



The Life and Times

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Lots Available for Lease

There are currently no lots available to lease for a RV or Park Model.

The following lots are available for a modular home to be put on them:

5359 Beulah Land
5885 Shiloh Path

Call the Park Office at 863-858-7504 for information.

News from the Park Administrator

When I stepped outside this morning, I thought it was chilly at 55°. Then, someone who just arrived from Michigan said they experienced snow last week. No snow here! And for that, I am thankful. Blue skies and 66° now with an expected high of 81°.

Have you seen the baby goats yet? It is so much fun watching them jump and run. Please note that you are not to feed the goats when they are in the little barn/shed. Both the nanny and the kids have special dietary needs right now, and our feeding them can make them sick.

By the time you read this, the initial cleanup done by an outside contractor will be complete. But there is still much to do. We need to remove the concrete that was left at our instruction. The grounds will need to be raked, and the leaves disposed of. There are many pavers that will need to be removed and stored for other use. The property will be treated for fleas and fire ants. It will need to be mowed. Now that the first stage of the cleanup is completed, I encourage you to continue in prayer about how we are going to use the property.

If you leave a car in the Park when you go home for the summer, you are not to park the vehicle in someone else's driveway without the permission of the owner. You should park the vehicle either on your lot or across the Jordon. If you choose to park the vehicle across the Jordon, please check with me about the proper location.

The hurricane season starts in only one month. Are you ready? If you are a summer resident, remember that you need to have a "to go" bag, plenty of water, and a supply of foods that do not require refrigeration. You should start building up your supply now. Your neighbors who have left for the summer should have secured all their yard items. However, if you see something they have left outdoors that might become windblown, please check with the neighbor to find out what they would like done with the items.

When the Park experiences severe weather, it is important that the office knows who is—and who isn't—in the Park.

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Should the severe weather cause extensive damage, we need to verify that everyone is accounted for and that everyone who needs help receives it. That cannot be done if we are not aware of a person's presence. So, please let us know if you are visiting or leaving the Park for an extended time.

Once again, I remind you that members are responsible for trimming around their residence in the Park even while you are not here. If you have not already arranged for someone to do that trimming, please do so as soon as possible. Once the rain starts, everything grows very quickly. Many people I've talked to in the past are surprised with the height of the weeds and grass when left unattended for a short time. Please do not ignore planning for your trimming.

I don't want to be overly optimistic, but the gate has been operational since the most recent visit by the contractor. Like many of you, I hope it continues to work as expected for the foreseeable future.

We still have a resident alligator in our pond. Remember, do not feed or torment it. Those actions can cause the alligator to become aggressive. Just enjoy watching it from a distance.

While those of you who have gone north are enjoying the cool temperatures, I will be enjoying the heat as it ramps up. Have a great summer. May you know God's presence and blessing.

Jan

Office News

Where is everyone?! The migration is over. We are almost down to our summer population. If you haven't left yet but are still planning on leaving the park for the summer, be sure to let the office know. If you are a full year resident and plan on leaving for more than a week, please let the office know. We are coming up to hurricane season and it is important for the office to know who is in the park and who is not for accountability reasons.

There is only one closing scheduled in April.

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The Following Places are For Sale:

