

WILDWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Worship Services

Sunday Morning
 Bible Class 9:30 am
 Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening
 Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Class 7:00 pm
Tuesday Ladies TLC 9:00 am

Mission Work/Support

Guyana, India (R. Clayton),
Johnstown Pa., East End Preacher
Fund, Faulkner Bible Dept., Child
Haven, Mt. Dora Children's Home.

Is Biblical Faith Just Positive Thinking?

True faith must be based solely on scriptural *facts*, for “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). Unless our faith is established on facts, it is no more than conjecture, superstition, speculation or presumption.

... Faith standing on the facts of the Word of God substantiates and gives evidence of things not seen. And everyone knows that evidence must be founded on facts...

Since true faith is anchored on scriptural facts, we are certainly not to be influenced by *impressions*. George Mueller said, “Impressions have neither one thing nor the other to do with faith. Faith has to do with the Word of God. It is not impressions, strong or weak, which will make the difference. We have to do with the Written Word and not ourselves or our impressions.”

Then, too, *probabilities* are the big temptation when it comes to exercising faith. Too often the attitude is: “It doesn't seem probable that he will ever be saved.” “The way things are going, I wonder if the Lord really loves me.” But Mueller wrote: “Many people are willing to believe regarding those things that seem probable to them. Faith has nothing to do with probabilities. The province of faith begins where probabilities cease and sight and sense fail. Appearances are not to be taken into account. The question is – whether God has spoken it in His Word.”

Alexander R. Hay adds... “faith is not... a striving to believe that something shall be, thinking that if we believe hard enough it will come to pass.” That may be positive thinking but certainly not biblical faith.

-Miles Stanford

Visitors

Welcome Visitors! If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guest. We hope you find our worship uplifting and in accordance with God's word. Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection plate.

Friendship Bread: All visitors are invited to take a loaf of our Friendship bread, made especially for you, as you leave the auditorium. We hope you will enjoy the bread and come back and visit us at every opportunity.

Hearing Assistance System: This facility is equipped with a Hearing Assistance System. Please ask one of our elders or Jerry Adkins for a receiver.

There is a **Nursery** available for your convenience. It is located in the foyer. Our nursery is for nursing mothers and mothers tending to their children.

Church Family News

Welcome Friends Fellowship Meal: Our next Welcome Friends Fellowship meal is next Sunday, January 14th (Group 2 hosting).

Birthday and Anniversary Fellowship: Our next fellowship will be February 4th.

Church Member Information Forms: In the foyer is a stack of forms (front and back) that we are asking each family/household to fill out and return by January 18th. We are working on organizing member information, assignments, and a new small directory for 2018. If you have any questions, please talk to Chad or Pam Brown.

Welcome Friends Group Leaders: we are still in need of some leaders for our Welcome Friends Groups. Please see Barbara Howlett if you are interested.

Central Florida Sunday Evening Worship: The quarterly area wide worship service is coming up on January 28th, at 5:30 p.m. at Mount Dora Christian Academy. This was a wonderful time of worship together with our brethren from all over central Florida. If you are planning on attending, please sign the sheet in the foyer. If you need a ride, there is another sheet in the foyer to sign.

Ladies Day at Sebring Parkway church of Christ on February 3, 2018. Registration and breakfast starts at 8

a.m. The speaker is Becky Blackmon. See the bulletin board for more details.

Prayer List

Roy Tudor passed away Thursday afternoon. A veteran's memorial service will be held at a future date for Brother Tudor. Please remember Don and Millie during this difficult time.

Harold Kirby A memorial service is tentatively scheduled for sometime this week for Harold Kirby. We will send out a phone message with details once they are established.

Mary Lou Jordan is back at Cypress Care Center. She would love to have visitors.

Sherry Scott has been struggling with a severe respiratory infection for quite a while now. She is improving.

Joel Prather had a port put in his chest this past Wednesday. He has been told he has an 80-1005 chance of the cancer to be removed or treated. Please keep him in your prayers as he is going through treatments.

Chuck Stambaugh's mother is out of the hospital and now living with Chuck and Charity.

Nancy Menninger has been in the hospital and has had a really tough time with some health issues.

Mike and Esther Adcock; continue to keep them in your prayers.

Mary Costa is on complete bedrest after her surgery so they are asking for no visitors at this time.

Marion Parrish, Dellois Camp's mother, is now at The Villages Rehab on CR466. She is in room 519.

Joyce Freeman tore her rotator cuff and will have surgery in January.

Lois Babbitt is in Cypress Care Center.

Remember

Leigh Workman, Linda Grove, Mary Lou Jordan, Danny & Doris Cartt, Wayne & June Crenshaw, Margaret Hubbs, Jerry Adkins & family, Ricky Baker & family, The Hileman & Pope families, Donald Adcock, Mike and Esther Adcock, Rusty & Angie Mertz, Glynda Casteel, Jim & Sue Allison, Kevin Freeman, Chris Barden, Jim Buck, Jean Button, The Stone family, Libbie Summers and daughter, Shirley Osgood, Helen Barton, John Ward, Lewis Jarvis

Because I Love Him

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

I recently read of a story of a woman who for years was married to a harsh husband. Each day he would leave her a list of chores to complete before he returned at the end of the day. "Clean the yard. Stack the firewood. Wash the windows..."

