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Our Vision: Seeking, Serving and Sending!

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Mission Statement: Sharing the love and joy we've found in Christ Jesus.

Serving In May 2023

COMMUNION SET UP

Donna Draper

GREETERS

Ellen Annis
Michelle Danella
Helen Marshall

HEAD OF TABLE

7 - Roger Thomas
14 - Larry Buckland
21 - Tom Baker
28 - Rusty Draper

ELDERS

Tom Baker
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TRUSTEES

Tom Baker
Rusty Draper

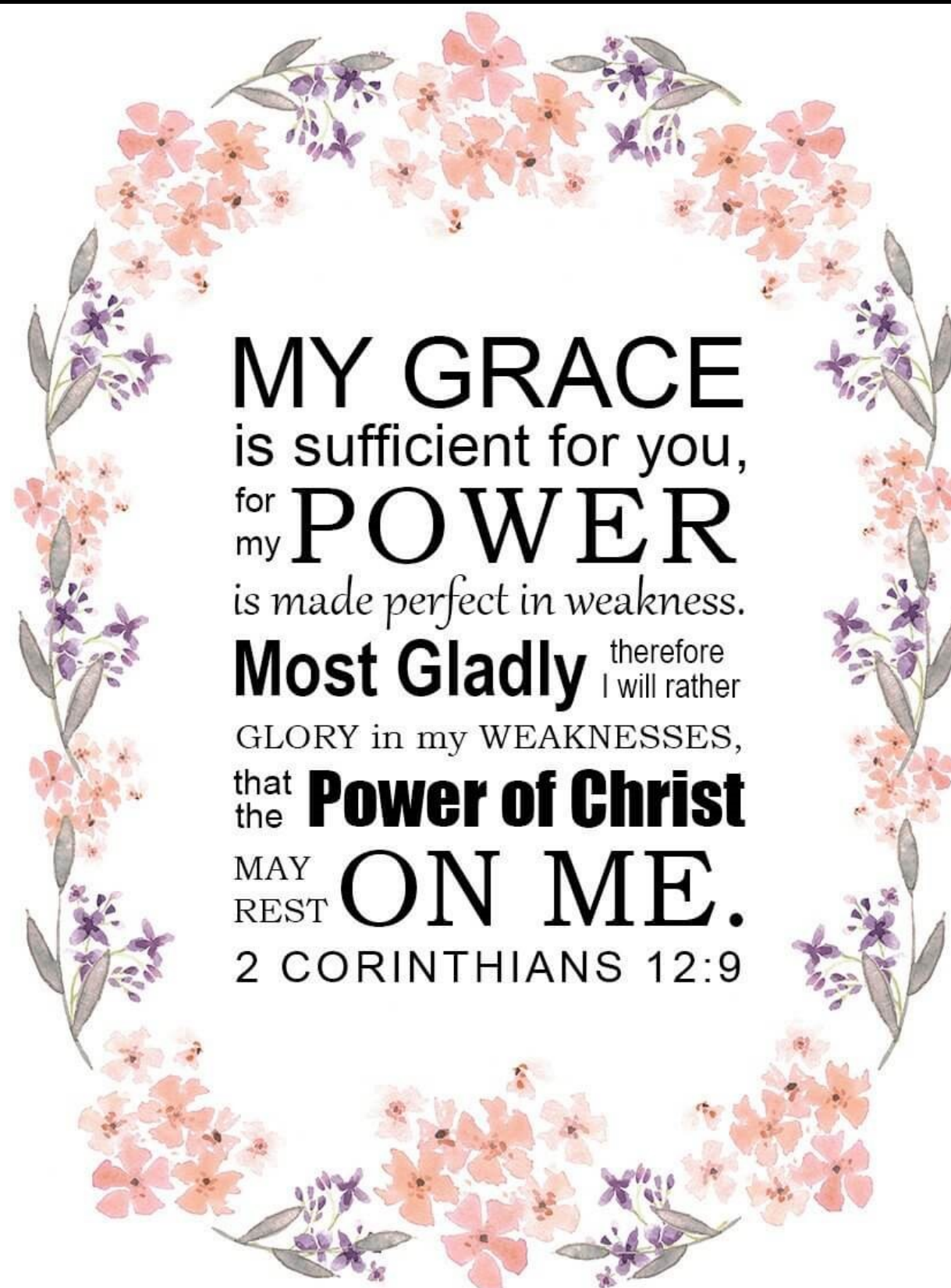
STAFF

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Minister

Cherie' Osborne
Administrative
Assistant

THE MESSENGER

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Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly

Sunday
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service & Jr. Church 10:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday:
Bible Study 6:00 pm
Youth Group (3 years & up) 5:30 pm

"May Events"

7 - POTLUCK 11:30AM
9 - ZCW MEETING 2:00 PM
16 - ELDER'S MEETING 6:00 PM
17 - FOLD NEWSLETTER 9:30 AM
18 - LADIES GROUP 6:30 PM
26 - GAME NIGHT 6:00 PM
28 - SUNDAY - B-days & Anniversaries 7:00 PM

Wednesday -Quilting Group - 9:00 am

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

1 - John Ryder
2 - Sarah Baumberger
2 - Jim Huston
9 - Mae Krempleski
15 - Steve Cooper
14 - Linda Zito
19 - Rosemary Cooper
20 - Marianne Turner
27 - Tom Baker

Anniversaries:

12 - Sarah & Wesley Baumberger
14 - Troy & Dawn Freeman
28 - John & Joice Blevins
28 - Walt & Bea Mielke



Letter from friends.....

