



The Glades Gazette February 2017

From the Pastor's Porch:

The decision between giving God an "I can" vs. giving God an "I can't".

Do we give God our "Yes" or our "No's"?

Have you ever really thought about that before? Do you give God "Yes" and "I Can's" more than you give God a "No" or "I can't"?

Do you live in a world of scarcity where time is limited and you have to make choices? I know I do. Time is so short. Do you know what? We all have the same 24 hours in the day, the same 7 days a week, and the same 365 days in a year. But what we do with that time is the difference. Do we spend it glorifying God or glorifying ourselves? Do we spend it serving God or serving ourselves? Do we spend it working towards God's glory or our own glory? Do we spend it to the good of Glades or the good of ourselves?

I think part of the problem we run into is that we think being "Busy" for God is good. We feel if we are "always" doing something for the church or God that we are on the right path. Unfortunately, I don't think that is the case. Being busy for God isn't the goal. The goal is to see where God is working and where God is doing great things; to be able to discern what God is calling us here as a church to do and working towards that goal TOGETHER. It is all about a TOGETHER thing. As we are reading through the Bible in 90 days, I hope you are noticing how God was all about the COMMUNITY. We aren't supposed to go off on our own or do our own thing. The key is bringing everything back into the COMMUNITY of faith.

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Pastor's Porch continues...

The problem is that we can get so busy doing so many things that we think God wants us to do, but in reality we are missing the mark because we don't take the time to ask "Where is God leading Glades" and "how can I focus my energy and resources to have the most impact towards the goals of God and the goals of Glades?" Many times busier isn't better. God wants us to serve him efficiently. God is calling Glades to do lots of great and powerful things, but that doesn't work if we aren't working together toward common goals.

What do I mean by that? I mean that it isn't about Tuesday Morning Group, the Men's Group, the Young Woman's group, Youth Group, Walk in the Word, Choir, Circle of Hope, or any group that we have formed. It isn't about making each of these separate groups stronger or more powerful or more popular, but it is about connecting these groups to the church and getting these groups working towards the common goal that God has set before us as a church. Some of those goals include increasing worship attendance, reading through the Bible in 90 Days, increasing our commitment and small group participation, our Easter Outreach Event Egg Hunt, which are a few that we are working towards currently.

What is an example of this? Last year, the Tuesday Morning women's group made Christmons during one of their meetings to help fill the Christmon tree in the sanctuary. They knew that was something that the church was working towards as a whole and they stepped in to help and work towards that goal of the church.

You see if we all get caught up in our different groups, we can get so busy doing things that suddenly we don't have "time" to give God any more "Yes" or "I Can" because we are so caught up in doing 'things.' We are all so busy doing things that we get lost and miss the BIG YES's and the BIG I CAN's that He really wants us to do as a church and as a person.

Glades is a small church. We need to stop competing with each other for our time. When there are members of the church that have to make a decision between small group, Bible in 90 days, choir, serving on a committee, or another group, then maybe we are competing with ourselves.

As we continue in 2017, let us take some deep hard looks at what we are doing as a church and what we are personally doing. Are we giving God our BEST YES, where we are seeing Him efficiently and where HE wants us to serve or are we so busy that we can only give to auxiliary things in the church causing us to not have time to focus on the main thing that God is calling us to as a church?

What is God calling us to do as a Church? What is the MAIN GOAL of EVERYTHING we DO at Glades? Here there are 3 simple steps. 3 simple things that we need to focus on and pour everything we have into.

1. **Worship Together** — Sunday Mornings at 10:30
2. **Study and Read God's word together in community** — Bible in 90 Days Mondays at 7pm
3. **Go out into the world and Make Disciples** — Easter Egg Hunt and Personal Outreach to bring others to #1 (Worship Together)

That is what God is calling us to do. That is what God is calling Glades to focus on. There is so much that goes into each of those events, isn't there? Choir has to practice and prepare for worship each week (Thank you, Choir!). Everyone has to read 12 pages a day in the Bible to keep up with Bible in 90 Days AND make a commitment to be there Monday Nights to be in an accountable community. Then the final aspect is that, as a church, there is a focus on bringing in others to the 3 step cycle. Outreach is meant to bring people to worship with us on Sunday mornings and then to be a part of the #2 of joining a group that studies and reads God's word together in community. THEN those who came in are now working step 3 of Going out.



