



The Glades Gazette December 2016

From the Pastor's Porch:

Prepare Your Hearts!

Advent is a time of preparation for the most joyful and exciting news ever: A baby is born! Not just any baby, but Jesus Christ God incarnate has come to earth to bridge the gap between us and God that we created through our sins.

God loves us THAT much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to bridge that gap between us and Himself.

I know we spend weeks preparing for Christmas on many ends. I see many of our neighbors already have their Christmas decorations out and lit up!

On a bus tour of Italy, I overheard some American exchange students in Florence talking about how October has started so they can start listening to Christmas Music! There is no doubt we get excited about getting ready for Christmas. We listen to Christmas music, we decorate, we shop, we cook, we prepare for parties, we prepare for company and so much more! We are good at that end of preparing, aren't we?

But...

Do we take the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of God? Do we take the time to spend time in scripture reading and preparing our hearts for Christmas?

Christmas should be a joyous time as we celebrate God's love for us through the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ. "Joy to the World the Lord has Come!"

Let us all take some time these next few weeks of advent to prepare and get

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Pastor's Porch continues...
excited about God's gift to us.

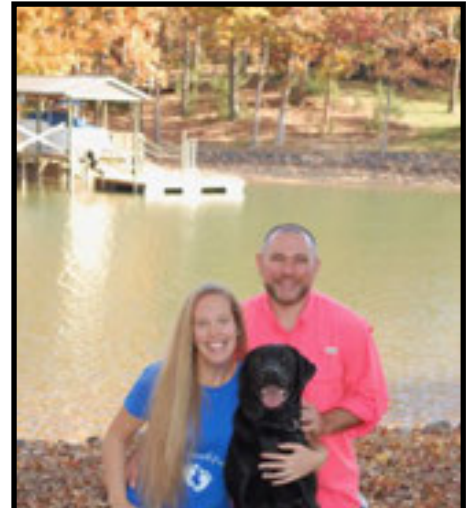
How? Try this daily Advent reading plan. Take just a few minutes a day to prepare your hearts for the Joy of the coming of Jesus Christ this Christmas!



Advent Verses

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| 1 - Ps. 401-5 | 9 - Zach. 6:12-13 | 17 - Luke 1:18-25 |
| 2 - Ps. 52:7-10 | 10 - Mic. 5:2-4 | 18 - Luke 1:39-45 |
| 3 - Ps. 40:9-11 | 11 - Mal. 3:1-6 | 19 - Luke 1:46-56 |
| 4 - Isa. 38:1-5 | 12 - John 1:1-8 | 20 - Luke 1:57-66 |
| 5 - Isa. 15:1-6 | 13 - John 1:9-18 | 21 - Luke 1:67-80 |
| 6 - Isai. 18:15-19 | 14 - Mark 1:1-3 | 22 - Ps. 7:10-14 |
| 7 - Ps. 89:1-4 | 15 - Luke 1:5-13 | 23 - Ps. 92:7 |
| 8 - Ps. 111-10 | 16 - Luke 1:14-17 | 24 - Mt. 1:18-22 |

Christmas Day - Luke 2: 1-35



Pastor Carter, Kristin, Duke, and their precious Peanut hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving! Have an awesome and blessed upcoming Christmas as well! We love you!

Pastor Carter

December 4th 2nd Sunday of Advent "Bethlehem" Luke 2:1-7	December 11th Cantata 3rd Sunday of Advent "The Shepherd" Luke 2:15-20	December 18th 4th Sunday of Advent "The Angels" Luke 2:8-14	December 24th 7P Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight Service	December 25th 10:30AM Christmas Morning Worship "Christ Came Down"
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We all know prayer can go a long way. Have you been praying for Glades? Our church leadership? Our congregants?



If you haven't already, start following The Robinsons' Blog!
<http://robinsonscostalcallings.blogspot.com>.

Notes from Peggy:



**Choir Practice is on
Wednesdays at 7:30PM**

If you would like to be part of the
group, please contact Peggy at
phoglund@ymail.com
and join in on the fun!





Small Groups

Tuesday Women's Group

Meets at 10AM and facilitated by Ellen and Tracy.

Craft Fun on December 6th!
Any and all are welcome to join us!

Circle of Hope

We will have a luncheon at 1PM on December 7th at Neyda's House!

Sunday Evenings:

Walk in the Word at 6PM on December 4th.

Mike Hoglund is facilitating.

Thursday Men's Group

Date/Time and Locations are:

December 1st, at 7PM at CiCi's Pizza
December 15th, at 7PM at Tijuana Flats

Brian Claxton is facilitating.

Glades Young Women

God continues to do awesome things! We can't wait to see what God reveals to us as we continue to study Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring Fruit of the Spirit this month. God is so good...all of the time!

