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October 2023





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The celebration of SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00am

Following the service, coffee and refreshments will be available in Fellowship Hall

LIVESTREAMING 10:00am

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September 26, 2023

I'm sending my love and a great big "thank you" <u>to you</u>, my church family, for allowing me these last 7-1/2 years to create and publish the church "monthly newspaper" - The Messenger. This issue (October 2023) is my last.

It's been my honor and pleasure to work with the office staff, board members, our Pastors, my "partner in crime" Loretta Anné (who had the unenviable job of proofing my typing) and all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you so much for your friendship, love and support, but most of all, thanks for the memories!

I love you all -Susan Fortune



Reflections

October 2023

from Pastor David

Reflections - October 2023

The first hints of fall are in the air. Some of the very best days of Florida weather are just ahead of us. There's really no place like Florida in the fall and winter, is there?

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are excited about being "home" once again. We are looking forward to seeing so many of our friends return to TGO.

Looking at the church calendar, I can tell you that we are preparing for a busy season at GOCC. All our ministry groups are already gearing up for the year.

We are excited to have some new things planned for the 2023-2024 season. Evangelist Don Sunshine will be doing a one-day "Make A Difference" seminar to teach us how to simply share our faith with others. A one-day church ministry leadership seminar is also in the works.

On the music front, Dick Harleman is busy getting the choir ready for Christmas and Easter presentations. He's also planning a special music extravaganza for this year. Nancy Reinish and the Bells of Praise continue to bless our church services with great music. The Indian River Methodist Church recently gave us an additional set of bells. They are currently being refurbished for our use.

Our Concert Series continues. The Brevard Chorale is returning to us this season, as are the Voices of Lee. Later in 2024 we have Tribute Quartet coming for Sunday morning service! Look for more of these Sunday morning concerts in the future.

Fall is a great time to get "connected" to other people in the church. It's also a great time to invite someone to join you at church for a service or an event. You might be surprised who would say, "Yes", if you took the time to invite them.

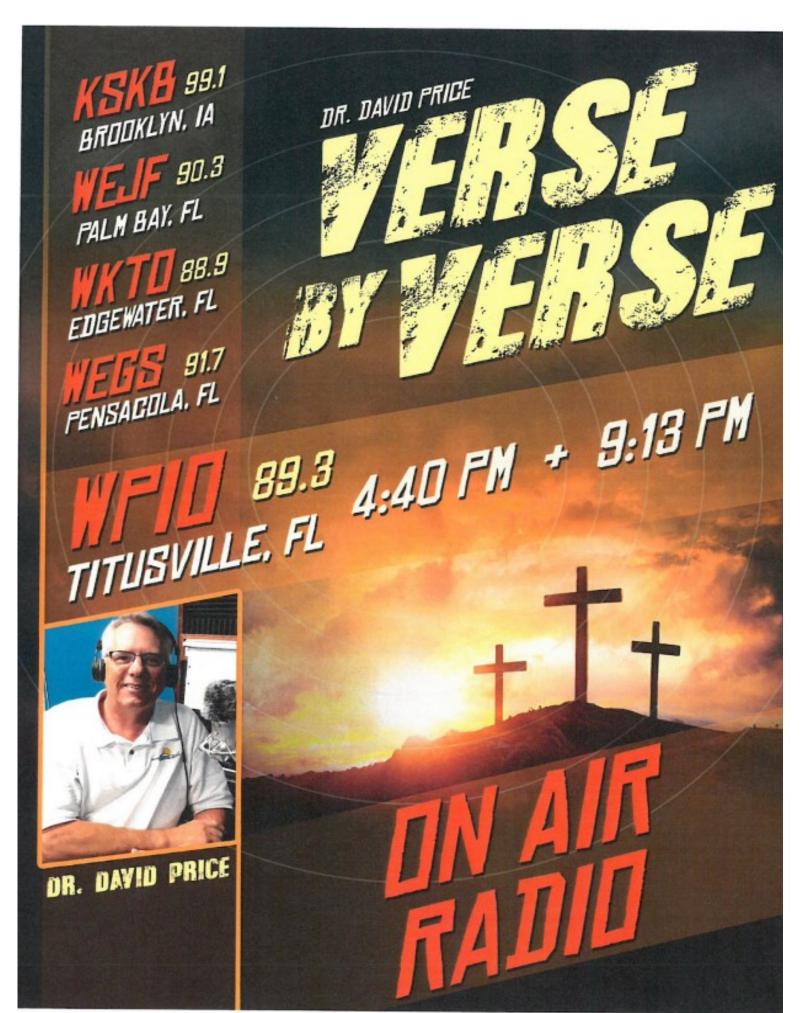
Lastly, our livestream broadcasts continue to encourage so many people. We receive emails from around the country thanking us for them. We are happy for that, but we hope that we will see most of you "in-person" this fall and winter.

