

THE MESSENGER

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VBS 2024



Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

Many of you have noticed that I've been moving around quite gingerly. The reason is that I have a couple of bulging disks in my back and apparently I did something to trigger sciatica again. You have been kind enough to enquire and to pray, and I am grateful. Progress is being made and I expect to be running, jumping, and doing cartwheels very soon!

But this article is not really intended to be a health report on your preacher. There is a spiritual lesson that I've been thinking about a lot as I've gone through this.

The injury is in my back...it has been there for twenty years. Now, usually it doesn't cause me problems, but occasionally, something triggers it again. But where I feel it in my body is all up and down my leg...from my back down to my toes. And it has reminded me again of how God created and intended the church, the body of Christ, to operate.

Romans 12:15 says, **“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”** This is part of Paul's letter to the church in Rome telling them what love in the church should look like – he's telling them that relationships in the church should demonstrate a unique kind of love. That because we are the Body of Christ, when one part of the body is rejoicing, the rest of us rejoice with them! That word “rejoice” means that they have something to cheer about – and when a brother or sister in Christ has a reason to cheer, we rejoice with them. But it also says that when part of the body mourns, we mourn with them. The word “mourn” means to sob or to weep – when a brother or sister in Christ is shedding tears because of pain or loss or suffering, we cry with them.

But there's another part to this, too. When a part of the body is weak, it puts more stress on the rest of the body. For example, if my right hand is weak, it means I have to use my left hand to do more; if my left leg is weak, it means that I have to put more weight on my right leg. And in the church, when a part of the body loses their strength...when they're discouraged, or they step back spiritually, or step back in their involvement, other parts of the body have to step up and do more.

If I remember correctly, in his classic book, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, Dr. Paul Brand spends some time talking about the amazing interconnectedness of the human body. I can testify that it is amazing...not always pleasant, but amazing. And the church is to be amazingly interconnected, too. There is an old Swedish proverb that says: *shared joy is double the joy, shared sorrow is half the sorrow*. That's how the love of the church is to operate.

Sincerely,

Jon

OUR MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA: Thank you for your support it is a great encouragement to us. Children who cannot live with their families for one reason or another attend our residential program. All students on campus, as well as the surrounding community, attend Legacy Christian Academy, our Bible-based Christian school offering grades K-12. Parents and students get the unique opportunity to live close to those who are undergoing the same experience and receive the support of the community. I want you to know that through your continued support you are making an investment in these children and we could not provide this environment without you. In His service, Bob Sharp

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: The summer season has been a whirlwind of activity and ministry! Over 700 campers in the first four weeks with 22 decisions for Christ. The Oak Hammock building project has gone amazingly fast! We are using the help of professional friends to provide the painting and floor work, as our contractor has been a tremendous blessing in providing opportunities for our friends to come alongside. It is our hope to have it completed by late summer or early fall. There are so many opportunities ahead for ministry with this new build. God is good! All the time! Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, gifts, sending campers, and, most importantly, sending volunteers! Your role in this ministry is invaluable, and it is good to be a part of God's family, which serves together.

MCAFEE BRAZILIAN MINISTRIES - 2024 update - In February Tabita and I were responsible for the first Children's Convention with the National Youth Convention. We had an average of 30 children, ages 5-12 each day. Each day we had a devotion, story telling, singing, art and crafts. We have been heavily involved with the construction of the new temple for the past four months. We have had to stop the project because a lack of funds to continue. We again are meeting in the plywood structure that we have been using for the past 20+ years. Praise God for 44 years of ministry and for the opportunities to arise and to supply funds to provide for these opportunities! Pray for provision in our congregations, Sobradinho and Dorothy, both are very low income and poverty stricken.

S.A.C.M. -

Finally, this morning, I was informed that the container was waiting at the gate along with Robbie James and his unloading crew. Breakfast was on the table and I hadn't shaved yet but I left anyway. The rain was pounding hard, the streets were flooded, the curbs overflowing. Traffic was floundering. The muddy hill to the gate of Anathoth was like a slippery clay river. The trucker eased through the gate followed by Robbie and the crew with myself. I unlocked the roller shutter door and watched as the heavy truck bed sank into the mud, facing the wrong way in the sleeting rainfall. No matter how, the driver tried to wedge it out, it was obvious that it wasn't going anywhere -- the 13 ton loaded container was far too heavy. Robbie and I drove to the farm. George, the owner, followed us in his digger rig. But even that wasn't going to do the job. The container had to be unloaded first. The rain stopped briefly when the doors of the container were opened. Barry and Hamilton of the Gospel 101 team arrived as well as Lorna and Marty from Teach Love Care Network. Each box and item unloaded, carried on the shoulders of each worker through the soggy wet grass and slippery mud. It was a lot slower but nobody slacked off. The relief from the rain was temporary and the weatherman said it would return in two hours. Inside the warehouse, Barry sorted and stacked the boxes for each ministry: TLC Network, Heart Hope and Cape Bible Seminary. This would save me a lot of time and heavy lifting. The last item was finally unloaded: a tall heavy steel cabinet that delighted Lorna. The doors to the container were closed and the rain pelted again. George came and wedged the bed of the truck out of the mud. I locked up and thanked our Father that despite hiccups and heavy work, the blessing of Bibles would soon flow to those who desperately were hungry and thirsty for the Word. God's blessings came with the rain! - 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

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).

