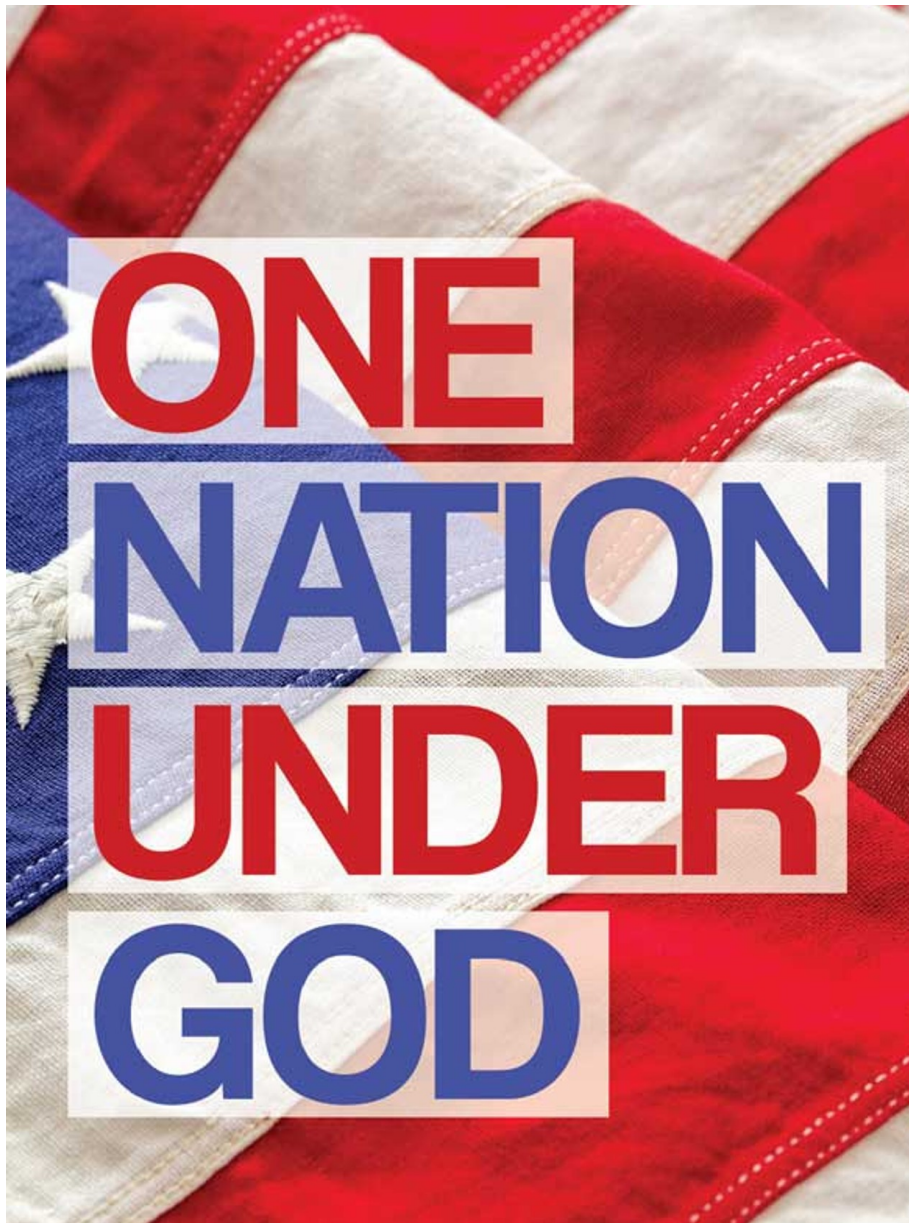


THE MESSENGER

A monthly publication of Zephyr Christian Church

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
The people He has chosen for His own
inheritance. - Psalm 33:12 NASB**



Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

I recently came across an article written by two research assistants for the Pew Research Center, and it made me think hard about the difference between reality and perception. The article dealt with alcohol consumption in America.

I would dare say that the perception is that a vast majority of people drink and drink regularly. I also think the perception is that underage drinking is a growing problem and that young adults are drinking more and more. And, as it is portrayed in movies and on television, alcohol consumption is the best way to connect socially and relax.

But, according to the Pew Research Center, the reality says something different! According to the research, almost 40 percent (38% to be exact) of U.S. adults totally abstain from consuming alcohol...so it is almost a 50/50 split in America between those who drink even occasionally and those who don't drink at all. Among those who don't drink, the most common reason given is that they just don't want to – so there are many who simply choose to go against the common perception! Also, the research shows that less than 20 percent of those who do drink say they sometimes drink more than they should – in other words, drunkenness is probably happening less frequently than you thought. The article states that “young adults today are less likely to drink than young adults two decades ago – but older adults are more likely to do so.” And underage drinking has actually declined over the last twenty years! So, things are trending in a healthier way for young people and young adults, but it is the older adults who are drinking more.

Several times a year I am asked questions about consuming alcohol – sometimes it's people new to the church wondering where we/I stand on the subject; sometimes it's one of the youth or young adults who are struggling with the pressure of perceptions. My answer always breaks down into three thoughts:

1. The Bible does not condemn consuming alcohol, but the Bible does condemn drunkenness. So, if you are going to drink, drink in moderation.
2. The Bible says we are to obey our governing authorities, so is it legal for you to drink?
3. The Bible says we are not to do anything that might cause a brother or sister in Christ to violate their conscience. So, if another Christian saw you drinking, they might be tempted to drink even though they believe that for them it would be a sin. In that case, deny your freedoms out of love for your brother or sister in Christ.