I'll be looking for you this Sunday.

Blessings!

Dr. David W. Price

Lead Pastor



Activities and Committees

Great Outdoors Community Church Small Study Groups 2023

Small groups provide a unique opportunity for the participants to engage in spiritual growth, Biblical study, Christian fellowship and in loving support of one another. If you would like to either host or lead a group, please call the church office at 321-383-0303.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP Begins Oct 2

LEADER - Ray Zielinski 570-574-5788

(sandyzi@aol.com)

MEETS - Mondays at 11:00 AM **LOCATION** – Fellowship Hall

TOPIC - Bible Prophecy - See Page 6

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING (year round)

LEADER - Dan Zahn 321-269-7957 (dzahnr@aol.com)

MEETS - 2nd Wednesday each month at 6:30 PM

LOCATION - Fellowship Hall

TOPIC - Praying for our Country and our Leadership

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THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP (year round)

LEADERS - Cindy Manire 321-385-1130

MEETS - Thursday mornings from 8:00-9:00 AM

LOCATION - Zoom

TOPIC - Praying for the needs of the church

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (year round)

LEADER - Dr. David Price, Lead Pastor 321-383-0303

MEETS - Thursday mornings from 10:00-10:30

LOCATION - Livestream

TOPIC - The Book of Acts

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (year round)

LEADER - Dr. David Price, Lead Pastor 321-383-0303

MEETS - Thursday mornings from 11:00-12:00

LOCATION - Fellowship Hall

TOPIC - The Book of Acts

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (year round)

LEADER - Dan Zahn 321-269-7957

(dzahnr@aol.com)

MEETS - Thursday at 6:30 PM

LOCATION - Zoom

TOPIC - Book of John

SHELTER IN PLACE (year round)

LEADER - JB KUMP 321-543-1608

(jbkump.tgo@gmail.com)

MEETS - Fridays at 10:00am

LOCATION - Zoom

TOPIC - Sermon from prior Sunday



Cultivating Relationships
While growing together in Christ

HELP SUPPORT NANA'S HOUSE!

Women in the Church (WIC) is collecting items for Nana's House

Please bring items to the "Nana's House" box located in Fellowship Hall

- Diapers up to size 5
- Baby Shampoo/Conditioner
- Tylenol Infant Drops
- Baby Shampoo/Conditioner for Curly and Natural African
- Child Ibuprofen
- American Hair
- Unscented Baby Wipes

They will neither hunger nor thirst. The searing sun will not reach them anymore. For the LORD in his mercy will lead them; he will lead them beside cool waters." Isaiah 49:10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN THE SUPPORT OF NANA'S HOUSE!

Activities and Committees (continued)

RAY ZIELINSKI — BIBLE STUDY

Will resume Monday, October 2, 2023 11:00am Fellowship Hall - Open to Everyone! BIBLE PROPHECY—FUTURE EVENTS AS PREDICTED BY THE WORD OF GOD

1. THE GREAT ESCAPE - THE RAPTURE EVENT

- How close are we?
- Who is taken, who is left behind?
- The Second Coming of our Lord Jesus

2. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT - JUDGMENT DAY

- When and who is it for?

3. THE KINGDOM AGE

- Length 1,000 years
- The Lord Jesus and all the Saints will <u>Rule</u>, <u>Reign</u> and <u>Govern</u> planet earth for a MILLENNIUM!

4. The NEW JERUSALEM

- The ETERNAL HOME for all the redeemed, from all the ages

COME JOIN US EACH MONDAY
RECEIVE HANDOUTS, INCLUDING MAPS
PARTICIPATE IN INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS
LEARN OF THE PLANS OUR LORD HAS FOR US

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER MEETING MONTHLY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING (Second Wednesday at 6:30 in the Sanctuary)

During the month, on any given Wednesday, thousands of Christians gather together to PRAY for our country and the Christian Religion.

WHY? Because they both are under attack by the forces of evil. (Read Ephesians 6:12) Our country, meaning its citizens, have turned their backs on God. Proponents of Christianity are disparaging the Word of God for personal gain.

For our many transgressions God will punish us. We are headed towards His impending wrath. However, we can and must change His attitude towards us, His people.

HOW? Through united PRAYER. Coming together as the Body of Christ with one voice, humbling ourselves, confessing our sins and requesting God to once again shine His Face upon us. We NEED God's HELP! We must HAVE God's HELP! Not to return to the past but for a new future with God's Word as our abiding principles. A new future for our children and grandchildren and their children's children. We can be the generation that returns this country and the Christian Religion back to Almighty God. We can do this through corporate prayer. God's people speaking to Him with one voice!