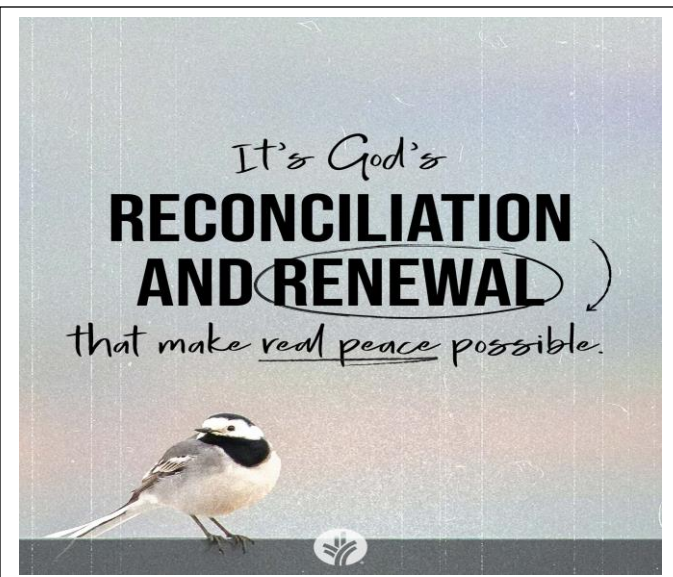
1. Rex and Bethel Root, 5311 Sharon Trail Block Home, \$120,000.00
2. Doug and Lori Jones, 5352 Bethany Way Block Home, \$65,000.00
3. Michael Gardner, 5333 Hebron Ct Travel Trailer, \$8,000.00
4. Deano and Darlene Pulice, 5337 Ebenezer Pl Travel Trailer, \$16,000.00
5. Estate of Julia McDonald, 5315 Hebron Ct, Travel Trailer, \$9,000.00
6. Ed and Linda Lamoreaux, 5876 Moriah Place, Singlewide, \$48,000.00
7. Dean and Barbara Rockwell, 5319 Hebron Ct. Park Model, \$35,500.00

The Board of Directors, with the office, have implemented a criminal background check for all new applicants. This will be considered as part of the membership application processes. This is an effort to keep our community safe.

Please let the office know if you are going to be renting your place for the 2024-2025 season. We have many requests from people looking to rent private residences.

If you change your mailing address, e-mail address or phone number please let the office know so we can make the changes in our system and the directory.

Greg Thomas



News from the Board of Directors

What a beautiful drive to our northern home from our winter home. Spring is in bloom in the mountains of West Virginia.... dogwood, red bud and another lavender blossom tree (maybe Wisteria?). Yes, a different drive for us as we stopped in Hilton Head Island for a couple of days.

Another season comes to a close at Light and Life Park as our last BOD was on April 8. We have scheduled Board meetings via Zoom for June 3, August 5, and October 7. These meetings will allow us to continue to do any business necessary during the summer and keep us apprised of Park operations.

In our last BOD meeting we approved the following projects: install lighting along the sidewalk from Library to Shiloh path (a suggestion from the Bucket listers), approval to purchase some sort of heavy equipment (such as a bulldozer) to do work around the Park. This could be very useful for our new property 5580 Deeson. We also approved a "mini golf" fundraiser.

It was a very busy year. The Jordan "outfall" storm drain is nearing completion, clean up on our latest property is nearing completion, and many other projects with the help of our volunteers.

With the property at 5580 Deeson nearing completion and the residence at 5570 Deeson being vacant, we have had many discussions with Future Planning and Building and Grounds as to what is next for these areas. We will be investigating with the county as to possible changes of zoning requirements for these areas.

The updated Rules and Regulations were approved and will be available on the park website and in printed form. The Bylaws committee presented changes and were approved. They will be presented to the membership in the January members' meeting.

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Hoping everyone has a safe and blessed spring wherever your travel may bring you or if you are just enjoying the peace and quiet of Light and Life Park in the Spring and Summer

God Bless

Larry Putnam

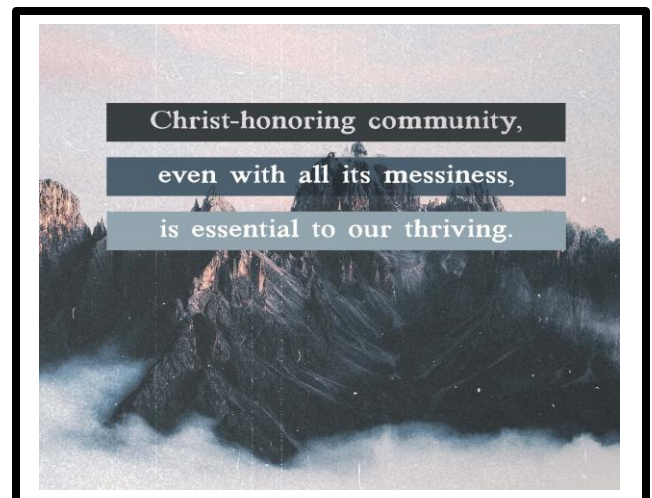
Summer Dinners

There will be Summer Dinners this summer, but it will be a bit different. Dave and Gail Cook will be your chief cooks for the months of May, June, July, and August. The first dinner will be on Monday, May 6 at 5:30. The menu is Roast Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, coleslaw, and dessert is sheet cake. The cost is \$6.00. Please sign up at Hood Hall by Friday, May 3. Come for good food and fellowship.

