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WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Ya gotta find your people and hang out with them

Or

I want to dance with everybody who came through that door

Drew Holcomb And The Neighbors have a new album titled “Strangers No More.” One of the songs is “Find your People.” Verse 2 says, “Ya gotta find your people, the ones that get the joke, who understand what you are saying before the word is spoke,” “you gotta find your people, who put the needle in the groove, when you’re together you got nothing to prove, when you’re together you got nothing to lose.”

Another song on the same album is titled “Dance With Everybody.” Verse 4 says, “Come all you saints and sinners, poets, prophets, and fools, all you cowboys, tricksters, hipsters trying so hard to be cool, all you dreamers, and schemers, thirsty for more, I want to dance with everybody who came through that door.” Verse 6 is “Let’s put aside our differences, lace up our shoes, Let’s narrow the differences between me and you. Meet me in the middle, let’s quit keeping score, I want to dance with everybody who came through that door.”

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

As we live our days in endless cultural wars destroying the fabric of society, the juxtaposition of these two songs reflects our contemporary choice either to retreat into the safe comfortable past where “If we find our own people, we will find ourselves” or to enthusiastically embrace the differences and the future “I want to dance with everybody who came through that door.”

WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS WOULD DO?

The Lepers, the blind, the religiously unclean Samaritans, the lame, the dreaded tax collector, those who crucified him, the robbers on the crosses, you and me, and so many other sinners are all welcomed, received, accepted, forgiven, and loved by Christ. Likewise, Jesus does not want us spending our time finding our own people while excluding others Christ calls us to “dance with everybody who came through that door.” In our days of culture wars, we need to remember that the Jewish Messiah all the time left His position of comfort, safety, and dominance to live out a life of accepting all who came to Him and needed Him. Rather than being captured by “the tradition of the elders,” Jesus brought a new way of life. Jesus did not cloister with “his own people.” Jesus shared his life and God’s message with everybody, no matter who they were. In these days of culture wars, the lesson is clear for us as Christ’s followers. We must not be content with “find your own people.” Our job as Christians is to dance with everyone who wanders through the doorways of our lives.

Have a Blessed summer, Rev. Dr. M. Bruce Irwin

**Glades Presbyterian Church
21121 Judge Winikoff Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33428**

Glades' Events for August 2023

3. Bible Study, 2pm
5. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
6. **Worship & Communion, 1030am**
6. Healing meeting, 1145am
10. Men's Group, 7pm
12. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
13. **Worship, 1030am**
19. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
20. **Worship, 1030am**
20. Administration meeting, 1145am
24. Men's Group, 7pm
26. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
27. **Worship, 1030am**
28. Session meeting, 630pm

Glades' Celebrations for August 2023

18. **Mini Dookhan's birthday**
26. **Rowena Avrich's birthday**
27. **Ryan Armstrong's birthday**
31. **Wantz's anniversary**

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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 Avrich
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, Lydia, & Michael Trager
Linda Fabiani & Barry Marcus
Connie Steward
Kitty Lai

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 Avrich & 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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Sermon Series for August:

8/6: "Living in Newness", John 13:31-35

8/13: "From Last Place to First Place", Colossians 1:14-28

8/20: "The Sufficiency of Christ", Colossians 2:6-19

8/27: "You Are A New Person", Colossians 3:1-17

Choir: The Choir will be on vacation during July and August. During that time, we need people to perform Special Music for us each week... 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

Independence Day, 7/4/23



Game Night, 7/15/23



Ellie Bloom, 1932 - 2023

