

THE MESSENGER

A monthly publication of Zephyr Christian Church

Happy Mother's Day



Dear Zephyr Christian Family,

I read an interesting article not too long ago. It told of Tom Brady's journey to greatness. Most consider him the GOAT (Greatest of All Time) when it comes to NFL quarterbacks. But he was the last player selected in that year's draft and he was far from a college star.

The article said that in his first few years playing for the University of Michigan, he was barely allowed to practice; he was the third or fourth string quarterback. Usually at the very end of practice, the coaches would let him run one or two plays. He was discouraged and was thinking about transferring to a different school where he would be allowed to play more.

Brady met with his coach to express his frustration, "The other quarterbacks get all the reps." His coach replied, "Brady, I want you to stop worrying about what all the other players on our team are doing. All you do is worry about what the starter is doing, what the second guy is doing, what everyone else is doing. You don't worry about what you're doing." Coach reminded him, "You came here to be the best. If you're going to be the best, you have to beat out the best." And then he recommended that Brady start meeting with Greg Harden, a counselor who worked in Michigan's athletic department. Brady went to Harden's office and whined, "I'm never going to get my chance. They're only giving me 2 reps." Harden simply replied, "Just go out there and focus on doing the best you can with those 2 reps. Make them as perfect as you possibly can."

"So that's what I did," [Brady said](#). "They'd put me in for those 2 reps, man, I'd sprint out there like it was Super Bowl 39. 'Let's go boys! Here we go! What play we got?'" "And I started to do really well with those 2 reps. Because I brought enthusiasm, I brought energy." Soon, it went from getting 2 reps to getting 4 reps. Then from 4 to 10, "and before you knew it," Brady said, "with this new mindset that Greg instilled in me—to focus on what you can control, to focus on what you're bringing to the table, to treat every rep like it's the Super Bowl—eventually, I became the starter."

That made me think about the church and our attitude toward the church and what we bring to the church. There are a lot of people who gripe and complain because they don't think they are *getting* from the church what they should be getting. But you know what? My experience has taught me that if you come to church just looking for what you can get from it, you will always be disappointed. But, if you come to church like a Tom Brady – bringing your enthusiasm, bringing your empathy for others, bringing your joy, focusing on what you can bring to the table – a funny thing usually happens; you discover that not only are you ministering to others but the church is ministering to you!

Sincerely,

Jon

OUR MISSION NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRIES OF FLORIDA: Thank you for your support 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. Our project for a new education center is to have a facility that will allow us to put all of our programs (Education, Physical, Nutritional, Therapeutic, and Spiritual) under one roof. It would include classroom space for 150 students. A full size gymnasium, a small chapel/media center, kitchen and dining area (inside and out), counseling meeting rooms, etc. The facility will be approximately 30,000 sq. ft. Our goal will be to serve LCA, Family Ministries of Florida and families in Brandon community. Including to open the chapel for weddings, community meetings, senior citizen activities, organized athletic events, concerts, receptions etc. The building will allow for community activities even while school is in session. Come out and see what we are doing! Get to see how God is working in the lives of these at-risk youth. - In His service, Bob Sharp

LAKE AURORA CHRISTIAN CAMP: We welcome spring and celebrate our risen Savior. April brings a full month of ministry, from our own Women's Retreat, celebrating 50 years of programming, to a wide range of retreat groups with a variety of needs and purposes. But they all honor God and seek to encourage the individual in their walk. The Oak Hammock meeting space is taking shape, and the exterior is happening quickly. The wrap-around porch will be an area of conversation, relationship building, and community. The potential for changed lives is exciting. We are involving friends and locals to help us with finishing details and inviting all that can help us fund the 'extras' to make this space a true honor to God.

S.A.C.M. - The CBS (Cape Bible Seminary) programs and courses were very well accepted and so many Africans wanted to study the Word. A series shortcoming was reference books, mainly a good Bible, preferably a study Bible. The Project was enthusiastically adopted and has been operating for many years. To unload, unpack, stack and sort over 700 heavy boxes of Bibles, Christian books and teaching materials, a warehouse was constructed on a Christian Retreat Center in Cape Town called Anathoth. Funding was raised by many churches and individuals and greatly assisted by Dave and Matie McLaughlin to complete the warehouse. The Bibles have been distributed to church and groups in the greater Cape Town area as well as many outlying communities, some as far as 800 miles from the city and even into the Congo, Nigeria and Zambia carried by African refugees when they return home. (Donations of French Bibles are given to the Francophone countries – both Congo countries, Gabon, Burundi, Ruanda, Cameroon – towns, villages and places Stephen cannot pronounce or probably even visit. The Word goes forth to change the hearts of men and women who seek the Truth.