If you are willing to help with the set up or clean up, please let Dave Cook know.

Dinner at the Max is switching nights!

Dinner at the Max has moved from 5:30 pm Thursday nights to 6:00 pm Friday nights. It will still be held at Maxwell Commons but will allow you to enjoy both Dinner at the Max and Game Night at 7:00 if you choose. Of course, you may enjoy either dinner or games...whatever fits your schedule!



Where to Donate your Goods

The donations given at the Park to help others are appreciated. **Please take your donations to the following places:**

Food donations for Briarwood may be left on the designated table in Hood Hall.

Slightly used linens may be donated for Senior Orphans in Hood Hall. Please refer to Senior Orphans article in this newsletter.

Jean Whipple takes several items to Talbot House weekly. See that article in this newsletter for details.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Metal Cans

There are containers over in the enclosed space by the Garbage containers for recycling your metal cans and are picked up by Errol.

Pop/Soda cans are to be placed in the bins designated for aluminum cans and are to be separated from other metal cans.

Errol uses the proceeds from the metal to support his son who is a Pastor of a very small church.

Thank you for your support.



Talbot House Ministry

Put on HOLD:

The ongoing deliveries of prescription bottles, unused medicines, good clean clothing that you no longer use, and small household items is an ongoing project. Please continue to save these helpful items for the homeless shelter and the Good Samaritan Clinic.

I will be out of town until June 10th. Please do not leave anything in my porch or anywhere on my property. There is a note on my door, and it will be taken down when I return. Thanks for your cooperation.

Should you wish to help financially or take your own items yourself the address is: 814 North Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland.

Thank you! Jean Whipple

Stamps for Missions

All donated stamps are sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers where they are sold to dealers. The money is sent to a publisher in Buenos Aires, Argentina where they publish Sunday school material in Spanish that are sold to at least eight Latin American Countries as well as Spain and the US. They are used by over 40 Protestant Denominations.

Stamps collected throughout this past year for missions' literature projects have been mailed.

Please continue to carefully cut and collect stamps BUT you may WAIT until late FALL to take them to Hood HALL as I am not here during the summertime.

Reminders:

- * minimum 1/4" on each side
- * all types
- * open envelopes/ packages from left or bottom to protect stamps
- * pray for Stamp Alliance Ministry and those benefitting from your efforts



* Little is much when God is in it!

Thanks for your support! It is greatly appreciated!

Marilyn Stone
Coordinator



Medical Equipment Available

Maxwell Commons at The Villa has some medical equipment available that can be borrowed by any Park resident. Call someone you know in the Villa to help you. Please sign out the equipment you are borrowing. There are wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, portable pots, and shower seats. Please notify a Villa member when you are returning an item, so we know it has been returned. Please **don't** leave it on the porch. We are **not** presently accepting any equipment donations due to lack of storage space.

SENIOR-ORPHANS**In need of your help:**

As you know, John and I are selling our place and prayerfully, we will be moving to an area about 2 hours east of Lakeland. Therefore, I am looking for someone to oversee the Senior Orphans donations ministry here in the park. It would require that you transport things from Hood Hall on an as-needed basis when the bins have enough donations to warrant a trip to the coordinator's house right off N. Galloway Rd. It is right on our way to Wal-Mart, so it is very convenient to drop things off if/when we're

making a Wal-Mart run. 😊 I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming the coordinator of Senior Orphans donations in our park, and if you have any interest or any questions, please contact me. 🙏

Thank you, and God's blessings to you.

