



The Glades Gazette February 2018

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

On Sunday, January 21st, the Session met with Rev. Dr. Eve Tolley, Chair of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and Barbara Hollowell, our liaison to the Presbytery, to discuss where we are in terms of finding an Interim Minister (now called a "Transitional" minister). As you learned earlier, we had completed the Ministry Information Form (MIF) some time ago.

The meeting was extremely enlightening for the Session. It seems the process has changed dramatically since 2012 when we went through it before. Eve suggested we hire a "Bridge Pastor". A bridge pastor will conduct services twice a month, moderate our Session, connect with members who have left the Church, have office hours once a week, be on call for pastoral emergencies and conduct weddings or funerals as needed.

However, most importantly, the number one priority of a Bridge Pastor is to help us in the process of eventually finding the right Transitional Pastor (formerly known as an Interim Pastor). He will help us with the Mission Study we are required to complete and help us complete the MIF (Ministry Information Form) for a Transitional Pastor. This "Bridge Pastor" will be with us for about six months.

The other way the process has changed since 2012 is that back then a church could not hire Transitional Pastor as a Permanent Pastor. Now, however, a church may identify a suitable candidate who will serve as our "Transitional Pastor," and, if after some time, we find that person to be suitable to serve as our Permanent Pastor he/she may be called and installed as our permanent pastor with approval of the Presbytery. It actually gives us and the Transitional Pastor an opportunity to "try out" each other to see if this is a suitable fit.

The Session interviewed a candidate for Bridge Pastor on January 28th and is pleased to announce that we have engaged the Rev. Dr. Dennis R. Bennett to be our Bridge Pastor for a period of six months. His main mission will be to help us get a Transitional Pastor for Glades. We are blessed to have Dr. Bennett, as he comes with a wealth of experience, not only in helping churches like ours, but also in bringing his lifetime experiences as a military and corporate officer.

Please pray for the Session, Rev. Dr. Bennett and for Glades as we move forward.

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4 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/ Communion/ Children's SS	5	6	7 7:30P Choir	8	9	10
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NEW BIBLE STUDY TO START IN FEBRUARY

Beginning on Thursday, February 15th, Dr. Bennett will be conducting a Lenten/Eastertide Bible study for 12 weeks from 6 - 7 PM. It will be a chance for each of us to examine the essential points of the Christian Faith. The goal of the twelve weeks is to enable each of us to not only better understand the man Jesus, whom we know as the Christ, but what it means to follow Him and call Him Lord of our lives!

This is a great opportunity for Fellowship and Study.

Here's the February Study Schedule:

February 15 Class #1	Ecclesiastes 12: 9-14 Meaningless and Wisdom	Read Ecclesiastes Chapter 12
February 22 Class #2	Isaiah - Chapter 40 God and Comfort	Read Chapter 40 each day of the week before class



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

GINNY DEMATTEI
561-350-8038

BRIAN CLAXTON
561-504-0155

TERRY CROUT
561-852-9060

Our Treasurer, Kathy, has moved on. Ginny De Mattei will be temporarily taking over the job of Treasurer for Glades. If you have any money or bill questions see Ginny.

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.



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!

Thursday Men's Group

Date/Time and Locations are:

February 1st, at 7PM at Chili's
February 15th, at 7PM at Tijuana Flats

Brian Claxton is facilitating.

**Tuesday
Women's
Group**

Will not be
meeting this
month.

**Walk in the
Word:**

are Sunday
evenings
at 6PM
Dates TBD.

Tot Time Program

Join us for Tot Time at Glades!

Adult supervision is required.
\$5 donation requested.

When: February 12th &
February 26th from 9-11am
**If you have any questions,
please contact Erin Deviny.**

Circle of Hope

We will meet on
February 14th at 1PM
at Lee Henderson's
house.

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

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.

15- Bob Garlanger



27- Roubian

CHOIR

**Choir Rehearsal will be every
Wednesday night at
7:30PM with Beverly.
New voices always welcome!**



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Anyone requesting a Prayer Shawl should contact new chair of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ginny DeMattei (561-350-8038).

Many thanks for 10 years of faithful service to all the knitters.
Glades Presbyterian has made and given more than 600 prayer shawls!

**Our next Boca
Helping Hands
is scheduled for
February 17th at
8:30am at
Boca Glades
Baptist Church!**





Rebuilding the temple must have looked impossible to Zerubbabel, one of the leaders of Israel who returned from exile. The people were discouraged, faced opposition from their enemies, and lacked resources or a big army. But God sent Zechariah to remind Zerubbabel that the task would take something more powerful than military strength, individual power, or man-made resources. It would take the Spirit's power (Zechariah 4:6). With the assurance of divine aid, Zerubbabel trusted that God would level any mountain of difficulty that stood in the way of rebuilding the temple and restoring the community (v. 7).

What do we do when there is a "mountain" before us? We have two options: rely on our own strength or trust the Spirit's power. When we trust His power, He will either level the mountain or give us the strength and endurance to climb over it.

While "rebuilding" Glades may seem like a daunting task, we can do all things through He who strengthens us – I say that to myself at least 20 times a day!

It starts with YOU. Yes, YOU! All you have to do is invite ONE person to church – a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend – or an enemy. If each one of us brings just one person to Glades, each of them may bring one more.

We all have a story to tell – tell your story of redemption to someone this week. It just might encourage them to join us at Glades.

Elder Ginny DeMattei