

Advance Bulletin

for Sunday, September 19, 2021



Our Vision

We are a community of faith, connecting our world to the love of Christ one person at a time.

Sermon Series—"WAY, TRUTH, LIFE"

Our preaching series on discipleship as a lifelong journey of grace with Jesus—"Way, Truth, Life"—continues in the coming weeks at 10:45 a.m. during Celebration Worship:

- September 19—*Saving Grace*
- September 26—*Sanctifying Grace*
- October 3—*Sustaining Grace*
- October 10—*Sufficient Grace*



The Wednesday evening study meets at 5:45 p.m. each week with in-depth follow-up on the previous Sunday's message. Join us on the journey!

—Pastor Bruce

Alabaster Offering, Sunday, September 19



We are receiving our annual offering for the Alabaster Fund on Sunday, September 19. This offering is devoted 100% to purchase missions property or construct missions buildings, such as churches, schools, medical facilities, homes for missionaries/national leaders, district centers, etc.

Did you know a percentage of Alabaster money is used to help ethnic churches here in USA/Canada Region? For example, the Hispanic congregation that is located on our church property received a grant of Alabaster

money that partially funded the remodeling of a house that is now their sanctuary *[photo]*.

This Sunday's Missions Moment will focus on the missions country of the month, Guatemala, and Alabaster, making an important connection between the two.

In the Worship Center lobby near both entrances is a table with Alabaster boxes. These are provided for your convenience for saving money toward next year's Alabaster Offering. Please take one and fill it with a love offering for the Lord, and let it



"Journey of Grace" at the Prime Time lunch on **Thursday, September 23, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Discipleship Center, second floor. The journey fee is just \$5 that includes a delicious lunch of hamburgers and all the fixin's, fries, ice cream sundaes, etc. Burgers courtesy of Chef Bill and helpers. We will do a craft to distribute to others as an "act of grace." Sign up today in the lobby of the Worship Center or call the church office. Please take the time to journey with us, won't you?

All-church Workday

Lots of volunteers are needed for a workday this Saturday, September 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tasks include painting, landscaping, and cleaning—something for everyone. Lunch will be provided at noon. Meet in the north lobby at 8:00 for assignments. Questions? Contact Chris Townsley.

For any who plan to work and signed up for the Engage Summit, you can attend Engage at a later date TBA.



Sunday Morning Gatherings for All Ages

Bible study, fellowship, and worship are great ways to spend your Sunday, and the following classes and gatherings are available each week.



- **His Mission:** a ministry that serves the poor and welcomes all those sharing this focus, meets at 7:00 a.m. in the gym for worship followed by breakfast, and at 9:00 a.m. for a Bible class.
- **Kingdom Seekers:** a senior adult class that meets in the classroom (formerly choir room) behind the platform at 9:00 a.m., led by Charles Davis and Gary Roth.
- **Cornerstone** (formerly the Joy and Upper Room classes now combined): a senior adult class that meets in the Worship Center lobby classroom (by the Connection Café) at 9:00 a.m., led by Pastor Bill Vinson.
- **Grass Roots:** a class targeting middle adults that meets at 9:10 a.m. in the Kircher Room near the Worship Center lobby entrance by the gym, led by Chris Townsley.
- **Youth:** meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Discipleship Center, led by Peggy Oldham.
- **Children:** meet at 10:30 a.m. in the children's classroom in the Worship Center (use the nursery door), led by Amanda Burnette.
- **Celebration Worship:** meets in the Worship Center sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. each week, combining a biblical preaching series with a blended approach to music.
- **Table Fellowship:** an intergenerational "dinner church" gathering, that meets each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., led by Pastor Aimee McCroskey.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate!

Faith Build Home Dedication



A dedication ceremony for the Faith Build home is this Tuesday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. Our church is presenting the Lopez family a nice "Housewarming Basket," thanks to donations from some church members. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We trust several from our church will participate. The address is 135 3rd St. in Eloise, Florida.