Humbly,
Terri Boda

Fellowship Dinner with Programs

The Nov-April season for our monthly event is over. We greatly appreciate your attendance, support, and encouragement. The numerous volunteers are warmly thanked for graciously contributing ideas, inviting others, participating in programs, greeting, hosting, promoting, providing food, setting up/cleaning up etc. Our committee thanks ALL of you for helping in big or small ways. This is especially

for those who like reviews, closure. 😊

The fall schedule begins Nov 4 with Carol Zeller planning another interesting program, then a Dec 9 Christmas event under the guidance of Carolyn Lindley. 2025 dates: Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, Nov 3, and Dec 8. **Easy way to remember** always the first Monday except Dec when we give more time after Thanksgiving dinner. This is especially for you

future planners. 😊 God bless you all and hope you join us in the fall!

Marilyn Stone, chairman jaxstone68@gmail.com

The Board has authorized several projects to which you can make donations.

1) chairs & tables in Hood Hall, 2) the purchase of 5580 Deeson Road, 3) the improvements to the pickleball court, and 4) installation of a new tennis court.

Blood Pressure

Since many people are heading north for the summer, the blood pressure clinics have come to an end.

However, since I am here year-round you can still get your blood pressure taken on a regular basis if necessary.

I can come to your house, or you can come to mine, 5437 Bethel Dr.

JoAnn Willet RN
989-615-8430



May the Lord Bless each person who donated blood for our **One Blood Drive** at the Park.

Thirty people donated, so up to 90 may be helped. (30x3=90) P.T.L!

One first time donor in her late 80's, said she "will gladly donate again".

God bless her; she also won a door prize!

What a gal!

Blessings,

Love ❤️ Margie and Jack Foster

Check out the park website!

Copies of the newsletter, the Park calendar, places for sale, and much more can be found there.

www.lightandlifepark.org

Gad-About News

The Gad-Abouts is not a club. All ladies in the Park are invited to go on the trips and get to know others!

As Peggy & I wrap-up another awesome season of Gad-Abouts trips, a huge "thank you" to all our lady drivers whom we cannot do without. Many thanks to all the ladies who joined us this season.

Flo Grabowski Cell 931-797-2639
coachflllc@gmail.com

Peggy Dunn Cell 248-766-5537
pegjim2000@yahoo.com


L & L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Come & enjoy fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & wellbeing.


I will be spending time with family visiting here in Florida, then heading to Texas with family to help


them pack & relocate 


Here's our Upcoming Splash Times:

Wednesday, May 1 @ 10:30AM 

Wednesday, May 22nd @ 10:30AM 

Friday, May 24th @ 10:30AM 

Be thinking if a Memorial Day Splash is of any interest 

Continue to watch for updates, as I might add more dates. 

As always, remember to go at your own pace, modify moves as needed and drink water after

participating  See you poolside 

Happy Swimmers!

Karen Castle-Williams
allforyum@aol.com

704-502-0466.



Are you celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2025? If so, we want to celebrate with you on February 1st at Hood Hall. Please contact me and I'll get an information packet to you.

So far, we are aware of four couples who are choosing to celebrate with us:

Chuck & Annie Frankenfeld, Bruce & Debbie Fitch, Myke & Pamela Merrill, and Mike & Roxanne Smarszcz.

PLEASE NOTE: Traditionally, the 50th anniversary celebration has been held on the Friday before Valentine's Day. Due to increased activity in Hood Hall in February and a scheduling conflict, the day has been changed to Saturday, February 1st.

GOLD DOLLAR CHALLENGE: You are encouraged to give each couple a gold one-dollar coin in lieu of an anniversary card. Homemade cards will be available at the reception for you to sign if you choose to bring gold dollar coins instead of purchasing cards at a store. Gold dollars can be obtained at your local bank or credit union. If you do not have a bank in Lakeland, you can get them at your bank this summer and bring them with you. Each couple's display table will have a container for gold dollars. Let's bless our anniversary couples with enough gold coins to enjoy a nice dinner date out!

Carolyn Lindley
carolyn_lindley@yahoo.com
 50th Anniversary Chair

Bucket Listers



Well that went quick!

Remember Tuesday Trivia, Tuesday Night Movies, Cinnamon Rolls, Tell Your Story, Hot Dog lunches and all that pop and buttery popcorn?



The Bucket Listers have scheduled Hood Hall for movies and trivia on Tuesday nights for the months of January, February, and March 2025!

