

## A Word From The Pastor

I sit listening to Johnny Cash sing that old favorite hymn, "Precious Memories." The second verse and chorus go like this:

*Precious Father, Loving Mother, Fly across the lonely years.  
And those home-scenes from my childhood In fond memories appear.  
Precious memories, how they linger; How they ever flood my soul  
In the stillness of the midnight Precious sacred scenes unfold.*

It's at this time of year, when we celebrate the gift of our mothers, that those words seem so personal to me. Certainly we all, as I do, reminisce about those "precious memories" we have of mother from long ago. Sometimes the smell of freshly baked bread can take me back to childhood years of playing outside and smelling the aroma of mother's freshly baked yeast bread wafting out the kitchen window. Sometimes I can still taste mother's homemade peach cobbler or her delicious chicken pot pie.

There are memories of mom coming home from a hard day's work. The last years of her life she cleaned the homes and offices of other people, did their laundry, etc. for \$1.00 an hour. She would come home exhausted from a ten-hour day. Yet everything she did she did for love of her children.

Even in the spiritual realm, her children were important to her. There came a time in her life when God asked for a deeper consecration from her. As she struggled to give all to the Lord, the hardest thing He asked her for was her children. But at an altar of prayer, mother surrendered even her children to her God. Little did she know that she was entrusting her most prized possession – her children – into the hands of God because she would soon leave this world. And He would have to take care of them.

Fifty long years have passed since my mother went to be with the Lord in 1967. A part of my "precious memories" was the last time I saw my mother this side of eternity. She was in the hospital battling a cancer that would soon take her life. When she saw me, she looked into my eyes. And as her hand reached up to stroke my cheek, she said the last words I ever heard her say, "My Jimmy." Those were more than just words. For the look, the touch, the words conveyed a sense of forgiveness to me. A forgiveness for the hurt and pain that I had caused my mother. She went to be with the Lord in peace. And before she left she gave me peace that it would take years for me to realize.

"Precious memories, how they linger. How they ever flood my soul."

In Christ,

Pastor James L. Fleming

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. Although only council members may vote, you are welcome to observe and give input.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3. Join with brothers and sisters in Christ across the country as we spend time in prayer for our nation. For more information, visit [www.NationalDayOfPrayer.org](http://www.NationalDayOfPrayer.org).

### **SILVER SPRINGS BOAT TOUR**

Join us for an Extended River Boat Tour at Silver Springs on Friday, May 4. Park admission is \$2, and the cost of the tour is \$21.40. We will depart the church at 9:00 a.m. The tour begins at 11:00 a.m. and lasts 1½ hours. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to attend.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The Women's Ministry will meet Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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**OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

**Senior Pastor**

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**

5:15 p.m. - Praise Team Practice

6:30 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study

**Thursdays**

6:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**First Tuesday - May 1**

Prayer Group at 10 a.m.

**Last Sunday - May 27**

Food Drive Collection

**OFFICE HOURS**

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



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LUNCH WITH BORDERS**

We will be visiting Bud and Lou Borders on Thursday, June 21. We will depart the church at 9:30 a.m., and the trip will last most of the day. The only cost will be for lunch. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to join us.

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION**

The youth will be traveling to Indianapolis for the International Youth Convention (IYC) this July. If you would like to make a donation to help with their expenses, please see Clay Parton.

**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.

**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!

**THANK YOU**

Chuck and Peggy Campbell would like to thank everyone for all the cards and notes. They really appreciated them.

**Happy Birthday!**

- 02 - Taylor Labounty
- 04 - Dianna Gabbard
- 05 - Chuck Campbell
- 05 - Rick Morang
- 05 - Flor Santiago
- 14 - Shawnee Monday
- 14 - Mike Latshaw
- 14 - Ann Long
- 16 - Dianne Denslow
- 16 - Sharon Lee
- 18 - Azeria Clemmings
- 20 - Richard Alamia
- 22 - Kathy Lombard
- 23 - Judie Perry
- 23 - Edith Virgin
- 25 - Carol Mahler
- 27 - Don Thompson
- 28 - Keith Mitchell