Dear Church, THANK YOU! We are so appreciative of the memorial service and luncheon that the church held for our father, Robert Rebarkoff. We were very touched and honored by the kindness and generosity shown to us. As you know the loss of someone is not easy. We are taking every day, one day at a time. We know that Dad/Bob is with our mother, and at peace. That in itself gives us relief. Thank you all kindly.

Sincerely,
Melanie Creamer, Nicole Bettencourt and families

Dear Friends, I listen daily to the devotions pastor Jon is doing. Always enjoyed our times at your church.

In Christian Love,
Eleanor Pitroff

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

According to the March 1st Smithsonian Magazine, scientists have determined that there is another layer deep inside the Earth. They call it the “innermost inner core.”

For years scientists have believed that the inner core of Earth is a 1,500-mile-wide hot ball of metal. Because the inner core is thousands of miles beneath the earth’s surface through layers of solid rock, it is extremely hard to study. But what they did was shoot seismic waves through the Earth and on the other side of the Earth they took readings on how those seismic waves traveled. The hard part had been that often the other side of the Earth was in the middle of an ocean...so only after having put seismic reading equipment in many locations were they able to do the study. And what it showed was that there is an “innermost inner core” also composed of an iron-nickel alloy – but the crystal structure is different from those of the inner core.

According to the article, this finding is important because it helps us understand certain things about the Earth’s surface. “Researchers study the Earth’s core in part because it has influenced the development of life on the planet’s surface. The inner core’s intense heat causes a convection current in the liquid outer core, which creates Earth’s magnetic field. This magnetic field protects us and other life from cosmic radiation.”

Reading that article made me ask the question, “**What’s at my core?**” What is the center of who I am that is the reason for what happens on the surface? And what is at your core? What is deep down inside of you that explains what others see on your surface?

God gave Jeremiah the assignment of confronting the people of God with their sin and in that commissioning, God tells Jeremiah: “I have made you the examiner of my people, to examine and weigh their lives. They’re a thickheaded, hard-nosed bunch, **rotten to the core**, the lot of them” (Jer. 6:27-28; The Message). Jesus taught that sinful words, sinful thoughts, and sinful actions come out of the heart...they come from a rotten core! Hypocrisy is when we try to present something on the surface that is better than who we are at our core.

But the Bible also teaches that the core is where Jesus redeems...He changes our hearts...He changes our core. If others see any love in us, any humility, any selflessness, generosity, kindness, mercy, or grace it is because Jesus has changed us at the core.

What’s at your core?

Sincerely,

Jon

Family GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 26th
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Activities

- BOARD GAMES
- CARDS
- PING PONG
- GAGA-BALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- FOOD
- FELLOWSHIP
- & MORE!



April 2023						
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JUNE 2023						
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OUR MISSION NEWS

(See Mission Bulletin Board for all)

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: It is a ministry-packed month as we welcome rental groups that help a variety of purposes like recovery groups, grieving children, middle school spiritual growth, professional doctors, families, and our own Women’s Retreat encouraging women of faith. In March, our rental groups had six baptisms while they were here. God is changing lives on this campus year-round. As we see programs filling, we are encouraged to move forward on many projects affording opportunities for life change in this growing state. The world is thirsty for the Living Water. As partners, the camp ministry must be ready to help the Church strengthen the Kingdom of Christ.

FAMILY MINISTRIES of FLORIDA: Thank you for you for your gifts to our ministry. Your support is great encouragement to us. I want you you to know that thru your continued support you are making an investment in these children and we could not provide this environment without you. Elementary students are having a great intramural soccer season. We are excited to teach them a new skill and provide some high school students the opportunity to learn some coaching and leadership skills as well. Our high school class had their annual Habitat for Humanity service trip to North Carolina last week. Please continue to pray for our God sized project - Education and Community Center. We continue to move forward with our Architect to finalize drawings and with Engineers for site development. On behalf of the children and staff, thank you for partnering with us to help build the spiritual character of the children we serve.