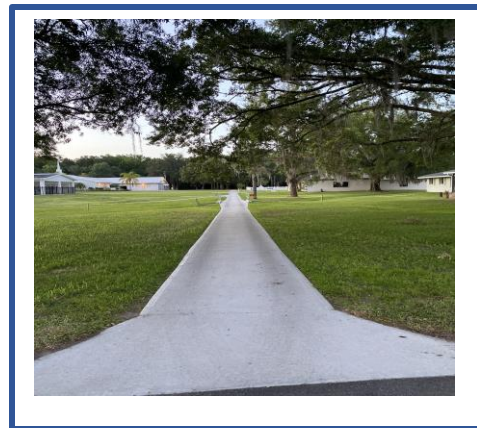


We are currently waiting for the building permit from Hillsborough County so our construction company can begin the work on the shade structure at the pool.

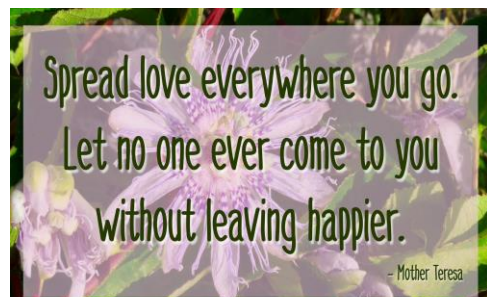
This summer keep your eyes open for newer jigsaw puzzles at flea markets, yard sales and thrift stores. There is a large group of puzzlers in the park who really enjoy 300-, 500- and 1000-piece puzzles. If you spot non-juvenile type 100-piece puzzles pick them up. There is a group of residents that like to do puzzles, but 300-piece puzzles are becoming more challenging. Thank you for your donations.

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Most used sidewalk in the park! Thank you for your support that made this possible



A Big Thank-you.

As a former paramedic the Lord gave me an idea to tangibly thank the local fire and rescue workers that respond to emergencies here in our park.

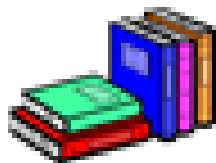
After a short discussion with a men's group here in the park it was decided we will present gift cards for Golden Coral, along with cinnamon rolls to each shift at our local station.

This will be done in the park's name as a small token of gratitude for the many calls they make here in our park throughout the year.

Secondly, we would like for all of us here to pray for their safety, not only for the calls here in the park, but for all the calls they make in the Lakeland area.

Roderick Smithson
804 307-9610

Library Information



Library Notes

Just a reminder that:

- Books may be taken out for one month.
- DVDs for only two weeks.
- Do **not** take books from the Returned Book Drawer as they have not been processed to be returned to the shelf.
- Always sign the card in the back of the book and place it in the basket for the cards,
- Enter the date (one month from the day you signed it out) on the yellow slip.
- People are returning books, and we can't find the card in the file box. This tends to be when the books are taken from the Return Box, or the person did not sign it out and took the card with them.
- Many people this year are positive they returned their books, but they are not in the library. There are many reasons.
- Do not give the book to someone else to read as this leaves you with the responsibility to pay for the lost book.
- This Librarian does make mistakes, but these are real issues to be addressed. Thank you!

Book Review

June Bug
by Chris Fabry

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It is easy to by-pass older books in the library but often people will let me know about a book they have recently read. Such is the case with *June Bug*. Chris Fabry is an excellent writer who has written well-read books such as *War Room* and a *Piece of the Moon* (we have this one in the library).

The book is narrated mostly through the eyes of a nine-year-old, June Bug. She and her father traveled the United States in an old broken-down RV, spending many nights in Wal Mart parking lots "for as long as she can remember."

June Bug believed everything her daddy told her until she walked into Wal-Mart and saw her picture on a little poster. One morning, she walks past the greeter at the front of the store, her eyes are drawn to the pictures of missing children, where she sees a picture of herself. This discovery begins a journey for the truth about her father, the mother he rarely speaks about, and herself. When her father's past catches up with them, they are drawn to Dogwood, West Virginia, down a winding path that will change their lives forever. Thus, begins a series of long journeys-physical, emotional, and spiritual--for both father and daughter as both try to sort out the puzzle of their past and build a future.