**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).

MEN'S



May 2nd at 6:00 PM

NEW MEMBER CLASS - 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: **May 12th, 19th & 25th at 9:00 AM**. We will meet in the fellowship hall for class. Please call the office or email to reserve your spot!

813-782-8893/
zephyrcc@aol.com



May 5th following Sunday morning services, please plan to join us and bring a dish to share!

ELDERS MEETING

May 21st at 9:00 AM

All members invited to attend!

Zephyr Christian Women

Meeting on the May 14th at 2:00 PM

Contact Karen Baker (863-602-5180).



BRUNCH

May 18th @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

13 yrs. & up

If interested in attending please sign up, thank you!



Dade City Christian is hosting the Men's Breakfast

May 11th, 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 sisters in Christ: Denise Celinko, Bella Celinko & Lexy Murray baptized on March 24th.

Bold Print Indicates

New Names Added or Current Updates

ISRAEL

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

Mary B. & Family - cancer (C. Osborne)

Ronald Burgard II - inoperable cancer/ treatments

Tiffany Hernandez - work/provision

Happy Reed - heart surgery (Windy Reed)

Ron Sabatucci - Praise the Lord! He has accepted Jesus as His Lord & Savior! He is ill and hospitalized

Sue Sabatucci - Hodgkin's Lymphoma/chemotherapy

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

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

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

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & SHUT-INS

American House - Ruby Perry

Gardens of Westbrook - Mae Krempewiski

Pretty Pond Manor - Emma Loughren

Village Walk Apartments

Kathy Knapp

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

April 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



June 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

<p>MISSION of the MONTH: Phil McAfee Ministries (Brazil) Phil's email: philk-mcafee@hotmail.com</p>		1	2	 Men's Leadership & Bible training 6:00 PM	3	4 John Blevins Memorial Service 11:00 AM - Luncheon to follow.
 Potluck After A.M. Services	5	6	8 Sewing Group - 9 AM Children, Youth & Young Adult Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast Dade City Christian - Please signup! Van leaves at 8 AM!
 New Member's Class - 9:00 AM	12	13	14 Z.C.W. MEETING 2:00 PM Psalm 62:6	15 Sewing Group 9 AM Children, Youth & Young Adult Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages 6 PM	16	17  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 13yrs & up sign-up sheets posted
New Member's Class - 9:00 AM	19	20	21 Elders Meeting 9:00 AM	22 Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	23	24  6 PM -8 PM
New Member's Class - 9:00 AM NO evening Service	26	27	28	29 Sewing Group 9:00 AM Children, Youth & Young Adults Group Dinner 5:30 pm & Bible Study All Ages - 6 PM	30	31
						

Birthdays:

- 2 - Sarah Baumberger
- 2 - Jim Huston
- 4 - Mae Krempewiski
- 6 - Steve Cooper
- 14 - Linda Zito
- 19 - Rosemary Cooper
- 27 - Tom Baker

Anniversaries:

- 14 - Troy & Dawn Freeman
- 28 - Walt & Bea Mielke

Celebrate



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".




Family GAME NIGHT

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on May 24th
(Sign up sheet will be posted)

Young ADULTS

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

Praise the Lord! We are grateful for our drivers who offer to help those who need a ride to church services. Need a ride? Please call Cherie' at 813-782-8893 by Tuesday morning or Friday Morning to schedule your pick for Wednesday evening and Sunday morning!




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!

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 May 2024

COMMUNION SET UP

Cathy Cochran

GREETERS

Jennifer Andreson

Ellen Annis

Michele Danella

HEAD OF TABLE

5 - Tom Baker

12 - Rusty Draper

19 - Cole Wernette

26 - Larry Buckland

Happenings at Zephyr Christian

Weekly Services

"May Services"

Sunday		2 - MEN'S BIBLE & LEADERSHIP TRAINING	6:00 PM
Sunday School (All Ages)	9:00 AM	5 - POTLUCK	11:00 AM
Worship Service & Jr. Church	10:00 AM	14 - ZCW MEETING	2:00 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM	16 - LADIES GROUP	6:30 PM
		21 - ELDER'S MEETING	9:00 AM
Wednesday:		24 - FAMILY GAME NIGHT	6:00 - 8:00 PM
Bible Study	6:00 PM		
Young Adults, Youth & Children Dinner	5:30 PM	Wednesday Sewing & Quilting Class	9:00 AM
(3 years - Young Adults)			