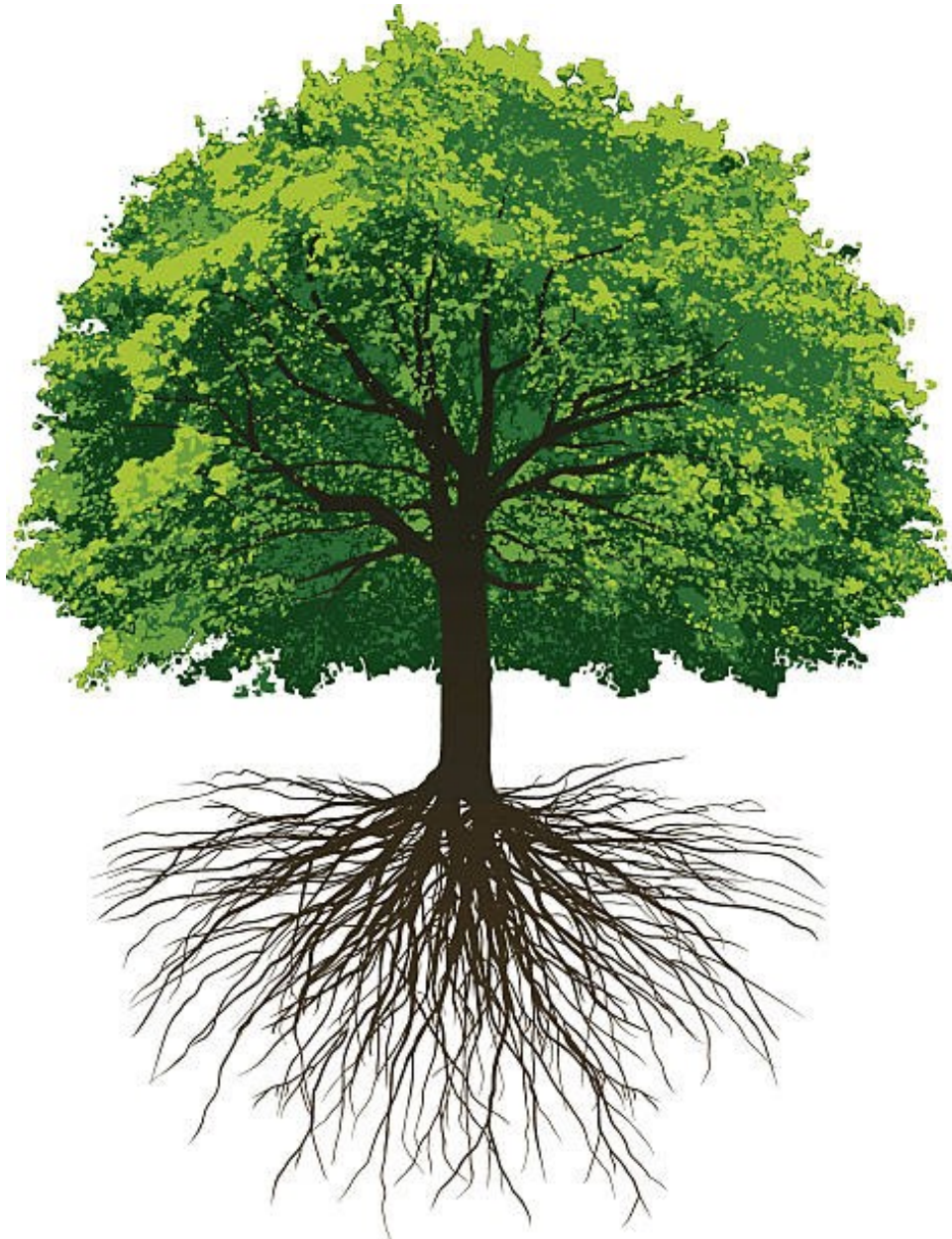


THE MESSENGER

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But the Mercy of the Lord is everlasting to everlasting for those who fear Him, and His righteousness to the children's children...

Psalm 103:17 NKJV



Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

Did you know that a red flame is coolest, usually burning about 1,100 to 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit? Or that orange or yellow flames burn a bit hotter, 1,600 to 2,500 degrees? And the hottest flames are white or violet, burning over 3,100 degrees?

I was recently in a conversation with some people about spiritual growth and we talked about how we wish our spiritual growth was just a continual path upward, but we had to admit that sometimes it's up...sometimes it seems to remain the same...and sometimes it dips. There are times when our spiritual flame is white or violet, there are times when our spiritual flame is burning orange or yellow, and there are times when our flame is red.

