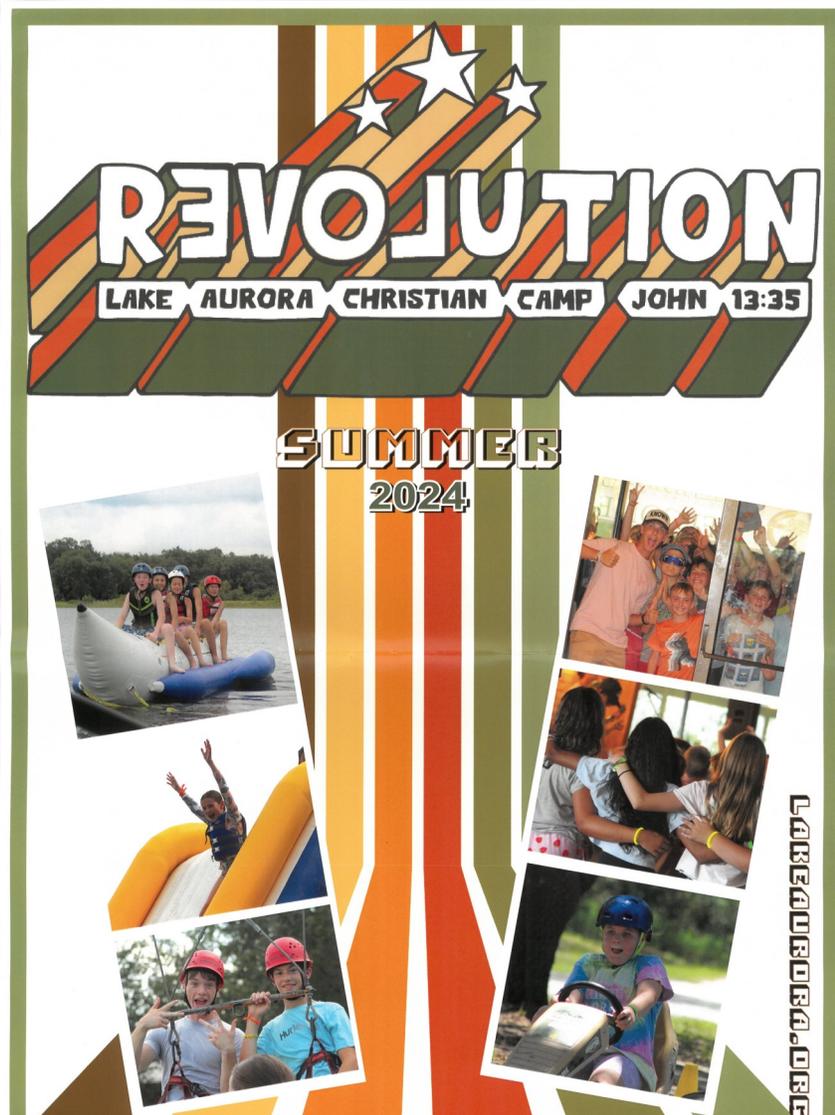


THE MESSENGER

A monthly publication of Zephyr Christian Church



Camp Registration has begun and is filling up fast! Please pray for the children while away at camp! If you are a parent and interested in visiting the camp before sending your child, you may attend a free Open House, May 19th, from 2 PM - 5 PM to explore the grounds, enjoy some camp activities, and talk with the Camp Counselors.

Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

In our quarterly New Member Classes, in the third session, we talk about what it means to be a church member and where Zephyr Christian Church is heading. We want people to know what is expected of them, but we also want them to know the direction our church is going so they can decide if they want to be part of that and help us pull in the same direction, or if they don't think they would fit with the future we see for our church. And the way we are expressing that vision right now is: **Zephyr Christian Church will be a vibrant family church, deeply impacting lives and our community with the truth of Jesus Christ.**

We then talk about what the various parts of that mean. But an important part of it is that we want to be a family church – and that simply means a church for all generations. We want to be a church where children, youth, young adults, young marrieds, young families, people in middle age, and the elderly all feel at home and valued and that the church ministers to them and is encouraging and challenging them spiritually.

The United States is increasingly becoming an older nation. The senior citizen population is projected to almost double in the United States over the next few decades. By 2060, over ninety-four million Americans will be 65 and older, according to U.S. Census Bureau projections. And we see this trend in most churches – one third of U.S. congregations are senior citizens, according to the 2020 Faith Communities Today (FACT) study. Churchgoers are twice as likely as the average American to be 65 and older! But not all older Americans attend church. According to the latest General Social Survey, more than 1 in 4 senior citizens (27%) say they never attend religious services.

