

KEEPING UP WITH BRIGHTLINE IN 2024!

by Dr. M. Bruce Irwin

Trains are getting faster in 2024! Now we have BRIGHTLINE that many times a day zooms by at speeds in excess of 80mph. It used to be that if you were driving on a road that parallels a train track, and there were no other cars around, and a train was going by on the tracks, you might be tempted to race the train! In fact, maybe some of you actually raced a train in your youth. No more, since BRIGHTLINE zips by too fast. It is here, and then it is gone!

Aren't our years like BRIGHTLINE, zooming by faster every year? It's hard for us to keep up year after year! Many of us are slowing down, at the same time life is speeding up, and it won't be long until we reach our final destination.

Young people talk faster than we did when we sat on our front porches and visited with our neighbors. Oh, we don't do that any longer. Glued to our cell phones, our quick conversations are limited to texts, to tweets, or to who knows what is next?

The good news is that no matter how fast life goes, or how slow we go, the purpose of life is the same. Whether in pioneer days or in our contemporary world, our purpose is to honor and glorify God. We are to remain faithful to God who created us, to Christ who loved us enough to die on a cross for us to erase the power of our sin and guilt, and to the Holy Spirit whose presence can comfort our souls during all of the challenges of living. Especially as we race down the tracks toward our final destination, we must constantly and consistently proclaim to all the people around us that our sincere faith has grounded us throughout all of our living.

Whether life is zipping by or moving at a snail's pace, God's presence in Jesus Christ supports and guides believers through the entirety of our human experience and in the hereafter!

HAVE A HAPPY AND INSPIRATIONAL 2024 !

Glades' Events for January 2024

- 6. 'De-greening' of Glades, 9am
- 7. Worship & Communion, 1030am**
- 11. Men's Group, 7pm
- 13. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 14. Worship, 1030am**
- 20. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 21. Worship, 1030am**
- 21. Administration meeting, 12pm
- 22. Session meeting, 630pm
- 25. Men's Group, 7pm
- 27. Boca Helping Hands, 830am
- 28. Worship, 1030am**
- ?? Game Night Saturday, 3pm

Glades' Celebrations for January 2024

- 4. Brenda Romeo's birthday**
- 7. Neyda Rodriguez's birthday!**
- 10. Crout's anniversary**
- 23. Ellen Armstrong's birthday**
- 23. Marilou Lehner's birthday**
- 24. Celeste Hamilton'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 Avrich & 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 Avrich
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 Avrich & Ed Romeo

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

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Sermon Series for January:

1/7: "Do You Have Beautiful Feet?"

Romans 10:5-15

1/14: "From Bone Tired To New Life"

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

1/21: "Are You Following Jesus Or Just Believing In Christ?"

Mark 1:14-20

1/28: "Fake News Or Good News"

Mark 1:21-28

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 Month in Photos: December 2023



Lessons in Carols, Saturday 12/16



Christmas Party, Sunday 12/17



Christmas Eve, Sunday 12/24



Clarence, Lenore, Billy, & Mila ("Mee-lah") at home in New Smyrna Beach, Sunday 12/31

**"I'll see you all again someday!
Love you more!"**



**Love,
Lee**