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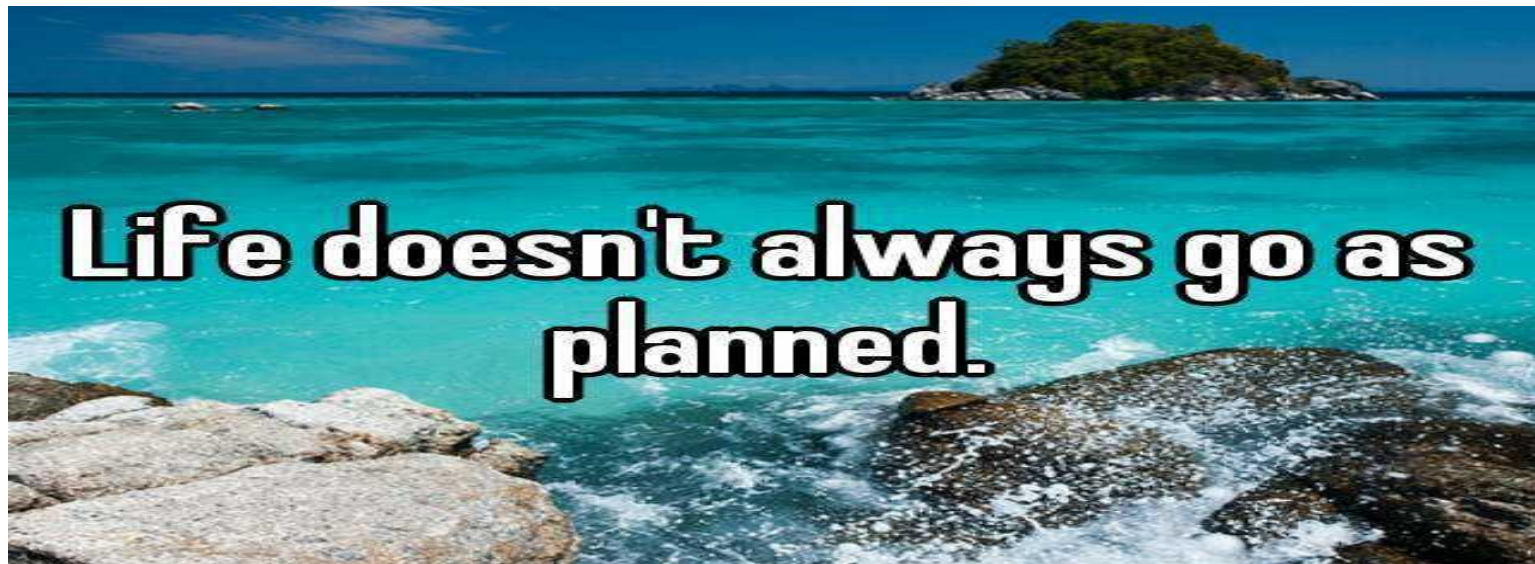
Love Letter

March, 2019



40 *days of* Prayer

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God wants to help you handle uncertainty when it comes your way. He is ready and willing to give you a breakthrough, but breakthroughs happen when you seek them through prayer. **40 Days of Prayer** is a spiritual growth message series that will teach us how to cultivate a powerful prayer life and experience God like never before. Don't miss a single weekend of this life-changing series!

Browse through Scripture, and you'll notice the number 40 is about as popular as Taylor Swift's Instagram.

- ♦ The Great Flood lasted for 40 days (Genesis 7:12)...
- ♦ Moses spent 40 days on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:28)...
- ♦ The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 days (Numbers 14:33)...
- ♦ Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days (Matthew 4:2)...

The number 40 represents something so beautiful: A period of preparation and cleansing (through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving) for something great that is coming. Lent is the perfect time to refresh our hearts and refocus ourselves on what really matters. That is why we give up the things (good and bad) that distract us and lead us away from God.

Lent is so much more than meaningless abstinence. It is about giving up the little things to grow in our ability to not give in to the larger things. It is about growing in patience with ourselves and in relationship with God through prayer. It is about remembering God's incredible mercy and His never-ending desire to forgive us – to forgive you, to forgive me. It is about growing in humility; because the sooner we recognize we can't do it all on our own, the quicker we realize God has it all under control.

Yet, we remain human, and we forget these simple realities. So, we must be reminded that attaining sainthood isn't just a luxury for the few, but a reality for us all. This Lent, when you find yourself needing a little extra push to fight harder, see clearer, wait better... look no further than right here.

And, remember 40 days is really not as long as you think it is.

Blessings,

Pastor Jody



ASH WEDNESDAY

3.6 • 6:30 PM

BE A BUDDY. BRING A BUDDY.

CAMPFIRE CLUB

Bliss Center

March 8 7 - 8pm

Pizza, outdoor games,
sign-up for summer camp!



YOUTH MINISTRIES



9TH-12TH GRADE

MONDAYS

BLISS CENTER

This month's

meetings:

March 4

March 25

7-9pm



wyldlife

6TH-8TH GRADE

FRIDAYS

BLISS CENTER

This month's

meetings:

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 29

6-8pm

MusJay SEED

MEET OUR GARDENERS!



Princess tends her plot even in the rain! She is the one to call when you want to pull ANYTHING out! She can spot a weed and take it out so fast; it is amazing. She plants tropical plants such as bitter melon, mangoes, and hot peppers, along with her vegetables. She sings in the garden and keeps us entertained with laughter!



Sheryl loves okra! She volunteers with garden chores and takes produce on Fridays to Christian Social Services. She has a plot in the garden where she has been growing her favorite vegetables.



The gang's all here!



Nancy has been helping in the herb garden with Ann and watering the beans. Not all chores have to be done every week, but helping out with the small tasks, like watering on a particular day, is helpful.



