

# The Glades Gazette April 2017

# From the Pastor's Porch:

HE IS RISEN.

Easter is a fun time of the year to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I'm always excited to celebrate Jesus at the resurrection. I think Easter is such a great time to not only celebrate Christ, but also to SHARE the excitement and resurrection with others. Easter is still a holiday where people are more likely than others to actually come to church. I know there are people out there who would only come Easter Sunday who don't usually come to church. There are people who, if asked (maybe asked a couple of times and reminded), will say "yes" and maybe they need to be picked up or met somewhere. Howevever, they are only interested in coming to church on Easter Sunday. Because of that, all members and friends of Glades need to take some time these next few weeks and reach out to those people that we know who don't have a church home or don't worship regularly.

What I LOVE about Easter is that we celebrate it EVERY SUNDAY.

That is why Christians worship Sunday instead of the Jewish Saturday worship: because we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ every week.

That is the celebration and joy that we celebrate weekly as we gather with the Body of Christ (remember that is what God considers Glades!).

Matthew 28:5b-7a "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell!"

As we think about worship each Sunday, let's remember that every week, we celebrate Easter here at Glades and that we are told to GO QUICKLY and tell!

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Pastor's Porch continues...



Holy Week Events At Glades: Palm Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM Maundy Thursday – April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Good Friday – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12PM Easter Sunday – April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM

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Have you ever wanted to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? We are reading through the entire Bible in 90 days and learning so much in the process. Who would like to stand on Mt. Nebo where Moses stood and saw the promised land before he died? Who would like to walk along the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked or visit a house in Nazareth? What about walk on the temple mound where the temple Solomon built was?

If you are interested in a 2018 Glades trip to the Holy Land, please talk to Pastor Carter!



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://robinsonscoastalcallings.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 <u>phoglund@ymail.com</u>

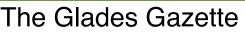
April Reading List for Bible in 90 Days

If you haven't registered yet, you can

do so through their website:

www.weekendtoremember.com and use the code GladesChurch

Dat	Scripture	Dat	Scripture	
1	Zechariah 4 - Malachi 4	12	Acts 16 - Acts 27	
2	Matthew 1 - Matthew 12	13	Acts 28 - Romans 14	
3	Matthew 13 - Matthew 23	14	Romans 15 - 1 Corinthians 14	
4	Matthew 24 - Mark 5	15	1 Corinthians 15 - Galatians 3	
5	Mark 6 - Mark 15:20	16	Galatians 4 - Colossians 4	
6	Mark 15:21 - Luke 8	17	1 Thessalonians 1 - Titus 3	
7	Luke 9 - Luke 18	18	Philemon 1 - James 2	
8	Luke 19 - John 4	19	James 3 - 3 John	
9	John 5 - John 13	20	Jude 1 - Revelation 17	
10	John 14 - Acts 4	21	Revelation 18 - Revelation 22	
11	Acts 5 - Acts 15	22/ 23	Grace Day	



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September 15-September 17 a Delray Beach

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# <u>Small Groups</u>

# **Churchwide**

If you are behind, keep going and schedule time on your calendar to catch up. You can do this! Classes are on Monday Nights at 7PM.

## <u>Glades Young</u> <u>Women</u>

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will continue to participate in the church-wide study of Bible in 90 Days.

### **Circle of Hope**

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We will meet at 1PM on April 12th at Neyda Rodriguez's house. Walk in the Word: are Sunday evenings on April 2nd and April 30th at 6PM . Mike Hoglund is facilitating.

#### <u>Tuesday Women's Group</u>

Ellen and Tracy will be leading the study. Meetings are at 10AM at Ellen's house. There will be a DVD series on Women in the Bible.

### **Thursday Men's Group**

Date and time: April 27th at 7PM (Location is TBD) Keep a look out for more information!

### Brian Claxton is facilitating.



#### march 29th, 2017

# east asia story

Serving over here in East Asia, we are encouraged not to make friends with the other foreign students. We are in a position where the main purpose of what we are doing here is, to put it lightly, frowned upon by the government. Because of this, it is easier to keep our distance from the other english speaking students, mostly to ward off the suspicious questions that come out of having deeper friendships. Because of this caution, most of us have not spent any real time with our classmates (other than our coworkers), outside of the occasional breaks during class. Since this is normal for us, and not something that I had ever really had a problem with, I hadn't taken the time to think about the other students who are learning, living and surviving East Asia right alongside me. And now, sitting here with a tear-stained face, after a prayer filled che ride home, I am finally really looking at the lives of these people that I have merely glanced at in the past.

Today after class we went to lunch with the most motley crew I have ever been a part of in East Asia. Typically, if we want to go eat, we settle for going to Dragon with all Americans, or to other various restaurants with our Asian friends. Today as we were sitting in class and talking about lunch plans, we happened to reach out to the Spanish girl in our class to see if she wanted to come, to which she quickly replied "yes!". This then turned into us also inviting the Ugandan girl, who also agreed to come. As we were sitting outside on our che's waiting for them, we saw a group of four students

joking, laughing and walking towards us about to go to lunch. I quickly began to stress out thinking about having to hang out with a group of students I didn't know, while also feeling like I had to be "undercover" and secretive. I've been very careful during this time to make sure that no one would realize what I was actually "up to" living and studying in this country. Despite that, the students get to us, hop on our che's, and off we go.

