

THE MESSENGER

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**June 10th - June 14th 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM,
Friday Closing Program at 7:00 PM**

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

Something interesting is happening, you are probably very aware of it. Over the last decade, the number of people searching the internet for “how to make friends as an adult” has doubled. And, you probably guessed, it spiked just as the COVID pandemic ended. But it is still double what it was before the pandemic. So, searching several sources, here is some advice on how to make friends as an adult:

1. Don't act like an introvert – now, you might actually be an introvert and you might rather stay home than go out, you might rather stay quiet than engage in conversation. But the problem is that, if you want to build friendships, that's not going to happen if you are always curled up on your couch in your jammies and don't go out where people are. And when you get there, say hello to people. Friendship is built on shared experiences, so go where people are and those experiences are happening.
2. Let people see your quirks – we all have quirks, and it is those quirks that make us different and make us individuals. Real friendship isn't about projecting someone you think others will like; it is being you and discovering people will like you just because you are you! Also, you might find someone of a kindred spirit.
3. Let go of your ego – no one really cares about what you've done or what you own; they care about who you are. Are you present, curious, positive, honest, kind, dependable, and an overall good person who will show up in good times and bad? To have friends you must be a friend.
4. Find the path to friendship that works best for you – I knew a lady who was invited by a friend to a book club; she went and made several dear friends from that group! Someone else might have gone to the book club and found it to be extremely uncomfortable. The idea is to find ways to connect with people that fit your interests and personality because you will find people there who are easier to form friendships with.
5. Be responsive and flexible – at the beginning stages of a friendship, when you and the other person are trying to find out if this could really become a meaningful friendship, be quick to respond to texts, phone calls, send memes, share invites, and change your schedule to make room for the other person. If you delay in responding the other person will think that you don't care and that you don't value them. If you are unwilling to make an effort to respond to them, you are telling them you don't want their friendship.
6. Even when it's fast, it's slow – making friends in college is fast and easy because you are all sharing the same experiences and stage of life. But making friends as an adult takes longer because adults are busier, have more responsibilities, are more spread out, and are at different stages so they are less open to letting people into their lives. Some adults are building their careers, some are young parents, others are just grinding on a job. So adult friendships take longer to develop – don't get worried if you've been investing in people but you aren't yet besties...that's normal!

Part of the value of church and church involvement is that it can be a place where friendships are formed. It should be a place of love and acceptance, a place of shared values and priorities, and where we can learn from and be encouraged by people in different stages of life. Don't forget, most adults are struggling with loneliness – and that includes those attending our church. Reach out in love and be a friend.

Sincerely,

Jon

OUR MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA: Thank you for your support it is a great encouragement to us. I want 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. Our project for a new education center is to have a facility that will allow us to put all of our programs (Education, Physical, Nutritional, Therapeutic, and Spiritual) under one roof. It would include classroom space for 150 students. A full size gymnasium, a small chapel/media center, kitchen and dining area (inside and out), counseling meeting rooms, etc. The facility will be approximately 30,000 sq. ft. Our goal will be to serve LCA, Family Ministries of Florida and families in Brandon community. Including to open the chapel for weddings, community meetings, senior citizen activities, organized athletic events, concerts, receptions etc. The building will allow for community activities even while school is in session. Come out and see what we are doing! Get to see how God is working in the lives of these at-risk youth. - In His service, Bob Sharp

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: A very special announcement is that we have hired Bob Mehlenbacher to enhance our Year-round Programs and Church Relations. Bob is a long-time supporter, a past and current Program Director of multiple-age programs, a former camper parent, and a trustee. We are excited he is joining our team later this month! We had our Open House on May 19th. It's a perfect opportunity to explore our growing campus and learn more about our exciting programs. We look forward to seeing you there next year!

