

THE MESSENGER

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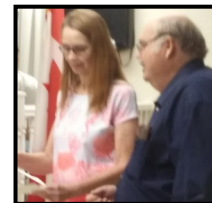
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ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

**1 John 4:19 NASB "We love,
because He first loved us!"**



**Praise the Lord! We are grateful for our newest
members: Shelli Candy, Bill & Marcia Ward, Bob & Janet
Weber, Cheryl Leeman and Don & Chris Stansfield.**

Zephyr Christian Church is alive, well and growing!

Praise the Lord!



Z.C.W. - Women's outing February 11th at the Asian Buffet. Please call Karen Baker at 863-602-5180 to R.S.V.P. by February 7th. If you need a ride on the van please reserve. The first to reserve are first to ride. Seating is limited.

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- ◆ **CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS** - comfort/peace/loss
- ◆ **FLORIDA RESIDENTS** - recovery from hurricane
- ◆ **NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS** - recovery from hurricane
- ◆ **Adrian** - hip surgery (Jaimi Wernettes mom)
- ◆ **Alivia Sargent** - recovery from surgery (ZCC kid)
- ◆ **Billy M. & Family**- cancer/dementia (Cherie')
- ◆ **Ellen Annis** - health concerns
- ◆ **Shelli Candy** - brain tumor/comfort
- ◆ **Brynlee Beagel** - kidneys (ZCC Kid)
- ◆ **Norman Budd** - cancer (Marti Bontrager's friend)
- ◆ **Katherine Ferrell** - dementia (Michele Danella's mother)
- ◆ **Bob Kujat** - brain bleed/surgery Tess (Tess Stacey)
- ◆ **Ed Luc** - recovery from stroke
- ◆ **Happy Reed** - growth in heart/upcoming surgery
- ◆ **Mickey Roberts Family** - Mickey passed away (Michele D.)
- ◆ **Michael Roque** - cancer (John Roque's dad)
- ◆ **Sue Sabatucci** - health/blood circulation
- ◆ **Alivia Sargent** - recovery from surgery/comfort ZCC kid)
- ◆ **Dan Scott** - cancer (Nancee Scott)
- ◆ **Denise Stewart** - lungs/emphysema/recovery eye surgery
- ◆ **Rehka Visawanha**- recovering from stroke

FEBRUARY

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2 Worship Gem Estates 10AM	3	4	5 KidZCC Night 5:30 - 7PM Genesis Center	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast Legacy CC 9AM
9 Worship Gem Estates 10	10	11 Z.C.W. Women's Lunch R.S.V.P.	12 KidZCC Night 5:30 - 7PM Genesis Center	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 Worship Gem Estates 10	17	18 Elders Meeting 9 AM	19 KidZCC Night 5:30 - 7PM Genesis Center	20	21	22
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Birthdays:

9 - Tina Brandt
 9 - Roger Michaud
 10 - Jo Uber
 22 - Linda Vollstedt
 24 - Richard Marshall

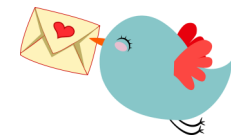
Anniversaries:

9 - Bruce & Tina Brandt
 14 - Rusty & Donna Draper
 14 - Jim & Sherry Huston



Letter from Parents & Grandparents of Brynlee Beagle

To my children's church family, Thank you for the prayers, and to the Women's sewing group for the beautiful blanket they made for Brynlee. - Jeanie Human



Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

Last month I shared a couple of developments in church outreach and growth happening in the United States. I shared how Baby-Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1965) are leaving the church, but there are some encouraging growth developments happening with the younger generations including Gen X (born between 1966 and 1980) and Millennials (born between 1981 and 1996). And, even among the youngest generations, what I have observed is that those who are committed to Christ are *radically* committed to Christ.

Let me share a couple of other encouraging bits of news. Bible sales have skyrocketed in the last four years – by more than 20%. And that is compared with other book sales increasing by less than 1%! According to the Wall Street Journal (not typically a source of spiritually sensitive reporting), the primary reason people are buying more Bibles and reading the Bible more is because of the confusion and feelings of hopelessness in the world today – people are looking for hope and stability. Why this is encouraging is because, as Christ-followers, we know that the Bible is true, trustworthy, and that it offers the only answers that give the stability people are searching for.

Another encouraging thing is that people are looking for authentic church and not just the façade of church. What I mean by that is people are looking for a church that truly offers them community – relationships with other believers where they are praying with and for each other, they are sharing concerns and struggles, and doing life together, and they see and share stories of how Christ is moving and changing lives. I use the term “façade” to refer to simply attending church but not being connected, not serving, not really being invested except for an hour or two on Sunday. This should be encouraging to us because, as a church that is part of a movement seeking to restore New Testament Christianity, the church of the New Testament was much more authentic and that is what people are hungering for.

I think we would all agree that we are living in difficult times. There is so much division, so much hostility, so much fear! But we are also living in days of incredible opportunity for the church if we will just recognize it and seize it – CARPE DIEM! People are hungry for what the church should be offering – a Savior, a hope, a security, and a purpose. I hope and pray that Zephyr Christian will be a CARPE DIEM church!

In Christ,

Jon