

Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

church website: www.hischurch.faith wifi password: John3:16

Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

TLC(Tuesday Ladies Care) – Every Tuesday 9:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall

2024 Theme: “Going Forward, Growing Deeper, Getting Closer”

February 25, 2024

Song #118 Love Divine

Song #84 God Holds The Future

Prayer – Charles Wright

Pass Communion

Song #332 Years I Spent In Vanity

Lord’s Supper – Reggie Colton

Sam Blankenship Joe Marshall

Bob Farner Darrel Ponsford

Song #266 Not A Step Without Jesus

Sermon: “Some Things Gotta Go!”

Song #901 I Bring My Sins To Thee

Song #97 God Is So Good

Closing Prayer – Keith Jones

Joshua: A Man Of God Speaks

The Bible is filled with illustrations of men who failed God miserably – Solomon, for instance, and David, his father. Even God’s great servant Moses made a serious mistake during his final days on earth. Consequently, God did not allow him to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. (Numbers 20:7-13; Deuteronomy 32:31)

In our lesson today, we will see that Joshua stands out on the pages of the Old Testament as one of those rare biblical characters who exemplified walking in God’s will throughout his entire lifetime. True, he was just as human as his fellow Israelites – and as we are – and at times he made some serious mistakes. But Joshua’s mistakes were never as serious as those made by the men who succeeded him.

In Joshua 23 and 24, we will see that “Joshua was old, advanced in years” as he gathered Israel’s leaders together to share with them the burden that lay on his heart. (Joshua 23:1) He had completed his earthly task. He had led Israel into the Promised Land. In seven exciting years, they had defeated the Canaanites sufficiently to eliminate any future military threat and resistance Joshua had just completed dividing the land among the tribes as God instructed. Now he had some final words about Israel’s recent experiences in Canaan. Why not take a moment and read Joshua 23:3-11 before worship and be prepared to study this text before the sermon today. Following Joshua’s clear-cut and vivid reminders that it was no one else but the Lord God of Israel who had given them the land of Canaan, he made this final point with equal clarity: Some Things Gotta Go! (read Joshua 23:12-16). In conclusion, Joshua’s fresh historical perspective reminded Israel that it was the Lord their God who brought them into the land and gave them victory after victory. Joshua is a great example for every Christian today, to realize that God uses our talents and skills for helping the church go forward. Like Joshua, a Christian who puts God first in his/her life will always reflect with honesty and true humility that it is God who is responsible for all we are and have. Paul wrote about this in Ephesians 3:20-21 - one more set of scriptures to read before the lesson.

PRAYER LIST

- ~ The memorial service for **Edra Nell Courtney** will be Friday, March 8th at 10:00 here at the church building then she will be taken to the National Cemetery at Bushnell at 12:30.
 - ~ We have wonderful news that **Gabe Williams** (Kristen Pope Williams' husband) was baptized into Christ on Feb. 11th. Gabe and Kristen are attending the Orange Ave. Church of Christ in Eustis. We praise God for Gabe's decision to follow Christ. Their address is: 460 County Road 210, Oxford, FL 34484 if you would like to send him a note.
 - ~ Continue to keep **Basile Summers** in your prayers as he continues to recover from his surgery.
 - ~ **Fred French** had some fluid drawn off his lung this past week. He continues to recover.
 - ~ **Tina Lipps** has colon cancer. She met with her oncologist and he said it has not spread so we are thankful for that news. She will be seeing the surgeon sometime in April.
 - ~ **Don & Joyce Albert and Tina** have left to go back up north to Ohio.
 - ~ **Alex Bowers**, Jason & Candee Terry's nephew, was released from the hospital. He is still in need of at least one more surgery and many months of physical therapy.
 - ~ **Cody Grissom** is well on his way to remission after some very aggressive treatments.
 - ~ **Jason Terry's Dad, Tony Terry**, had surgery this past Thursday (surgery was moved up) to remove a mass on his bladder. The doctors think they were successful in removing it all.
 - ~ **Kellie Ward** has 1 more week in Arizona for treatment of her cancer. Overall, Kellie is feeling better and stronger and her balance is good. The treatments have helped but the PET scan shows she still has significant tumors on her liver. She will continue treatments once she gets home.
 - ~ **Donna Rogers**, Joan Strickland's daughter, was in ICU with seizures. She is home and doing better but they are still trying to figure out what kind of seizures they are and why she is having them.
 - ~ **Fred Casteel** will be having a heart procedure called TAVR. They are hoping this procedure will help so they can avoid open heart surgery.
- Remember:** Louis Rushmore, Janet Hyder & family, Cut Barco, Pat Ponsford, Charles & Mary Jane Wright, Jack Kyle, Patricia Webber, Ken & Sherry Scott, Steve Hutsepiller, family of Ricky Baker, family of Tara Strickland, John & Loraine da Silva, Lottie Colton, Ron & Carol Rollins, Shirley Threet, John & Leigh Workman, Jeanette Harris, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Tina Lipps, & her mom Sharon, Jim & Sue Allison, Janet Jones, Teresa Broyles, Bill Cefaloni, Tim Sigler, Kathy Cefaloni, Peggy Baird, Kacey Terry, Cody Grissom, Sister Dorothy Colton, Al Alvarez, Fred Casteel, Guy Grove, Julie Welch, Mollie Holley, Amanda George, our search for an Associate/Family Minister.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ **March 10th**, we have a guest speaker, Tony Clay from Gadsden, AL, coming to try out for our associate/family minister position.
- ~ **Thank You:** there is a thank you note from Howard Alls on the bulletin board in the foyer. He and Sarah feel blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation as Wildwood.
- ~ **The 41st Annual Boyd Scholarship Dinner** is coming up quickly on **Friday, March 8th** at 5:45. There is a sign-up list in the foyer if you would like to go. We will carpool if we have enough interested. It is always a fun night to be together, hear a great speaker and have a "free" meal! Can't ask for more than that! Please see David for a free ticket to attend.
- ~ **Wildwood Church of Christ Ladies' Day – April 20th** - Ladies, please mark your calendar and set this special time aside so we can all be together for this event. Be inviting your friends and family. We will be sending invitations out soon to area congregations. More details to come.

Pantry Items Needed: Canned Soup Canned Sweet Potatoes (Yams) Cut Green Beans

February Birthdays: Lana Vernon-20, Jason Terry-20, Ken Wright-22, Sheila Wright-23, Joan Strickland-23, John Yarborough-23, Alice Keylor-24, Basile Summers-26, Weston Fort-27

February Anniversaries: John & Joyce Yarborough-11, Lana & Lee Vernon-27

March Birthdays: Marlin Kilpatrick-1, Don Tudor-2, Judy Glenn-3, Olivia Dunn-8,

March Anniversaries: John & Leigh Workman-22

Nursery Class: Feb 25-Cindy Pope March 3-Lexy McKay March 10-Lynzi Jones

Greeters: Feb 25-Dawn Binkley & Cheryl Botts March 3-Judy Glenn & Myrna Human March 10-Barbara Howlett & Tina Glenn

Communion Preparation: February – Judy Kyle & Martha Rushmore March – Tina Lipps

Security: Feb 18 & 21 – Keith Jones Feb 25 & 28 – Joe Marshall

Lock-Up: February – Keith Jones