Pastor's Porch continues...

That is how the church is going to grow when we can focus on this process of discipleship.

But the key is that we, as a church, are going to have to focus. We are going to have to work all that we have into the steps. If we don't, then we are just going to keep on giving God "No's" because we don't have time. We are going to keep on telling God "I Can't" because I can only do so much. When each of us are focusing on our own projects and our own groups, then as a church, we will never accomplish what we are called by God to accomplish because our focus as a church isn't together.

Questions to think about...

Am I focusing on the main thing, the main goal of the church, or am I focusing on my group or my personal goals?

Where do I need to start saying "No" to lesser goals so that I can start saying "YES" to the big goal God has for me and for Glades?

Remember what Paul said in Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him (Jesus Christ) who strengthens me."

Notice He didn't say, I can do some things, or I can do the things that I want, or I can do most things. He said, "I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me." God wants the "YES". God wants the "I Can." Through Christ and focusing on what the main thing is, we're focusing on what is MOST important to God where He can receive our BEST YES.

Pastor Carter

| February 5th | February 12th | February 19th | February 26th |
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| Bible in 90 Days Week 2 Moses Numbers 11:4-23 | Youth Led Worship Service | Bible in 90 Days Week 4 David 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel | Bible in 90 Days Week 4 Nehemiah Nehemiah 1-6 |

We all know prayer can go a long way. Have you been praying for Glades? Our church leadership? Our congregants?



If you haven't already, start following The Robinsons' Blog!
<http://robinsonscostalcallings.blogspot.com>.

Notes from Peggy:



Choir Practice is on Wednesdays at 7:30PM

We would love to add new choir members!
If you are interested in joining, please
contact Peggy
at phoglund@ymail.com





Small Groups

Churchwide



The B90 is a group-oriented, Bible reading plan that engages people in a 90-day, cover-to-cover reading of the Bible.

**Classes are on Monday Nights at 7PM !
Pastor Carter is facilitating.**

Glades Young Women

God continues to do awesome things! We can't wait to see what God reveals to us as we wrap up this study Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring Fruit of the Spirit this month. God is so good...all of the time!

**Meetings are on Thursdays at 7PM
Contact Kristin at krobglades@gmail.com with any questions.**

Circle of Hope

We will meet at 1PM on February 8th at Neyda Rodriguez's house.

Tuesday Women's Group

Ellen and Tracy will be leading a new Tuesday Morning Women's Group starting on January 31st at 10AM at Ellen's house. There will be a DVD series on Women in the Bible.

Sunday Evenings:

Walk in the Word at 6PM on February 12th and February 19th.

Mike Hoglund is facilitating.

Thursday Men's Group

Date/Time and Locations are:

February 2nd, at 7PM at Sweet Tomatoes
February 16th, at 7PM at Padrinos
Brian Claxton is facilitating.



January 21st, 2017

east asia update

God has been doing some really amazing things over here in East Asia!

Hello again! I will be traveling over these next five weeks, so I wanted to keep y'all in the loop as to what we will be doing since it will be awhile before y'all hear from me again! The Launch Trips that I told y'all about in the last newsletter went really well. My team got the opportunity to go to a city in another Province called Kunming, and it was such a beautiful place! It is the first location I have been to in East Asia with consistently BLUE SKIES!!! It was so refreshing to be able to have some good weather for a little over a week. During this time, we had the chance to explore a new University that our company has never been on, and we are so amazed at what we found. On



Our Launch Trip team on top of the beautiful (and sunny!!) city of Kunming

the first day we were there, we happened upon a Christian who connected us to a group of over twenty believers on campus! Through this we had the chance to sit down and have lunch with some of these people to get a picture of what their ministry looks like. We were completely blown away at the dedication that these students have to sharing their faith! Not only do they have a fellowship that meets weekly, but they frequently go out on campus to meet other students to share with. It was amazing to see God working in such BIG ways on another campus. It gave me so much hope and vision for what we are striving to build on our own campus; a student run ministry that we can eventually step back from. God is so BIG y'all!