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".



August 4th following Sunday morning services, please plan to join us and bring a dish to share!



Dade City Christian is hosting the Men's Breakfast **August 10th 9:00 AM**.
Please Sign up!

ELDERS MEETING

August 20th at 9:00 AM
All members invited to attend!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

MEMBERSHIP • DISCIPLESHIP • SERVICE • MISSION

If you have questions about Zephyr Christian Church or if you are considering becoming a member. Please join us as we talk about these and more. The dates for classes: **August 11th, 18th & 25th at 9:00 AM**. We will meet in the fellowship hall for class.

Sundae Sunday

August 25th at 7:00 PM

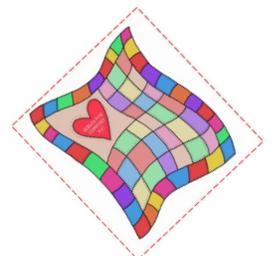
Please join us to celebrate August Birthday's and Anniversaries!



Sewing & Quilting Group

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

Please call Karen (863-602-5180) if interested!



PRAISE & PRAYER

Bold Print Indicates

New Names Added or Current Updates

ISRAEL

SOUTH AFRICAN CHRISTIAN MISSION - Bibles to lost

WARS & CONFLICTS

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

All Nations will turn to God - healing spirit/body/lands

Community - healing/protection/lost souls

Missionaries - protection/provision/strength

Mary B.'s Family - Mary passed away

Rodney Buckland - Praise the Lord/doing well

Ronald Burgard II - cancer (June Burgard)

Shelly Candy - brain tumor/passing out

Charlotte - cancer/mother passed away (T. Stacey's sis)

Vee Dalton - stroke/rehab/pancreatic cancer

Mable Goward - cancer

Bobby Hannah - protection/peace for him

Mary Harte - Praise the Lord/doing well (Dudley)

Caroline Ice - irregular heart beat

John - squamous carcinoma (Jo Uber)

Kathy Knapp - health concerns/comfort/peace

Cherie' Osborne - Praise the Lord trip was a blessing!

Sue Sabatucci - Hodgkin's Lymphoma/chemo

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

American House - Ruby Perry

Gardens of Westbrook - Mae Krempewiski

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

July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				



September 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

MISSION of the MONTH: South African Christian Mission Stroh Church of Christ Po Box 100, Hudson IN 46789 • 260-351-4626						
				1	2	3
				MEN'S TRAINING 6:00 PM		
4			7	8	9	10
 Potluck After A.M. Services			Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM			Men's Breakfast Dade City Christian - Please sign up Van leaves at 8:30 AM!
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
New Members Class 9:00 AM			Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
New Members Class 9:00 AM		Elders Meeting 9:00 AM	Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study		 Family GAME NIGHT 6 PM - 8 PM	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
New Members Class 9:00 AM Sundae Sunday  7PM			Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM			

Birthdays:

- 5 - Ann Zeigler
- 6 - Penny Herkel
- 7 - Doris Davis
- 9 - Rusty Draper
- 9 - Steve Jackson
- 10 - Elaine Hewitt
- 15 - Marti Bontrager
- 16 - Payton Murphy
- 17 - Michael Cain
- 18 - Walt Mielke
- 19 - Dresden Dobbs
- 20 - Jeanette Cain
- 21 - Pam Smith
- 23 - Denise Stewart
- 24 - Dawn Freeman
- 25 - Larry Buckland

Anniversaries:

- 7 - Gary & Pat Nicholson
- 9 - Steve & Fely Jackson
- 10 - Larry & Ellen Buckland
- 10 - Mel & Helen Marshall
- 23 - Jon & Barbie Stradtner



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!

TEEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAYS

5:30PM - 7:00PM

Biblical Training
to be, think, and act like Jesus

August 1st at 6:00 PM

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!

Young ADULTS

Sunday @ 9:00 AM &
Wednesday @ 6:00 PM

We meet every week to get the church building tidy! If you have some time to give, we would appreciate the help. If willing, please call Christi at 254-371-0108.

Family GAME NIGHT

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on August 23rd
(Sign up sheet will be posted)

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www.zephyrchristianchurch.org

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

Serving In August 2024

COMMUNION SET UP

Ellen Annis

GREETERS

Shirley Counciller

Char Henderson

Michele Danella

HEAD OF TABLE

4 - Tom Baker

11 - Rusty Draper

18 - Cole Wernette

25 - Tom Baker

Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly Services

"August Services"

Sunday		4 - POTLUCK	6:00 PM
Sunday School (All Ages)	9:00 AM	20 - ELDER'S MEETING	9:00 AM
Worship Service & Jr. Church	10:00 AM	23 - FAMILY GAME NIGHT	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM	25 - SUNDAE SUNDAY	7:00 PM
		Wednesday Sewing & Quilting Class - 9:00 AM	

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:00 PM

Young Adults, Youth & Children Dinner 5:30 PM

(3 years - Young Adults)