



THE DAY TIME STOPPED AND CHANGED EVERYTHING

by Dr. M. Bruce Irwin

No, I'm not talking about Covid 19. I'm talking about one day when time literally came to an end! A whole new time, our time, began.

Swaddling clothes, a manger, a star, a donkey, a stable, shepherds and wise men are all part of the story of the end of an era and the beginning of a new era. All of worldly time is measured by that one day when time stopped (Before the Christian Era – BCE) and the minute of Christ's birth (the Christian Era – CE)! Every day, every hour, and every second of all of our lives is measured from the birth of Jesus Christ! When we greet one another with the words "Merry Christmas," we should explain to one another that every hour of our lives is measured by the day time stopped and by the birth of Jesus which established a whole new time, the Christian Era – CE. The story of the Nativity is not just a dusty old fantasy from years ago. The Nativity is at the center of all the times of our lives.

The new time is all about the coming of a New Kingdom on earth, sent to us in the form of Jesus Christ. The old kingdoms and Way of the World came to an end on Christmas Day, and the time of a New Way of the World, Christ's New Kingdom, was born into existence. The essence of God came in human flesh, became incarnate, to teach humanity and to show humanity a much better way to live together. Unconditional forgiveness, reconciliation, love, joy, peace, and hope eternal became the pillars of the new existence in a New World, New Kingdom, and time for each of us and for all of us!

CHRISTMAS DAY WAS THE DAY WHEN OLD TIME STOPPED AND GOD CHANGED EVERYTHING!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Glades' Events for December 2023

- 2. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 3. Worship & Communion, 1030am**
- 9. Greening of the Church, 9am
- 10. Worship, 1030am**
- 14. Men's Group, 7pm
- 16. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 16. Lessons in Carols, 530pm
- 17. Worship, 1030am**
- 17. Administration meeting, 12pm
- 23. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 24. Worship, 1030am**
- 24. Christmas Eve Worship, 7pm**
- 28. Men's Group, 7pm
- 30. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 31. Worship, 1030am**

Glades' Celebrations for December 2023

- 3. Lisa Roubian's birthday**
- 25. Jesus' birthday!**
- 29. Ryan Bullock's birthday**

DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Terry Crout - 561-699-1139

Lisa Roubian
Jim & Celeste Hamilton
Marilou Lehner
Wayne & Hortense Walker
Laura Dorn
Tom Serro

Linda Williams - 954-240-4785

Edith Vislocky
Bill Eltringham
Carmen Gomez
Gretchen Schrieber

Ellie Wan - 347-308-2878

Eric, Ellen, Addison & Ryan Armstrong
Lee Henderson
Mini Dookhan
Yvette Tiritto & David MacRae
Debbie & Keith Berman
Premela Dookhan
Kitty Lai

Laura Dorn - 920-570-1069

Dawn Williams-Colozzi
Didi Deary
Beth Diente
Connie Steward
Marlene Kappes

Deacons:

Class of 2024:

Terry Crout & Edith Vislocky

Class of 2025:

Linda Williams & Pat Wilkins &

Dawn Williams-Colozzi

Class of 2026:

Rowena Avrigh & Celeste Hamilton &

Laura Dorn

Pat Wilkins - 561-299-8793

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

Celeste Hamilton - 561-715-9910

Cathy & Dan Wantz
Pat Wilkins
Rowena Avrigh
Lauren Romeo
Ozcan Feyziolglo
Santosh & Lalitha Mathen
Ryan Bullock
Mike, Brandy, Kourtney & Amanda Arbuthnot

Dawn Williams-Colozzi - 704-787-3761

Babbs Dahms
Don & Elaine Hulse
Renata, Lydia & Michael Trager
Linda Fabiani & Barry Marcus

Edith Vislocky 561-405-5730

Neyda Rodriguez
Ed & Brenda Romeo
Frank & Liz Romeo
Karen Sanchez
Ellie Wan
Laurie & John Jenkins

Elders:

Class of 2024:

Bill Eltringham & Marilou Lehner

Class of 2025:

Jim Hamilton & Gretchen Schrieber

Class of 2026:

Rowena Avrigh & Ed Romeo

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

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Sermon Series for December:

12/3: "Faithful Waiting"

12/10: "Second Sunday of Advent"

12/17: "The Joyful Magnificence of God"

12/24: "Birthing A Promise"

12/31: "Understanding Time"

Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37; I Cor. 1:3-9

Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8; II Peter 3:8-15

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46-55

Luke 1:26-38

Ecc. 3:1-13; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 21:1-6

Choir: The Choir is ALWAYS looking for more beautiful voices 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

The Glades' Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Rowena Avrich, with Jim Hamilton

The Glades' Prayer Shawl Ministry was born on October 22, 2006, after Beverly Newland had received a prayer shawl for a friend. Beverly then shared this concept with Gretchen Schrieber and Lee Henderson, and asked Lee if she would like to start such a ministry at our church.

Lee then taught Gretchen, Laurie Jenkins, and other ladies these skills ("knit one, crochet one, pray one")... and the rest is history: over 700 prayer shawls have been blessed by our Pastors and then distributed all over the country to those who are hurting physically, emotionally, and spiritually!

Here is a typical story: One day at work, I [Rowena] overheard a co-worker lamenting about all the problems that she was currently enduring. Astonished, I explained Glades' Prayer Shawl Ministry to her, and told her that I would get her a shawl. As I later laid it across her shoulders and read her its accompanying prayer (supplied by Marilou Lehner), she thanked me so much! She even confided in me that she had been considering suicide before then...

Beverly was in charge of this ministry for a long time until her recent retirement. It was then handed down to me; over 33 prayer shawls have been completed and distributed so far in my tenure.

Please recognize and thank some of our current knitters/crocheters (in alphabetical order): Beth Diente, Brenda Romeo, Edith Vislocky, Elaine Hulse, Ellen Armstrong, Gail Bower, Gretchen Schrieber, Laura Dorn, Laurie Jenkins, Lee Henderson, Liz Romeo, Marilou Lehner, Rowena Avrich, and Tracy Garlanger.

If you would like to become a member of this beautiful Prayer Shawl Ministry, please talk to me. Lee Henderson, showing true dedication, still desires to teach anyone who wants to learn these skills.

And if you would like to donate to this ministry, that would be great too! Each shawl's materials cost about \$20.

Let us close with Acts 19:11-12: God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

May God bless you all.

The Month in Photos: November 2023