The author slowly peels the layers away, revealing the story of how and why one little girl disappeared, her father's history, and all about her family. Chris Fabry interweaves enough plot twists and tension to keep readers turning the pages. How he ends the story is as important as how he introduced it. It is well worth the read! You can find it in the fiction section by author.

Gloria Welton
Librarian

Library2Go

If you are looking for other books that are not in our Library, Library2go will be in our Park **May 9th from 10 am to 11:00 am** at Hood Hall.

Hillsborough County Library cards are available too.

2025 CPC Golf Tournaments!
Mark your calendar!

January 17th, 2025
Two-person (men and women) Tournament (18 holes Scramble)! Bring your partner! Men & women divisions. New date (Friday) Start time 10:00 AM

February 21st, 2025
Club Championship Tournament (two flights each for Men & Women (18 holes) (Friday) 10:00 AM start time.

(Note: closest to the pin and longest drive contest will be held as part of the Club Championship)!

March 21st, 2025
Two-person Blind Draw tournament (18 holes) Men & Women Categories (\$50 to each winning team). Plus, names on a trophy in Hood Hall.
(Friday) Shot gun start at 10:00 AM.

April 1st, 2025
Three club Co-Ed tournament (Play your own ball).
(Monday) 18 holes. 10:00 AM

FYI, the above dates are subject to change if they conflict with more important events in the park.

Cars and Coffee

2nd Saturday of every month

May 11th, 8 am to 10 am.

Everyone is welcome to come and view great restored autos and custom hot rods. There will be vehicles of all years, sizes, and shapes.

Join us in L&L Park at the Church parking lot!

Come, join the fun, and have a cup of coffee and a doughnut!

Larry Thomas 540-447-0458

Congratulations to our club winners!

28 golfers teed off to determine this year's winners!



In the men's division Dave Waid took first place, Jim Martin was runner up.

In the Lady's division Loretta Geelan took first place, Flo Grabowski was runner up.



The **perseverance awards** went to Dereck Smith for the men & Tracie Smith for the ladies.

Special thanks go to:

- **Chuck & Denise Tomassello** for donating several golf prizes.
- **Betty & Max Videto** for volunteering!
- **Ken Geelan** for blowing off the greens and tees.

Salvation Army Crafting Event

Join us in Hood Hall

Friday May 17, starting at 1:00 pm

Saturday May 18, starting at 8:00 am

Bring your projects to work on in a light hearted atmosphere.

Come and go as you please. Cost is \$20.00 for a half of an eight foot table where you can work on your project.

All proceeds go to the Salvation Army Transitional Housing Program.

Please RSVP by May 13th to Cindy Lower at cindylower950@gmail.com

We will be collecting **Sidewalk Chalk, bubbles, and splash balls**, which you can bring to HH anytime during those two days **BUT anyone is welcome to just come and watch. Also, some of the ladies have things to sell.**

Best Regards
Cindy Lower

Game Night

Game Night is held on most **Friday evenings** at 7:00 PM in **Maxwell Commons**.

Bring your favorite game and friends and have an evening of fun and fellowship.



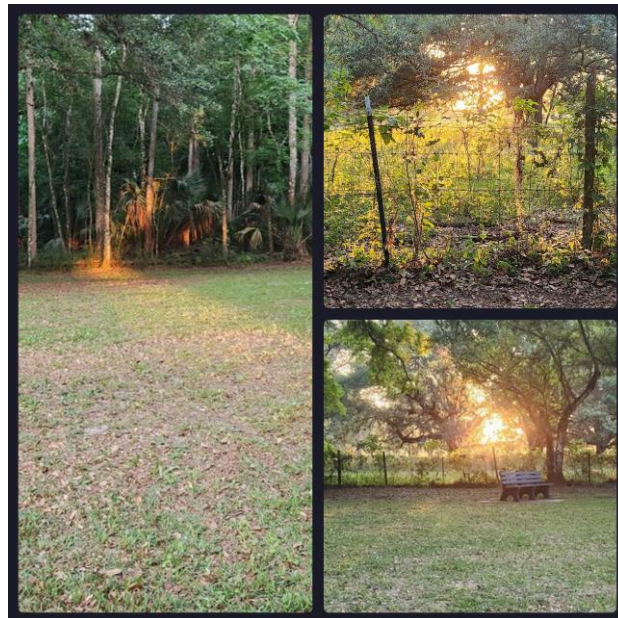
Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to **The Life and Times** are delivered to the newsletter editor, Barb Hartson by the **20th** of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email: bhartson@gmail.com Email is the preferred method.