Wednesday Evening Small Group "Mighty & Maturing"

- **Study:** Seven-week, video-based Bible study by Dr. David Busic, general superintendent.
- **Topic:** "Way, Truth, Life"—a study of discipleship as an ongoing journey of grace. This is a denominational study for this fall.
- **Time/Location:** Each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at the church in the Upper Room class.
- **Cost:** None. Study guides are \$5, available now in the worship center lobby.
- **Facilitators:** Pastor Bill and Louise Woods. Please contact her for any questions at 863-224-1302 or at louise2911@gmail.com.



Everyone is cordially invited to come and participate.

Engage Leadership Summit Now Virtual

ENGAGE SUMMIT

A day of equipping for pastors, church boards, and ministry leaders.

are now going to host the one-day, two-hour event, Engage Summit, on Sept. 18, from 10:00 a.m. –12:15 p.m."

The district plans to record the breakout sessions and distribute them by email and upload to the district YouTube channel. Information on this will be sent out as the videos become available.

NOTE: If you have registered and have not received the link yet, please contact Pastor Bruce or Jan Vinson.

Due to the increase in COVID cases, this conference will be a one-day session this Saturday, September 18. This notice came from the Florida District Office this week.

"While we long to be together for learning and collaboration with people from across the state, gathering in a confined space for an extended period of time, doesn't seem to be in the best interest of our District Family. . . . We

His Mission News

Volunteer/s Needed: A person or a two-person team is needed one Saturday a month to pick up bread/pastry from a Publix (Cypress Gardens Blvd.) in the morning and deliver it to the church kitchen. If God speaks to you about this important ministry, contact Pastor Whitesides at 863-412-6179 or call the church office.



Volunteers Needed for Children and Youth

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Needed!**



Is God speaking to your heart about helping with children or youth? If you have worked with children or youth in the past, would you pray and ask the Lord if this is an area where you can serve Him? Please talk with Pastor Scott or Amanda Burnette about the places of greatest need. Our church needs several volunteers in this area.

Spark Ministry



All ladies are invited to attend the Spark small group ministry that has resumed, meeting each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Hermon Conference Room in the Family Life Center. The current Bible study is "Discerning the Voice of God."

The group is collecting an offering for two missionary kids, Nicol and Natalie Radi, who are

students at Trevecca Nazarene University. Deb Stewart, facilitator, reminds you to bring some change for this project.

Naz Thrift Shop News

Specials

- All clothes: 50% off
- Sept. 16-25: 25% off home décor and housewares
- Sept. 30--Oct. 9: 50% off jewelry
- Oct. 14-23: 25% off furniture
- Oct. 28-30: 50% off Halloween and Fall items



Announcements

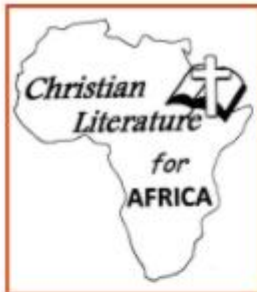
- First Community Yard Sale will be held on Oct. 9 at the church.
- Drop by the shop and meet Luis, a new community volunteer!
- Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Backstage Pass Class Ahead

A new series of classes for those wanting to get better acquainted with our church, its history, theology, and vision for the future, are encouraged to join in on Backstage Pass from October 3 to 17 at 9:00 a.m. This three-Sunday video/discussion class is for those considering the possibility of becoming a member of our church. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Bill by phone, email, or in person by October 2 to reserve your seat.



Shipment Going Soon: Bibles and Books for Africa



An ongoing project of our local missions team is collecting used (and new) Bibles and pastoral resource books for use in Africa. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the church office or contact Wes Eby, missions president. We plan to send a shipment soon.

We support Christian Literature for Africa (CLA) based in Indiana. The director, Mike Shalley, is a former Nazarene missionary to Africa.