Meetings are on Thursdays at 7PM

Contact Kristin at krobglades@gmail.com with any questions.



VOLUME 3

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

Tara's East Asia Update

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"
- John 1:5

What an incredible first two months we have had here in East Asia!

First of all I just want to extend another thank you to everyone that helped me to get here! These past two months have been some of the most fulfilling of my entire life, and I have had the privilege to see the Lord work in such big ways in my life and in the lives of those around me.

Since beginning our ministry here we have seen FOURTEEN girls come to know God! Fourteen! What an amazing privilege that God would choose to use us in His plan of bringing these girls from death to life. Now that we have all of these new sisters, we are in the process of going through seven follow up lessons with them. These lessons help us to teach them about what it means to be a Christian, and how they can begin to live out their lives in this new way. This is probably my favorite part about ministry over here, getting to sit down and build up relationships with these girls and with God at the same time. We have so much that we can teach



Our sweet friend and new sister in Christ, Rachell!

them and it always ends up that they have just as much to teach us.

This past weekend we had the chance to hold another fellowship party where we had another great group of students show up!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1

THE GIRLS

That our ministry with our 14 new sisters can continue to grow and thrive!

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OUR GROWTH

That we may continue to grow in our own faith and can seek the Lord first and foremost

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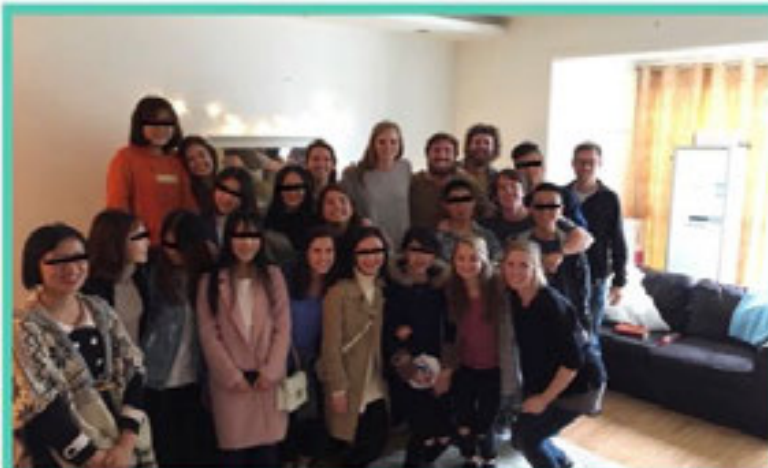
OUR TEAM

That we can continue to serve and love one another just like Christ loves us



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Our second fellowship party of the year!

This party's topic was on trusting in God and in his plan, and about not being anxious in our lives. We had such a great time of playing games together, singing worship songs and discussing God and His plans for our lives in small groups. At one point during our small group discussion, our friend Emily (who I've had the privilege of discipling once a week) had such a sweet moment of vulnerability with us. She started talking about what God has done in her life over the past few months and

how He has brought her such great fellowship and friendship in her fellow classmate Kathryn (who was also in our small group). When talking about how she believes God has brought them together as best friends, her and Kathryn broke down in tears of joy, friendship and thanksgiving for Him and for each other. It was such a sweet moment and a perfect picture of how God is providing such great community for these girls.

Not only has God been doing amazing things in the lives of the students around us, but He has been doing amazing things in the lives of my teammates and I as well. Through men's and women's time every other week, prayer time once a week and family time (our version of church) once a week, we have had to opportunity to be really present in each others lives and in what God is doing in all of our hearts. Personally, God has been teaching me about how mighty, complex and powerful He is. His plans and His ways go far beyond our understanding, and He works in so many ways in every situation that we cannot even begin to see. Every action and conversation is used according to His purpose. When I see everything that the Lord is doing over here, it blows my mind to think of all of the ways that He is working that I cannot see.

I am so thankful for my life, my friends, my roommates and especially all of my teammates here. Never before have I lived in such community and fellowship with other believers and it really is like nothing else I've ever experienced. It is so comforting to constantly be surrounded by people who love me and continually point me to Jesus. That being said, I love and miss everyone so much, so please feel free to securely email me at tara.martin@dodomain.net. I hope to hear from you soon!