Over these next five weeks we will have the chance to visit some other nearby countries for some learning, conferences, rest and relaxation. On the 23rd we will be flying into ChiangMai, Thailand for a week long Seminary Course on Systematic Theology. I am so excited to learn more about God and His Word through this course. Then on the 30th, we will be moving to a nearby hotel for our MidYear Conference with hundreds of students from other locations and regions joining us. On February 5th we will be flying to Pattaya, Thailand for our SouthWest Region MidYear Conference, with just the other teams from our region here in East Asia. Then, on the 11th, our vacation begins! We have two weeks to travel a little bit and finally take a break from the craziness that has been our lives for the past five months. During this time we will have the chance to visit KohLanta (Thailand) and two locations in Bali (Indonesia). Then on the 27th we will finally return home and be well rested and rejuvenated for our second semester of classes and ministry!

Looking back on these past five months, I am continually amazed at the work that the Lord has done here in our city. Please be praying that the Lord will use this break to grow us and our disciples more, and that He may continue to do His amazing works when we get back at the end of February.

Please also be praying for me as I continue to pray through the decision of staying in East Asia for another year! I am so excited to share with y'all that I feel like the Lord is leading me to spend another year here! While I have not 100% made a decision yet, I have just started the application process for staying and would love for y'all to come along side me in praying about that.

All of that being said, I am SO THANKFUL for every single one of you and your love and prayers! I would LOVE to hear from y'all, so please feel free to email me any questions you have or just to say hello! Love and miss y'all <3

prayer requests

OUR DISCIPLES - That our discs can have a restful break while also continuing to pursue the Lord while at home

OUR TEAM - That we can learn a lot and remain focused during the classes and conferences coming up

VACATION - That we can have fun, safe and relaxing travels over the next few weeks



February Reading List for Bible in 90 Days

| Date | Scripture |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Leviticus 16:15 - Numbers 1 |
| 2 | Numbers 2 - Numbers 11 |
| 3 | Numbers 12 - Numbers 23 |
| 4 | Numbers 24 - Numbers 36 |
| 5 | Deuteronomy 2 - Deuteronomy 11 |
| 6 | Deuteronomy 12 - Deuteronomy 28:14 |
| 7 | Deuteronomy 28:15 - Joshua 6 |
| 8 | Joshua 7 - Joshua 19 |
| 9 | Joshua 20 - Judges 7 |
| 10 | Judges 8 - Judges 19 |
| 11 | Judges 20 - 1 Samuel 8 |
| 12 | 1 Samuel 9 - 1 Samuel 20:17 |
| 13 | 1 Samuel 20:18 - 2 Samuel 3:21 |
| 14 | 2 Samuel 3:22 - 2 Samuel 16 |
| 15 | 2 Samuel 17 - 1 Kings 1 |
| 16 | 1 Kings 2 - 1 Kings 10 |
| 17 | 1 Kings 11 - 1 Kings 21 |
| 18 | 1 Kings 22 - 2 Kings 9 |
| 19 | 2 Kings 10 - 2 Kings 20 |
| 20 | 2 Kings 21 - 1 Chronicles 5 |
| 21 | 1 Chronicles 6 - 1 Chronicles 17 |
| 22 | 1 Chronicles 18 - 2 Chronicles 1 |
| 23 | 2 Chronicles 2 - 2 Chronicles 17 |
| 24 | 2 Chronicles 18 - 2 Chronicles 31 |
| 25 | 2 Chronicles 32 - Ezra 7 |
| 26 | Ezra 8 - Nehemiah 9 |
| 27 | Nehemiah 10 - Esther 10 |
| 28 | Job 1 - Job 19 |



The Way (Youth Group)

Meetings are every other
Sunday evenings at 4PM.

The days we're meeting are:
February 5th at the Armstrong's
February 19th at the Claxton's

And....

There will be a Youth Led Sunday Service on
February 12th!

