



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## FROM CRIMINAL TO SAINT

By: Bill McConnell  
Minister

Here is a tiny sect in a forlorn corner of the Empire - centered upon devotion to a Jew, a criminal who was tortured to death by the authorities little fringe a group of extremists holding on by their fingernails.



They had managed to establish a few pitiful congregations here and there in the hinterland. Though Jesus had once called them the "light of the world," their light seemed fragile and dim, no real competitor with the brilliance of the Empire. Yet they were convinced that an event had occurred no less cosmic and world-shattering than the end and the beginning of all things.

They felt commanded to proclaim this salvation to the ends of the earth, to enlist disciples from all nations, both Israel and Rome, without distinction. Previously they had made careful, religious distinctions between Gentile and Jew, male and female. Now they claimed all such distinctions were destroyed in the inclusive embrace of Christ.

Though they appear to have had next to nothing by way of security or property, Paul told the rag-tag crowd of Christ followers at Corinth, "the world or life or death or the present or the future - all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (1 Cor 3:22-23).



## Prayer Request

**Please keep in your prayers the following:**

Deb Kemp  
Charles Dunning  
Josh Duff  
Gary Sheldon

We want to express our condolences for the Deaths of Cheryl Wheelden (Phyllis Wasson sister), Carlos Velez (Elizabeth Velez nephew) and Jodi Fuller.

The family of Cheryl Wheelden will have a Memorial Service on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. The service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SOUP SUBSTANCE

<b>03/06/24 (Wednesday)</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Soup &amp; Substance</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
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<b>03/20/24 (Wednesday)</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Soup &amp; Substance</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>03/24/24</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Choir Easter Cantata</b>
<b>03/28/24</b> <b>In Sanctuary</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>

## CHANCEL CHOIR

If you can carry a tune, we want you!

### Join us!



Contact our fearless *Choir Director*, Pat Lincoski at:  
863-661-4107, or contact  
the church office at  
863-422-4554.

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

**March 5th** at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall  
All women are invited

## JOIN US!

Every Wednesday

### Bible Study

Studying Revelation at **10:00am**

### Sunday School | 9:15 A.M.

Adults will have a Sunday School class with Oscar and Margaret Fowler teaching. They will have a variety of lessons that will be taught by two very experienced teachers. The class will meet in Room 2.

### Children & youth

Fellowship Hall

They start out in the worship service and following the children's time, will leave and go to WOW (teens will remain in the sanctuary).

JULIE  
&  
THE  
KIDS



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH/HAINES CITY

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY



FLORIDA  
DISCIPLES  
REGIONAL CHURCH

May 2-4, 2024

Parkway Christian Church  
1200 South Flamingo Road  
Davie, Florida 33325

<https://fldisciples.org/regional-assembly/>

Appeal to anyone that wants to represent FCC at this event let know Pastor Bill.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD



Monthly Church Cabinet meeting  
at 2:30 PM in Classroom 2.

Remember

All Committees will meet at 3:00 PM  
in their respective meeting places.

Christian Education:	Classroom 1
Evangelism:	Classroom 2
Membership:	Fellowship Hall
Outreach:	Conference Room
Personnel:	Choir Room
Property:	Classroom 3
Stewardship:	Treasurer's Office
Worship:	Chapel

## HELPING MINISTRY

### ELDERS

Donna Nordby  
Paul Nordby

### DEACONS

Andy Duff  
Anne Jarrett  
Larry Donley  
Ethan Glockner

### GREETERS

Jody Murphy- North doors  
Cheryl Spicer - South doors  
Karen Bailey-West doors



There is a flower chart in the narthex. If you're interested in purchasing altar flowers for our worship service, please sign up there, including the dedication and who's providing the flowers.

Each bouquet is \$35 and payment may be included in your regular offering envelope. If you have a special request for the type or color of flowers, please call Jessica in the church office.

*Don't forget*

If you are a snowbird, please notify Jessica in the church office when your address changes so she can update the computer system.

Daylight Savings Time goes into effect Sunday, March 10. Clocks should be advanced 1 hour on Saturday night, March 9.



welcome little one!  
nursery available!

Sunday School and Worship  
Wednesday evenings  
(Bible study)

## CHURCH PHONE TREE

If you are not on the automated phone tree system to receive prayer requests from members and you would like to participate in this caring ministry, please notify Jessica in the church office so your name and preferred phone number can be added to the call list. Thank you!

## ESL ENGLISH COURSE

**SATURDAYS** 10AM  
**THURSDAYS** 6PM  
Music Room





# ACTIVITIES

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



*Congratulations*

**Happy Birthday**

03/04 ANDY DUFF  
03/10 DEBBIE PECK  
03/13 LARRY LINCOSKI  
03/19 NANCY BRIGHT

**Happy Anniversary**

03/08 PAUL & DONNA NORDBY  
03/29 KARL & CAROL CASEY



Valentine's Party and celebration of everyone who has been married 50 years or more.





Florida Disciples Regional Church  
Outdoor Ministry Program  
**Camp Dates for  
2024**



All camps will be held at The Retreat at Silver Springs,  
the conference center of the Florida Disciples Regional Church.

**New this year:** Camps start on *either* Sunday, Monday, **or** Tuesday.  
Check your calendar to confirm start days.

***In Chronological Order:***

<b>UNO Camp</b> <i>(with a loving adult)</i>	Grades K - 2	June 7 - 9
<b>Junior Camp</b>	Grades 3 - 5	June 11 - 15
<b>High School Camp</b>	Grades 9 - 12	June 16 - 22
<b>Chi Rho Camp</b>	Grades 6 - 8	June 25 - 30
<b>High School Canoe Camp</b>	Grades 9 – 12	July 7 – 13
<b>Middle School Outdoor Adventure Camp</b>	Grades 6 – 8	July 15 - 20
<b>College-Age “GRAD” Camp</b> High School Graduates, Class of 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023		July 24 - 27
<b>Family Camp</b>	For the whole family	August 31 – Sept. 2 <i>(optional add Friday, August 30)</i>





SAVE THE DATE!!!

March 5 – 7 , 2024  
at The Retreat at Silver Springs  
6455 E Silver Springs Blvd.  
Silver Springs, FL 34488

**PARTICIPANTS:** Adults over the age of 55 who enjoy learning something new, connecting with others, and sharing light-hearted and soul-inspiring experiences.

**DATES:** Tuesday, March 5 – Thursday, March 7, 2024

**PLACE:** The Retreat at Silver Springs. If you have never experienced our camp and conference center, you are in for a special treat. We have planned activities at the Faith Pavilion, the Outdoor Chapel, the Labyrinth, and the Patio firepit.

Our study will be based upon the book of Acts which you might want to reread before our retreat. We will be exploring Chapters 2, 9, 10, and 14.

Come and experience all the Senior Retreat traditions – morning watch, inspiring music, delicious meals, evening socials, fun and games, a campfire under the stars, craft time, closing Communion. May the Ripples of the Holy Spirit touch and renew your life.

<https://fldisciples.org/2024-senior-retreat/>