A true believer wishes they could always burn white hot for Jesus, that a true believer probably lives most of their life burning orange or yellow, and that they will eventually get frustrated if they aren't burning hot.

So, since our spiritual lives fluctuate, what should we do?

First, in those times when our walk with the Lord is white hot, give thanks! Those are wonderful times! Those are the times when the words of Scripture seem to leap off the page right into your heart, those are the times when prayer always feels deep and intimate, those are times when we truly delight in our fellowship with other believers. So, rejoice in those times and be thankful...that is a taste of heaven!

Second, most of our spiritual lives will probably be lived when our flame is strong but not white hot. This is just a fact of life – we can't always live in the margins. I had a friend in the ministry once who said during an interview he was asked if he was a good preacher. He answered by saying, "My wife is a good cook. That doesn't mean that every meal is gourmet, but it means that every meal is nutritious and prepared with love." This is where we need to maintain our spiritual disciplines, this is where we need to trust what God says about being in the Word, spending time in prayer, being with other believers, the purpose of the church, the value of serving in ministry. You might not feel it...but you are still giving your soul good nutrition.

Third, when our passion for Christ seems cool, we will eventually become frustrated that we aren't burning hotter. So, what can we do? I think the first thing we should do is look back to see if we can discover why our flame isn't hotter – did we start to neglect our spiritual disciplines? Did you begin to neglect prayer? Did we have to start working on the weekends so we miss out on church and worshipping the Lord, and we didn't fill that in with other options? Then we need to confess that failure on our part and repent which means we return to the things that will help us burn brighter. Jesus, in talking to the church in Ephesus, said: **"You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first"** (Rev. 2:4-5).

I hope you find this helpful.

Sincerely,

Jon

OUR MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA: Thank you for your gift of \$173.70, 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. We are please to welcome the Goforth family to Family Ministries. Sean, Shelby and their two boys. They are from Wisconsin and have been busy this summer helping with the children, while our other house parents have taken a much needed vacation. Please pray for their transition and for the children that will be place in their care. In His service, Bob Sharp

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: What an amazing summer it has been! There was an 8% increase in campers and volunteers over the 2024 season. The Gospel of Christ introduced, challenged, and changed many more lives. It was our intent to pour into each one's life the revolutionary love of our Heavenly Father through His Son. We witnessed 70 decisions to begin their walk through baptism. Because of your prayers, the camp ministry thrived. We have had several facility challenges, but God is Good! All the time! The partnership of our churches and friends provided an awesome team of summer workers, including 14 full-time college-age staff, part-time and year-round staff, and 420 volunteers. We are all one team striving for the goal of providing an atmosphere of trust where the love of Christ can be experienced. Thank you for keeping the ministry in your prayers and support.

PHILL MCAFEE BRAZILIAN MINISTRIES: Please pray for workers for the harvest, and comfort for Phil and his family. His brother passed away.

NEIGHBORHOOD CARE CENTER: They are in need of volunteers, because of the lack of volunteers in the summer they will not be able to open until September 9th at 9:00 AM.

S.A.C.M.: Sometimes, little things become big things. Sara and I had eaten at a local Mexican restaurant a week ago and stopped in at the Novel Nook bookstore next door. I spoke with Sarah behind the counter about Bibles and she had given me one right off the shelf then and there. Two days ago, I was in the same area and popped in to look at the books. Sara K was delighted to see me as well as the deaf spaniel, Oliver. She'd collected two boxes of used Bibles and was waiting for me to drop by! This past Sunday, I spoke at the Plainfield Christian Church, north of Grand Rapids. Bruce Wilson, the minister, introduced me for the adult Bible hour and turned over his pulpit for the morning service. The people were warm, welcoming and the fellowship was embracing. I noticed a small wheeled cart near the display table I had set up, already packed with Bibles! A few folks donated their personal Bibles as they left that morning. The church made sure I had a good lunch along with other members of the mission's committee at a local restaurant. It felt like coming home! Thanks to all the Christians at Plainfield Christian Church! I am so grateful for the provisions kindly offered for this furlough. So many made it so easy. Sara, my sister has really pulled out all the stops to ensure I don't miss anything. Thank you one and all! From little things, bigger things are provided from our Father.