For a different look at my life over here in East Asia subscribe to my blog at:

<https://astrandedcrossfitter.wordpress.com/>

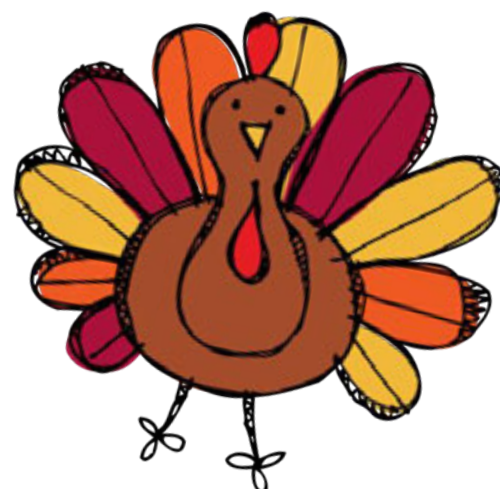


Pictures from the Thanksgiving Lunch

A huge thanks to our Deacons for an awesome Thanksgiving Feast!

Thanks to all who joined us!

What a fantastic time of fellowship!





CHILI COOK OFF!

**On December 11th immediately
following Worship Service!**

Come one! Come all!

*Glades is hosting a
Chili Cook Off!*

*Make sure you bring
your best homemade
chili in a crockpot on
Sunday morning!*

*Each pot will be
numbered.*



*After Worship
Service, the
congregation will
taste each chili and
vote for their favorite
one!*

*The winner will
receive a prize!*

*Drinks and crackers
will be provided.*



ANNUAL GLADES CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 18th
3PM

At the Robinsons
11480 Chipmunk Drive

Laughter. Fellowship. Games. Gift Exchange. Hor-
d'oeuvres.

Bring a wrapped gift (under \$20) per person
participating in the gift exchange. (For example,
Pastor Carter and Kristin will bring 2 gifts wrapped
so both of them can "play the game".) It's up to you if
it falls under the "white elephant" category.

Come dressed in your Christmas attire—better yet,
your Christmas goofy, fun, tacky, wacky attire if
you own any.

See you there!



Special Christmas
Events at Glades

December 11th

Christmas Cantata
Followed by Chili
Cook Off

December 18th

Annual Christmas
Party

December 24th

Christmas Eve
Service at 7PM

December 25th

Christmas
Morning
Service





YES YOU CAN READ THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

You really CAN read through entire Bible, and *Bible in 90 Days* (B90) makes it possible. B90 is a group-oriented, Bible reading plan that engages people in a 90-day, cover-to-cover reading of the Bible. Reading just 12 pages a day in a specially designed Bible, with weekly teaching videos, and group accountability combine to make a life changing experience. Churches across denominations, prisons, drug rehab missions, corporate Bible studies, neighborhood small groups, even small towns, have used B90 successfully. So turn your aspiration into inspiration!



*"Do you
want to grow
deeper in
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Do you want*

*the Kingdom of God to
flourish in your community
through the ministry
of your church? Do you
want to see your church
grow, give, and serve with
more enthusiasm and
effectiveness? Start with
the Bible in 90 Days —
you will be blessed!"*

— PASTOR RUFFIN STEPP
PALMS WEST, FLORIDA

Have you ever said "I wish I knew the Bible better!"? Or maybe even thought it before...
Or ever wondered "Is _____ in the Bible?" Or "Where do I find _____ in the Bible?"
What is your question you ask about the Bible?

Well, are you ready for the answer of all of those questions and more? Are you ready to read the ENTIRE Bible in 90 days? You never thought you could, but YES you can, and we are going to do it together!

Get ready for January 2017 as we read the Bible in 90 days. Make it your New Year's resolution that you will actually keep.

We will make it because we will do it together! I can't wait to lead this study and go through the process of preaching through key characters of the Bible as well.
More to come soon. Get excited now!

**Pastor Carter will be starting
this in January Monday Nights at 7PM !
First class is: January 23rd**





The Way

(Youth Group)

Meetings are every other Sunday evenings. We will be studying The Word, enjoying some fun fellowship events, and giving back to the community together!

Next time we're meeting is:

December 11th at
the Ghougasian's house

For more information, please
contact Janet Cooper:
Janet_cooper@msn.com.



Share God's Word

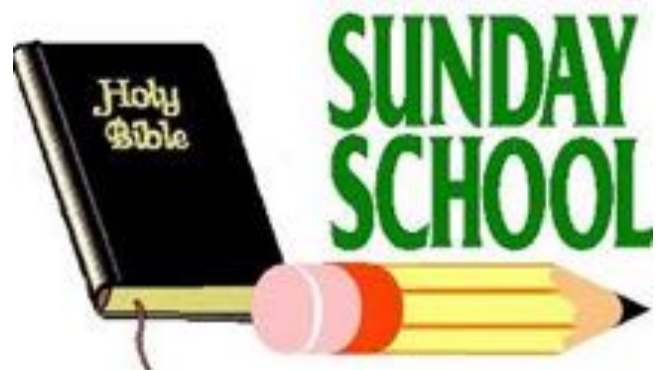
2¢ a Meal

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.

