

The Summer Messenger

Everglades Community Church, Everglades City, FL

June 2008

THE SUMMER MESSENGER is going to reach many of you at your Summer locations since you have left our area. Please know that we do miss you each Sunday. It just does not seem right with so many empty seats. Please keep ECC in your thoughts and prayers through the summer months and pray for no hurricanes. And by all means, hurry back soon!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER was observed May 1st on the steps of City Hall followed by a buffet lunch held in the old Council Chambers. About 35 people attended under the tent in front of City Hall and enjoyed the shade on a warm day.

LADIES AUXILIARY. The ladies are planning more fund raising opportunities as they work to raise funds to have ceramic tile installed on the floor of the fellowship hall. Summer is the best time to do large projects like this so there are less interruptions in the normal activities.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. We currently have 10 stained glass windows installed in the Narthex and Sanctuary. The next 4 Cornerstone windows are currently being created by the artist, Chris Schnalzer, and expected to be completed in September and they were surely be just as magnificent as the other 10 windows are.



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON was held May 11th at the Seafood Depot where the men of the church treated the ladies to All You Can Eat Fried Chicken. About 40 folks enjoyed lunch, desert, and great fellowship.



OUR CURRENT PRAYER LIST starts with all of our military as they proudly serve and protect 'One Nation Under God'. Our current additions include Lynn Bush, Juli Calderone, Nathan Cox, Betsy Dollard, Walter Gorecki, Roland Henke, Tony Hickman, Libby Hill, Eric Jones, Judy Keller, Connie Lewis, Randy Loar, Robert Logan, Michelle Marteeny, Brenda Meyers, Jennifer Mitchem, Darlene Morillo, Nancy Mulligan, Shawn Murphy, Doris Naske, Josephine Padron, Sherri Poltrock, Roy Pomeroy, Faith Reed, Joe Rodriguez, Jackie Roehm, Dina Sandivall, Mike Sinkgraven, Ruby & Red Stewart, Bev Taylor, Jim Thomas, Richard VanValkenburgh, Dot Weeks, and Marge Weeks.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS has been put on hold for the summer to give us all a break, especially Pastor Bob. He does a great job and you really miss a learning experience if you do not attend. Please join us in October as we take up Luke, Acts and Revelations.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Has been scheduled for June 8th, 2008, to discuss and vote on several items. (1) The use of one CD for making needed repairs to the Bell Tower and Sanctuary flooring, and (2) A New Constitutional Amendment relating to purpose of Endowment Funds. If you want more information or to provide feedback, please contact Stan Kanning at 239-695-2223 or email to swkanning@aol.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS. We need people to sign up for Altar Flowers during the summer months. If you would like to have the flowers on the altar, please sign up on the Flower Chart outside the church office, or drop a note to Virginia Kanning at the church address and enclose a check or money order for \$35 and let her know the occasion the flowers are to be given for.



THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN EVERGLADES CITY will be great and one of the best! This year it will be on Sunday, July 6 starting with the Opening Ceremony at 12:00. The Parade "Celebrating Independence Day" will be at 12:30. There will be food and cold drinks, music and games, raffle and arts and crafts sale. The Lion's club invites everyone to have Sunday lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs etc, in the Park, starting about 12:00 pm. Plan now to join the fun and excitement. Huge fireworks display begins at 9:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES, headed by Jim Tankersley, pressured cleaned the roof and outside of our church buildings while the seasonal residents were still here. Jim sends a big "Thank You" to Ron Slutter, John Trotsky, John Kunna, Jim Reid, Richard Baier, Stan Kanning and a really big Thank You to Craig Williams for cleaning the roof. Great Job, Guys!



FINANCIAL/BUILDING COMMITTEE wishes to report that beginning repair on the Bell Tower and front of the Church building will be starting soon. Along with needed repairs, all windows in that area will have impact resistant/hurricane windows installed in front of the existing Stained Glass Windows. In addition, the four new Cornerstone Stained Glass Windows will also have the same impact resistant glass installed. Hopefully, when you return to ECC you will like our new look.

MISSIONS PROJECT FOR MAY AND JUNE is Andy & Sarah Summer Mission Trip to the Mid-east. Please help us to help them and make your contributions to ECC so we can support this worthy mission to spread God's word around the world.

In light of more troops being located to remote outposts, we've received a recurring request from unit chaplains for movies (DVD's not VHS.) Most of us have a shelf with DVD's we don't watch anymore and we're tired of dusting them. You can make room on your shelves (for new movies) and lift the morale of our troops by donating your old, 'dusty' DVD's. Classics and comedy are the most sought after; war movies aren't high on their priority list – they see it every day.



BIRTHDAYS for June and July listed on our Birthday chart:

June 12 – Kate Slaybaugh

July 9 – Roy Valkema

June 24 – Elaine Walden

July 10 – Bill Butler

July 1 – Chris Hubert

July 20 – Betty Campbell

July 2 – Chris Ammerman

July 27 – Lou Ann Tankersley

July 8 – Bev Hartman

July 27 – Joe Stem

July 9 – Connie Cambronne

July 30 – Walter Burke

(**Note:** If we do not have your birthday listed,

please let us know so we can add it to our Birthday Chart.)



The third year of my Pastorate is well underway. On the one hand, it seems as if I have just begun my ministry among you. On the other, it seems as if I have been with you for many years. Your acceptance of Jane and me has more meaning for us than you can ever imagine. It means that we are more than your Pastor and his wife. We have become your friends and you have become ours. Your interest in, and support of, my Adult Sunday School teaching ministry is personally gratifying. The participation and growth of the choir members this past season thrilled my heart while I directed them as they presented their beautiful music every week. The singers who performed before each Sunday morning worship hour were a delight and greatly anticipated by all of us, weekly. The large attendance of the congregation every Sunday was inspirational. It now challenges me to grow ever more spiritually in the coming year. The stewardship of time and talent by this congregation through volunteerism in all of its outreach activities is awesome. I believe we are just beginning to realize the great future ahead for this congregation. With God's help, and a lot of prayer, there are marvelous things ahead for us. Let us join together with gladsome hearts to do His will in our community and the world in the coming years. God bless all of you. Pastor Bob+

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