We got to the restaurant, sat down, and ordered. Our conversation starts off formal and slow, as it typically does with a new group of people. We are quickly talking about Asia, Europe, and traveling, and it seems to be the main thing that we all have in common. As we get farther into the conversation, however, everyone seems to get a little more at ease with what is going on. Formal conversation slowly moves into the realm of more comfortable (which becomes even more relaxed as the delicious food shows up).

Now, you must understand that we have been living in this country for almost eight months now, and during this time we have been befriending almost exclusively Asian students. While these friendships are so real and genuine, you can only get so far past surface level when there is such a big language barrier. The topic of death is not one that is usually breached.

#### Prayer Requests

For the Lord to continue to burden my heart with the salvation of others

That the Lord may use me to shine the light of JC in the lives of those around me

For continued team unity, and for team growth as we go on our Team Retreat this weekend!



So as we were sitting around picking at the food still left on the table, the conversation of ways to die came up. Death is something that Asian students don't ever even really think about, much less talk about. It started off fairly light-hearted. We talked about the ways that everyone would prefer to die if they had the choice. Then things took a slight turn. While at first people were talking about funny and even some absurd ways to die, it then turned into people confessing the true, deep rooted fear that they had of death. This is when it really struck me: people who have no hope in Jesus Christ have absolutely EVERY right to have a paralyzing fear of death.

When I was a little girl, I felt the same way about death. I can vividly remember multiple occasions where I was sitting in my mother's arms in my bed, hysterically crying over the fear of death, or the fear of the unknown. At that time in my life, I had no relationship with Jesus, and had no hope in the loss of life. To me, life was good and death was bad, and not just bad, but terrifying. As I grew older, though, I learned more about the Bible, and finally began my relationship with the Lord. The fear slowly leaked out of me. Now it is the smallest of fears, and one that I usually do not even consider. Now, it is more than a fear; it is a promise of happiness and eternal life with our Lord and Savior. But sitting in that room with a table full of grown adults, I realized something: people who do not have this promise of life will never pull away from their fears of death.

Something changed inside of me when I realized this. I have lived here for eight months now, telling myself that people in East Asia really need to hear the Gospel, and that I am here to help bring it to them. In that moment, however, I realized how wrong my view of my role had been. In that moment, I finally fully understood that people in EVERY nation really need to hear the Gospel, and that God is using me in the mundane moments of everyday life to bring it to them. I am not here in East Asia to spread the gospel to East Asia; I am here to shine the light of Jesus Christ on every single person that I come into contact with. That might look differently with different people, but every single person is worthy of my time, respect and love for them, just as Jesus has loved us. For these past eight months, without even knowing it, I had been excluding a portion of God's people because I hadn't deemed them worthy of the love that I had come to share.

As multiple people around the table confessed this fear of death, tears stung the corners of my eyes. I thought, "if only they knew that TRUE life doesn't even start until AFTER death." These people need the Gospel as much and you and I need the air we breathe, and while I understand and respect the norms of not spending too much time with other foreigners in our program, I now have a totally different outlook as to what that should look like. While my priority over here should be spending time and sharing the Good News with the Asians around me, I should still give the other foreign students the time, love and respect they deserve. At the very least I can share them the simplest form of the Gospel – love. Sharing the Gospel can mean sharing the "Four Spiritual Laws" booklet with one of my Asian friends, but it can also mean taking the time to go to lunch with two other Americans, two Spaniards, a Ugandan and a Ghanalan. Sharing the gospel can mean showing anyone and everyone the love and light of Jesus Christ, through the simple act of breaking bread together.

"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery." - Hebrews 2:14-15

# FREE Easter Egg Hunt

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Everyone is invited to enjoy this TOTALLY FREE event. Event will include egg hunt with over 2,000 eggs, pictures with the Easter Bunny, hot dogs, crafts, games and more.

> Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:00am at Glades. For more information call (561) 477-4898 or email: admin@gladeschurch.com



### Pictures from the Guatemala Mission Trip







<u>The Way</u> (Youth Group) -April 16th at 4PM at the Armstrong's -April 19th: Volunteering at Florence Fuller Foundation (meet at church parking lot at 3PM) -April 29th Lock-in at the Cooper's (more details to come) For more information, please contact Janet Cooper: Janet\_cooper@msn.com.





#### Graduation Sunday will be on May 14th

If you have a graduate,

please let us know by April 27th!



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!

### <u>2¢ a Meal</u>

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.

# 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

Julian Sansarciq
Alicia Tracy-Ann Brown
Pastor Carter Robinson
Jerrett Cherry
John Sisoian
Jenny Cherry
Ann Sisoian
Lonna Bobko
Ashley Brown





Anniversaries

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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.

The Glades Gazette April 2017 Page 10 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 May Newsletter Announcements, etc need to be sent to admin@gladeschurch.com no later than April 20th.

# Wrapping it up...



ALL are invited to join us for our next After Church Fellowship Lunch April 9th immediately following Worship. Come hang out, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate Pastor Carter's Birthday!



Mark Merrill, Former Attorney, Co-Founder with Tony Dungy of Family First & All Pro Dads, Author, and Radio Host

Speaking: Thursday, May 18 (7-9am) To register, please go to www.gatheringpb.com

The Glades Gazette April 2017 Our next Boca Helping Hands is scheduled for April 15 from 8:30am-11am at Boca Glades Baptist Church!



<u>The Way Mission Trip</u> (through Son Servants) is from July 22nd through July 30th in West Virginia.

The Youth have to have a "yes" or "no", along with a down payment of \$385 (or proof they have a fundraising plan) to Janet Cooper by April 2nd.



<u>Help Wanted</u>...If you would like to become an Usher, please contact Brenda Romeo.



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