The June deadline is **May 20th** unless the activity is in the latter half of the month. Then check with me to see if you can still make it in.

Our beautiful Park



I just must share these sunset pics. Can you see the sunbeam? It was a long light reaching from the sunset to the bushes and we were in the middle of it. Immediately I began to sing, "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, to shine for Him each day; In every way try to please Him, at home, at work, at play" I had literally not thought of that song in years. It was a sacred moment in time.

Marva Peck

Keeping track of our alligator – big and little.



Beautification Committee



Beautification Parade

The Beautification Parade for 2025 will be on the 27th of February.

The theme for the parade will be.

"Individual Entrees Choice".

You decide what you want your theme to be, remembering that the scoring is based on originality, 360-degree visualization, identifiable theme, and an incorporated biblical affirmation.

If you have any questions, contact:

Tom Lake

Laket001@yahoo.com

Beautification Committee President

Martha's Place News

A big thank you to all who donated fabric so that we could make and distribute:

- 50+ bags to Florida Teen Missions
- 6 Children's Quilts to Salvation Army Women's Transition Unit of Lakeland
- 11 Comfort Quilts to Light and Life members who were grieving.

Thank you also to all who helped with cutting, sewing, and quilting these projects. We so appreciate those who kept Martha's Place beautiful inside and out.

We need your help if you would like to see these projects continue. Donations of cotton material is always needed and welcome, BUT, if you are a sewer we need more willing hands to make the load easier.

A friendly reminder, supplies and equipment are not to be removed from the building. You can use them on the premises any time.

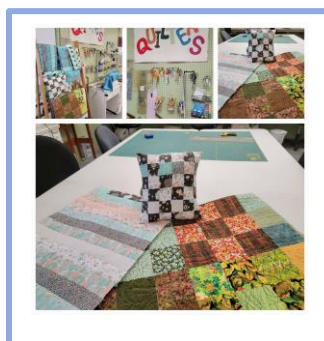
For information Contact:

Elaine Goldsmith,

Cheryl Maculloch,

or Jane Moffitt.

Happy Sewing.



The Bowling League

Some years ago, our league decided to be a "Missions League".

Each year we have collected money to help different mission venues.

This year we collected money for ICCM to use wherever it was needed the most.

The total amount we sent to ICCM was \$410.

Thanks for your generosity!

Barb Hartson, President.



Thank you to all who helped get the Mini Golf court looking so nice.

**Light and Life
Free Methodist Church**

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A Note from our Pastor

¹⁴ So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge, ¹⁶ the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea^[a] until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho. ¹⁷ Meanwhile, the priests who were carrying the Ark of the LORD's Covenant stood on dry ground in the middle of the riverbed as the people passed by. They waited there until the whole nation of Israel had crossed the Jordan on dry ground." - Joshua 3:14-17

Do you ever need an answer to prayer? A serious need for an answer to prayer? A need that only God can provide, and you're not really sure how God Himself can answer your prayer?

God's people were freed from their slavery in Egypt. They had wandered for forty years around and around the wilderness. Finally...it is time to enter the land promised to them by God Himself.

But if this was in answer to their prayers, if they are entering a land God promised them, then why are things so difficult? Between them and the Promised Land is a raging river flooding over its banks.

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God tells them to cross the river. Step in. Priests first. Interesting lesson - when things are difficult, pastors should be the first to demonstrate faithful trusting obedience.

Which brings me to my observation. Sometimes our God of unfailing love answers prayer only after we demonstrate obedience and despite our fears take that first step into the water.

Need an answer to prayer? Overwhelmed by the situation before you? Take the first step of obedience. Watch what our God of unfailing love does...

