

The Glades Gazette



December 2018

As Christmas was drawing near, I thought I'd better do some shopping and this story unfolded. I caught the elevator against my natural inclination, and sure enough we held the door as somebody called out and scrambled for the elevator. A young mother overloaded with bags and wrapped packages with two young boys in tow slipped in barking orders at one child while scolding the other who was trying to press all the buttons. She was disheveled and muttering. As the doors closed someone asked: "Tough Day?" To which she replied: "Someone ought to kill the person who invented this Christmas thing." People chuckled and nodded. Then, before I could open my mouth, a man over my shoulder said what I was thinking, "Pretty sure, we already did that." An African American woman on my right and I blurted out an "Amen!" We looked at each other as we nodded our heads and smiled. We knew. The young mother spun her head around puzzled. The woman beside me gently explained to her, "Jesus, honey. He's talking about Jesus." Then it was totally silent in the elevator as people thought about the exchange. Years later, I think it was Paul Harvey who tells this story. Was it this same exchange he was talking about? Or does this same scenario play out year after year in multiple places? It is easy to see how it could. Europeans and Americans have forgotten the "Reason for the Season." Sadly we have somehow come to believe in a series of Christmas lies. There seems to be a notion that multiple expensive presents is the cost of being loved and we transferred that same notion to God. The gift of God in His love for us is the free gift of Jesus Christ. Know you are loved.

Have a blessed and Joyous Christmas.
Yours in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
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2 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Cantata/ Children's SS	3	4	5 7:30P Choir	6 7P Men's Group 7:30 Bible Study	7	8
9 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Communion/ Children's SS Tara Martin's Bday	10 7P Men's Group	11	12 7:30P Choir	13 7:30 Bible Study	14 Loan Ellis' Bday	15 8:30A Boca Helping Hands 7P-9P Live Nativity
16 9:30A Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/Children's SS Adult Christmas Party immediately following Worship	17	18	19 7:30P Choir	20 7:30 Bible Study	21	22
23 9:30A Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/ Children's SS	24 Christmas Eve 5P-6P Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27 7:30 Bible Study	28	29
30 9:30A Adult Sunday School 10:30A Session Prayer Time 10:45A Worship/ Children's SS	31 New Year's Eve Lisa Roubian's Bday					



DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Laurie Jenkins - 561-487-4255

Jim & Lisa Roubian
Marilou Lehner
Steve Straus
Loan Ellis
Terri Dorsey
Karen Sanchez
Donna LaCertosa
Wayne & Hortense

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Clarence & Ellie Bloom
Celeste, Jim, & Jimmy Hamilton
Eric, Ellen, Addie, & Ryan Armstrong
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Edith Vislocky
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Terry, Cheryl, & Ryan Crout
Bud & Gail Bower
Ginny DeMattei
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Loy, & Gloria Brown
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Andrea, & Matt Claxton
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**IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS OR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE CHURCH ELDERS:**

GINNY DEMATTEI - 561-350-8038

BRIAN CLAXTON - 561-504-0155

TERRY CROUT - 561-852-9060

Deacons:

Class of 2021:

Tracy Garlanger, Laurie Jenkins, Carmen Gomez

Class of 2020:

Rowena Avrigh, Karen Sanchez, Linda Williams

Elders

Class of 2021:

Brian Claxton, John Jenkins,
Bob Garlanger, Karen Sanchez

Class of 2020:

Terry Crout

Class of 2019:

Ginny DeMattei

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.

**Our next Boca Helping Hands
is scheduled for
December 15th at 8:30am at
Boca Glades Baptist Church!**

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held on
Wednesday at 7:30.

New voices are welcome.

For questions, please
call Beverly, 488-3690

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for adults,
High school and
middle school are
at 9:30am.



Help a child learn to read.
Coral Sunset Elementary
school needs reading
volunteers

Give 90 minutes a week (or several times a
week) to be a reading volunteer.

Sign up in the narthex.

GOODNESS MEANS "DOING"

Evelyn Bridy has moved to an
assisted living facility:
Brookdale Sunrise
4201 Springtree Dr
Sunrise, FL 33351
954-572-4261





FORGIVENESS

Forgive - *to cease to feel resentment against an offender.*

As we look towards the end of 2018 and the beginning of a new year, I pose the question: Are you harboring any resentment against someone or something that you need to let go of? Will you be carrying a burden of resentment into the new year with you?

It was hard for me to forgive the people who hurt our church and it was very hard to forgive the people who left our church. But I knew I needed to – not only because Jesus commanded that I do so, but also because I knew that we could not move forward until all resentment and hurt was gone and forgiven.

Only with a clean heart can we hear God's true voice. Mother Teresa said "A clean heart can see God, can speak to God and can see the love of God in others."

So I ask you again – is there someone you should be forgiving? Do it today – not for them, but for you, so you can move forward and see God's love with a clean heart.

Elder Ginny DeMattei

The Pentecost Lighthouse
Church invites all Glades
members to their Christmas
banquet, December 8th
6pm – 9pm at Olive Garden,
22161 Powerline Road.

If you are interested,
please call
Penny Hamby at
561-305-2886.

COME AND SEE!

**DECEMBER 2ND, 10:45 AM
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
"TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS"**

**DECEMBER 15TH, 7 - 9 PM
LIVE NATIVITY
ANIMALS, PONY RIDES, REFRESHMENTS**

**DECEMBER 24TH, 5 - 6 PM
CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**



GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Saturday, December 1st 9 AM

Many hands needed, please come to help.



LIVE NATIVITY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 7PM – 9PM

PLAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE SPEAK WITH BRIAN OR SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

**GLADES ADULT
CHRISTMAS PARTY AND
GIFT EXCHANGE**

Sunday, December 16th
following worship. Bring a \$20
wrapped gift and an appetizer or
dessert to share.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24TH, 5PM – 6PM

Men's Group

Dates/Times and Locations:

**December 6th at 7PM at
Boca Indian Grill**

**December 10th at 7PM at
Lindburgers**

Brian Claxton is facilitating.



**New Women's Bible
Study**
January 8th, 2019
9:45AM on Tuesdays

Sign up in the Narthex, or see Tracy
for more information



*Please join us on December 2nd at 10:45AM
for our Christmas Cantata:*

Together for Christmas

A worship experience for the community of faith

By: Pepper Choplin
Directed by: Suzy Scheidecker

*Invite your family and friends
for this joyous occasion!*

HOPE ♦ PEACE ♦ LOVE ♦ JOY

ON NOVEMBER 17TH OUR
BELOVED SNOWBIRD AND
CHOIR MEMBER, BUD BOWER,
WAS CALLED HOME.
EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY
CAN BE SENT TO HIS WIFE,
GAIL AT:

GAIL BOWER
1006 COLONY LANE
CHARLESTON, IL 61920



**9- Tara Martin
14- Loan Ellis
31- Lisa Roubian**