



The Glades Gazette

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**God is not satisfied with informing you about the work of His kingdom.
He transforms you to participate in the work of His kingdom.**

God has not revealed His truth to you so that you can be the audience, a viewer of His work of redemption. God has called all His children to participate in the work of His kingdom. Everyone who has been brought into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ has also been drafted into the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He really does mean to employ all His children in His work of redemption. Yes, you read that right—all His children. The total involvement paradigm is His normal plan for the church.

Now, those biblical passages that say that the body of Christ grows as every part does its part (Eph. 4:11-16) or that every one of God's children should be prepared to teach and admonish (Col. 3:12-17) seem very radical to us, but they were not radical in the context in which they were given. Paul doesn't introduce them by announcing that radical material is coming. They are an explanation of God's normal plan for His people and His church. Many, many, Christians' church attendance is the spiritual edition of going to a concert. They regularly go to experience the religious performance of ministry professionals, but they have little commitment to the health of the church or to its work in the world. Their relationship to the church is self-focused ("Here's the kind of church I want to attend") and passive ("I'm so thankful for the good work our church staff does").

But God's plan for His church is very different. He has called all His children to be His ambassadors, that is, to represent His message and His character whatever environment He has placed them. Here's the plan: a God of grace makes His invisible grace visible by sending His people of grace to reflect His grace to people who need grace. You have been called to be the look on His face, the tone of His voice, and the touch of His hand. You are to represent His presence and His love. You are placed where you are to make His mercy and faithfulness visible and concrete.

This all means that your life doesn't belong to you anymore. You have been bought with a price. Your mentality, you personality, your emotionality, your physicality, your possessions, and all your relationships belong to you from the Lord for His using. So God's people of grace are driven to the throne of grace so that they can reflect His grace in the place where He calls them. You and I have no ability to represent God well. His ambassadorial call drives us to Him to receive the grace we need to represent His grace in the lives of others. What a plan!

(From "New Morning Mercies - a Daily Gospel Devotional" by Paul David Tripp)

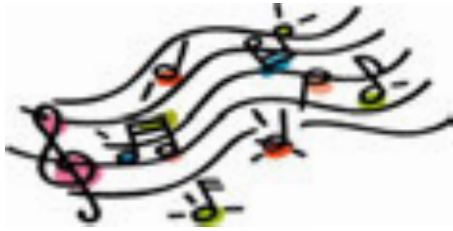
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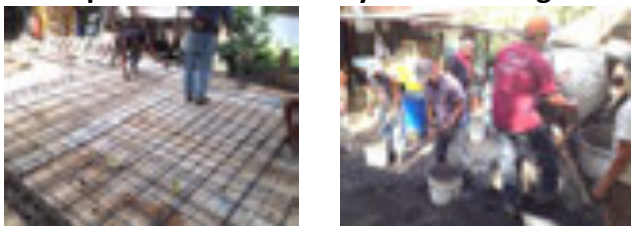


Choir practices are on Wednesdays at 8PM and Cantata practices after Worship on Sundays. Also, if you would like to be part of the Christmas Cantata group, please contact Peggy at phoglund@ymail.com.

Guatemala Mission Trip
March 17th- March 25th, 2018
Contact Chad Cooper for more information.



Through House of Healing, we are building a bakery to teach widowed women a skill and earn income for their families. They will be able to take this skill and open their own bakery in their villages.



**DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD,
IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS OR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE CHURCH ELDERS:**

MIKE HOGLUND — 954-261-2126
GINNY DEMATTEI — 561-350-8038
PAUL GHOUGASIAN — 954-830-9582
BRIAN CLAXTON — 561-504-0155
CHAD COOPER — 248-379-3739
TERRY CROUT — 561-852-9060
RENEE SANSARICQ — 561-789-8590

2¢ a Meal

Take a small bank and put it on the table where you eat. Say a prayer and put 2¢ a person in the bank. These donations will grow and when filled, bring it to church and put it in the 2¢ bank. At the end of the year, these donations will be sent to several organizations who help others less fortunate.

Our next Boca Helping Hands is scheduled for November 18th at 8:30am at Boca Glades Baptist Church!

If you have any family, friends, and/or are aware of congregants who have upcoming surgeries, are in the hospital, and/or need prayer, please let the office know.

Don't forget that Sunday, November 12th is Commitment Sunday. Please bring your Pledge Cards in that day. If you are unable to be there, please mail your card in or leave it at the church office.



Kids of Glades, please continue to invite your friends to come to church with you. We will continue learning about how much Jesus cares for us!





Wednesday Night at Glades

Love Others

Love Others - Be in an accountable small group study together. What should a small group be studying? First of all, the Bible. Take time to study a book of the Bible. Second, do a study written to help us live the life Christ wants us to have. Third, study the doctrine of our faith so that we can defend it to all who ask.

**These meeting is on
November 1st**

• Study together
(Wed Nights)
- Bible / Book Study
- Theology Study
- Lifestyle Study

6PM with a Prayer Time in the Sanctuary.
6:30 - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (\$ Donations)
7PM - Bible study
7:30PM - Committee Meetings
8P - Choir Practice

E-Groups

Go out

Thursday Men's Group

Date/Time and Location are:

November 9th, at 7PM at Sweet Tomatoes

Brian Claxton is facilitating.

Walk in the Word:

are Sunday evenings
on November 12th and
November 26th
at 6PM .

**Mike Hoglund is
facilitating.**

Tot Time Program

Join us for Tot Time at Glades!

Adult supervision is required.
\$5 donation requested.