So, what this means for Zephyr Christian Church is that we must be reaching out to ALL generations! We must have exciting, fun, Bible-based ministries for kids and youth; we need to have groups and classes that meet the needs of young adults, young marrieds, and young families; we need to provide for the questions and concerns of middle age; and we need to minister to the needs of senior citizens.

Our theology shows up every day in the things we do and the how we act. The New Testament church was an intergenerational church – it was made up of all different ages. Did they sometimes have difficulty understanding each other? I'm sure they did! But they loved each other in Christ, they served side-by-side, and they encouraged one another in the faith. So, if that's our understanding of the church, then that's what we need to be! In the words of one pastor, **"A biblical view of aging will influence the church's attitude and strategic planning to intentionally create an intergenerational community where all ages respect, value, and welcome one another."**

Sincerely,

Jon

OUR MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA: Thank you for your special gift of \$320.34. Your support 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 high school students just returned from our fifth year serving at Avery County Habitat for Humanity in North Carolina. This is always a lot of fun and a great learning experience for everyone. This year there was a crew digging trenches and laying pipes for electrical and plumbing. While another crew removed endless buckets of rubble and broken concrete blocks. We also learned how to maneuver in wet N.C. clay. We cordially invite you to come celebrate the start of a new season of ministry. We are excited about our next phase and want to share the excitement with you at our Open House on April 13th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, lunch provided at 12:00 PM and followed by a short program. Please R.S.V.P. Thank you. (813)681-1942 On behalf of the children and our staff, thank you for partnering with us to help build the spiritual character of the children we serve. In His service, Bob Sharp

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: March gives us a window into various types of opportunities. Changed lives are happening year-round and not just in the summer. From men to senior adults, to special needs, grieving families, to recovery groups, we see God working through this ministry to encourage, change, shape and speak the love of Christ. You are a vital part of this ministry through your prayers and gifts. Florida is growing, and Lake Aurora needs to meet that growth. Full programs are a blessing, but we need to be able to reach more. God knows the need and will provide beyond our expectations in His time.

SACM: Dear SACM supporters, an updated Bible count today is 6,657, Praise to Jesus for all of those working together to make this happen. I have an update on ordering Bibles. Churches or individuals can order Bibles looking for the best prices available, but before you push that button to order call Eddie Cook 303-789-0305 and he can full fill your order with an additional discount for large orders. He can order direct from your chosen company and save you additional dollars. Churches or individuals can even collaborate together to get this additional savings. I also heard an additional count of 1,000 French Bibles are also in the works. My prayer is keep the orders coming and hopefully we can send that second container while Steve Z. is here on furlough. God is good and it is a blessing to be a tiny piece of the puzzle for a much larger picture. Thank you for your prayers and support. - Dave Foust

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

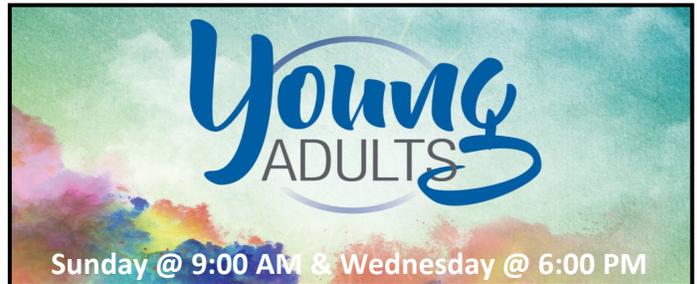
If you want the Prayer Chain to be started, call Tom Baker (863-670-2215). If no answer, call Karen Baker (863-602-5180).

Tithing Statements available. If needed please call the office (813-782-8893) Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM, thank you!

MEN'S



April 4th at 6:00 PM



April 7th following Sunday morning services, please plan to join us and bring a dish to share!

ELDERS MEETING

April 16th at 9:00 AM

All members invited to attend!

Zephyr Christian Women

Meeting on the 9th at 2:00 PM

Contact Karen Baker (863-602-5180).



April 18th @ 6:30 PM

If interested in attending call Cathy Cochran (863-370-2545).



Legacy C.C. is hosting the Men's Breakfast

April 13th, 9:00 AM. Please Sign up!