If she didn't complete the tasks, she would be greeted with his explosive anger. But even if she did complete the list, he was never satisfied; he would always find inadequacies in her work. After several years, the husband passed away. Some time later she remarried, this time to a man who lavished her with tenderness and adoration.

One day, while going through a box of old papers, the wife discovered one of her first husband's lists. And as she read the sheet, a realization caused a tear of joy to splash on the paper. "I'm still doing all these things, and no has to tell me. I do it because I love him."

The question of God's Gospel message is not whether "works" are necessary. It is a question of perspective though. There is a big difference in one's obtaining salvation because of his works and one's working in the Kingdom because he is saved. If the first part were true, the outcome would result in arrogance or fear. Arrogance because you think you've saved yourself and fear if you think you haven't. However, that is not the Good News of the Covenant.

Look at Ephesians chapter 2 once more. Notice the process. You are saved by grace (God's unmerited favor in spite of your sin). Next, you respond in faith. Yet, this is not a faith which stands alone detached from other responses or activities. This faith is a total dependency upon God as the only means of your salvation. This faith does not exclude repentance, confession or baptism. It is an inclusive type of faith which manifests itself in a variety of responses.

It is a faith that's echoed in that classic hymn, Rock of Ages, "nothing in my hands I bring, simply to the cross I cling." For here you stand at Calvary and you take in this graphic demonstration of God's love. Then you realize that you cannot earn salvation, you do not deserve it, you can only accept it. As a result, you begin to discover the "newness of life" in service to God, not out of arrogance or fear, but out of a heart filled with gratitude and praise. You do it "because you love Him."

-Powell

YOUTH CORNER

How important is love?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

-----Upcoming Events-----

SNAC for 7th Grade and Up:

In the Fellowship hall after evening service.

Lads Practice - January 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st at 6:15p.m. If you are participating, please attend these practices.

CYC (Challenge Youth Conference) - Feb. 22 - 25, for 7th grade and up, sign up by Dec. 31st.

Lads to Leaders Convention - March 30 - April 1st; Please mark your Calendars. Registration cost per student is \$25. This is to ensure commitment. Please give to Chad by Jan. 7th.

Privileged to Serve

Contact Elder: Bob Grove
Announcements: Charles Wright

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Bible Study

Lead Singing Howard Alls
Lead Prayer Rusty Mertz

Worship

Lead Singing Chad Brown
Opening Prayer Lew Faulkner
Lord's Table Bob Grove/Charles Wright
Assist Table George Barrett/Jerry Adkins
Closing Prayer Oather Gardner
Contribution L. Hyder/John Workman
Lock Building J. Prather/Chad Brown

Sunday Evening Services

Lead Singing Bob Grove
Opening Prayer Jere Trotter
Lord's Table Marlin Kilpatrick
Closing Prayer Michael Hartman

Wednesday Bible Class-Jan. 10

Lead Singing Doug Andrews
Lead Prayer Rusty Mertz
Closing Prayer Jamie McCartney

Greeters

Jan 7 – Danny & Doris Cartt
Jan 14 – Kelley Whited & Joan Strickland
Jan 21 – Ron & Carol Rollins
Jan 28 – Libbie Summers & Leigh Workman

Hand Out Friendship Bread

Jan 7 – Reese Meskil
Jan 14 – Sarah Myers

Make Friendship Bread

Jan 7 – Pamela Brown
Jan 14 – Sarah Myers

Communion

Jan – Gloria Murphy/Kathryn Hartman

Wi-Fi Password for Auditorium: [Relevant7](#)
Sermons on church website: www.hischurch.faith

Monthly Activities

Every Tuesday at 9am – TLC Tuesday Ladies Care - all ladies are invited and welcome to send cards to the sick and those needing encouragement.

Ladies' Night Out: There will be no Ladies' Night Out till January.

Birthdays

JANUARY

Reida Glenn	7	Mary Jane Wright	10
Bob Tyler	13	Jennifer Mikeals	19
Gabriel Williams	20	Robert Yeager	23
Carol McCartney	24	Doug Andrews	27
Jimmy Glenn	28	Esther Adcock	30
Fred Casteel	31	Charalyn Hartman	31

Anniversaries

JANUARY

Kevin & Taylor Williams	4
Ron & Carol Rollins	11

Weekly Record

The week of December 31, 2017

Budget 2017: \$6,312	Contribution: \$5718
Sunday Bible Class	90
Sunday AM Worship	135
Sunday PM Worship	76
Wednesday	96

Pantry

Items Needed:

Baked beans, chicken noodle soup,
and canned fruit

We appreciate all your donations!

Remember our **Missionaries** at home and abroad.
Pray for all **Law Enforcement** and those in the
Military, especially those deployed.

Our Military

Logan Duff - Marines	Rebecca Baldwin-Army
Kevin Sigler – Army	Ryan Sigler - Army
Chance Strickland – Navy	Adam Duff - Army
Steven McKay-Air Force	