In His Service,
Robert Sharp

SACM: Marie and her daughter, Nelvie, came to the warehouse to sort out books for school. Nelvie started high school this year and her report card is excellent for the first term (photo attached). The eager teenager is heading up a book project for her school to provide Christian books for the students and library. Not content with that, she is planning to contact her old school to find out what they need, too! And she confided to me that she is thinking of starting a book stall somewhere! Nelvie has high ambitions for study and seeks to become a doctor. Thankfully, Christians in Grand Rapids have provided funding for her school, supplies and transport this year, which Marie could not afford herself. Both mother and daughter have expressed their thanks over and over for such concern and help.As much as I try to keep a wide focus on evangelism and teaching, there are times that just a single 'small' individual can make a major impact in the hearts and lives of others. What may not fit into my broader scope of the mission work can equally make a difference to those who eagerly serve without being asked. They seek an opportunity and respond. Our Father reaps the harvest for the Kingdom.

Blessings!
Steve

The Missions we support are as follows: Family Ministries of FL ~
- Johnson University Florida ~ Lake Aurora Christian Camp ~ Phil McAfee Ministries ~
Neighborhood Care Center ~ South African Christian Mission

SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT

	1	2	3 Quilting & Sewing 9:00 AM Youth Group 5:30 pm & Bible Study 6:00 PM	4  THURSDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 	5 Tidy Church 	6
7  POTLUCK after service.	8	9 ZCW MEETING 2:00 PM My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. Psalm 62:6	10 Quilting & Sewing 9:00 am Youth Group 5:30 pm & Bible Study 6:00 pm	11	12 Tidy Church 	13 Men’s Prayer Breakfast at DCCC 9:00 AM
14 Happy Mother’s Day 	15	16 Elders Meeting 9:00 AM	17 Quilting & Sewing 9:00 AM Youth Group 5:30 PM & Bible Study @ 6:00 PM	18 Ladies Group 6:30 PM	19 Tidy Church 	20
21	22	23	24 Quilting & Sewing 9:00 AM Youth Group 5:30 pm & Bible Study 6:00 PM	25	26 Family Game Night 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tidy Church 	27
28  SUNDAE SUNDAY 7 PM	29 	30	31			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

If you want the Prayer Chain to be started, call Tom Baker at 863-670-2215. If no answer, call Tom & Karen Baker's home at 863-859-6273.

ZCW MEETING May 9th 2:00 PM

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - If you have questions about Zephyr Christian Church or if you are considering becoming a member please join us. The dates for classes: **May 14th, 21st & 28th at 9:00 AM**. We will meet in the fellowship hall for class. If interested call church office to reserve a spot. (813) 782-8893



Potluck Dinner May 7th

following Sunday morning service, please plan to join us and bring a dish to share!



Men's Breakfast DCCC is hosting the Men's Breakfast May 13th at 9:00 AM, Sign up!

Elder's Meeting May 16th 9:00 am

This meeting is open to all members of the congregation.

PRAISE THE LORD! Please welcome our newest baptized member, as of April 9th: Judy Brown.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible Study at 6:00 PM All ages!



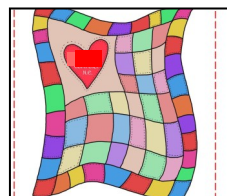
May 18th 6:30 PM

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Join us May 28th
after our evening service.
To celebrate May
birthdays & anniversaries!

Quilting Group
Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM
Please come join us as we
sew for the glory of Lord!



PRAISE & PRAYER Bold Print Indicates New Names Added or Current Updates

LOST/ALL NATIONS & LEADERS - understanding/surrender
Church/Missionaries - protection/understanding
FAMILY MINISTRIES of Florida - needs house parents
LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP
Baby Jaxon - hospital / comfort care (Herkel)
John Blevins - recovery from heart procedure
Hank Bontrager - brother Jerry passed away (Marti)
Bruce & Tina Brandt - healing, comfort & strength
Doris & Dave Davis - help needed to care for David
Desiray Cook - healing
Dona - healing / kidney (Char Henderson)
Betty Merchant - recovery from back surgery
Ashley Meringa - family, comfort, protection & healing
Roy & Barbara Miller - repentance/deliverance
Irene Mills - recovery/back surgery
Rey - health concerns (Fely Jackson)
Pam Smith - healing
Crystal Zelinske - healing/recovery from surgery/job
John Zelinske - healing/kidney specialist appointment
Zander - bicycle accident (Linda Vollstedt)

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES

Pretty Pond Manor
Emma Loughren

Village Walk Apartments
Kathy Knapp

Westbrooke
Mae Krempleski A12



MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE SPECIAL TO OUR CONGREGATION

Chief John Beyer - E.O.D. Unit (Bahrain)
(Ivan & Ruth Shorts great nephew)

Jon Bravinder - Air Force
(son of Jon Bravinder)

Charles E. Marshall -
S.O.S. Border Patrol (CA)
(Mel & Helen Marshall's son)

Rachel Smeed - Army (GA)
(Tim & Penny Herkel's niece)

**POW / MIA US TROOPS & FAMILIES -
PROTECTION & SAFETY
OUR COUNTRY & LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY**

3 John 1:2

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers



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