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Even when far from
"The Hills of Home"

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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 June 2023

COMMUNION SET UP

Karen Baker

GREETERS

Marti Bontrager
Michelle Danella
Jo Uber

HEAD OF TABLE

4 - Roger Thomas
11 - Jon Stradtner
18 - Larry Buckland
25 - Tom Baker

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

"June Events"

4 - POTLUCK 11:30AM
20 - ELDER'S MEETING 9:00 AM
23 - GAME NIGHT 6:00 PM
25 - SUNDAY SUNDAY - B-days & Anniversaries 7:00 PM

ELDERS

Tom Baker
863-859-6273
Chr.

Larry Buckland
417-712-4098

Rusty Draper
782-5306
V. Chr

TRUSTEES

Tom Baker
Rusty Draper

STAFF

Jon Stradtner
Minister

Cherie' Osborne
Administrative
Assistant

THE MESSENGER

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LUKE 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES OF 2023. GOOD JOB GUYS!
CONNOR CROW, ISAIAH PORTER & JACOB ROQUE. PLEASE SHOW SOME
ENCOURAGEMENT TO THESE STUDENTS OF Z.C.C. PLEASE LET THEM KNOW WE ARE
PROUD OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT AND PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS AS
THEY CONTINUE ON THEIR NEXT CHAPTER IN THEIR LIFE!**



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

The author and radio host, Dennis Prager, recently wrote an article in which he talked about why people are leaving religion, the church, and belief in God and his suggestions for how to bring people back. He said that there are four primary reasons few people are taking God and the Bible seriously.

1. The belief that science disproves the Bible and religion.
2. The belief that reason and feelings trump God and the Bible for determining morality.
3. The “progressive” ideologies of the last 100 years that seek to replace Biblical truth or morality.
4. The failure of religious people to convince the next generation to be religious.

Prager deals with the first three quite easily – the truth is that science, rather than disproving the Bible, actually supports the Bible and points to Intelligent Design and the Creator-God. The rejection of the Bible as absolute truth has led to the nonsensical and irrational beliefs that men give birth, sex is not binary, children can choose if they want to be a boy or a girl, fewer police will result in less crime, and being blind to color makes you a racist. As G.K. Chesterton said: “When men stop believing in God, they don’t believe in nothing; they believe in everything.” And then the “progressive” ideologies, such as Marxism, socialism, environmentalism – these are basically secular religions and have caused a great deal of confusion and moral chaos.

But Prager spends most of his time considering reason #4 – the failure of religious people to convince the next generation to be religious. I have never met a true believer in Jesus Christ who doesn’t care if their children or grandchildren are saved. I have met many true believers in Jesus Christ who are heartbroken because their children and grandchildren aren’t saved. So, what can we do to share our faith with the next generation? Deuteronomy 6:4-9 says that we must live our faith and share our faith. We will not lead the next generation to Jesus if we act the opposite of what we say we believe, and we will not lead the next generation to Jesus if we don’t tell them about Jesus!

Let me close by quoting a paragraph directly from Dennis Prager’s article: “I ask most religious and conservative people I meet if they have children. And if they do, how many of them share their religious and/or social values? In general, about a third of their children do. The pain in parents whose children have rejected their religious and/or social values is profound. The one consolation I can offer them is that if they have grandchildren, they can try to influence them. But they can only do so if they talk to them about God and the Bible in a rationally compelling way. Combined with the special love grandchildren have for their grandparents, this can work. If that doesn’t work, we have lost America and the West.”

Sincerely,

Jon

Birthdays:

4 - Judith Ann Houk
8 - Caroline Ice
16 - Mel Marshall
25 - Shirley Hershberger
28 - Rita Early
28 - Melissa Hollander

Celebrate



Anniversaries:

1 - Gary & Benita Gibson
3 - Wayne & Sally Getchell “60 yrs.”
18- Dave & Doris Davis

ANNUAL FISHING TRIP WITH THE Z.C.C. KIDS

Matthew 4:19 NASB : And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.”



LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP

“Keeping the Cost Down”

Lake Aurora is collecting donations to help with summer camp. If you would like to help, please place your donations in the box in the fellowship hall.

Toilet paper	Elbow macaroni
Liquid bleach	All purpose flour
White square napkins	Light brown sugar
Liquid dish soap	Ketchup
Ziploc bags (gal/qt)	Laundry detergent
10X Sugar	Spaghetti Noodles
White sugar	Jr/Adult Ibuprofen
Pancake syrup	Band-Aids: all sizes

These every day type donations help in a big way! Please have at ZCC by June 14th.

