



The Glades Gazette

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Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are beginning a new sermon series on the parables of Jesus. Christ Jesus was the only person to teach through parables in the new testament. Do you remember the first parable you learned? Most of us probably learned about the good Samaritan, which is a really great start. They are all gold nuggets and pearls of wisdom. For many the parables are a puzzle and curiously they were intended to be just that. The non-believers asked Jesus, “Why do you teach in riddles?” For the non-believer they were and largely still are a mystery; and yet for the believer they are a thought provoking story that related some truth about God and or the Kingdom of God. These stories took the hearer emotionally out of the equation and allowed them to look at themselves in relation to God and the Kingdom in an objective and nonthreatening manner. The word “parable” itself belies this fact. Parable comes straight from the Greek and means to throw beside or beyond. Although it is cast beyond or beside us, psychologically it hits the target straight on the mark. That target being, our hearts and minds.

Now we have the additional help of the Holy Spirit to aid us in our understanding. The wisdom of God is a powerful and wondrous thing. My hope and prayer is that I can relate these parables to you in an entertaining, relatable and understandable way. However, I am beginning with the most difficult parable. The story of the shrewd or dishonest manager. Which carries an additional reminder to us not to think we can put Jesus Christ or God’s wisdom in a box. This parable is a head scratcher and is a bit irritating, like sand in your swimsuit. I assume that is the reason it is so rarely preached, and yet vital for us to hear.

I look forward to seeing you and may God continue to richly bless you,
Pastor David

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TARA IN AMERICA!

"I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the lord" –Hosea 2:20

大家好!

I am so excited to finally be writing to y'all from America! It has been quite the whirlwind since getting back into the country and I cannot believe that I have already been here for an entire month.

My first two weeks here were spent back and forth between Asheville and Birmingham visiting mine and Will's families. It was really great to have some time to see everyone and spend some time around family, while also trying to adjust to jet lag. After two weeks of adjusting and some good family time, I packed up my car and moved into a new apartment in Birmingham, Alabama!

Moving here has been a lot of fun, and also very exhausting. So far I love the area that I'm living in and have started getting plugged in to different communities. I have started attending a new church and a weekly women's bible study, and am coaching twice a week at a CrossFit gym near my apartment. It has been a joy to meet so many new people and to start getting plugged into a church! Coming back to America I was nervous about finding new community, and the Lord has been so sweet to already provide me with so much.

While I am so thankful for all the time that I've spent trying to settle in and meet new people, I've done a really poor job of finding time to slow down and rest in the Lord. I haven't really had any time to process moving back to the States, and it hasn't fully hit me yet that I won't be going back to East Asia any time soon. Please pray that I would be able to slow down a little more and look at all that the Lord is doing and has done during this time and these past two years.

Looking back at these past two years I am overwhelmed with thankfulness for every single one of y'all. I truly could not have done any of this without your love and support. *I would love to send everyone a small token of my appreciation, so if you could reply to this email with your mailing address I would greatly appreciate that.*

Prayer Requests

Ways to come along side me in prayer during this transition!

- **Rest!** Please pray that I would be able to slow down for a little bit and find rest in the Lord
- **New friendships!** Please pray that I would be able to develop deep and meaningful relationships with my new community, both at church and at school
- **Transition!** Please pray that I would be able to settle into life here in Birmingham and that it would really start to feel like home



My first visit to my new school!

On a logistical note, if you are currently donating to me monthly, you need to go in and end your monthly donations! If you do not stop these by the end of this month, they will go to the Cru general fund, and not to me!

I am so sad that this journey is over, and also so excited to see all that the Lord has in store for me in this next chapter. It's hard to say goodbye to y'all, and I would love to keep in touch! Please feel free to call, text, or email me at any time, for any reason! I pray that you have seen the Lord work in amazing ways over these past two years, and that you know Him more because of it. Love you all.



**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

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.

Deacons:

Class of 2021:

Tracy Garlanger, Laurie Jenkins, Carmen Gomez

Class of 2020:

Rowena Avrigh, Karen Sanchez, Linda Williams

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

Elders

Class of 2021:

Brian Claxton, John Jenkins,
Bob Garlanger, Jackie Davis

Class of 2020:

Terry Crout, Ginny DeMattei

CHOIR

Choir Practice begins on Wednesday,
August 15th at 7:30.

The choir will start singing on
Sunday, August 26th.

We will also be rehearsing Christmas
cantata music and new voices welcome.

The Church is in need of a laptop or desktop computer. If you are upgrading, or have one you don't use, please think about donating it to the Church.

Sunday School

Hello Glades members,

As our summer vacation comes to an end just as kids prepare for regular school to begin, we will start Sunday School the first Sunday in September. The plan is for classes to begin at [9:45am](#) and [end at 10:30](#) in the Christian education building. If we change our worship time then Sunday School times would change too.

We currently are scheduled to have an adult and a youth class which will be for young children. As our church family grows, we will need to get volunteers to become teachers to have a Middle and a High school class.

Another change would be that during our worship service the plan is to have the children attend it to learn and participate in the worship. We are planning for nursery care for those babies to young to attend the service.

We look forward to learning more about being a Christian and sharing fellowship with our church family. If you wish to have input or participate in our upcoming Christian education this year please talk to Elder Terry Crout or Deacon Tracey Garlanger who are in charge of that committee.

God Bless all of you,
Terry



Thursday Men's Group

Meeting at 7PM and Locations are TBD:

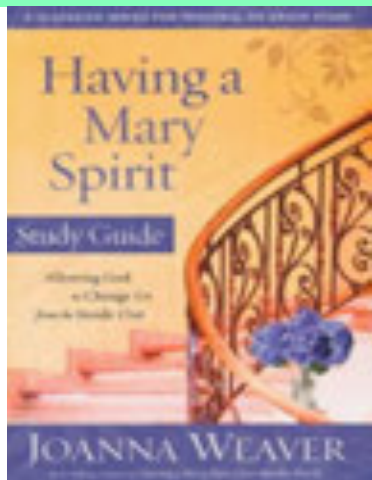
August 2nd

August 16th

August 30th

Brian Claxton is facilitating.

**Admin Meeting
in the Prayer
Room
at 7:30PM**



Women's Bible Study will continue.

**Join us at Tracy's house at 10 AM on
Tuesdays for a 12 week study on
Having a Mary Spirit.**

Sign up on Sunday or call Tracy Garlanger.



**4- Dariana S. Fajardo
18- Indrani Ramcharan
26- Rowena Avrich
27- Ryan Armstrong
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8- Claxton