

A Word From The Pastor

Jesus said, “Move the stone away.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “But Lord it has been four days since he died. There will be a bad smell.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

So they moved the stone away from the entrance. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I said these things because of the people here around me. I want them to believe that you sent me.” After Jesus said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with pieces of cloth, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take the cloth off of him and let him go.”

A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was in Bethany. So they went there to see not only Jesus but Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So the leading priests made plans to kill Lazarus, too. Because of Lazarus many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

— John 11:39-44; 12:9-11

Wow! Because of Lazarus many Jews were “believing in Jesus.” He has a testimony to give—and what a testimony he has!

“I was always a good fellow,” he would say. “I paid my bills. I loved my sisters. I even enjoyed being around Jesus. But I wasn’t one of the followers. Nothing personal. I just didn’t want to get carried away.

“But then I got sick. And then I died. I mean, I died dead. Nothing left. Stone-cold. No life. No breath. And then Jesus called me from the grave. When he spoke, my heart beat and my soul stirred, and I was alive again. And I want you to know he can do the same for you.”

If God has called you to be a Lazarus, then testify. Remind the rest of us that we, too, have a story to tell. We, too, have died and been resurrected.

(Borrowed from Max Lucado, *The Greatest Moments in the Life of Christ.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERT

Joshua McVey will be in concert during the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m. A free-will love offering will be taken to help him in his ministry.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

The Women’s Ministry will meet Saturday, Oct. 20, at 9 a.m. All women are welcome to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Festival to be held Saturday, October 27, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We are collecting donations of individually wrapped candy and small prizes. Sign up in the narthex if you are willing to volunteer at the event. Contact Vanessa Small for more info.

FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 28, is the collection day this month for nonperishable items for our Food Drive to benefit Interfaith Emergency Services. Donation boxes are in the narthex. Thank you for giving!

**COLLEGE PARK
CHURCH OF GOD**

3140 SW 26th Street
Ocala, FL 34474
Phone: 352-237-2247
Fax: 352-237-6910

Email: CPCOG352secretar@aol.com
Website: www.collegeparkchog.org
You can also find us on Facebook

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Senior Pastor
Dr. James L. Fleming

Children's Director
Vanessa Small

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 - October 2
Prayer Group at 10 a.m.

Last Sunday - October 28
Food Drive Collection

OFFICE HOURS

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Lessons 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 Pastor Fleming.

RENT-A-GROUP

Rent a group of teens to help with mowing, planting, leaf clean-up, plants and flowers, house cleaning, or painting. Donations will help with their expenses for the State Youth Convention in November. Call Barbara Perez at 352-875-9920 to make an appointment.

DONATIONS FOR SALVATION ARMY

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

HEAVENBOUND SINGERS

Music CDs from the Heavenbound Singers are available in the narthex for a \$10 donation. You enjoyed them at the ice cream social; now you can take them with you wherever you go!

CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

Follow our page to stay informed of church events and receive encouragement for your walk with God. [Facebook.com/CollegeParkChurchOfGod](https://www.facebook.com/CollegeParkChurchOfGod)

Happy Birthday!

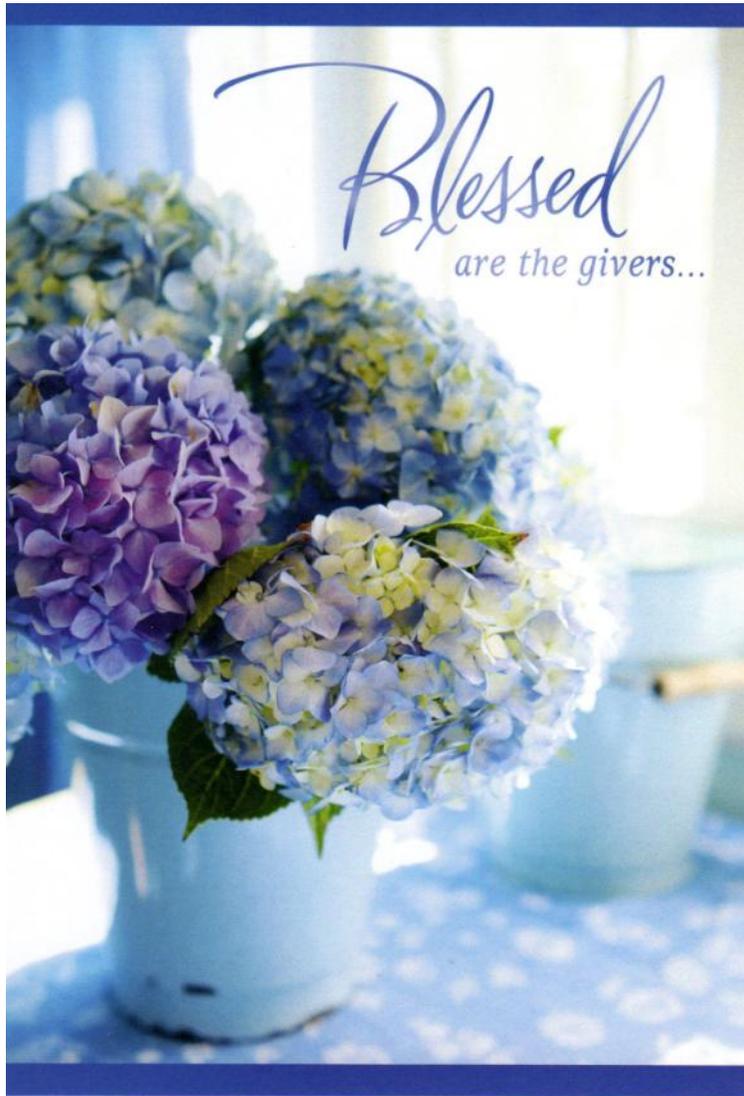
- 01 - Phillip Lombard
- 03 - Jean Toan
- 05 - J.R. Smith
- 07 - Heather Marchese
- 09 - Myrtie Ray
- 19 - Hiram E. Torres
- 20 - Steven Lee
- 26 - Martin L. Perez
- 28 - Kendall Smith

Happy Anniversary!

- 01 - Bob & Ann Long
- 26 - Bryce & Becky Weller



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



*Thanks to all of you —
for the flowers, cards, and most of all
your prayers. Bud treasured his duties
of being head usher, treasurer,
and being on the Church Council.
Bud loved you all, and so do I.*

*Thanks again,
Lou Borders*



Joshua McVey will be with us on Sunday morning, October 7th, during the regular morning worship service sharing the Gospel message in song.

We invite you not only to attend but also to bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy the Gospel in song.

There will be a free-will offering received to help Joshua with his ministry.

Fun with the College Park Kids

August and September 2018