Quilting & Sewing
Wednesdays at 9:00 AM



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

PRAISE & PRAYER

New Members- Praise the Lord! Please pray for and welcome our new brothers and sister in Christ: Dudley Albert, baptized on March 5th, & Dave Briggs transferred his membership on March 10th and Tiffany Hernandez, baptized on March 17th.

Bold Print Indicates

New Names Added or Current Updates

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LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP

WARS & CONFLICTS

Van Drivers- Praise God for the ones we have been blessed with! Pray for more drivers willing to pick up others to be able to attend services

John Blevin's Family - comfort/strength

Jon Bravinder - Praise the Lord, recovering well!

Ronald Burgard II - inoperable cancer/ treatments

Vickie O'dell - Praise God, she is well! (Marti Bontrager)

Sue Sabatucci - Hodgkin's Lymphoma/Immunotherapy treatments/ loss of brother

Taryn Vollstedt & Family - lesions (cancer) on spine/ treatments/strength/comfort. (L. Vollstedt)

Bob & Janet Weber - unborn Great-grand infant possible gestational problems

Josie - Praise God she is well! (Cherie' Osborne)

Hannah & Zechariah - unborn baby's kidneys not functioning (Cherie' Osborne)

John Zelinske - Praise God! He's walking and eyesight improving! (Cherie' Osborne)

Nick Zelinske - Praise God, he is well! (Cherie' Osborne)

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

American House - Ruby Perry

Gardens of Westbrook - Mae Kremplewski

Pretty Pond Manor - Emma Loughren

Village Walk Apartments

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

March 2024						
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May 2024						
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SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT

	1	2	3	4 Men's Leadership & Bible training 6:00 PM	5	6
7  Potluck After A.M. Services	8	9 Z.C.W. MEETING 2:00 PM Psalm 102:2	10 Sewing Group - 9 AM <hr/> Children, Youth & Young Adult Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast Legacy C.C. Please sign up! Van leaves at 8 AM!
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28	29	30	31 Sewing Group 9:00 AM <hr/> Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM			
				MISSION of the MONTH: Lake Aurora Christian Camp 237 Golden Bough Road, Lake Wales, FL 33898 863.696.1102/ info@lakeaurora.org		

Birthdays:

2 - Doris Davis
 4 - Virgie Peters
 6 - Shirley Counciller
 16 - Michele Karner
 17 - Pat Nicholson
 17 - Jaimi Wernette
 17 - Jessica Winkler
 18 - Gary Nicholson
 19 - Jon Bravinder
 19 - Ellen Buckland
 20 - Helen Marshall
 20 - Jim Sinner
 21 - Cole Wernette

Anniversaries:

10 - David & Cherie' Osborne
 12 - Maynard & Gert Mattison
 21 - Terry & Tammy Cook

Celebrate



Praise the Lord!

I got the "Newsletter". Thanks for the updates! I am doing fine for well over 88 and thank the good Lord every day. I am busy knitting children's sweaters for World Vision. Over the last few years I have done 208 sweaters. Also knit hats and mittens.

Thank you,
 Eleanor Pittroff



You're invited.

CELEBRATE A NEW SEASON. Open House 4/13/24
 We would love to see you.....

Family Ministries of Florida invites you to celebrate the start of a new season in ministry. We are excited our next phase and we want to share the excitement with you. Saturday, April 13th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM TOURS, PROGRAM, & LUNCH

RSVP- EMAIL -officeadmin@familyministriesfl.org /



6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on April 26th
 (Sign up sheet will be posted)

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".



RETREATS at LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP



Please call church office (813-782-8893) if interested or contact Lake Aurora (863.696.1102) | info@lakeaurora.org

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.



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 April 2024

COMMUNION SET UP

Linda Zito

GREETERS

Paty Roque

Fely Jackson

Steve Jackson

HEAD OF TABLE

7 - Larry Buckland

14 - Tom Baker

21 - Rusty Draper

28 - Cole Wernette

Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly Services

"April Services"

Sunday		4 - MEN'S BIBLE & LEADERSHIP TRAINING	6:00 PM
Sunday School (All Ages)	9:00 AM	7 - POTLUCK	11:00 AM
Worship Service & Jr. Church	10:00 AM	9 - ZCW MEETING	2:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM	16 - ELDER'S MEETING	9:00 AM
		18 - LADIES GROUP	6:30 PM
Wednesday:		26- FAMILY GAME NIGHT	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Bible Study	6:00 PM		
Young Adults, Youth & Children Dinner (3 years - Young Adults)	5:30 PM	Wednesday Sewing & Quilting Class	9:00 AM