

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”

January 28, 2024

Song #911 We Shall See The King Some Day

Song #798 Sweet By And By

Song #680 Be With Me Lord

Sermon: The Temptation To Retreat

Prayer – David Myers

Song #925 I Am Resolved

Pass Communion

Song #791 When All Of God’s Singers Get Home

Song #339 Low In The Grave He Lay

Closing Prayer – Joe Marshall

Lord’s Supper – Darrel Ponsford

Jimmy Glenn Ron Rollins

Jim Routzahn Keith Jones

A Gentle Hand That Leads

With tears in her eyes, a little girl, with her prize-winning cow, watched a tough, rugged boy lead his cow into the corral after the judging was over. When she led her cow into the corral, she spoke softly and guided with gentle tugs on the rope, but the boy led his cow with shouts, cursing and beatings. His cow was wild-eyed and hard to manage but her beautiful cow walked calmly into the pen. What a contrast between the two cow owners.

The prophet Hosea speaks of the imagery of how the Lord led His people from Egyptian bondage to freedom. Referring to Israel’s journey (moving forward) from captivity in Egypt he said that God “drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love.” (Hosea 11:4) Because of the cries of His beloved children, God led Israel lovingly, as the little girl led her cherished cow, to the place of His promise (blessing). But the relationship between Israel and God was about to change. They refused to go forward in faith and because of their obstinate refusal to faithfully obey Him, God turned them over to those who would oppress them. (Hosea 11:5-7)

In this year of 2024, we should be thankful that God wants to lead us with “bands of love”. The road we travel this year may be difficult at times but His providence and guidance will be gentle as we walk together as one in faith and love.

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PRAYER LIST

- ~ **Basile Summers** has waited a long time for his surgery and he is scheduled for tomorrow, Jan.29th in Orlando. We pray all goes well and that he has a quick recovery.
- ~ **Edra Nell Courtney** is under Hospice care while she is in the Lady Lake Specialty Care. They are helping regulate her medicine and helping her feel more settled.
- ~ **Don Albert** is slowly recovering from his pneumonia but he is still weak and coughing a lot.
- ~ **Ken Scott** does not have to have radiation on his face after his surgery to remove more cancer.
- ~ **Sherry Scott** is also having some health issues and she is going through therapy to try and stop her headaches. This will last several months.
- ~ **Fred French** will be going to the doctor to hopefully get cleared for his surgery this Wednesday, January 31st at the Villages Hospital to remove the spot that is on his lung.
- ~ **Howard Alls** had the first surgery on his eye and it went very well. He will be having the other eye done this Wednesday, January 31st. Due to certain conditions of Howard's eyes, the surgery is very serious and delicate.
- ~ **Marlene Yates Trotter**, a former member and sister to Ronnie Strickland, had a massive stroke in her sleep last week. Our hearts are saddened that Marlene passed away yesterday morning around 9:00am. There will be a memorial service next Saturday, February 3 at 10:00 here at the church building. We will be preparing a meal and serving the family in the fellowship hall after the service. Sign up lists are in the foyer.
- ~ Our hearts are also deeply saddened about the death of **Janet Sours** and the tragic circumstances of her passing this past Tuesday. We have no further details at this time.

Remember: Janet Hyder & family, Cut Barco, Pat Ponsford, Charles & Mary Jane Wright, Jack Kyle, Patricia Webber, Steve Hutsenpiller, 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, Amanda George, Teresa Broyles, Bill Cefaloni, Tim Sigler, Kathy Cefaloni, Peggy Baird, Kacey Terry, Cody Grissom, Sister Dorothy Colton, Al Alvarez, Guy Grove, Julie Welch, Mollie Holley, our search for an Associate/Family Minister.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ **Louis Rushmore** will be leaving on his mission trip to Guyana, South America this Tuesday, January 30th and will be gone until March 4th. Please keep Louis in your prayers.
- ~ **John & Joyce Yarborough** will be leaving tomorrow, the 29th and travelling until around March 15th. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.
- ~ **Thank you** to Linda Routzahn and Sarah Alls for organizing the Chili cook-off we had yesterday. We had a great time!
- ~ **Valentine Brunch**, Sat. Feb.10th at 10:00a.m. The men are hosting the brunch for **ALL** ladies of all ages (spouses are welcome too). Sign up-lists are in the foyer. Men, as our tradition, you will be decorating and preparing the food.
- ~ **April 6th: Wildwood Ladies' Day** – mark your calendar now! More details later.

Pantry Items Needed: Evaporated Milk Mac-n-Cheese Green Beans Whole Kernel Cut Corn

January Birthdays: Jimmy Glenn-28, Peggy Dean-29, Esther Adcock-30, Arnold Caudill-31

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

February Birthdays: LoisAnne Freeman-4, Bob Grove-6, Keith Jones-6, Reese Meskil-7

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

Nursery Class: Jan 28-Reida Glenn Feb 4-Judy Glenn Feb 11-Tina Glenn

Greeters: Jan 28-Joan Strickland & Judy Glenn Feb 4-Howard & Sarah Alls Feb 11-Esther Adcock & Tina Lipps

Communion Preparation: January – Sarah Alls February – Judy Kyle & Martha Rushmore

Security: Jan 21 & 24-Joe Marshall Jan 28 & 31-Jim Routzahn

Lock-Up: January-David Myers