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Rejoice and Again I Say Rejoice

Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters and friends, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; I hope this letter finds you well. It is a difficult time with this pandemic and so the title of this article may seem absurd. But this message is more timely than ever. It is a message I have preached and have written before.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Church of Philippians he writes: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). Paul's epistles include a section like this one, where he seems to get excited and includes verses that are inspired by the Holy Spirit and then explode with energy and are packed full of meaning.

In Romans chapter 5 we are told that we should "rejoice in our sufferings". As true as that is, if you tell someone that while they are going through something difficult, you might get punched in the face. I am just trying warn you. Yet there is a reason for this confidence in peace and joy.

I have another caution for you. Do not mistake happiness and joy. Happiness is an involuntary result of external circumstance and joy is an internal buoyancy of spirit. It is a spiritual gift from God the Father, so that, by the Holy Spirit we have the power to persist and overcome.

Now-then, back to the contex of Paul's statement. Following Paul's need to tell two members to start getting along again (see Philippians 4:2-3), Paul gives another reason why we should not be at odds with one another: we are supposed to be rejoicing always. Then he says it again: "Rejoice!" We cannot emphasize it enough!

This is all part of our witness for Christ. We need to radiate joy, gentleness, and a sense of peace that comes from knowing who is really in charge of the universe: Jesus! Rather than be bundles of nerves and anxiety, we pray. We hand over this world's problems to this world's Savior. Things may or may not change immediately, or come out the way we like, but we do the right thing by handing it over to him.

And the peace we receive as a result? Well, it does not make sense. Ours is a troubling world. Anxiety seems warranted, and is warranted under normal earthly reality. But, instead, the Savior who already passed through the worst things of this world gives us a peace we cannot understand. Jesus has already suffered all things for us. The peace he gives is not cheap or fake. It's the real deal from the Savior who died and rose again for us. Hallelujah!

I urge you to always pray for this joy and peace.

May the Lord our God bless you with the power of joy and peace that you may persevere in Christ. May you and your families be richly blessed.

Sincerely you in Christ, Pastor David

News from the Session

"Our Church"; Glades Presbyterian, has endure quite a lot of unexpected repairs in addition to those that were scheduled as part of our perpetual maintenance program.

"Our Buildings" Are now thirty-two years of age . About every 8 to 10 years many conveniences need to the replaced. We are there now.

The Parking lot ,roofs, toilets, sprinkles, and pump .Main water line to the church, Thermostat and fan motor for the office need replaced or repaired.

We are also continuing with Our Pay-Roll (following Presbytery Guidelines and have applied for a PPP forgiveness loan.

Son; May 31st, We will be back in Our Church Home, We will be in phase 1 of phase 3. We will have a "limited" service at 10:30 am. Mask and Social distancing will be required.

We look forward to our future growth at Glades. You have part also; Please be sure your pledges, gifts, and tithing is (are) current.

Thank you! GPC Session



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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
	1	2	3	4 Rodney Brown's & Cathy Wantz 's Birthday	5	6
7 10:30A Worship	8	9	10	11	12 Ellie Bloom's Birthday	13
14 10:30A Worship/	15	16	17	18	19 Mathen's Anniversary	20
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28 10:30A Worship	29	30	31			

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DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

<u> Laurie Jenkins - 561-487-4255</u>

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 Avrich - 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 Avrich
Lauren Romeo
Ozcan Feyziolglo
Santosh & Lalitha Mathen

June Birthdays

4- Rodney Brown

4- Catherine Wantz
12- Ellie Bloom

Anniversaries

19- Mathen



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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 TERRY CROUT 561-852-9060

Deacons:

Class of 2020:

Laurie Jenkins and Carmen Gomez Class of 2021:

Tracy Garlanger and Addie Cordes
Class of 2022:

Rowena Avrich 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.



Dear congregation:

As you know, recent corona virus fears have further reduced the size of our weekly congregations. Regardless, our church must pay its employees, utilities, and upkeep expenses every month. So, we would kindly ask that you keep up-to-date with your pledges/tithes/offerings, even if you are not currently attending our weekly services. Thank you. If you'd like, you can mail them directly to church:

Glades Presbyterian Church 21121 Judge Winikoff Rd.

Boca Raton FL 33428

Also, we plan to live stream our services on Facebook. Thank you, God bless you, and may you stay healthy! Glades Presbyterian Church