**Happy Anniversary!**

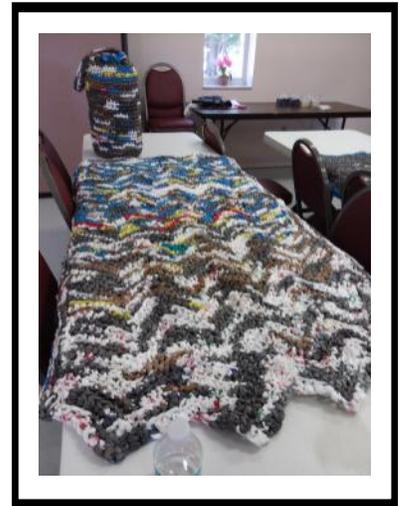
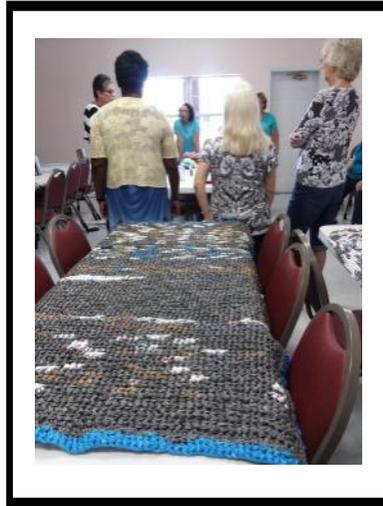
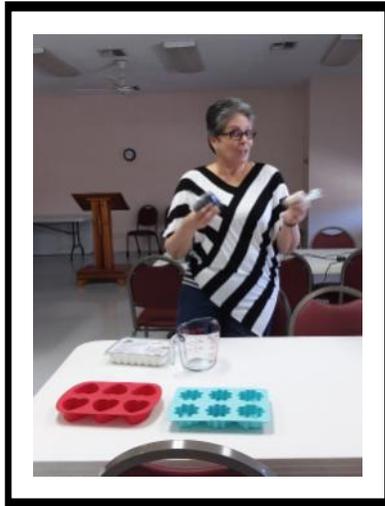
- 10 - Aston & Olive Clemmings
- 16 - Steven & Sharon Lee
- 19 - Richard & Norma Alamia
- 19 - Keith & Angela Mitchell
- 28 - Dale & Lorraine Kalp



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



**This past month we said good-bye to Carol Aldridge, who moved to Pensacola. May God bless you, Carol, as you go!**



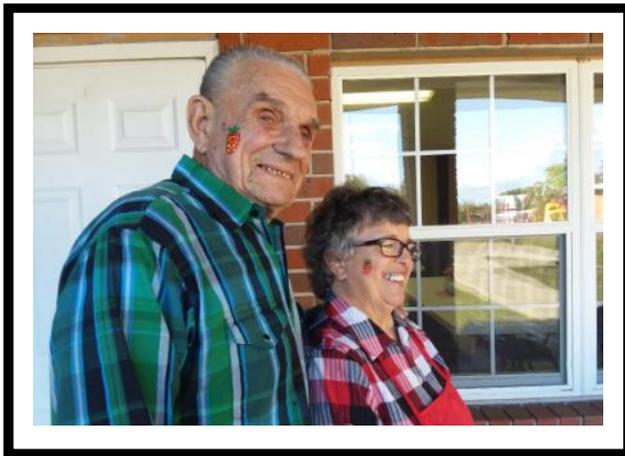
**Women's Ministry**  
**Saturday, April 14, 2018**  
Cheryl Rameriz explained how to make our own soap.



# Children's Treasure Hunt

Sunday, April 15, 2018

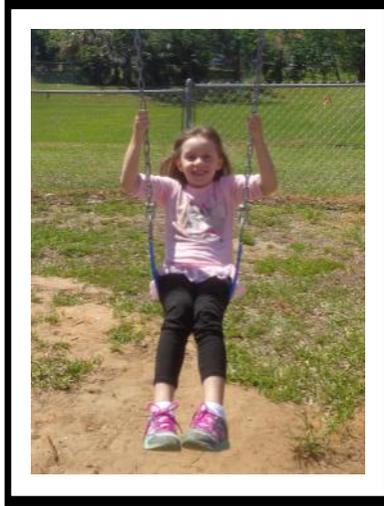
"I treasure Your Word above all else" - Psalm 119:11 CEV



# Strawberry Festival

Saturday, April 28, 2018





**New Playground Installed—April 2018**