Sunday School for ages 4-11

Kids of Glades, please continue to invite your friends to come to church with you.

We will continue learning about how much Jesus cares for us!



Birthdays and Anniversaries:

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:14

Birthdays

- 4- Avril Engelhart
- 10- Mariette Rosario
- 14- Loan Ellis
- 14- Esther Gonzalez
- 17- Christy Zaretsky



Anniversaries

- 18- Davila
- 21- Bower
- 26- Faustin

Take a moment to acknowledge those who have a birthday or anniversary this month. If your birthday/anniversary is not listed in your month, please contact the church office.

If you have any family, friends, and/or are aware of congregants who have upcoming surgeries, are in the hospital, and/or need prayer, please let Pastor Carter know. He and Kristin like to lift them in prayer and if they are local, go visit them.

Any January Newsletter Announcements, etc need to be sent to admin@gladeschurch.com no later than December 18th.

Congrats to Pastor Carter and Kristin on their miracle Baby Robinson!!!!!!
Let's all join them in prayer in the days, months, and years to come!

Over 51 boxes were donated for the Boca Helping Hands Thanksgiving Box Brigade!
Thank you for all of your help!!

For the OCC, 52 boxes were collected!



Don't forget:
Our next Boca Helping Hands is scheduled for December 17th from 8:30-11 am at Boca Glades Baptist Church!

Deacon Care Groups

Ellen Armstrong Clarence and Ellie Bloom Evelyn Bridy Paul and Kathy Ghougasian Bob and Tracy Garlanger Doug and Jenn Hammann Rod and Sharlene Mabe Ed, Brenda, Lauren Romeo Carter and Kristin Robinson Edith Vislocky	Rowena Avrich Bud and Gail Bower Ryan Crout Jackie Davis Ginny DeMattei Mike and Peggy Hoglund Doris Jackson Stephen and Ann Rafe Gretchen Schrieber	Gloria Brown Fuschia Adams Jim, Betty, Jerrett Cherry Bill Eltringham Lee Henderson Marilou Lehner Neyda Rodriguez Jorge Rosario and Esther Gonzales Mary Welsh	Janet Cooper Ryan Armstrong Rodney, Tracy, Omar, Ashley Brown Brian, Gladys, Andrea and Matthew Claxton John, Denise, Eric, Avril, Allison Engelhart Ariel Fernandez Lawrence and Katie Ghougasian Amanda, Trey, Will, Belle Johns Al, Lisa, Matthew, Albert Thweatt
Esther Gonzalez Loy and Gloria Brown Addie Cordes Terry and Cheryl Crout Carmen Gomez Jim, Celeste, Jimmy Hamilton Ken and Indrani Ramcharan Karen Sanchez Kimberly Sansaricq	Noelle Perez Adriana and Diego Avellan Mary, JP, and Sebastian Fernandez Lisa and Evie Martin Radar Onguetou Ruth Quinones Dale Rosenbaum Steve Straus Linda Williams	Kristin Robinson Ellen and Eric Armstrong Mark, Erin, Quinn Deviny Chad, Janet, Wyatt Cooper Loan and Brooke Ellis Alex, Noelle, and George Perez Renee Sansaricq John, Rosanne, Anne Sisoian	Gretchen Schrieber Rowena Avrich John, Laurie, Lonna, Leah Jenkins Santosh and Lalitha Mathen Beverly Newland Steve and Krupa Ramaswamy Joaquin and Lynn Riveira Cathy and Dan Wantz

If you are not listed under a Care Group, please let Kimbal know via admin@gladeschurch.com or calling her at the church office (561-477-4898)



sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				1 7P Young Women's Study 7P Men's Group	2	3
4 10:30A Worship/ Children's SS 11:30A Easter Egg Planning Event 6P Walk in the Word Avril Engelhart's Bday	5	6 10A Craft Fun at Ellen's 6P Christian Ed	7 1P Circle of Hope Luncheon 7:30P Choir	8 7P Young Women's Study	9	10 Mariette Rosario's Bday
11 10:30A Cantata Worship/ Children's SS 11:30A Chili Cook Off 4P The Way	12	13 5P Outreach 7P Worship 8P Admin	14 7:30P Choir Loan Ellis's Bday Esther Gonzalez's Bday	15 7P Young Women's Study 7P Men's Group	16	17 8:30A Boca Helping Hands Christy Zaretsky's Bday
18 10:30A Sunday Worship/ Children's SS 3P Christmas Party at the Robinsons Davila Anniv	19	20 7P Session	21 7:30P Choir Bower Anniv	22	23	24 7P Christmas Eve Service
25 10:30A Christmas Morning Worship	26 Faustin Anniv	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve