

A Word From The Pastor

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation.

-Romans 1:16

People want to change. All advertising is based on the presupposition that people want things different from the way they are. They want to look better, feel better, think better, and live better. They want to change their lives but, except from an external standpoint, they are unable to do so.

Only the gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to change people and deliver them from sin, from Satan, from judgment, from death, and from hell. Acts 4:12 says, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." And that name is Jesus Christ.

So God's Word, which is all about Jesus Christ, can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are sinful and unable to remedy our condition, but from God comes the incredible, limitless power that can transform our lives. (Borrowed from John MacArthur, *God's Passion for You*, p.46.)

And that, beloved, is what Easter is all about! Through Christ's death on the cross, God deals with our punishment for sin. 1 John 2:2 says, "Christ is the *sacrifice* that takes away our sins and the sins of all the world's people." Calvary becomes the place where God's great mercy can be applied to our lives! Peter reminds us of this very fact when he says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Furthermore, through Christ's resurrection from the dead, God provides the power for a new life! "Anyone who belongs to Christ is a *new* person. The past is forgotten, and everything is *new*" (2 Cor. 5:17). The tomb is empty! Christ has risen from the dead! And we have a new life in Christ!

The gospel of Jesus Christ still has the power to break the chains of sin! It still has the power to save! It still has the power to bring new life to those who believe in Jesus! Thanks be to God who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Dr. James L. Fleming

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Make plans to join us on Easter Sunday, April 1, as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!
Sunrise Service – 9:00 a.m., Easter Breakfast – 10:00 a.m., Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next Women's Ministry meeting is Saturday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT

Children 5th grade and under are invited to join us on Sunday, April 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon as we discover the treasure of God's Word through crafts, games, and more. See Vanessa Small for more info.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Our women's group is planning a Strawberries & Shortcake fundraising event on Saturday, April 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds will be given to the church and another ten percent will be given to a missions project. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for donations. Tickets are \$6 for unlimited strawberries, cake, & ice cream. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for an additional fee. See Lorraine Kalp or Dee Thompson for details. This event is open to the public.

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Dr. James L. Fleming
- Children's Director**
Vanessa Small
- Youth Director**
Clay Parton
- Music Director**
Tambry Green

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Tuesdays**
1:00 p.m. - Small Group
- Wednesdays**
6:30 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study
- Thursdays**
6:30 p.m. - Youth Group

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- First Tuesday - April 3**
Prayer Group at 10 a.m.
- Last Sunday - April 29**
Food Drive Collection

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00/4:00 p.m.



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CARD SHOWER FOR CAMPBELLS

Peggy Campbell recently had hip surgery, and we would like to surprise her and Chuck with a card shower. Please send cards to:
Chuck & Peggy Campbell c/o Marcie Schwarz
5603 Wooded Villas Drive, Kingwood, TX 77345

PIANO LESSONS

Our music director, Tambry Green, is teaching piano and has openings. Two locations are offered: NE Ocala and here at the church. Piano lessons are not just for children. If you have ever wanted to play your favorite hymn, speak with her today!

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

Everyone is invited to a weekly Bible study on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Clemmings' home. Pastor Fleming leads us as we review the previous Sunday's sermon.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jim's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. They have started a series on the book of Mark. You are welcome to join the class any time. For those who do not have books, lesson can be picked up ahead of time in the narthex.

YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-12)

The youth group meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. If you are willing to provide a meal for the youth on a Thursday night, please see Clay Parton.

DONATIONS FOR SALVATION ARMY

The Women's Ministry is collecting plastic grocery bags for the homeless mats they are crocheting to give to the Salvation Army. They also need men's and women's toiletries. There is a box in the foyer for these items. See Irene Rogers for more info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program seeks to improve the quality of life for all long-term care residents by advocating for and protecting their health, safety, welfare and rights. They need volunteers who can give a little of their time to this rewarding cause. Contact Barbara Bristol at 352-620-3088 for more info.

Happy Birthday!

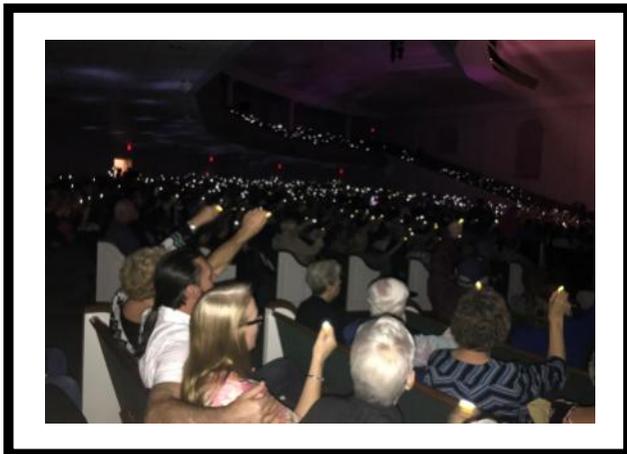
- 02 - Joshua Mitchell
- 12 - Barbara Bristol-Perez
- 14 - Olive Clemmings
- 14 - Lois Ebeling
- 17 - Ciara I. Torres
- 21 - Cheryl Small
- 27 - Nielah Parton

Happy Anniversary!

- 03 - John & Rose Gardner
- 30 - Vince & Debbie Small



If you would like your birthday or anniversary added to this list, please contact the church office.



Gaither Vocal Band Concert
Friday, March 9, 2018



Women's Ministry **Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Betty Sharpless will be taking our pillowcase dresses to Guatemala in May.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 2018

