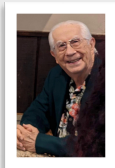


GSCC NEWS

LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE | SERVE BOTH

Pray, Give Go

“Go ye into all the world.”



Continue to pray for our mission team to the Bahamas. Dr. Dick Barker and his daughter Della along with Mary Raith and our Pastors Rich and Linda are ministering in the Bahamas. They will celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the church there. GSCC continues to Pray, Give and Go!



GSCC is celebrating its 55th anniversary and the Spanish service is celebrating its 7th anniversary. Our Anniversary Banquet is March 17 at noon in the Community Center. The cost is \$14 per person. Let's celebrate what God has done!

A Note from Pastor Rich...

Existence After Death...

Death is a curious topic. Books are written about it, businesses are built around it, and most people would rather avoid it. But what does it mean to die? Ask the retired M.D. or R.N. in our community and they will give the medical definition. Ask someone literal in the Bible and they will have a God definition.

Think about it. Sixty million people will die worldwide this year. Of that, two and one half million will be from the United States.

Jesus has plenty to say about death, and His church needs to help people think about what happens after death. When a Christian speaks about their understanding of death, it can be an opportunity to be a witness.

Listen to the frankness of Joseph in Genesis 50:24, *“soon I will die.”* Joseph had a confidence regarding this event, and he gave specific instructions to his brothers. As Jesus faced death, He agonized. He even asked if this could be averted.

What I'm suggesting is that Christians can use this issue as a talking point for starting conversations that may lead to deeper conversations about a person's need for Jesus.

Paul reminded Christians that while we live in these earthly bodies we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. (2 Corinthians 5:4)

The reality is most people have no idea what is after death. That is why speaking about this subject can be a conversation that shows we care and that God has answers - to life!

Lenten Soup Supper



G S C C is joining the community every Tuesday in Lent for a Lenten Soup Supper. We do this to fast one meal a week during Lent and just have soup. Pastor Rich will share a short message reflecting the meaning of Lent. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk and you can sign up more than one time if you would like to. The dates are:

March 5th

March 12th

March 29th

Come and join as we travel into the Intimacy of God.



Jelly Bean Prayer



As we approach Easter, here is a simple way to share the Gospel. Have a handful of jelly beans and adapt and expand the wording depending on whether you are sharing the message with a child or an adult. We're never too old for jelly beans and we're never too young or too old for the message of the Gospel.

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made,
White is for the grace He gave.



A bag full of jelly beans is yummy to eat,
It's a picture, a promise, a special treat,
To help us remember Jesus' work complete,
And give us hope beyond any earthly sweet.

Mission of the Month

PIONEERS

There are nearly 7,000 unreached unique ethnic groups scattered throughout the world. PIONEERS is in pursuit of these unreached people groups. "While the hope of the Gospel has been spreading for thousands of years, millions of people have yet had an opportunity to hear it. Determined to reach the ends of the earth with the Good news, we are dedicated to the relentless pursuit of the reached."

PIONEERS is thankful to GSCC for their generous support of their PIONEERS ministry and all their missionaries who are going to the unreached.

Thinking of You

Sometimes as members of GSCC move away, they need to know that we still love and care about them. A "Thinking of You" note is priceless. Tom and JoAnne Carlson recently moved to be closer to their daughter. Their address is:

Tom & JoAnne Carlson
Pacifica Senior Living
4201 Springtree Dr.,
Apt. 2315
Sunrise, FL. 33351

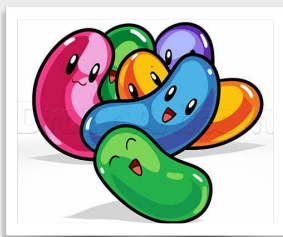
Just for Fun

Can bees fly in the rain? *Not without their little yellow jackets.*

What goes up when the rain comes down? *An Umbrella*

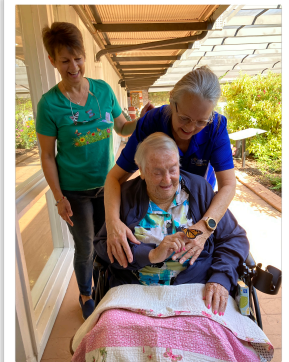
What did the big flower say to the little flower? *You're really growing, Bud!*

"A merry heart does good, like medicine...."



February revealed some Butterfly Beauties!

The residents of the Health Care Center were mesmerized as they saw monarch butterflies emerge and flutter to be held. Resident Ella said, "Can I take him to my room?"



If you would like to support the ministry of the Butterfly Garden, which is a ministry of GSCC, you can place a check in the offering and mark on your check 'Butterfly Garden', or give online at: goodsamaritancommunitychurch.com

Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of GSCC. Your tithes and offerings support our local ministries and to the world. We are grateful for you!



Happy Birthday!

- 3/7 Cecelia Aramalay
- 3/10 Marilyn Figueroa
- 3/13 CC Ballentine
- 3/13 JoAnne Carlson
- 3/21 Jeanette Bryte
- 3/22 Sharon White
- 3/27 Andy Ball
- 3/30 Terry Noland

March Anniversaries

- 3/1 Ralph & Charlotte Young
- 3/18 Milagros & Carlos Figuero



Mark your March calendar...

- March 5 Lenten Soup Supper
- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 Lenten Soup Supper
- 17 GSCC Anniversary Banquet/St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Lenten Soup Supper/First Day of Spring
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter Sunday

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