COME JOIN US. Let up pray together.

Pastor Dan



Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023 during our monthly outing. We visited the North Brevard History Museum in Titusville and had dinner at Pier 220 restaurant, in Titusville. And a great time was had by all!

SINGULARS JUST WANNA' HAVE FUN!!!

Enjoying a fun lunch at Kelsey's Pizza





Left: Sharon Parks, Peg Apgar, Roy Larson and Greg Peel

Right: Diana Green, Joyce Hicklin, Ruth MacDonald, Elaine Wezerek



Left: Wayne Bolton, Sharon Parks, Peg Apgar, Roy Larson,



Left: Elaine Wezerek, Ruth MacDonald, Joyce Hicklin, Diana Green

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Smerica the Beautiful

Operation Christmas Child
Pack a Shoebox

Coming soon:

Watch for details in Sunday
bulletime

Send the Good News around the
World

Ouestions? Talk to Roz Zahn

or

Joni Bennett

906-362-4772

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The Outreach committee members meet on the first Tuesday of each month (October - April/May) in the church choir room at 9:00 a.m.

Our first meeting this season will be November 7, 2023, 9:00AM in the Choir Room.

If there is anyone who feels led by the Lord and would like to join our team as a leader, or serve on one of the many sub-committees, please feel free to contact:

Chairman of Outreach Ministries Rob MacNevin - 508-942-0010

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes Friday, November 10 9 AM in the Narthex

Please note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet on Friday, November 24

For more information, please contact:

Rosalind Zahn 321-446-7968



WOMEN IN THE CHURCH COMING NOVEMBER 14

Welcome Back Luncheon

Bring a friend or neighbor as we join in fellowship, entertainment and a great lunch!

November 14, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Program:

Jon Nienhuis, Chaplain
Good News Jail and Prison Ministry

Devotion:

Joni Bennett

Living Like Jesus: Women Need to Forgive

Special Music by:

Pam Petersen

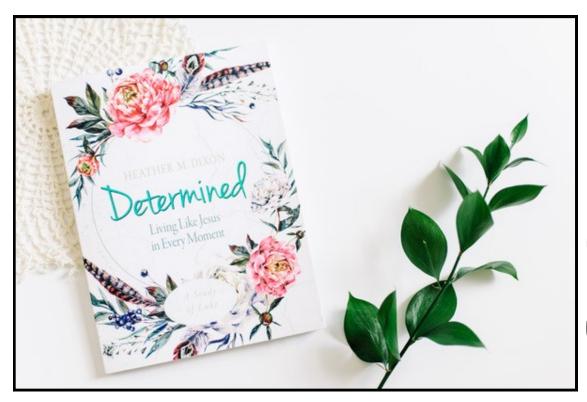
Catered Lunch:

\$15

(\$13 for lunch and \$2 donation to local missions)
(exact bills are appreciated)

Luncheon sign-ups after Church Fellowship Hall Oct 15, 22 and 29

Women in the Church Bible Study



Determining
to live like
Jesus will
transform
us into
messengers of
hope in a
dark and
broken world!

How does NO HOMEWORK sound? Do I hear a lot of "YAY?? Truly, this study can and will be completed entirely during "class time"!

Come join us as we study and discuss "Determined," based on the Book of Luke

In this 6-week study of the book of Luke, we'll follow the life and ministry of Jesus and consider the choices He made on His way to the cross. We'll find a model for intentional living that can be replicated to ensure that we live each day to the fullest, making a difference for God's kingdom.

Come join us for fun, discussion and intrigue!

<u>Spiritual Life Leader</u>

Susan Fortune 580-585-2130 safortune1949@gmail.com

A Six-Week Study

Begins January 17, 2024 Wednesday 9:30-11:30 AM Meet in Fellowship Hall

January 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21 Bring a Friend or Neighbor and See You There!

Cost of Book \$15





PRAYERS NEEDED FOR PASTOR ELEAZAR SIDHU, GRADUATE FROM THE BIBLE INSTITUTE IN PAKISTAN:

Many of you may remember a few weeks ago (September 9), Mercy Din, who oversees Compassion Ministries in Pakistan, came and spoke to our congregation about Pastor Eleazar Sidhu. Mercy asked our congregation to pray for Pastor Eleazar, one of the graduates from their Bible Institute, who was shot while erasing Islamic writings from their church wall.