**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).



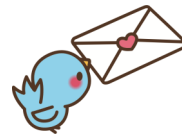
find hope & compassion at

Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to mentor young mother's to be and young mother's in need! Monday -Thursday/ 10AM-4PM
813-780-6885 / www.standingwithyou.org/

I enjoy the Church Messenger and the daily devotions by email. I miss spending the three winter months in Zephyrhills and being able to attend Zephyr Christian services. I am doing very well at 89 and thank the good Lord for my health.

- Eleanor Pittroff



September 1st following Sunday morning services, please plan to join us and bring a dish to share!

Sundae Sunday

September 22nd at 7:00 PM

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



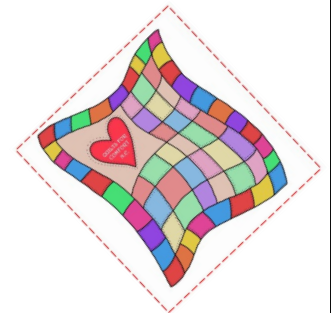
Men's Breakfast

Zephyr Christian Church is hosting the Men's Breakfast **September 14th 9:00 AM**. Please Sign up!

Sewing & Quilting Group

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

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



ELDERS MEETING



September 17th at 9:00 AM
All members invited to attend!



Visit Our Website

Tithing available online

www.zephyrchristianchurch.org

PRAISE & PRAYER

Bold Print Indicates

New Names Added or Current Updates

ISRAEL

FAMILY MINISTRIES of FLA - children/families/ care takers

WARS & CONFLICTS

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

Community - healing/protection/lost souls

Missionaries - protection/provision/strength

Allana Brandt - provision/vehicle

Angel - Praise the Lord, she is doing well! (S. Counciller)

Ronald Burgard II - cancer (June Burgard)

Shelly Candy - brain tumor/discouraged

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

Vee Dalton - stroke/rehab/pancreatic cancer

Mable Goward - cancer

Caroline Ice - Praise the Lord, doing well!

John - squamous carcinoma (Jo Uber)

Carol & Virgil Lochetefeld - Praise God! They are well & grateful Carol was able to celebrate another year of moving for the Lord!

Phil McAfee (Missionary) - comfort/brother passed

Sue Sabatucci - Hodgkin's Lymphoma/chemo

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

American House - Ruby Perry

Gardens of Westbrook - Mae Kremplewiski

Pretty Pond Manor - Emma Loughren

Village Walk Apartments - Kathy Knapp



Ruby Perry



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

AUGUST 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER 2024						
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FRI

SAT

1  Potluck After AM services NO EVENING SERVICE	2  OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	5 MEN'S TRAINING 6:00 PM	6	7
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15	16	17 Elders Meeting 9:00 AM	18 Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	19	20	21 
22 Birthday & Anniversary Sundae Sunday 	23	24	25 Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	26	27  6 PM - 8 PM	28
29	30					
					MISSION of the MONTH: Family Ministries of FLA 131 New Legacy Dr, Seffner, FL 33584 • 813-681-1942 www.familyministriesfl.org Robert Sharp, Director	

Birthdays:

- 2 - Felix Robles
- 9 - Tim Dobbs
- 11 - Jacob Roque
- 17 - Troy Freeman
- 22 - Taylor Lee
- 28 - Judy Brown

Anniversaries:

- 9 - Michael & Jeanette Cain
- 9 - Denise & Jack Stewart

Time to Celebrate

Biblical Training
to be, think, and act like Jesus
September 5th at 6:00 PM

COLLEGE AGE GROUP



ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SHARING THE LOVE AND JOY OF JESUS

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



Family
GAME NIGHT

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on September 27th
(Sign up sheet will be posted)



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

Serving In September 2024

COMMUNION SET UP

Pam Smith

GREETERS

Ellen Annis

Michele Danella

Helen Marshall

HEAD OF TABLE

1 - Cole Wernette

8 - Larry Buckland

15 - Tom Baker

22 - Cole Wernette

29 - Larry Buckland

Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly Services

"September Services"

Sunday		1 - POTLUCK	11:15AM
Sunday School (All Ages)	9:00 AM	14 - MEN'S BREAKFAST	9:00 AM
Worship Service & Jr. Church	10:00 AM	17 - ELDER'S MEETING	9:00 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM	22 - SUNDAE SUNDAY	7:00 PM
		27 - FAMILY GAME NIGHT	6:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday:

Wednesday Sewing & Quilting Class - 9:00 AM

Bible Study 6:00 PM

Young Adults, Youth & Children Dinner 5:30 PM

(3 years - Young Adults)