Family GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, June 23rd
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Activities

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



May 2023						
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THURS

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<div>MISSION of the MONTH:</div> <div>Lake Aurora Christian Camp</div> <div>237 Golden Bough Road, Lake Wales, FL 33898</div> <div>General: 863.696.1102 info@lakeaurora.org</div>			<div>Children & Youth Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages 6:00 PM</div>	1	2	3
<div>4</div> <div>  <div>POTLUCK! After morning service.</div> </div>	5	6	<div>7</div> <div>Children & Youth Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages 6:00 PM</div>	8	<div>9</div> <div> <div>Tidy Church</div>  </div>	<div>10</div> <div>Men's Prayer Breakfast at DCCC 9:00 AM</div>
11	12	13	<div>14</div> <div>Children & Youth Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages 6:00 PM</div>	15	16	17
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 12 th thru 16 th at 5:30 to 8:00 pm (Closing Fri. 5:30 PM -7:00 PM)						
<div>18</div> <div>  </div>	19	<div>20</div> <div>Elders Meeting 9:00 AM</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Children & Youth Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages 6:00 PM</div>	22	<div>23</div> <div> <div>Family Game Night 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</div> <div> <div>Tidy Church</div>  </div> </div>	24
<div>25</div> <div>  <div>7 PM</div> </div>	26	27	<div>28</div> <div>Children & Youth Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages 6:00 PM</div>	29	30	

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: May is the countdown to the summer camp season while facilitating several school groups for end-of-the-year celebrations and retreats. We were excited to host our Open House on the 21st to show parents and first-time campers how great camp will be! Encourage someone to come and check us out! We have moved to the second phase of construction for the Oak Hammock. While we have saved close to \$1 million for this project, the quote came in at \$1.9 million. We are not discouraged but trust God has the resources to bring this multipurpose building to fruition. He has provided a Christ-honoring company to assist us, and we trust the process.

JOHNSON UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA: We're excited to share that we've earned our 2023 Gold Seal with Candid! Candid, an organization created by the merger of Foundation Center and GuideStar, tracks nonprofit financial reporting and provides the most comprehensive data tools on nonprofits, foundations, and grants in the world. We're glad to receive this "seal of approval" for our financial accountability.

SACM: I do not know Amy Shoeckley. As far as I am aware, I have never met her or spoken to her. I don't know her age or where she lives. But I do know something about Amy: she donated her personal leather bound, New Life Application Study Bible, embossed with her name to the Bibles for Africa Project. I unpacked it as I was sorting through the boxes of Bibles. I can't sort out every Bible but hers was on the top as I opened one of the boxes. Because it is a personal Bible, I set it aside for a special person. Heater Burton (Hearts of Hope) asked for a study Bible to accompany her friend, Ivan, a Zimbabwean currently living and working in Cape Town. Ivan wanted one for his mother. Heather dropped by to pick it up and it will be with Ivan's mother who lives 200 miles north of Cape Town in Zimbabwe very soon. I have no doubt that the woman, whom I have never met, will be overjoyed with such a special gift. I want to thank Amy for her thoughtfulness and kindness and for being a Bible missionary, passing along the Word of God to someone so far from your home. We won't find out until we get to Heaven what impact this has made for Christ!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Corinthians 10:31 NASB, "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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.



Potluck Dinner June 4th

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 on
June 10th, 9:00 AM, Sign up!

Elder's Meeting June 20th 9:00 am

This meeting is open to all members of the congregation.



Join us June 25th
after our evening service.
To celebrate June
birthdays & anniversaries!



JUNE 12th-16th

Mon. - Fri. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

(Dinner served to the children and volunteers)

(Closing is Friday the 16th at 7:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible Study at 6:00 PM



All ages!

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

John Blevins - healing/heart/kidney

Allana Brandt - heart/blackouts

Bruce & Tina Brandt - healing, comfort & strength

Damian Brandt - understanding/protection

Desiray Cook - healing

Steve & Fely Jackson - safe travels, health for Fely's brother-Rey

Pam Smith - healing/heart & lungs

Taryn Vollstedt - healing/brain (Linda Vollstedt)

Crystal Zelinske - Praise God wound healing/job transition

John Zelinske - healing/kidney specialist appointment

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOMES

Pretty Pond Manor

Emma Loughren

Village Walk Apartments

Kathy Knapp

Westbrooke

Mae Krempleski A12

3 John 1:2

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



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**



"MISSIONS"

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