

The Messenger

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Notable Quotables:

“When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. . . Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.”

- A Cherokee saying

The Week Ahead:

• Monday Night Interchurch Prayer Meeting	18
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• Thrift Shop Community Center	18 20 23
• Food Bank	23

Getting the Word Out - - - - from Pastor Bob

Summer is almost over and the time is nearing when our friends will be returning for another season in the Everglades area. However, this Summer has been a little harder on Everglades Community Church because of maintenance and repairs necessary to our 80 year old building. Overall, our finances have held up pretty well, but there is a strain that is beginning to show. When our attendance dips low, often our finances follow. That has been the case in recent weeks. It would help a great deal if our regular givers could increase their giving by \$5 or \$10 a week until our attendance picks up. We operate on a Faith Budget and not a Pledge Budget, so we never know what we can count on. Could you help a little more? Thanks.



What in the world was that last Sunday? Was the sky falling?

If you were in church last Sunday you had a new experience—an earthquake at 10:56. The chandelier over the pulpit swayed, the flowers on the flower stands either side of the pulpit swayed, the pews shook and the shutters on the windows in the overflow room rattled. The USGS stated we had a 3.0 earthquake some 120 miles out in the Gulf. Before that we had T.S. Ernesto. **HANG ON!!!**

Everglades Community Church is an ecumenical and inclusive non-denominational Christian church serving the Everglades City/South Naples area bringing a spiritual message of hope and redemption, firmly grounded in Scripture and the teaching of Jesus Christ, to our community and visitors. Please speak to the Pastor if you are interested in becoming a member.

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the circle in Everglades City*

A Musical note from Mitch

I know many of you folks have special musical and vocal talents, and I would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in our worship services. Let me know if any of you have an interest in being involved in our music program and we will surely put you talents to good use. There's within my heart a melody.



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It's on my heart

I am often amazed at the enthusiasm and energy our congregation has toward its ministry. There is an excitement shown toward every opportunity for outreach. Whether it is the Food Bank, the Thrift Shop, Sunday after-church lunches, fix-up time around the church, yard and shrub maintenance, office tasks . . . I could go on and on. The mood catches on to everyone who comes near. I have overheard

people saying how exciting it is to be around the people of ECC. They are so friendly and warm. I heard one say she had never seen such a "hugging" group of people. It's contagious! As we continue to minister in our community and throughout the world with our time, our talents and our resources, let's pray that what we give away, whatever it is, will return a hundred-fold into our fellowship. This is truly the family of God. AMEN!



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