Personally, I simply choose not to drink. Now that you know the reality, you might make that choice, too.

Sincerely,

Jon

OUR MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA: Thank you for your support it is a great encouragement to us. The children prepared for the annual student showcase which has included competing in a spelling bee, singing, reading theater, and doing a living history wax museum; while middle school and high school students will be competing, social studies research projects, science experiments, volleyball and basketball. 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. In His service, Bob Sharp

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: May was a time of anticipation of the summer ahead while facilitating one of our premier groups serving those of any ability, the Special Touch Ministry Summer Getaway. They are among the most excited to use the Oak Hammock when it is complete! 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!

NEIGHBORHOOD CARE CENTER - This mission provides food, furniture, clothing and household items. It may provide financial assistance with part of electric and water if they are being shut off. They can help with certain prescriptions.
Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM.

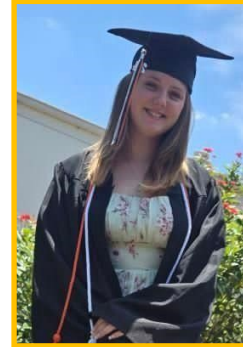
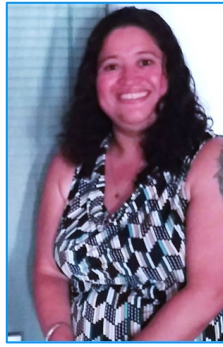
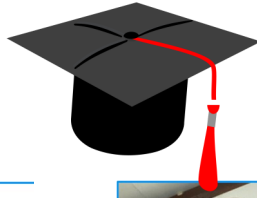
S.A.C.M. -

This past weekend, Nicolas Koeberg and his team In Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape coordinated with local churches as well as those in Port Elizabeth to host a Seminar/ Workshop. The Gospel 101 Team was invited and I was asked to teach classes. My father and I have both worked with the Koeberg family for a few generations and now the grandchildren are continuing the work, too. So it was a bit of a homecoming for me. I am not sure of the exact number of attendance, but all the desks in the room were filled, between 30 and 40. The feedback was quick -- "more workshops please" were everyone's desire! This is where the rubber meets the road. Tools for those who diligently examine the Word, solid teaching to teach, train and equip dedicated Christians for service in the Kingdom. It is an 8 hour drive(400 miles NE through the desert) but the impact on the communities will produce fruit. 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



Congratulations to our 2024 graduates..... Haiden Dobbs, Tiffany Hernandez, Calob Lewis and Alexis Roque! Please congratulate, encourage and pray for our young graduates!

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).



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



Men's Breakfast
Dade City Christian is hosting the Men's Breakfast
July 13th 9:00 AM. Please Sign up!

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".

ELDERS MEETING

July 16th at 9:00 AM
All members invited to attend!

PRAISE & PRAYER

Bold Print Indicates

New Names Added or Current Updates

ISRAEL

PHIL McAfee BRAZILIAN MINISTRIES

WARS & CONFLICTS

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

Mary B.'s Family - Mary passed away (C. Osborne)

Rodney Buckland - Praise the Lord! surgery well

Ronald Burgard II - inoperable cancer/ treatments

Charlotte - stage four cancer (Tess Stacey's sister)

Bobby Hannah & Elderly- safety/protection (Lynn)

Mary Harte - Praise the Lord! She is doing well (Dudley)

John - squamous carcinoma (Jo Uber's brother)

Happy Reed - heart (Windy Reed)

Sue Sabatucci - Hodgkin's Lymphoma/chemo/strength

Hannah & Zechariah - Baby Isaiah passed away (Cherie')

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

Birthdays:

- 2 - Calob Lewis
- 3 - Barbie Stradtner
- 6 - Nathan Roque
- 10 - Emma Loughren
- 14 - Tammy Cook
- 21 - David Jennings
- 23 - Rich Fulton
- 28 - Donna Draper
- 28- Alexis Roque
- 30 - Desiray Cook

Anniversaries:

- 17 - Linda & Ralph Zito
- 19 - Cole & Jaimi Wernette



Celebrate

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

Young ADULTS
Sunday @ 9:00 AM &
Wednesday @ 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!

Family GAME NIGHT
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on July 26th
(Sign up sheet will be posted)

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.

Quilting & Sewing
Wednesdays at 9:00 AM
If interested call Karen Baker (863-602-5180).

Sundae Sunday
July 28th at 7:00 PM
Please join us to celebrate July Birthday's and Anniversaries!

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 July 2024

COMMUNION SET UP

Linda Zito

GREETERS

Jennifer Andreson

Shirley Counciller

HEAD OF TABLE

7 - Cole Wernette

14 - Tom Baker

21 - Rusty Draper

28 - Cole Wernette

Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly Services

"July Services"

Sunday

Sunday School (All Ages)

Worship Service & Jr. Church

Evening Worship

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

6:00 PM

7 - POTLUCK

16 - ELDER'S MEETING

26 - FAMILY GAME NIGHT

28 - SUNDAE SUNDAY

6:00 PM

9:00 AM

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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)