Pastor Eleazar Sidhu graduated from the Bible Institute in Pakistan three years ago and has been faithfully serving his people in the church he planted. Some Muslim extremists painted verses from the Koran all over the outside walls of the church, along with a curse over the pastor and his family. When he and some helpers started hosing off the graffiti, the extremists returned and accused them of disrespecting the Koran. At close range, they tried to shoot Pastor Eleazar in the heart, but missed and hit his arm. The wound is huge, and the pastor has diabetes. Someone managed to video the whole event, including his extreme suffering in the ambulance. This video has spread throughout the whole Mid-east. Now there are many more who want to kill him. The police took his phone and also the phone of his wife, so he was unable to hear from his family for several weeks.

He needs urgent prayer for healing and safety. Mercy and her team ask prayer for:

- Divine WISDOM for planning
- A CARING PERSON who is brave enough to risk his life to get him out of the hospital
- God's PROTECTION for all involved in this attempt, and for his family who are in hiding
- A 24 hours NURSE to be with him, so he doesn't get an infection
- They will have to MOVE HIM EVERY 2 WEEKS to a new place
- They will try to have an urgent PASSPORT made.
- Pray he doesn't get traced
- Prayer for WHERE to send him...Malaysia, Dubai, Sri Lanka?? Lord open a door!
- FINANCES to handle all this

Please also keep praying for the two Pakistani pastors, Rafique and Masih, that we at GOCC support. They are from the same Bible Institute and are in the same kind of danger.

Update, September 23:

Sources tell us Eleazar may be back in the hospital. His face and left arm are partially paralyzed from a stroke, probably a blood clot in his brain. His wounded right arm may be partially paralyzed, too. From the video the police are circulating, it doesn't look good. They tortured him in the jail. He was starved and forced to publicly announce, in garbled speech, that his video was a fake and the police were not the ones washing away the words of the Koran. This forced statement could have disastrous results for all the Christians, although their situation was already dire. The radicals could feel more righteous in their anger than before (if that is possible). Some Christians actually believe this "confession" and are angry at Eleazar. Most know he said it against his will. But it has caused a rift between the Christians when they more need to be united. All are in great fear of what may happen next.

Update, September 24:

Prayer answered! A CARING PERSON, a brave Pakistani woman lawyer, has encouraged the Christians to stand up for their constitutional rights as a minority. They held a protest. Another brave soul, a Muslim cleric stood up with them and kept order.

Pray that the fear of worldwide attention will help keep radicals from further attacks on the Christians. They are fighting for their lives.

Please keep praying for Eleazar Sidhu and the Pakistani people.



Concert Schedule 2023 - 2024

Wednesday	November 8, 2023	7:00 PM	Veterans Program
Wednesday	November 29, 2023	7:00 PM	Brevard Chorale
Sunday	December 3, 2023	7:00 PM	Church Christmas Musical
Sunday	January 28, 2024	8:30AM 10:00 AM	Voices of Lee Voices of Lee
Sunday	February 4, 2024	7:00 PM	Night of Music
Sunday	March 24, 2024	7:00 PM	Church Easter Musical
Wednesday	April 24, 2024	7:00 PM	Brevard Chorale

Great Outdoors Community Church Memory Garden

All are welcome to enjoy the beauty and serenity of this peaceful garden from dawn to dusk.



Located alongside the church before the natural, preserved areas of The Great Outdoors, the garden includes a columbarium for inurning cremains and a special garden area for scattering cremains. The columbarium is open to current or past members of Great Outdoors Community Church and members of their immediate family. Residents of The Great Outdoors Community are also eligible, as are others who may have lived at The Great Outdoors Premier RV/Golf Resort.

Family members who wish to honor the living as well as their deceased loved ones may choose to use one or more of the garden's features designed for this. Walkways laid with pavers connect these areas and offer locations for engravings to honor and to remember a family's loved ones.

We welcome and need garden volunteers, short or long term, to help maintain our beautiful garden.

For more information please contact Great Outdoors Community Church 321-383-0303

Monday 11 am to 1 pm Tuesday thru Friday 9 am to 1 pm

Passages:

Great Outdoors Community Church send our condolences to:

May 8



Family of Vivian Stinson

July 9



Family & friends of Dave Lipscomb

June 4



Lynn Foster, wife of Artie

July 1



Family & friends of Millie Hyle

June 9



Sue Fry & Family of Steve Fry

July 16



Jan, & family, wife of Marv Rabe

June 21



Family of Donna May

Aug 16

Aug 28



Family & friends of Kearney Kier

Family & Friends of Sarah Bunnell

June 29



Ruth & family of Bernie MacDonald

Sept 18



Family & friends of Barbara Burgener

July 4



Family & friends of Bev Wright

Sept 20

Family & friends of Lynn Dillingham

Sept 23



Family & friends of Maxine Slager