PHIL MCAFEE BRAZILIAN MINISTRIES - New congregation is going well. Couple from our congregation is responsible. They are meeting on Sunday mornings and have an attendance between 25 and 30. In Sobradinho our services are in the evening – 7-9 p.m. In Sobradinho we have had to put a stop on all construction. We need to fix, repair and reform several things in the original buildings. My wife Tabita is having great difficulty with her knees. Really needs the surgery, but our health plan wont cover till beginning of next year. She can hardly walk, stairs and ramps are excruciating. This is a prayer concern. I have been invited to go to Mozambique, Angola and Guine Bissau to teach on the Restauration Movement principles. This is something I would like very much to do, but our current support does not allow me to do international trips. This too is a prayer concern as it would cost between 3 to 5 thousand dollars for each trip. I will only do so, if God grants us the funds. In Sobradinho we have 7 members in midst of prayer and fasting campaign. We are currently in the 8th week, praying for more efficiency in our evangelismo outreach, growth of the congregation.

S.A.C.M. -The container is on the way. So many people here are overjoyed and expectant, clamoring for Bibles. I have had two requests from outside South Africa already: one from Malawi and another from Zambia! Both countries are 2000 miles north. There is such a desperate need for the Words of The God! - Blessings, Steve

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

*******You can review full reports on the messenger board in the church fellowship hall*******

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 (863-670-2215).
If no answer, call Karen Baker (863-602-5180).

ELDERS MEETING

June 18th at 9:00 AM

All members invited to attend!



GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our graduates of 2024! We will be recognizing our newest graduates on June 2nd during morning worship service: Haiden Dobbs, Calob Lewis, Alexis Roque and Tiffany Hernandez. Please encourage our students of Z.C.C.! Please let them know we are proud of their accomplishments and pray for them as they continue on their journey! Thank you!



Sunday, June 2nd at 9:00 AM
after morning services! Please
bring a dish to share!
Thank you!



Quilting & Sewing Wednesdays
at 9:00 AM

If interested call Karen Baker
(863-602-5180).



June 6th at 6:00 PM



Dade City Christian is hosting
the Men's Breakfast
June 8th, 9:00 AM. Please Sign up!

PRAISE & PRAYER

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New Names Added or Current Updates

ISRAEL

PHIL McAFEE BRAZILIAN MINISTRIES - wife Tabita's health/provision/building plans

WARS & CONFLICTS

Van Drivers - Pray for more drivers willing to pick up others to be able to attend services

John Blevin's Family - comfort/strength

Mary B. & Family - cancer (C. Osborne)

Ronald Burgard II - inoperable cancer/ treatments

Charlotte - stage 4 cancer/chemo/mom in nursing home and not doing well (Tess Stacy)

Dan Cosby - lost souls/homeless ministry

Bert Daniels - home/family/transportation

Nancy Mayes & Family - Leroy passed away/comfort

Happy Reed - heart (Windy Reed)

Sue Sabatucci - Hodgkin's Lymphoma/chemotherapy

Taryn Vollstedt's Family - Taryn passed away/comfort/strength (L. Vollstedt)

John - squamous carcinoma (Jo Uber)

Bob & Janet Weber - Praise the Lord Great-grand infant in utero doing well!

Hannah & Zechariah - baby boy Mitchell passed away (Cherie' Osborne)

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

American House - Ruby Perry

Gardens of Westbrook - Mae Kremplewski

Pretty Pond Manor - Emma Loughren

Village Walk Apartments

Kathy Knapp - health concerns

MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE SPECIAL TO OUR CONGREGATION

Jon Bravinder - Air Force
(son of Jon Bravinder)

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

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



"MISSIONS "

Family Ministries of FL.

