

# Wildwood Church of Christ

May 10, 2020

## Announcements

~ The congregation received a thank you note from the family who lost their loved ones in the tornado in Tennessee. The note reads: "Dear Brethren, Thank you so much for your very kind and generous gift following the loss of our daughter, son-in-law and grandson. Our hearts still grieve, but we have been overwhelmed by the compassion shown to our family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Rodney & Tricia Pitts. The Wildwood congregation sent money to the victims of the tornado.

~ The elders will be deciding soon when we can meet back for our Sunday morning worship service. We will put the announcement out in the next few days.

~ Please remember that our **Pantry** is available if you need help, or if you know of someone who needs help with food.

~ There is a newsletter on the back of this bulletin to give you an update of what is going on with David Paher and his work in Guyana.

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## **Order of Worship**

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Song – Seek Ye First

Song - Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

Prayer

Song – Oh The Depths and The Riches

Lord's Supper

Song – Ancient Words

Sermon - In These Difficult Times:

**The Blessing of Being in Christ**

**Ephesians 1:3-7 - "Our State"**

Song – Sanctuary

## Remember in Prayer

The Ponsfords are both home from the hospital. Brother Darrel is doing better after having his pacemaker put in. Sister Pat is having a few difficulties still and has to be on a liquid diet again. She is doing some better but has some doctor appointments coming up.

Sister Millie Tudor is not doing well. Her health has declined quite a bit and she has been moved to the south campus of the Leesburg Hospital for long-term care. Please keep her and Don in your prayers.

Monday morning, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Sister Gloria Murphy is going to have laser eye surgery on her right eye to help reduce the pressure.

Richard Menninger – radiation treatments are finished

Larry Hyder- recovering from stroke; rehab at home

Leigh Workman – recovering from surgery

Janet Sours – heart issues

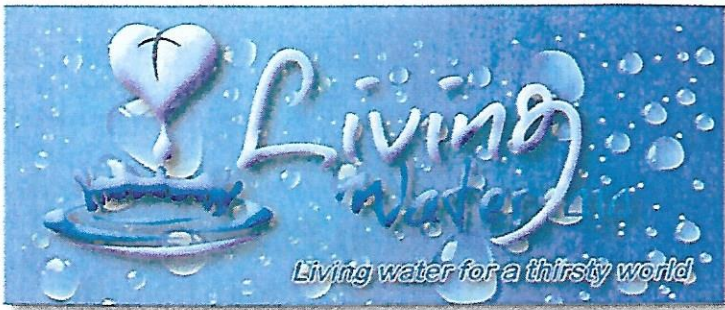
Linda Grove, Peggy Murphy, Marlin Kilpatrick, Ken Scott, Cheryl Botts, Jimmy Slaughter, Dorothea Wood, Baker family, Jim & Sue Allison, Kevin Freeman, Lois Babbitt, Bill & Jane Howell, Molly Holly, Foy Bryant, Shirley Osgood, Helen Barton, John Ward, Lewis Jarvis, Bill Adkins, Donna Rogers, Amy Perkins, Monroe Haltaman, Levi Cook, Ensley Webster

## **May Birthdays**

Lew Faulkner	2	Edra Nell Courtney	2
Gavin Mikeals	5	Leigh Workman	10
Mike Whisenant	14	Lena Thayer	22
Taylor Williams	22	Joyce Prather	23
Chris Hallmark	26	Sam Costa	26
Cindy Pope	30	Debbie Bunch	31
Derek Fort	31		

## **May Anniversaries**

Chuck & Charity Stambaugh	2
David & Sarah Myers	27



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### Previous Highlights

- 8 stops, 15 days
  - multiple preachers & members visited
  - 2 indepth Bible studies
  - 3 public lessons
  - 2 preaching school opportunities
  - Nationwide TV & Radio opportunities
  - Church building about to begin
- 2 deaths that causes reflection
  - Theresa Fredricks
  - Claudia Jones

### Current Highlights

- Affected schedule
  - COVID-19 closes Guyana airports
  - Guyana political unrest continues
- Living Water 4-1-4 Strategic Plan
  - 4 Goals
  - 1 Location
  - 4 Methods
- Benefits of Companion Church
- TV & Radio opportunities in Guyana

Those who drink the water  
that I give will never be thirsty again.  
(John 4:14)



### Dear Readers:

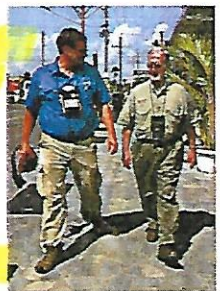
COVID-19 has affected homes here and abroad, as we continue to pray for improvements. There is no better time to focus on the things of God's kingdom than now, with both international airports in Guyana closed due to the coronavirus and with political unrest from the March 2 elections, where both parties claimed victory. The 34-day visit, scheduled for late May, is delayed with presentations downgraded, temporarily, to phone and video chats, including daily contact with Guyana preachers, officials and church members to continue our gospel mission. We are using this "social distancing" time to secure remote supplies and to assure these distant brethren of our love and continued support, ready to spring forward when bans are lifted.



My overseeing eldership at the Richmond Church of Christ has a fantastic vision for 2020 and beyond. Since effective Amerindian church growth must come from within Guyana, they have prayerfully considered a focused 4-1-4 strategic plan: four goals in one location through four methods.

Lethem Town is centrally located as a hub for the entire interior region of Guyana. Therefore, the Culvert City Church of Christ is the one location that has a strategic opportunity to evangelize and strengthen congregations in surrounding villages more effectively than any gunshot approach I can attempt from the US.

