

OUR MINISTRY TO OTHERS

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As the star of the production of *La Cage aux Folles* says, sometimes it's important to see things from a different angle! Indeed, it is! That's how each of us grows no matter how old or young, rich or poor we are. A few years ago, I was a member of the National College of Preachers at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Our thirty, or so, members, chosen from around the United States, were well established in our own carriers and were already preaching for decades. Several years, we would invite John Bell from the Iona Christian Community in Scotland to lead us. This amazing man, who regularly travels the world, taught us whole new structures of worship, as well as unique ways to combine music with the worship service liturgy. His perceptive and creative mind helped all thirty of us experience our faith from exciting new angles.

Once in a sermon, Bell told those present about a trip that he had made to South Africa to do a program about apartheid. In the town where he and his crew were sent, one in every three people was suffering with AIDS. He and his camera crew were taken into a Daycare Hospice of Palliative Care for people who had AIDS. John Bell and his crew entered the hospice building singing, "Amen, Amen, Aaaaamen!" All of the people inside started singing and dancing! Bell asked his guest host if this was caused by the way he and his crew entered. Bell was told that every day everyone meets to sing, dance, and pray for at least twenty minutes. Bell said to them, "I can't tell who the patients, doctors, and nurses are." Bell was told that no one knows who is who! The patients, nurses, and doctors all sing, dance and pray together! Then the host told Bell "**FOR THE HEALTHY TO BE WHOLE, THEY HAVE TO BE TOUCHED BY THOSE WHO ARE SICK.**" WOW, SO TRUE! SEEING LIFE FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE! Bell said that for the first time he really understood why so many times in the Bible Jesus allowed people to touch Him and why Jesus himself touched the morally contagious people, the spiritually deficient people, the physically ill people. When the sick touched Him and He touched them, the purpose of His life was reconfirmed. Jesus' incarnation was being lived out through touch and healing. When over and over again Jesus reached out to "the least of these" and when His spirit flowed through Him to others, the wholeness of Jesus' ministry was lived out by sharing life giving spiritual energy with others!

In the same way, we are blessed, made whole and renewed, when our spirits reach out to the physically sick, to those lacking in spiritual strength, and even to the morally bankrupt. From over a half century of experience, I can attest to the fact that when my life came in contact with those in need, I always felt that I was the one who gained faith, that I gained strength to cope with the challenges that I was facing, and that my life was made whole and peaceful again.

Christianity means going to the places and to the people in need. Many churches and Christians want to stay above the spiritual ugliness and sinfulness of people and their needs. Jesus was sent into the world to be touched by such people and to touch them with healing power. **We should too. "FOR THE HEALTHY TO BE WHOLE, THEY HAVE TO BE TOUCHED BY THOSE WHO ARE SICK!"**

Glades' Events for June 2023

1. Men's Group, 7pm
3. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
4. **Worship & Communion, 1030am**
4. Healing meeting, 1145pm
10. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
11. **Worship, 1030am**
15. Men's Group, 7pm
17. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
18. **Worship, 1030am**
18. Administration meeting, 1145am
24. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
25. **Worship, 1030am**
26. Session meeting, 630pm
29. Men's Group, 7pm

Glades' Celebrations for June 2023

2. **Barry Marcus' birthday**
8. **Debbie Berman's birthday**
11. **Mimi Walker's birthday**
21. **Yvette Tirrito's birthday**
30. **Hulse's anniversary**

DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Laurie Jenkins - 561-487-4255

Lisa Roubian
Jim & Celeste Hamilton
Terri Dorsey
Marilou Lehner
Wayne & Hortense Walker
Laura Dorn
Eric, Ellen, Addison & Ryan Armstrong
Lee Henderson
Mini Dookhan & Family

Linda Williams - 954-240-4785

Edith Vislocky
Bill Eltringham
Laurie & John Jenkins IV
Ryan Bullock
Carmen Gomez
Gretchen Schrieber
Ellie Wan

Pat Wilkins - 561-299-8793

Terry, Cheryl & Ryan Crout
Gail Bower
Linda Williams
Beverly Newland

Edith Vislocky - 561-406-5730

Neyda Rodriguez
Ed & Brenda Romeo
Frank & Liz Romeo
Tracy Garlanger
Karen Sanchez

Carmen Gomez - 561-768-6442

Cathy & Dan Wantz
Pat Wilkins
Rowena Avrigh
Lauren Romeo
Ozcan Feyziolglo
Santosh & Lalitha Mathen
Dawn Williams-Colozzi
Didi Deary
Beth Diente

Dawn Williams-Colozzi - 704-787-3761

Babbs Dahms
Don & Elaine Hulse
Renata Trager
Linda Fabiani

Deacons:

Class of 2023:

Carmen Gomez & Laurie Jenkins

Class of 2024:

Tracy Garlanger & Edith Vislocky

Class of 2025:

Linda Williams & Pat Wilkins &
Karen Sanchez & Dawn Williams-Colozzi

Elders:

Class of 2023:

Rowena Avrigh & Ed Romeo

Class of 2024:

Bill Eltringham & Marilou Lehner

Class of 2025:

Jim Hamilton & Gretchen Schrieber

If you have any needs or questions, please contact your Deacon or an Elder.

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Bible Study: Join our upcoming 5-week Bible study, exploring the Holy Spirit. Our instructional book will be Help Is Here, written by Max Lucado. Classes will begin Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 2pm. The study will be facilitated by Brenda Romeo (561-251-6171). Please join us!

Choir: The Choir conveniently meets before and/or after Sunday Worship services, in the Education building. The members are currently looking for additional singers in ALL vocal ranges, from bass to soprano! Please call either Gretchen Schrieber (561-859-5246) or Renata Trager (317-652-7853).

Men's Group: Every other Thursday evening at 7pm, men from Glades and other nearby churches meet at Duffy's (Mission Bay) to discuss Christian topics. For any questions, please call or text Jim Hamilton (954-621-5993).

Boca Helping Hands: Every Saturday at 830am, Glades' members and other volunteers gather at CrossBridge Church (located at the corner of 441 & Judge Winikoff Rd.) to hand out bags of food to the needy. Please consider becoming a part of this important food ministry.

Healing Prayer Meeting: A monthly healing prayer meeting (on Communion Sundays) will be held immediately after the service. All who need healing prayer or support are encouraged to attend. The meeting should last approximately 15 minutes. It is facilitated by Terry Crout (561-699-1139).

Prayer contact: gladespc.usa@gmail.com

Emergency contact: Laurie Jenkins, 561-488-9434

Neyda's Visit, 5/7/23



Mother's Day, 5/14/23



New Members Ellie Wan & Laura Dorn, 5/28/23

