

THE MESSENGER

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ZEPHYR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SHARING THE LOVE AND
JOY OF JESUS

**Psalm 95:1 "Come, let's sing for joy to the Lord,
Let's shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation."**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - December 8th
(after morning services) voting on officers and
church building/property plans.

MAIN STREET FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - December 7th
We have a spot in the parade and we need
volunteers: Parade Float Participants (Nativity
scene) & Spector Participants (shine flameless
candles when our Nativity float passes by) -
Theme - Light of the World - Matthew 5:14-16 -
Donations accepted - candy and flameless candles
Please call Jaimi (832-803-8012) for more info and
to sign up. Thank you!

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

What a crazy month this has been for our church! We have lost almost everything that was inside our buildings due to mold and bacteria. We have moved our worship location four different times. We were forced to suspend our ministry to kids and youth because we did not have a place to meet. We asked the congregation to get to worship early to help set up for worship, and then to stay later afterward to help tear down. Necessary meetings have been held at McDonalds, the Genesis Center, and in Larry Buckland's mechanic shop. Many things stored on computers have been lost, and equipment and records destroyed.

Yet the congregation has come together each week to worship with an eager spirit and a profound sense of love and concern for one another. People who struggled in the past to find a place to serve, are stepping up and stepping in and helping in such important ways. Where before we maybe depended on "programs" ...now we are learning it's about people. We have been blessed by volunteers from sister congregations and para-church ministries. And through it all our church family has been faithful in attendance, in praying for the members of our church family who are going through personal struggles, praying for our church as we move forward, and faithful in giving.

So, where are we now? Well, it might not feel like it, but we are fine! We have a place to worship; we have a place to start up our ministry to kids and youth; people in the congregation are getting together to eat and pray and study together; and mutual ministry is happening as people visit one another, call each other, and check on each other. The Bible says that the early church met in people's homes...and we are doing that! The Bible says that sometimes the early church met in someone else's worship space (the courtyard of the temple) and in borrowed buildings (the lecture hall of Tyrannus – Acts 19:9) ...and we're doing that!

The basic functions of the church are mentioned in Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." As convenient and comfortable as a church building is...none of those things require one. What they do require is commitment to the Lord and commitment to one another. As we continue through this inconvenient and difficult process, remember that it is those two things that we must evaluate in ourselves and seek to grow in more and more: our commitment to the Lord and our commitment to one another. Now, let's see where the Lord leads us!

Sincerely,

Jon

PRAYERS & PRAISE

- ◆ **FLORIDA RESIDENTS** - recovery from hurricane
- ◆ **NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS** - recovery from hurricane
- ◆ **Adrian** - hip surgeries (Jaimi Wernette's mom)
- ◆ **Billy M.** - cancer (Cherie')
- ◆ **Curtis & Dale** - respiratory/electrolyte disorder/broke leg (Fern)
- ◆ **Ellen Annis** - health concerns/pain
- ◆ **Meenu Arya** - cancer (friend of Wernette's)
- ◆ **Shelli Candy** - brain tumor/comfort
- ◆ **Brynlee Beagel** - 5 yr. old/open heart surgery Dec. 4th
- ◆ **Gavin Boyd** - PTL! His back is healing well (Boyd' son)
- ◆ **Norman Budd** - cancer (Marti Bontrager's friend)
- ◆ **Katherine Ferrell** - dementia (Michele Danella's mother)
- ◆ **Dave Gorton** - esophageal cancer (Jo Uber)
- ◆ **Happy Reed** - growth in heart
- ◆ **Mickey Roberts** - cancer (M. Danella's brother-in-law)
- ◆ **Katherine Robles** - health concerns
- ◆ **Michael Roque** - cancer (John Roque's dad)
- ◆ **Sue Sabatucci** - Immuno-therapy
- ◆ **Phil & Pam Smith** - pain/eyes/tests/comfort/strength
- ◆ **Denise Stewart** - lungs/CT results
- ◆ **Zephyr Christian Church** - Praise we are able to worship together!

DECEMBER

Birthdays:

- 1 - Karen Baker
- 9 - Dora Mae Sinner

Anniversaries:

- 6 - Tom & Karen Baker
- 19 - Tim & Penny Herkel

Mark your calendars! December 22nd, at 6 PM, we will be having a special Christmas service at Gem Estates. Come celebrate Christmas and share the Christmas spirit with our generous neighbors!



DECEMBER

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2	3	4 KidZCC Night 5:30-7:00PM Genesis Center	5	6	7 Festival of lights Parade 7PM
8 Worship Gem Estates 10AM Congregational MTG 11AM	9	10	11 KidZCC Night 5:30 - 7PM Genesis Center	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast - Legacy
15 Worship Gem Estates 10 AM	16	17	18 KidZCC Night 5:30 - 7PM Genesis Center	19	20	21
22 Worship 10 am Christmas Service 6PM	23	24	25 KidZCC Night 5:30 - 7PM	26	27	28
29 Worship Gem	30	31				

MISSIONS

FAMILY MINISTRIES of FLORIDA
LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP
NEIGHBORHOOD CARE CENTER
S.A.C.M.

Our mission support is suspended until we are able to get back on our feet. Our financial priority is paying for essential needs and recovery. However if anyone would like to send support directly to a mission, over and above your regular giving to the church, please do.

Election for 2025 Officers

Please plan to be at the Congregational Meeting if possible on December 8th to vote on officers and building/property plans. If unable to attend please have absentee ballots for officers mailed in to 5940 Dogwood St Zephyrhills, FL 33540 or scanned and emailed to zephyrcc@aol.com prior to December 7th.

Absentee Ballot for 2025 Election

The nominating officers for 2025 are the following:

Elder: Tom Baker - Y N (3 year term)

Deacon: Dan Sabatucci : Y N (3 year term)

Treasurer: Rusty Draper - Y N (1 year term)

Assistant Treasurer: Tom Baker - Y N (1 year term)

Congregational Secretary: Jaimi Wernette Y N (1 year term) Signature _____

Please mark the box for either yes or no to place your vote. Please cut absentee ballot out and mail to church address at 5940 Dogwood St. Zephyrhills, FL 33542 or sign, scan and email to zephyrcc@aol.com. Thank you.

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