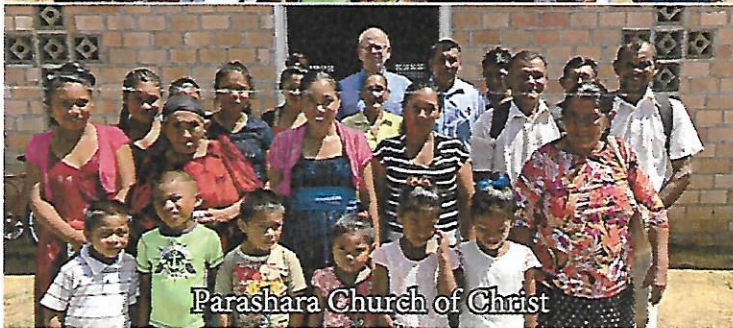
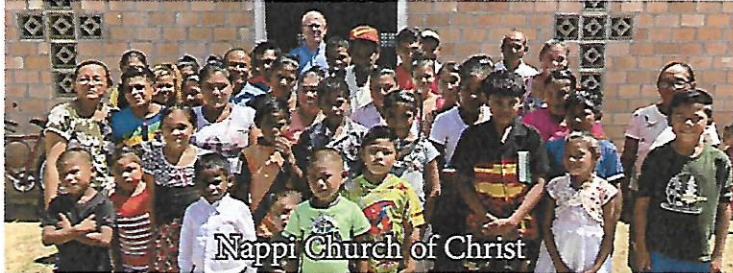
God willing, our four goals for the Culvert City church include doubling the assembly size, providing leadership for shepherd and ministry training and presenting lessons concerning the freedoms we have in Christ. Most all the Amerindian churches planted by Jerry O. Davidson, my missions mentor for five years, will be greatly benefitted by this Richmond church vision, and we are committed for the longterm.



Four methods are available to accomplish our vision. We will continue to present lessons, sermons, classes and seminars publicly and privately. We have begun internet classes and video conferencing. Add to that, God has opened doors to use TV and radio (discussed later) for which we are extremely delighted. Finally, we will continue to develop dedicated preachers, who are the backbone of the entire Amerindian work.

## Benefits of Companion Church Ministry

I thank God that several US and Guyanese churches have shown interest in the Companion Church Ministry. For example, the Nappi and Parashara Village congregations have decided to pair themselves with the Wildwood church in Florida. Their preacher, David Myers, is pictured below with these two assemblies, who met together.



I've been asked what this opportunity entails and gladly provide general guidelines and encouragement since I do not represent a particular US or Guyanese assembly in this.

**First**, relationships are formed, with names/identities of the families and individuals known by both assemblies, which raises awareness of others who share our like precious faith.

**Second**, educational opportunities arise which can benefit both the teachers and the students (2 Timothy 2:2).

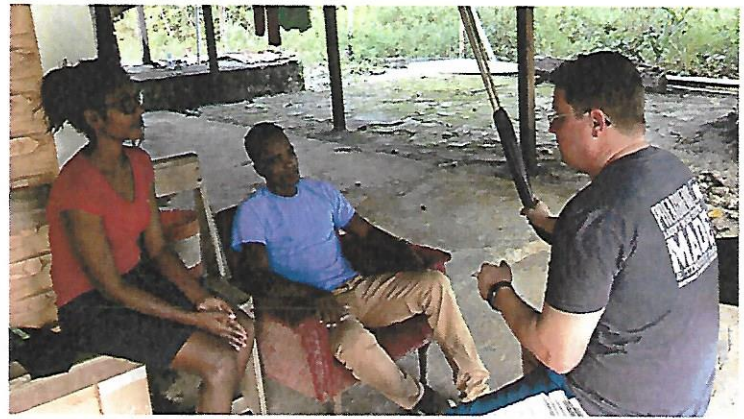
**Third**, financial assistance can be helpful but with these cautions. The benevolent church evaluates the exact need, knows the precise recipients, understands the total costs before funding, and expect receipts to be provided.

**Fourth**, know that US congregations can intimately participate in foreign missions even without passports or air travel.

**Fifth**, these young Guyanese congregations receive individualized attention which is currently lacking. Nearly all preachers have requested Bible class materials for men, women and children. To fill this need, your church can study Bible class curriculum with a Guyanese church or provide them the material once you're finished.

**Sixth**, when these Guyanese congregations receive individual attention, then I can lead campaigns to more remote other village congregations that are also struggling.

We're praying that you will step up to the plate and contact us when these opportunities are of interest to you.



Joseph and Karen Benjamin, pictured above, were baptized in April 2016 and are part of the Meer-zorg Church of Christ on Wakenaam Island.

## TV & Radio

I previously highlighted fantastic opportunities to proclaim the gospel publicly through TV and radio. There are already more than 60 thirty-minute denominational programs, and half of these spots are produced by the Universal Church, a pentecostal body with Brazilian roots. They operate a "miracle and healing center" countrywide and influence many toward sensationalism.

Contrast that to only two radio spots by the Lord's people with smaller coverage. While those programs are essential and we pray they continue, may it never be said that error gets around the world before the truth puts on its boots.

The brotherhood needs to be built up; pentecostal issues must be addressed, and salvation's plan shared. We have an agreement for five 30-minute TV broadcast and radio spots during prime time that will reach up to 200,000 homes weekly from the coast to the hinterlands. And we are ready when we have the funds.

One TV broadcast can be sponsored for \$181.00 and one radio program for \$89.90. These prices are locked into a weekly packaged deal for \$1,254. If you and/or your congregation would like to underwrite one of these programs let me know. This opportunity is ripe!

*David and Philena*

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