad as a hornet, I yelled for them to stay right there that I would be right back with my shotgun. I turned and walked back toward the front door and as I walk in the house my wife says to me, "Honey have you seen the hand towel off the chair". She then looks down at my hand and says, "Oh you have it, thanks". I look down and sure enough I am carrying a hand towel that usually covers the arm of my chair. I hand her the towel, rub my head, and go back to my chair, sit down, and start watching TV again. I guess that I assumed that it was a dream and decided to just let it go. A few hours later my wife wants me to come with her outside. I go with her, and she shows me a hole in the pool cage with a bird of paradise leave stuck in it. Well, I really felt bad then. I guess I had been sleep walking and I had put the leave in the screen. Boy did I want to forget about that. I told her that I would fix it and not to worry about it. The next day while I was in my chair, someone knocks on my door. I open the door and my neighbor says...

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