

The Haines City Disciple



First Christian Church, 705 S. 14th Street, Haines City, FL 33844

A WORD FROM PASTOR ROS...

For many folks today, being happy is fully dependent on whether life is 'all good.' Happiness slides up and down the scale, based on whatever negative issues are going on at the time. Problems arise; happiness goes south. Troubles begin to go away; the happy scale starts to climb. Joy, however, is not dependent on circumstances, and, in fact, ironically, can become the strongest when trouble comes.

Joy has more to do with remaining in the presence of Jesus than with avoiding problems and struggles in our lives. We can worry and fret because we feel we're not in control. Joy is an ongoing reminder that God is in control—that He is in charge of the outcome.

A Hindu trader in India once asked a native Christian, 'What do you put on your face to make it shine so?' And the answer he received was 'It is happiness in the heart. Jesus gives me joy.'



Pastor Ros

IN THE KNOW

Do you want to be '*in the know*'?

Call the church office and request to be on the Phone Tree to get emergency prayer calls and give your email address to get on the weekly prayer list, monthly newsletter, and occasional letters from the pastor.

DO YOU LOVE OUR CHILDREN?

OF COURSE YOU DO!



And because you do, you are cordially invited to attend a BRAINSTORMING SESSION on Sunday, May 2, following worship. We are hoping to find ways to develop an active children's ministry program. Hope to see you there to give us your ideas.

Paul Nordby,
Minister of Christian Education



Our WINTER VISITORS are all heading back north for the summer, and we miss them already especially Jackie Fain, our Director of Music! Stay well and return to us safely. See you in the fall.

THANK YOU!

...for your generosity in giving to our special offerings! Your gifts to the Week of Compassion totaled \$425 and the Easter Offering was

\$288. Thanks so much for supporting the work of the larger church which seeks to provide wholeness in a fragmented world.

A WHOLE NEW LOOK!

You may have noticed by now that our newsletter has a new look. In an effort to be good stewards, the *Haines City Disciple* will be published once a month and will be sent to you via email. It will also be available on the church's website. If you are not able to access the news digitally, contact the church office (863-422-4554) and request a paper copy.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 28, 2021

General Fund - \$ 2,495.00 Est. Attendance - 88
Use of Facilities - \$ 115.00
Easter Offering - \$ 70.00

April 4, 2021

General Fund - \$ 4,438.00 Est. Attendance - 107
Use of Facilities - \$ 1,510.00
Easter Offering - \$ 218.00
Memorial Fund - \$ 500.00

April 11, 2021

General Fund - \$ 3,115.00 Est. Attendance - 82
Use of Facilities - \$ 620.00
Memorial Fund - \$50.00

April 18, 2021

General Fund - \$ 2,137.00 Est. Attendance - 64

April 25, 2021

General Fund - \$ 2,472.00 Est. Attendance - 77
Use of Facilities - \$ 1,050.00



DOESN'T THIS LOOK LIKE FUN?

Our folks in the sound and projection booth would like to teach you all about this fascinating equipment. Then you could help spread the gospel by being part of the Sunday morning crew. In addition to enhancing our worship, you could help with live streaming, FaceBook and YouTube. What a great opportunity. Contact Andy Hicks if you'd like to join the training session.

MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 9



To honor our mothers, join us for O. J. and Coffee after worship on May 9. As we gather in the fellowship hall, be prepared to tell those at your table your favorite memory or story of your mother. Thanks to Deb Kemp and her Membership Ministry for sponsoring this time of fellowship.

BEGINNER'S CLASS FOR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE



FCC will host an 8 session class this summer to learn the basics of American Sign Language. The group will meet twice a week in the fellowship hall for four weeks, under the leadership of Joan Slevin. Before scheduling the actual dates, she would like to know if you would prefer mid-morning, early afternoon or early evening time to meet. Would you let the church office know which works best for you? Seating will be limited to 25 students.

IT'S TIME TO GO SHOPPING



Our police department is grateful for our donation of new Teddy Bears. In times of crisis, violence and domestic abuse, the officers can reach into their trunk and offer a soft, cuddly bear for the children to hold. These stuffed animals provide a soft touch and a sense of security to little ones who are experiencing hurt, pain and bewilderment. Your help in purchasing a bear for this program would be really appreciated. Make sure the bear is big enough to hug (the small ones just don't provide enough love!). Leave them in the pew on Sunday mornings and they'll be collected.



DID YOU SEE...

who joined us for our live-streamed worship services this past month? We welcome Steohanie Macaluso Coleman, Fabio Rodriguez, Vince and Wendy Anderson, Linda West, Dottie Brown, Yvonne Walker, as well as our regular viewers! Thank you for watching!