Ardell has been a Master Gardener for over 20 years! Here he works the compost bin to mine the “black gold” we use in the garden. He is involved with many teaching events and is always available in the garden for questions.



Vicki is a new member to the garden but she has a lot of experience in butterfly gardening and flowering natives. She volunteers with many groups and is our seed starter guru and tracks our planting schedules.



Gail is our all-around helper. She says, “tell me what needs to be done, and I will do it”! She does it all from planting, washing the veggies, pulling the weeds, removing diseased leaves, stepping in for events, and rolling out the trash carts to the road. Just a few of those needed tasks!



Ardell showing the preschoolers some of what our garden has to offer!



Ann's Facts on Flora

lemongrass



Lemongrass is known for its lemony flavor. It may be used for scenting candles and soap, repelling insects, or attracting honey bees.

Lemongrass is widely used as a culinary herb in Asian cuisines and also as a medicinal herb in India. It can be dried and powdered, or used fresh. It is commonly used in teas, soups, and curries. It is also suitable for use with poultry, fish, beef, and seafood.

I enjoy the flavor it adds to food. At a class on herbs I attended at USF, the speaker recommended wrapping the leaves around steak to give the meat a nice lemony flavor.

Lemongrass is also very useful as a flavoring for tea. It is not necessary to be dry it before use in for cooking or tea brewing.

Ann Marks



A Note from the Preschool

Church Family,

Spring is a fun time at Preschool. The students are excited to continue their gardening, go on field trips to Publix and Dinosaur World, and to participate in field day at the end of the month! The kiddos really start to sprout up in the spring too and we are able to see their growth in learning as well.

God has blessed us with an amazing opportunity to serve this community. We have filled almost all our space for the 2019-20 school year. We have 9 two year olds, 26 three year olds, and 58 VPK students enrolled for next year. We have a few spaces to fill in our 2s and 3s classes which will surely be filled by Sept. and we have a waiting list for VPK. He continues to show us that there are many families that want to be a part of the good things that are happening here at Tims Preschool.

Our doors are always open if you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer.

Many Blessings,
Danielle Volinsky
Preschool Director



Women's Night Out

Thursday, March 7 | 6:30pm | Villaggio Ristorante
Please RSVP to Ellie Karp (813-760-4808)
or Denise Beaird (813-843-0433)



**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT
10AM**

**Sunday, March 10
Sanctuary**

***Congregational
meeting to follow***

**Join us for lunch
after the meeting in
Leo Erny Hall!**



Strawberry Sunday

**Sunday, March 10
After the One Service
Supporting the Mustard Seed Garden Ministry**





Women's MINISTRY BRUNCH

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30
11AM | LEO ERNY HALL**

**TICKETS ON SALE STARTING
MARCH 17! ONLY \$5 EACH!**



The
THREE
Trees

**THE NEWEST LUTZCC
THEATRE PRODUCTION
REHEARSALS EVERY SUNDAY
10:30AM
YOUTH OF ALL AGES
WELCOME!**

Next outing:
Thursday, March 21



The Lunch Bunch

Franky D's

Third Thursday of the month

11:30am



Our local homeless
need **YOU!**

Do you want to join a
Faith in Action Street
Ministry team? Do you
know someone who
does?

Faith in Action

Contact a Weekly team leader to join their week's team:

Week One – first week of the month

Shirley and Marc Knapp 813-713-2395

marc.j.knapp@gmail.com

shirleywknapp@gmail.com

Week Two – second week of the month

Sherry & Jim Hays 813-909-7314

shays@gte.net

Linda Shanks 813-394-1363

llwshanks@gmail.com

Week Three – third week of the month

Jeanette Moon 813-765-8989

jeanette.61@hotmail.com

Weeks Four & Five - Fourth & Fifth Week of the month

Alayne & Chuck Berkins 813-240-0239 or 813-220-9609

arberkins@gmail.com or ccberkins@gmail.com



Save the Date! JULY 14-21, 2019

This is a very special opportunity for an enlightening and life-changing experience in a developing country. Every day you will be with ordinary people who are joyful in their faith and daily life. Although they have material poverty, they have spiritual wealth. If we have an opportunity to worship with them you will experience unbelievable joyful noise that will warm your heart and soul.

Do you not speak Spanish? No worries, there are translators available and even the most rudimentary knowledge of Spanish helps. Do you think you're too old or your child is too young? We have had ages from 11 to 90 join us on our mission. All ages and abilities are welcome! The opportunities are endless. The Hondurans are most appreciative that you cared enough to come to their village. Don't miss out!

There are many ways you can participate in the Mission Trip:

- 1) Join the Mission Team
- 2) Sponsor someone who will join the Mission Team
- 3) Make a donation to provide funds which will be used to provide assistance for those who cannot afford the full cost of the Mission Trip or cover costs of unexpected or unknown needs that arise or we become aware of while on the Mission Trip



Jerry Karp 3/1

Chuck Berkins 3/17

Mary Whitacre 3/1

Bill Kearns 3/19

Ann Marks 3/4

Nancy Ross 3/19

Weston Moon 3/9

James Walker 3/19

J.B. Beaird 3/12

Calvin Randles 3/21

Scott Hartfield 3/13

Jennifer Ackart 3/22

Jennifer Ledford 3/14

Donna Babbitt 3/23

Beth Geurink 3/15

Susie Zern 3/24

Martha Jordan 3/16

Denise Beaird 3/31

Frank & Stephanie Parades 3/11

Jeff & Lisa Pennington 3/11

Josh & Alison Cagle 3/25



STAY
UP TO DATE

Check out what's going on around the church with our live time calendar!

<http://lutzcommunitychurch.org/calendar>

