



The Glades Gazette March 2018

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Pastor Search Committee has been hard at work. The committee consists of Elder Brian Claxton, Elder Terry Crout, Elder Ginny DeMattei, Bob Garlanger, and Jim Hamilton. This committee was chosen in 2017 by the then Nominating Committee.

Dr. Bennett has been a true blessing. He has been invaluable in guiding the committee through the Presbytery requirements (more to come, I'm sure).

Thanks to his guidance and help, we completed the required Mission Study. The Pastor Search Committee approved it on February 22nd and it was immediately sent to the Presbytery for action by the Committee on Ministry ("COM"), which is meeting on March 1st. The Mission Study was 17 pages long and included the results of Dr. Bennett's data collection on February 18th as well as a history of Glades, information about our current and past programs and studies, demographics of the 33428 zip code, our 2018 Budget, explanation of our mission statement (KNEEL), the Bridge Pastor's perspective, the strengths of our church and what we would like to change and the characteristics we seek in a new pastor.

The next steps, as I understand it, would be to get approval from the COM for our Mission Study (it is likely they will ask for some revisions) and revise the already completed Ministry Information Form (MIF).

Dr. Bennett has set a target of March 15th as the day we should be able to start looking for candidates for a Transitional/Permanent Pastor.

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee, the Session, Dr. Bennett, and Glades as we move through this process.

Blessings,

Elder Ginny DeMattei

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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Bennett is conducting a Lenten/Eastertide Bible study Thursday nights from 6-7 PM in the CE building. It is a chance for each of us to examine the essential points of the Christian Faith. The goal of the study is to enable each of us to not only better understand the man Jesus, whom we know as the Christ, but what it means to follow Him and call Him Lord of our lives!

This is a great opportunity for Fellowship and Study.

Here's the March Study Schedule:

March 1 Class #3	Joel 2:28-32 Day of the Lord and Spirit	Read Joel Chapters 1 through 3 - twice
March 8 Class #4	Genesis 1:26 & 27 Man, Male, Female, & Image	Read Genesis Chapters 1 through 4 Write your own interpretation of verse 1:27
March 15 Class #5	Matthew 1:18-25 Immanuel and Jesus	Find and read the birth stories about Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
March 22 Class #6	Matthew 28:1-20 Baptizing and Name	Find and Read the resurrection and Great Commission Stories in all the Gospels
March 29	Maundy Thursday Communion	Explanation of the Passover Meal



**IF YOU HAVE ANY
NEEDS OR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL ONE OF
THE CHURCH ELDERS:**

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**Saturday, March 24th
at 9 AM**

**Let's spruce up the
church for Easter.
All are invited to
come to help!**

Thursday Men's Group

Dates and places are TBD.

Brian Claxton is facilitating.

Walk in the Word:

are Sunday
evenings
at 6PM

Dates TBD.

Terry Crout is facilitating.

Tot Time Program

Join us for Tot Time at Glades!

Adult supervision is required.
\$5 donation requested.

When: March 12th &
March 26th from 9-11am

**If you have any questions,
please contact Erin Deviny.**

Tuesday Women's Group

Tracy Garlanger will facilitate a
video study on Grace
beginning in April.

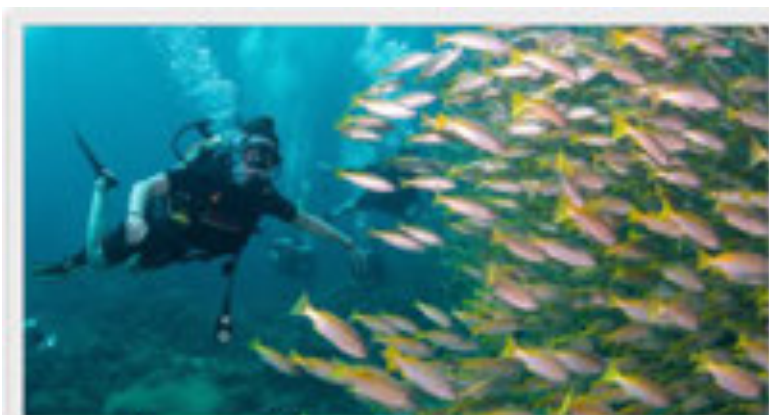
More details coming soon!

TARA IN EAST ASIA

"Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" – 1 Peter 2:17

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Hey everyone! It has been a crazy three months over here in East Asia, and I am sorry that I haven't done a better job keeping in contact with you all. Since we heard the news on December 6th that we would be changing ministry locations, it seems like we have been in a constant state of movement and uncertainty. After a VERY hectic month and a half, over the past month we have finally had some time to sit back, relax and have some fun.



Me scuba diving in Koh Lanta, Thailand!

For the sake of transparency, I wanted to share with y'all how hard the past three months have been. Over the past year and a half I have absolutely fallen in love with our previous city, and when I found out we were going to have to move, I was devastated. I was angry at the government, angry at God, and just all around angry at our circumstances. I couldn't understand why after a year and a half of settling into a foreign country, and finally really feeling comfortable and at home, God had chosen to uproot me once again. The days following December 6th were filled with many tears, prayers, and a lot of time spent packing up all of our apartments. Saying goodbye to our old city on December 10th was the hardest thing I've had to do in East Asia thus far.

Since leaving our old city in December, it has been an emotional whirlwind of traveling around our new city looking for a new school to study at, a new school to do ministry at, and new apartments to live in. In the midst of all of this transition, it is safe to say that by the time the end of January rolled around, we were more than ready to get out of the cold, smoggy place that EA turns into during the winter.

So on January 26th, we hopped on a plane to Thailand where we had a much needed four weeks of conferences and vacation. This time out of EA was exactly what my soul needed, and I feel like for the first time since coming back over here in August I was able to relax and enjoy myself. After two weeks of conferences, I had the opportunity to scuba dive in Thailand, ride water buffalos in Vietnam, and explore the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. More importantly, I got to spend some good time with the Lord, meditating on 1 Peter and what it means to suffer in light of the Gospel. The Lord is so sweet to provide us with exactly what we need, and I can honestly tell you that during this time He gave me exactly what I needed — good truth and good rest.

Even so, while waiting to board our final flight from Kuala Lumpur back to EA two days ago, I found myself unable to hold back tears at the thought of coming back into the country. I am really scared of falling back into the fog that I felt trapped in all of the fall semester, the fog that I felt such freedom from while traveling. With this in mind, please pray for my team and me as we continue to transition into this new city, and as we hope to come alongside God in continuing to start movements on our new campuses.

In Christ,
Tara Martin

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

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.

6- Ginny DeMattei
6- Patricia Claxton
14- Gladys Claxton
27- Matthew Claxton



**Choir Rehearsal will be every
Wednesday night at
7:30PM with Beverly.
New voices always welcome!**



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!

Anyone requesting a Prayer Shawl should contact new chair of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ginny DeMattei (561-350-8038).

Many thanks for 10 years of faithful service to all the knitters.
Glades Presbyterian has made and given more than 600 prayer shawls!



**Our next Boca Helping Hands
is scheduled for
March 17th at 8:30am at
Boca Glades Baptist Church!**



Our Treasurer, Kathy, has moved on. Ginny De Mattei will be temporarily taking over the job of Treasurer for Glades. If you have any money or bill questions see Ginny.

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.