When: November 6th &
November 20th from 9-11am

**If you have any questions,
please contact Erin Deviny.**

Circle of Hope

We will meet on
November 8th at 1PM
at Lee Henderson's
house.

Tuesday Women's Group

On November 7th, meet at
Ellen's house for a devotional
and prayers.

We will also serve at
Boca Helping Hands on
November 14th and
November 28th.



TARA IN EAST ASIA

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" -Psalm 119:105

大家好!

Hey everyone! Wow, I cannot believe that it is already almost half way through October. It feels like just yesterday we were boarding a plane to come over here!

While these first seven weeks have gone by so quickly, I have had a really hard time adjusting to EA life this year. There have been times of happiness and joy at being back in this country with these incredible people, but there have also been times of loneliness and isolation (and missing my sweet boyfriend of course). On top of that I have had a really



Some of the students who came to one of our parties!

tough time sleeping for about a month now, where I have trouble falling asleep at night and then constantly wake up all throughout the night. My relationship with the Lord has also been suffering lately, and I haven't had much desire to have quiet times with Him. I ask y'all to please come alongside me in prayer through all of this. While I know that the Lord has called me to serve here for another year, a lot of the time I don't know why and I direct that anger towards Him. Please be praying for me to have the energy and the desire to mend this relationship, for I truly cannot do life here without Him!

On a lighter note, we have spent the majority of our first few weeks here going out on campus and meeting as many freshmen as possible. While this is an exhausting task, it has been really rewarding to make so many new friends and to start meeting with these girls for the first time. In the past few weeks we have had the opportunity to host two parties at a coffee shop right outside of campus with the intention of building guanxi (relationship) with these students. Our disciples also attended this party to start making friends with the intention of eventually sharing the

Language Corner

关系: guānxì

(noun) connections;
relations; relationship

Prayer Requests

Ways to come along side me in prayer over this next year!

- **SLEEP!** Please pray that I can have some good, restful sleep. I have been having trouble falling asleep and staying asleep for the past few weeks, and it is really taking a toll on my daily life and ministry
- **Our disciples!** Please pray that our disciples will not be too busy this semester, and that they'll continue to take more ownership of the fellowship
- **New friends!** Please pray that we can continue to make new friends throughout the semester

Gospel with them.

We are currently in the process of starting to meet and plan with our disciples again to discuss in which direction they want the ministry to go, and to hopefully start up fellowship meetings again. I am excited to see which of our disciples step up into leadership roles, and to see all that God has planned to do through them this year!

I miss y'all and I'd love to hear from y'all at any time, please feel free to FaceTime or text me whenever!

God Bless
Tara Martin

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Birthdays and Anniversaries:

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14

Birthdays

- 1- Lawrence Ghougasian
- 2- Greg Martin
- 6- Eric Armstrong
- 17- Jimmy Hamilton
- 18- Clarence Bloom
- 18- Amanda Johns
- 21- George Perez
- 23- Evelyn Bridy
- 23- Chad Cooper
- 23- Mark Deviny
- 24- Jim Hamilton
- 26- Carmen Gomez
- 27- Ryan Crout



Anniversaries

- 10- Ramcharan
- 24- Hamilton

Take a moment to acknowledge those who have a birthday or anniversary this month.
If your birthday/anniversary is not listed in your month, please contact the church office.

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
			<p>1 6P Prayer Time 6:30P Dinner 7P Bible Study 7:30P Committee Mtgs 8P Choir</p> <p>Lawrence Ghougasian's Bday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Greg Martin's Bday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/Communion/Children's SS 11:45A Cantata Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9A Tot Time</p> <p>Eric Armstrong's Bday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10A Tuesday Women's Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1P Circle of Hope</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7P Men's Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ramcharan Anniv</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Commitment Sunday 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/Children's SS 11:45A Cantata Practice 6P Walk in the Word</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30P Admin</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10A Tuesday Women's Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30P Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Jimmy Hamilton's Bday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30A Boca Helping Hands</p> <p>Clarence Bloom's Bday</p> <p>Amanda Johns' Bday</p>
<p>19</p> <p>10:30A Session Prayer Time</p> <p>10:45A Worship/Children's SS</p> <p>11:45A Cantata Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9A Tot Time</p>	<p>21</p> <p>George Perez's Bday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30P Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Evelyn Bridy's Bday Chad Cooper's Bday Mark Deviny's Bday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Jim Hamilton's Bday</p> <p>Hamilton Anniv</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Advent Week 1 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/Children's SS 11:45A Cantata Practice 6P Walk in the Word Carmen Gomez's Bday</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Ryan Crout's Bday</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10A Tuesday Women's Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30P Choir</p>	<p>30</p>		

Dear Glades Family,

Kristin and I do miss you already but God has been awesome and is leading us to continue to do great things. The Presbytery of Tropical Florida has all pastors who leave a church sign and agree to the following terms:

I, the Rev. Dr. Carter Robinson agree:

- a) not to become involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in the Glades Presbyterian Church congregation;
- b) not to intervene, support, or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement or dispute;
- c) not to officiate in any special events in the lives of former parishioners or of the congregation, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship leadership, church anniversary activities, etc., unless expressly invited by the Moderator of the Session;
- d) to refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation;
- e) to consult with the Moderator of Session prior to visiting the congregation, attending worship or attending a special event;
- f) to refrain from giving opinions or directions regarding the business of the church;
- g) to explain and affirm the above principles to the congregation in writing (by letter or newsletter) and/or the pulpit.

It is understood that this policy does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals in the Glades Presbyterian Church congregation.

Kristin and I are excited that Glades is family to us, and we love each of you as friends and family.

Thanks so much!

Carter Robinson