Dr. Roger Haskins, Bishop Emeritus
Roger.haskins.jr@gmail.com
585.301.8610 cell (US)

Missions Moment

A big "thank you" to Pat Wilkins for having served on the missions committee for the past 10 years.

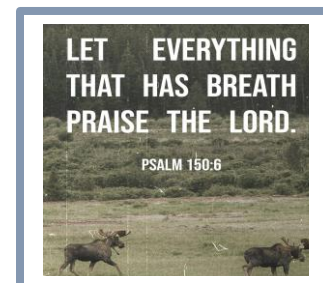
Her heart for missions and all her hard work has been much appreciated. Thanks so much!

Budget Needs!

Our church supports 6 missionaries and 3 Parachurch ministries.

Needed: **\$ 4653 per month** to fund these ministries for the remainder of the year.

To give, don't forget to designate "missions" on your donation.



God bless,
The Missions Committee



This photo was missed in the newsletter so sharing it here. We had lots of fun with donations for the buckets and happy people receiving them. Each one had a book telling of Jesus and true meaning of Easter. Bruce Falconer had two teens help and we had two more from Briarwood.

Had a recent conversation with a seven-year-old to explain how the Easter Bunny was not the important part of Easter, but instead the Jesus story. The eight-year-old said "that's what I told her about rising from the dead" but concluded by saying "but he died again".

Great opportunity to share how He went to Heaven so we can live with Him too.

We never know what doors will open. Please keep praying for open hearts in this outreach.



We can accomplish a lot
when we work together.

The Light and Life Church Office Hours

New hours for the summer.

Beginning May 6th

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

9am – 2pm

Pam Hill Secretary

HOME BIBLE STUDY

Come join us in the Church Annex for this informal Bible study. **Everyone is welcome.**

Monday at 2:30

We are currently studying **Ephesians**.

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REMINDERS

If you are leaving the park or shopping and find a great deal the refrigerator is available for your donations. It is located inside the storage room where the ice machine is.

Donations placed in this refrigerator are for the food ministry not general use. Milk and eggs have disappeared recently.

We don't begrudge anyone food items but please ask first or we are left to scramble to figure things out. If you are in need, it is confidential please call Christine Aurich, Pastor Jeff, or Debbie Roberts, we love to help.

We have a Choir,

Plan on joining the budding Choir next year.



Outreach Ministry

Awesome blessings continue to flow. We praise God for so many caring people.

Many have donated groceries as you head to your Northern homes. We distribute those to very happy people. We receive amazing smiles for a can of parmesan cheese or frozen chicken nuggets etc.

We have had many generous financial donations too. We now distribute to 5 families here at Light and Life Park, 20 families at Briarwood, and 2 families in the neighborhood.

Your generous donations have allowed us to increase our budget by 70 dollars each week and that helps out 9 more families than last year.

Story time: I can't physically lift the distribution boxes but sometimes help deliver and knock on doors. Often, I receive so much praise for what they receive.

I have asked "do you need anything specific do you like and use what you get?" I get answers like "anything you guys give is a blessing, given with love, so it is great" or "Well I can't eat tuna fish, but my son loves it so that's great." and "Sometimes I can share with my sister so that's nice."

We have two teen volunteers from Briarwood that help grocery shop and pack food boxes. Say hello to Nana or Cristal if you see them. Both teens love "those old people", "they are so fun and friendly". "Mr Bruce wants us to do good in school." "They like hugs". "When I get older, I can drive old people like you Chris".

Let me conclude by saying we receive so many blessings by helping others, thanks for helping us make that happen.

Continue to pray for this ministry and look forward to

some fundraiser meals. Spaghetti 🍝, Pulled Pork, "Soup"er Bowl, etc.

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Hello Friends!

Thank you to all who showed up for the first time to help us! We appreciate your servant hearts.

We are meeting every Monday at 3:00pm in Hood Hall to pack up boxes for our neighbors outside the gates.

We taught the kids about the lesson in Matthew 5, about being salt and light to people they don't even know.

That very much fits in with what we are doing at Light & Life and Outreach Ministries.

Thank you all for your continued support! Keep those prayers coming!

In His Grip,
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Florida's Light and Life Park