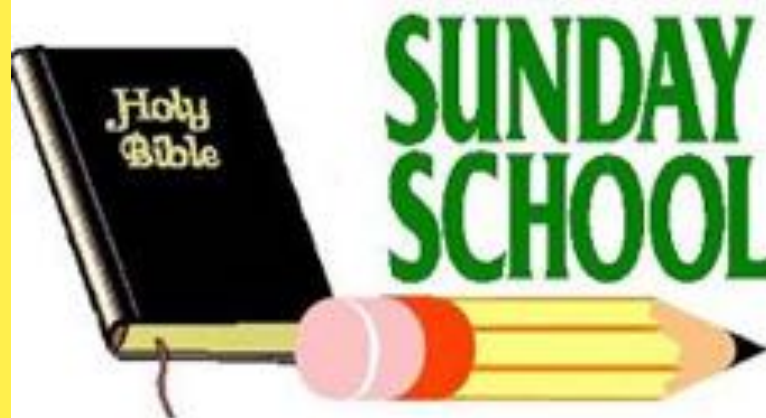
For more information, please contact
Janet Cooper: Janet_cooper@msn.com.



**We love our
Glades kiddos!**

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.*



Sunday School for ages 4-11

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!



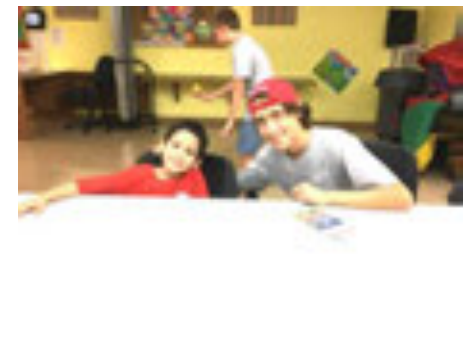
***You are invited
to the Glades Valentine's
Day Lunch!***



***February 5th, 2017
following
Worship Service.***



The Way Volunteering at Florence Fuller



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

- 2- Jorge Rosario
- 3- Jason Gallop
- 7- Julia Manfre
- 13- Gretchen Schrieber
- 13- Carlo Davila Payan
- 15- Bob Garlanger
- 18- Peggy Hoglund
- 26- Omar Brown



Anniversaries

- 21- Rodriguez
- 27- Roubian

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.

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 Pastor Carter know. He and Kristin like to lift them in prayer and if they are local, go visit them.

Any March Newsletter Announcements, etc need to be sent to admin@gladeschurch.com no later than February 20th.

Wrapping it up...

Thanks to those who helped take Christmas decorations down!

It's a
Baby Shower!

Let's Celebrate!

Kristin's Baby Shower will be on
Saturday, February 4th at 2PM
at

Janet Cooper's House.

All ladies of the church are
invited!

She is registered at Target,
Babies R Us, & Amazon.com!



Another reminder:
Pastor Carter's email address is:

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not:
✗ [**pastorcarter@gladepc.com**](mailto:pastorcarter@gladepc.com)



| sun | mon | tue | wed | thu | fri | sat |
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| | | | 1 7:30P Choir | 2 7P Young Women's Study 7P Men's Group Jorge Rosario's Bday | 3 Jason Gallop's Bday | 4 2P Kristin Robinson's Baby Shower |
| 5 10:30A Worship/Children's SS 11:30A Congregational Meeting 11:40A Valentine's Day Lunch 4P The Way | 6 7P Bible in 90 Days | 7 10A Tuesday Morning Women's Study 6P Christian Ed Julia Manfre's Bday | 8 1P Circle of Hope 7:30P Choir | 9 7P Young Women's Study | 10 | 11 Presbytery Meeting |
| 12 9A Nominating Committee 10:30A Youth Led Worship/Children's SS 6P Walk in the Word | 13 7P Bible in 90 Days Gretchen Schrieber's Bday Carlo Davila Payan's Bday | 14 Valentine's Day 10A Tuesday Morning Women's Study 6P Outreach 7P Worship 8P Admin | 15 7:30P Choir Bob Garlanger's Bday | 16 7P Men's Group | 17 | 18 8:30A Boca Helping Hands Peggy Hogle's Bday |
| 19 9A Liturgist Training 10A Acolyte Training 10:30A Sunday Worship/Children's SS 4P The Way 6P Walk in the Word | 20 Presidents Day 7P Bible in 90 Days | 21 10A Tuesday Morning Women's Study Rodriguez Anniv | 22 7:30P Choir | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9A Nominating Committee 10:30A Worship/Children's SS Omar Brown's Bday | 27 7P Bible in 90 Days Roubian Anniv | 28 10A Tuesday Morning Women's Study 7P Session | | | | |