

Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

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Hours of Worship & Study

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

2023 Theme: Be What Matters!

January 15, 2023

Please silence all electronics for worship – thank you.

Welcome & Announcements

Song #589 The Battle Belongs To The Lord

Contribution

Song #564 Make Me A Servant

Song #838 Where The Soul Never Dies

Opening Prayer – Darrel Ponsford

Sermon – Doing What Matters To Jesus

Pass Trays

Song #903 Lord I'm Coming Home

Song #300 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Song #512 God Will Take Care Of You

Lord's Supper – Reggie Colton

Closing Prayer – Mike Whisenant

Ron Rollins, Jimmy Glenn

Brad Green, Gary Gage

Theme for January

“BE FOREVER LEARNING”

Winners Never Quit

In my years of watching the Olympics, I've never seen over-weight businessmen running around the track to win a medal. Only the determined athlete that has trained and matured in their field of sport will have an opportunity to win the prize for his or her country.

In the film, “Chariots of Fire”, Eric Liddell illustrates this principle. If you remember just, before the first turn in a 400-meter race, Eric was shoved off balance and he stumbled onto the infield grass. When he looked up, he saw the others pulling away. With a look of intense determination, Eric jumped up. With his head cocked back and his arms flailing, he rushed ahead. He was determined not only to catch up with the pack but to win the race. And he did. As a young man, I remember seeing that film and that scene for the first time; it was truly inspiring.

Let me ask you a question. **Are you determined to win the race?** In Paul's life, he was determined to progress in his spiritual development as a minister and never stop running the race. We should have this same fervor in our Christian lives as the Lord's disciples. In 1Corinthians 9:24 he said, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.” Paul saw himself as being like a Olympian athlete who is competing for a gold medal, straining every muscle in his body to get to the finish line. The prize will be “an imperishable crown”. (vs.25)

Be a victorious Christian today. Progress in your Christian vocation and run the race to win! That's What Matters Most! Fix your eyes on Jesus, press toward the goal, and trust in His amazing grace . . . and you will win the prize!

~David

Prayer List

- ~ Our hearts rejoice with **Donnie Bowers** who came forward last week to be restored and also to place membership. We are so happy for his decision. His address is: 4597 CR 103-G, Oxford, FL 34484 Cell Ph# (352) 303-1549 Please make sure to meet Donnie and welcome into the family of God at Wildwood.
- ~ **Lynzi Jones** will be flying to California on the 18th to prepare for surgery on her neck and back on Jan. 24th. She has already had some pre-op done here and will have more scans and prep once she gets to California. Please pray for great results for Lynzi's surgery and also for safe travels her and Tracy & Keith.
- ~ **Mary Jane Wright** has been moved to the Villages Rehab on 466. She is in room 509 and would love to have visitors!
- ~ Continue to keep **Larry & Janet Hyder** in your prayers as they deal with ongoing health issues.
- ~ **Judy Glenn** will be flying home tonight from Virginia after her brothers "Celebration of Life" this past Friday. One of her other brothers passed in September – Judy said this has been especially hard on her and the family.
- ~ **Irma Bottorff** fell again last week and rebroke her hip she had surgery on. She does not want to have surgery again and she is now under hospice care. Please lift her up in prayers for comfort and peace.
- ~ **Lois Hutsepiller** had her PET scan done and is waiting for results. She is feeling a little better.
- ~ **Tara Strickland** is out of the hospital and continues to need our prayers.
- ~ **David Alls**, Howard & Sarah's son, has stage 3 colon cancer. He went to the oncologist at Vanderbilt last week for a plan of treatment. Please pray that the cancer has not spread any further.
- ~ **Bryan Noland**, Martha Rushmore's son, goes to the doctor on the 19th to get ready for his cancer surgery on the 30th. They found more cancer in his jaw. Martha will be flying up on the 27th and will be gone for a little while. There is a thank you note from Bryan on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- ~ **Shirley Threet** fell and broke her big toe. She cannot put any weight on her foot right now. Also, her grandson, **Justin** had a motorcycle accident a while back and they thought he was doing ok but now he is showing symptoms of traumatic brain injury with memory loss.
- ~ **Mollie Holley** is still waiting on a kidney. She will be going to John Hopkins to hopefully make some progress towards a kidney match and transplant.
- ~ **Clay Pelland**, Sarah Alls' nephew, is not doing well at all. He is in the end stages of cancer.
- ~ **Baby Emy**, Kristen Williams' friend's baby, is doing a little better each day. She is now up to 4 pounds.
- Remember:** Linda Grove, Martha Pope, Lana Vernon and family of Ricky Baker, Keith Jones, Lottie Colton, Jamie McCartney, Pat Ponsford, Charlotte Martin, Peggy Murphy, Ron Rollins, Scott Watts, Greg Pope, Shirley Threet, John & Leigh Workman, Sam Costa, Edra Nell Courtney, Ken Scott, Larry & Janet Hyder, Don & Joyce Albert, Jeanette Harris, Joyce Prather & family, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Teresa Broyles, Fred & Glynda Casteel

Announcements

- * **Eddie & Gayle Duncan** placed membership with our Wildwood church family. Their address is: 2136 Kerwood Loop, The Villages, FL 32162 Make sure to meet and welcome Eddie & Gayle.
- * **Lads to Leaders meeting is TODAY** for all those who want to participate in Lads to Leaders. Please meet with Mike right after our morning worship service in the fellowship hall.
- * **Soup/Chili Cook-Off and Game Night!** Join us for lunch and some fun...**EVERYONE**, including children, is invited on Saturday, January 28th from 1:00-4:00p.m. There will be categories for the soup/chili contest. Sign-up lists are in the foyer to bring soup or chili, sides and desserts. Mark your calendars to be here and enjoy this time together. See Linda Routzahn or Sarah Alls if you have questions.

PANTRY

Time to restock our pantry - Items needed: **Instant Oatmeal & Breakfast Bars**

January Birthdays: Louis Rushmore-3, Janie Beadnell-4, Reida Glenn-7, Mary Jane Wright-10, Darlene Smith-17, Gabe Williams-20, Carol McCartney-24, Jimmy Slaughter-26, Jimmy Glenn-28, Esther Adcock-30, Gracelyn Silcox-31, Arnold Caudill-31

January Anniversaries: Louis & Martha Rushmore-1, Ron & Carol Rollins-11, Gary & Courtney Gage - 26

Greeters: **Jan 15** – Joan Strickland & Ila Jean Locke **Jan 22**-Dawn Binkley & Myrna Human **Jan 29**-Jim & Linda Routzahn

Nursery Class: **Jan 15** – Lexy McKay **Jan 22**-Kelley Whited **Jan 29** – Lana Vernon