Lake Aurora Christian Camp

Neighborhood Care Center

Phil McAfee Ministries

South African Christian Missions

May 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MISSION of the MONTH: Phil McAfee Ministries (Brazil) Phil's email: brittg@knology.net , icsobradinho2@hotmail.com						
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Graduate  Recognition/ POTLUCK SUNDAY- After AM Services!	3	4	5 Sewing Group 9 AM <hr/> Children, Youth & Young Adult Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Age 6 PM	6 Men's Leadership & Bible training 6:00 PM	7	8 Men's Breakfast Dade City Christian - 9AM <hr/> V.B.S. Set up! 10AM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			VBS - Rain or Shine It's Jungle Time - June 10th - 14th @ 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Friday, June 14th - Closing Program starts @ 7:00 PM!)			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Elders Meeting 9:00 AM	Sewing Group 9:00 AM <hr/> Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM			 10:00 AM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Sewing Group 9:00 AM <hr/> Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM		 6 PM - 8 PM	
30						

Birthdays:

6 - Connor Crow

8 - Caroline Ice

16 - Mel Marshall

25 - Shirley Hershberger

28 - Rita Early

28 - Melissa Hollander

30 - Ismet Robles

Celebrate

Thank you all for the card! It is the most treasured card I have ever received from the church. I have missed all of you very much, pray for and think of you often! I look forward to being with all of you again one day! - Jon Bravinder

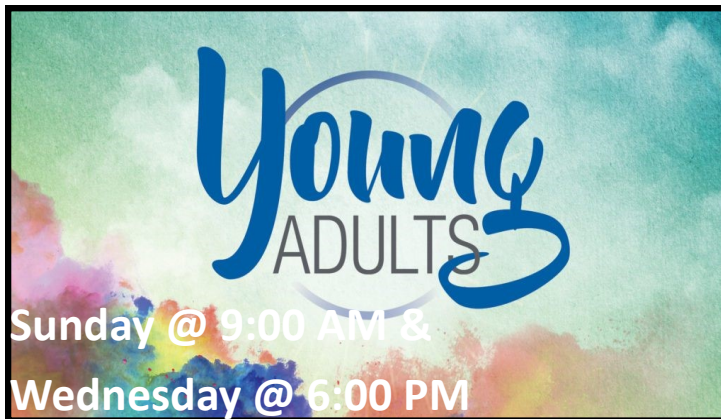


If anyone would like communion brought to you. We must have you call the church office by Friday morning 813-782-8893 and you will be put on the list. Thank you!

Luke 22:19-20 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you, is the new covenant in my blood".



If interested in helping with the van ministry to bring others to church services. Please call Cherie' at 813-782-8893 or email the church office zephyrcc@aol.com! Thank you!



Meals on Wheels of E. Pasco has asked if anyone in the church would like to volunteer to drive/ride to deliver meals to our Zephyrhills Community please call 813-782-7859, thank you!



6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on June 28th
(Sign up sheet will be posted)



Stay Connected

Even when far from
"The Hills of Home"

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

Serving In June 2024

COMMUNION SET UP

Karen Baker

GREETERS

Ellen Annis

Helen Marshall

Paty Roque

HEAD OF TABLE

2 - Tom Baker

9 - Rusty Draper

16 - Cole Wernette

23 - Larry Buckland

30 - Tom Baker

ELDERS

Tom Baker

863-859-6273

Chr.

Larry Buckland

417-712-4098

Rusty Draper

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V. Chr

Cole Wernette

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TRUSTEES

Tom Baker

Rusty Draper

Cole Wernette

STAFF

Jon Stradtner

Minister

Cherie' Osborne

Secretary

Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly Services

"June Services"

Sunday		2 - POTLUCK	11:00 AM
Sunday School (All Ages)	9:00 AM	6 - MEN'S BIBLE & LEADERSHIP	6:00 PM
Worship Service & Jr. Church	10:00 AM	10 th -14 th - V.B.S.	5:30 - 8:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM	Closing Friday- V.B.S.	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
		18 - ELDER'S MEETING	9:00 AM
Wednesday:		22 - LADIES GROUP BRUNCH	10:00AM
Bible Study	6:00 PM	28 - FAMILY GAME NIGHT	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Young Adults, Youth & Children Dinner	5:30 PM	Wednesday Sewing &	
(3 years - Young Adults)		Quilting Class - 9:00 AM	