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SOUL AND SPIRIT

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The word “soul” goes back to the Greek word “psyche.” In our contemporary lives, we think of the word ‘psychological’ that has to do with the mind. But the Greek word “psyche” is much more holistic. “Psyche,” or soul, goes back to the Hebrew word “Nephesh” which refers to a person’s whole physical being as a living organism. Your soul is the unique individual that you are! Based on this, theologians historically never want to separate the concept of body and soul. This Hebrew concept of the wholeness of the soul including the body leads to the continuing concept of bodily resurrection as was experienced in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. Throughout history, theologians have tried many ways to explain the continuing unity of body and soul.

Soul-Psyche-Nephesh is the uniqueness of each person as a separate individual. Your “soul” is the unique “I amness” of you. Your “soul” is your individuation as a creature whom God brought into being. Your “soul” is your being! Words from The Biblical Project describe the “soul” in this way: “In the Song of Songs the young woman constantly refers to her lover as the one my nephesh loves. And of course, love isn’t just an intellectual (psyche) experience. It’s an emotion that activates your whole body “nephesh.”

The soul is the receptacle of the Spirit. The word ‘spirit’ goes back to the Greek word “pneuma”. That Greek word reminds us of wind or air like pneumonia, or pneumatic drills. “Pneuma” or spirit means wind or breath. The wind exists outside of a person, and yet we say that we get winded. Outside wind sometimes can push us around. When you breathe, the wind (or air) comes into you, fills up your lungs, and gives you life. The “spirit” is the presence of God which comes in and exists within the wholeness (the nephesh-the psyche-the soul) of each one of us. Our souls are the receptacles of God’s Holy Wind, the Holy Spirit which enables us to breathe, move, and live! In Genesis, God breathed life into Adam and into Eve (and by extension into all of humankind). In Ezekiel 34 the dry bones come together as skeletons and are covered with muscles and skin; yet could not live until God’s holy wind (Spirit) filled their lungs. Only then did the individual souls come alive. Then, on the day of Pentecost, the individual souls of Christ’s remaining eleven disciples received the holy wind of God’s breath blowing through the window, and the disciples came alive again with so much enthusiasm like tongues of fire were resting on their heads, and in their excitement the disciples began speaking in many languages. So, the breath of God’s Spirit enters our individual souls and brings life!

**WE CELEBRATE THE GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE SOULS OF ALL
DISCIPLES WHO COMPRISE THE CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 19TH
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!**

Glades Presbyterian Church
21121 Judge Winikoff Road
Boca Raton, Florida 33428

Glades' Events for May 2024

- 2. Bible Study, 11am
- 5. Worship & Communion, 10:30am**
- 5. Healing Meeting, 12pm
- 5. Bible Study, 6pm (at Gretchen's)
- 9. Bible Study, 11am
- 12. Worship, 10:30am**
- 12. Bible Study, 6pm (at Gretchen's)
- 16. Bible Study, 11am
- 19. Pentecost Worship, 10:30am**
- 19. Administration Meeting, 12pm
- 19. Bible Study, 6pm (at Gretchen's)
- 23. Bible Study, 11am
- 26. Worship, 10:30am**
- 26. Bible Study, 6pm (at Gretchen's)
- 27. Session Meeting, 6:30pm
- 30. Bible Study, 11am

Glades' Celebrations for May 2024

- 1. Terry Crout's birthday**
- 8. Lauren Romeo's birthday**
- 15. Linda Fabiani's birthday**
- 19. Edith Vislocky's birthday**
- 21. Armstrong's anniversary**
- 22. Connie Steward's birthday**
- 29. Gail Bower's birthday**

DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Terry Crout - 561-699-1139

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

Laurie Jenkins- 561-487-4255

Babbs Dahms
Gail Bower
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(1) & Edith Vislocky(1) & Pat Wilkins(2)

Class of 2025:

Linda Williams(1) & Dawn Williams(1) & Laura Dorn(1)

Class of 2026:

Celeste Hamilton(1) & Ellie Wan(1)

Celeste Hamilton - 561-715-9910

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

Carmen Gomez- 561-939-9763

Terry, Cheryl & Ryan Crout
Linda Williams
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(1) & Marilou Lehner(1) Class of 2025:

Jim Hamilton(2) & Gretchen Schrieber(1)

Class of 2026:

Rowena Avrich(1) & Ed Romeo(2)

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

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Sermon Series for May:

5/5 "Love One Another"

John 15:9-19

5/12 "Family-Respect Out Of Reverence To Christ!"

John 3:14-21

5/19 "Building The Future With Confidence"

Acts 2:1-21

5/26 "Sticks & Stones"

James 3:1-12

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 second Thursday evening at 7pm, men from Glades and other nearby churches meet at Duffy's (Mission Bay) to discuss Christian topics. If you would like to join us, or if you have any questions, please call or text Jim Hamilton (954-621-5993).

Bible Study: The current Bible study is titled "The Mysteries of Heaven". There is a Thursday meeting at 11am, and alternately (for those who work during the day) a Sunday night meeting at Gretchen's house at 6pm.

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: romeobren@yahoo.com

The Month In Photos: April 2024

