



From the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends,

On Sunday, September 15, I shared with the congregation what is called the Halverson Benediction. Richard Halverson was a Presbyterian Minister who served as U.S. Senate Chaplain from 1981 to 1994. He is known in part for what is called the Halverson Benediction.

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there.

God has a purpose in your being right where you are.

Christ, who indwells you by the power of his Spirit, wants to do something in and through you.

Take note: "God has a purpose in you being right where you are."

Presbyterians are known to do things, "Decently and in Order." One example is that ministers operate under a formal contract which is developed with the minister, the Session and approved by the Presbytery.

Here are the details or responsibilities as they appear in our contract:

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Responsibilities of the Pastor:

- **Prepare Sermon and Worship Bulletin in co-ordination with staff**
- **Lead worship & preach on Sunday morning and special worship services.**
- **Keep church “office hours” of at least one day per week.**
- **Attend/moderate Session meetings**
- **Develop and Lead Bible Studies**
- **Monthly Staff/ Worship Team Meetings if possible**
- **Officiate at weddings and funerals.**
- **Administer the sacraments, including occasional home communion with shut-in and sick.**
- **Pastoral care, including hospitals visits.**
- **Be an advocate for Glades as a member of Presbytery of Tropical Florida.**
- **Provide leadership for a Friday evening Saturday Retreat on campus or off.**

Responsibilities of the Session and the Congregation:

- **Support the Pastor in his ministry.**
- **Pray for the pastor.**
- **Provide a performance review.**

I covet your support and prayers as we continue this marvelous opportunity to serve the Lord in the months ahead.

Blessings Abound!

The Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

Glades' Events for October 2024

6. Worship & Communion, 10:30am

6. Healing Meeting, 12pm

12. Church Work Day, 9am-12pm

13. Worship, 10:30am

20. Worship, 10:30am

20. Administration Meeting, 12pm

27. Worship, 10:30am

28. Session Meeting, 6:30pm

Glades' Celebrations for October 2024

5. Ed Romeo's birthday

8. Kitty Lai's birthday

10. Ellie Wan's birthday

11. Addison Armstrong's birthday

19. Fezela Doorhan's birthday

28. Karen Sanchez's birthday

29. Laurie Jenkins' birthday

DEACONS' CARE GROUPS

Terry Crout

Jim & Celeste Hamilton
Laura Dorn
Carmen Gomez
Edith Vislocky
Laurie Jenkins
Ellie Wan
Tom Serro
Beverly Newland

Laurie Jenkins

Babbs Dahms
Gail Bower
Edith Vislocky
Bill Eltringham
Carmen Gomez
Gretchen Schrieber
Marilou Lehner
Wayne & Mimi Walker (Alicia & Lucia)
Wesley & Dania Marinan (Alex & Francis)

Ellie Wan

Eric, Ellen, Addison & Ryan Armstrong
Mini Dookhan
Yvette Tiritto & David MacRae
Debbie & Keith Berman
Premela Dookhan
Kitty Lai

Laura Dorn

Didi Deary
Beth Diente
Connie Steward
Marlene Kappes
Musfig (Mush) & Nancy Khan

Celeste Hamilton

Cathy & Dan Wantz
Pat Wilkins
Rowena Avrich
Lauren Romeo
Ozcan Feyziolglo
Santosh & Lalitha Mathen
Ryan Bullock

Carmen Gomez

Terry, Cheryl & Ryan Crout
Don & Elaine Hulse
Renata, Lydia & Michael Trager
Linda Fabiani & Barry Marcus

Edith Vislocky

Neyda Rodriguez
Ed & Brenda Romeo
Frank & Liz Romeo
Karen Sanchez
Ellie Wan
Laurie & John Jenkins

Deacons:

Class of 2025:

Laura Dorn (1)

Class of 2026:

Celeste Hamilton (2) & Ellie Wan (1) & Terry Crout (1)

Class of 2027:

Carmen Gomez (1) & Laurie Jenkins (1)

Elders:

Class of 2025:

Jim Hamilton (2) & Gretchen Schrieber (1)

Class of 2026:

Rowena Avrich (1) & Ed Romeo(2)

Class of 2027:

Bill Eltringham (2) & Marilou Lehner (2)

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



Saturday, October 12, 9am - noon

Choir: The Choir is ALWAYS looking for more beautiful voices in ALL vocal ranges, from bass to soprano! Please contact either Gretchen Schrieber or Renata Trager.

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.

Help Needed: We are currently short-staffed for voluntary positions on the Worship and Outreach committees. If you would like to be a part of keeping the weekly services running smoothly, or would like to reach out to others in the community, please see an Elder. Thank you!

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.

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The Month In Photos: September 2024

