

The Glades Gazette

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Through These Troubled Times

The nation and the entire world is going through a difficult time right now. Currently, we are all going through a troubling uncertain time. The current crisis with the pandemic is in the forefront of everyone's mind and my concern for you weighs heavier on my heart than anything else.

There are those false teachings that say: "if you suffer from doubt you have no faith in God". And that other false teaching that says: that once you "become a Christian" everything in your life will improve. It is true that overall things improve, but Jesus Christ never said it was going to all be ponies and rainbows and cotton candy. When new Christians find that they are continuing to experience difficult times and challenges in life, they can quickly become overwhelmed and confused. After all, shouldn't life be easy when you are putting your faith in God?

The truth is life isn't always easy for anyone, and there is a considerable need for Christian strength and action in this world because tough times and challenges are more evident than ever. Here are some ways that you can find the ability to move forward during the tough times. One of the most used Bible verses for motivation is Phillipians 4:13 : "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." This is an excellent verse in which many people draw comfort and strength. It reminds us that we do not need to make it through life on our own strength. We have a God that wants to provide us with access to the strength that we need to make it through challenging times.

There is something that is reassuring and comforting about knowing that we don't need to be able to handle it on our own. When tough times come, we can have Christian faith that we will be able to persist and make it through because we do not need to walk through it alone. Sometimes it's hard to be motivated to continue when something is tough when you are alone. However, when you have someone else that is helping you through the situation, it becomes much more manageable. 2nd Corinthians 3:5 is another verse that goes along with this idea and can help keep you going. The verse says, "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God." Another way you may have heard this stated, "I am sufficient in Christ's sufficiency." You do not need to be able to handle it all on your own because, as a Christian, you can draw from the limitless strength that God has for us.

If you need some Christian inspiration during tough times, there is no better place to turn than the Bible. It is the word of God. Many people refer to it as the "living word," almost as if the Bible was living and breathing. This can speak to people today as much as it was to the people that read it when it was first written. The messages, stories, and lessons apply today as much as they did thousands of years ago. If you need motivation for any situation, you will, undoubtedly, find it in the Bible. Look to the Word of God. You can take a group of people that are going through very difficult challenges and have them read the same group of verses, and each person will take something different away from it. The verses and words of the Bible speak to each person differently. And, they will speak to you differently based on the time when you are reading it. You can take away one message that helps you from a verse during a tough time and then read the verse years later and learn something completely different from it. It is the living word.

Stay in fellowship with one another. Call everyone you know from Glades. You will find you are not alone and that person needs your phone call. In the process you will find freedom in getting out of yourself and your own mind. Ministry in Christ's name is a blessing and the giver is blessed as much as the one that receives. Please continue to support the church during this time financially as we still have bills to pay. Send your checks to the church and we will process them. Catch the sermon on our webpage www.gladeschurch.com. Lastly, we WILL get through this together and celebrate. God is with us but we might not like the ride along the way.

May the Lord bless you and your family all the more now and always. Know that I love you and miss you.

Pastor David

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News from the Session

Hello, and thank you for reading this inaugural article about what's happening at Glades!

As you know, the church has been "quarantined" since our April 5th service. We even had to cancel our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

We pray that you have been watching Pastor David's weekly sermons on the GladesChurch.com website, under the "Worship With Us" tab. If you have missed any of his sermons, you can still find all of them there.

Regardless of the quarantine, Pastor David and the Session have been meeting every week (by Zoom Internet conferencing) to stay informed of church business.

And we have some exciting news that all of you have been waiting for...

Glades plans to re-open on Sunday, May 31!!!

Of course, we ask that you please observe social distancing (sit several chairs apart), wear a mask, and stay home if you are sick. And we will not be "passing the peace."

When you return, you may notice that we've tidied up a bit. Our two roofs have been pressure-cleaned, and our parking lot has been re-surfaced. You may also notice a faint disinfectant smell inside: we are making extra sure that our church is as clean as it can possibly be.

But... you may still be hesitant about returning so soon. We understand. We will continue to audio record our entire service, and you can hear it on our GladesChurch.com website later that same day. Please return to us as soon as you feel comfortable doing so.

We thank you for continuing to pray for our church, all its members, and its financial strength.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

May God always bless you,
the Session

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3	4 Bloom's Anniversary	5	6	7	8 Lauren Romeo's Birthday	9
10 10:30A Worship/	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 11:30A Worship/	18	19	20	21 Armstrong's Anniversary	22	23
24 10:30A Worship	25	26	27 Brian Claxton's Birthday	28	29 Gail Bower's Birthday	30
31 10:30A Worship						

DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Laurie Jenkins - 561-487-4255

Lisa Roubian
Steve Straus
Loan Ellis
Terri Dorsey
Karen Sanchez
Wayne & Hortense Walker

Linda Williams - 954-240-4785

Mary Jo Luccarelli
Celeste, Jim, & Jimmy Hamilton
Eric, Ellen, Addie, & Ryan Armstrong
Audrey Correa
Edith Vislocky
Bill Eltringham
Laurie & John Jenkins

Tracy Garlanger - 954-471-3443

Dale Rosenbaum
Donna LaCertosa
Mary, Sebastian, & Ariel Fernandez
Doug & Jenifer Hamman
Ryan Bullock
Carmen Gomez

Rowena Avrigh - 561-488-1897

Ruth Scott
Julia Scott
Jackie Davis
Doris Jackson
Terry, Cheryl, & Ryan Crout
Gail Bower
Ginny DeMattei
Linda Williams
Beverly Newland

Addie Cordes - 561-445-7618

Neyda Rodriguez
Ed & Brenda Romeo
Tracy & Bob Garlanger
Brian, Gladys, Patricia,
Andrea, & Matt Claxton
David & Lisa Crapnell

Carmen Gomez - 561-768-6442

Cathy & Dan Wantz
Pat Wilkins
Rowena Avrigh
Lauren Romeo
Ozcan Feyziolglo
Santosh & Lalitha Mathen



May Birthdays

1- Terry Crout
8- Lauren Romeo
19- Edith Vislocky
27- Brian Claxton

Anniversaries

4- Blooms
21 -Armstrong

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS
OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL YOUR
DEACON. DEACONS, IF YOU CAN'T
RESOLVE NEEDS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL ONE OF THE CHURCH ELDERS:
BRIAN CLAXTON
[561-504-0155](tel:561-504-0155)
TERRY CROUT
[561-852-9060](tel:561-852-9060)

Deacons:

Class of 2020:

Laurie Jenkins and Carmen Gomez

Class of 2021:

Tracy Garlanger and Addie Cordes

Class of 2022:

Rowena Avrigh and Linda Williams

Elders

Class of 2020:

Terry Crout and John Jenkins

Class of 2021:

Brian Claxton and Karen Sanchez

Class of 2022:

Bob Garlanger

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.*

CHOIR

Choir is canceled for now until
further notice. PLEASE CONTACT
BEVERLY NEWLAND
AT 488-3690.

Pastor David's Phone Number: 937-307-6158

**Pastor David's Office Hours:
Wednesday and Thursday
10AM-4PM**

Please pray for Raegan Mize
(6 year old neighbor of Kernie's),
who has terminal cancer.

**Men and Women Bible
Studies are canceled until
further notice.**

**The new church office
email address is:
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