DID YOU WELCOME...

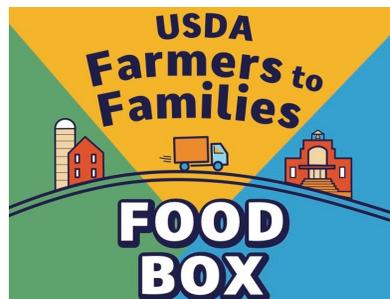
those guests who joined us in the sanctuary for worship this past month? We welcome Maria and Isabella Rivera, Arlene Duff, Cheryl Spicer, Don and Nancy Ross, Betsy Umberhaven, Nancy Dillen, Jean McGrew, Ann Whitaker and Rob Mason. Thank you for worshipping with us!

BALL GAME, ANYONE?



Our Membership Ministry would like to sponsor an outing in June to Lakeland to see the Detroit Tigers play ball. Would you let Deb Kemp know your preference: a daytime game, evening game or weekend game. What fits best in your schedule?

Did you know.....



Iglesia Pentecostal Como Llama de Fuego meets regularly at our church for their worship services. But DID YOU KNOW that every

Friday afternoon from 4-6 pm, they give out about 250 boxes of food (for FREE!) for people in our community? If YOU need some food, they'll put a box in your car, too! What an inspiration they are to all of us!

CAN YOU FIND YOUR CHURCH NAME TAG?



If so, would you get in the habit of wearing it on Sunday mornings?

This is a huge help in making our visitors feel welcome....and your pastor would certainly be grateful too!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Please keep the following in your prayers. Remember them with a card or phone call.

May Birthdays:



- Marty Vanaskey - 5/2
- John Schleifer - 5/3
- Elaine Ogburn - 5/6
- Donna Nordby - 5/8
- Josh Duff - 5/10
- Joe Krstulich - 5/10
- Mike Crousore - 5/11
- Deb Kemp - 5/14
- Pat Lincoski - 5/14
- Richard Miller - 5/14
- Vincent Anderson - 5/15
- Ros Springer - 5/23
- Jensen Glockner - 5/25
- Roger Evans - 5/28



- ◆ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- ◆ Pray for our nation
- ◆ Haines City Police Department Officers:
 - Daniel Kallmeyer (week of May 2)
 - Monica Lozano (week of May 9)
 - Grace Malpartida (week of May 16)
 - Rebecca Meltzer (week of May 23)
 - Joel Morales (week of May 30)
- ◆ Leadership of First Christian Church
- ◆ Search Committee of First Christian Church
- ◆ US Military Personnel throughout the world
- ◆ **Health Concerns:** Florence Roberts, Gary West, Fred and Lynn Somers, Harley Shumaker, Bill and Linda Booth, Marge Chilton, Lorena Roberts, Todd Bright, Dottie Minnich, Leo Woodward, Bob and Jackie Fain, Roger and Yvonne Evans, Deb Kemp, Danae Bryan, Mike and Liz Crousore, Doug Ward, Liz and Gary Pillsbury, Elaine Ogburn, Phyllis Wasson, Dotte Minnich, Martha Criss, Jodi Fuller, Mary Lou LaBrie, Florence Roberts, Hazel Wood, and all those who care for them.
- ◆ For Those Who Mourn or need God's comfort
- ◆ For all who are hopeless and hurting
- ◆ For all job searching and need work as well as those waiting for call back from furloughs
- ◆ Joan Slevin, Vince and Wendy Anderson, and all the educators
- ◆ For our nurses, doctors, CNAs and our first responders, as well as all other support persons in and out of the health fields.



May Anniversaries:



- Joe and Cathi Krstulich - 5/8
- Harley and Carol Shumaker - 5/18
- Fred and Lynn Somers - 5/25

May 2021

Sunday, May 2
Worship at 10am
Children's Ministry Meeting at 11:15 am

Monday, May 17
Elder's Meeting - 7:00pm

Thursday, May 6 - National Day of Prayer 

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost
Worship at 10 am 

Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day
Worship at 10am
OJ and Coffee at 11:00am 

Sunday, May 30
Worship at 10 am

Sunday, May 16
Worship at 10am

Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day 

Please note: Some events may pop up at the last moment and may not be listed on this calendar.

WORSHIP IN MAY - 10 am EACH SUNDAY

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
May 2	'It's All About Apples'	John 6:1-13
May 9 (Mother's Day)	'Five Women and a Baby'	Exodus 1:8-2:10
May 16	'New Math'	Acts 3:1-10
May 23 (Pentecost)	'Truckin' for Jesus'	Selected Scriptures
May 30	'Bug Zappers and Apples'	James 1:13-18