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## Lots Available for Lease

The following lot is set up for an RV or Park Model and available for lease:  
5321 Hebron Court

This lot is also available for rent if no lease has been arranged.

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

I just love the weather in Florida—especially this time of year. It is cool in the morning, but often warms up considerably with blue skies in the afternoon! Wow! While I would love to say that my son and family in Michigan are jealous, I cannot—they love the cold and snow. What is wrong with them, anyway? I relish the blue skies and warmth.

We are all tired of the pandemic and all the change and heartache it has ushered into our lives. However, we must not become apathetic about the precautions we need to take. We do not want a spread of the virus in the Park. We know the basics: wash our hands frequently, wear a mask, avoid crowds, stay physically distanced, etc. It appears, however, that we need reminded about what to do if we have tested positive for the virus or if we have been exposed to someone who has tested positive.

If you have tested positive for the virus: **STAY HOME** for 10 to 14 days. This does not mean you may walk around the Park during that time. It does not mean that you should visit with your neighbor through the screen door. It means, **STAY HOME**.

If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, you must take extra precautions to help ensure you do not spread the virus to others until you are certain you have not contracted COVID. Monitor yourself for symptoms of the virus. If you develop symptoms, check with your healthcare provider regarding what you should do. If you want to get tested following the exposure, wait for at least 4 days. Be extra vigilant about wearing a mask. Stay away from people and, if you encounter others, practice even larger physical distancing than 6'.

Isn't it great that, even during the pandemic, we are able to provide a way for you to listen in on—and sometimes, when things go right, watch meetings? We will continue to use Zoom for Board and Residents' meetings so that distant members can hear what is happening in the Park if they wish.

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I am working to ensure that Zoom delivery of the meetings is solid. We have had some technical challenges and will work to correct those. In addition, I realize that some of you, maybe many of you, are not familiar with Zoom and do not know how or to what to do. I will be working to create some guide sheets that will help you navigate this technology.

The Digital Directory for the Park is growing! We currently have 108 family groups enrolled. There are many great features that you should know. I will be using the directory to send text alerts for urgent messages if you have given permission to receive text messages. You can look up residents' addresses on your phone while you are roaming the Park and have forgotten where someone lives. You can call, text, or email a participant right from the app. If a participant has uploaded their photo, you can browse the photos to help identify someone you might not recognize. Implementation of the directory has been slower than I had anticipated, but we are moving forward. If you have completed a new contact information form, you should have been added to the directory. If you do not have access to it, please let me know. We are in the process of sending out emails to those who have been added recently with account setup instructions. So, watch for that email.

This past week we had a resident forum on the possible amendment to the Park's pet policy. First, I apologize to those who attempted to listen to the meeting on Zoom. I experienced many technical difficulties that caused drops in audio, disconnection from the meeting and a lost connection to my co-host. Please bear with me as I remedy these gremlins.

Second, I thank the many people who took the opportunity to air their thoughts on the subject. Since this is such an emotionally charged topic, I was also impressed with the attitude of grace attendees and speakers demonstrated. It was a show of Christian character.

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I have been watching the activities and improvements that are happening in the Park with amazement. What has astounded me is the attitude of volunteerism and cooperation. These attitudes are the oil that makes the Park run smoothly. It does not matter if it is a project that needs done or an activity that is being planned and executed. Yesterday, I watched as a group of guys dug a ditch, laid pipe and catch basins in under 4 hours. Today we watched another great Beautification Parade. The success of the parade was because of the many volunteers who helped and the residents who made such creative floats. I thank everyone who helps make this Park run; your involvement means everything.

March is upon us. That means many of you will be heading back to your other homes soon. It is time for some reminders. Before you leave, hurricane-proof your residence area. If you have anything outside, you must either move it inside or secure it **firmly** to the ground. Outside items include flowerpots, bicycles and tricycles, planters, bird feeders, flags, etc. Please do not expect those who stay behind to do this for you. If you are physically unable to move these items, ask someone to help you.

Thank you for providing me the privilege to work with you to make this Park a better place. I look forward to many more years of living and playing together.

*Stan Welton*

**Office Notes**

It seems like we just finished the last newsletter and now it is time again. Time certainly flies right on by in the winter months.

Our residents continue to arrive as well as many visiting family members. Is it Spring Break already? Please remember as you return or have visitors arrive that **everyone** must come to the Park Office and check in.

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The new directories are finally completed. Please check your listing and see if it is correct. Check all the phone numbers. If you find a problem, please notify the Office via email, phone, or a written note. Please be aware that the email address for Kathy Smith is incorrect. Please correct your directory to have it show kathys@lightandlifepark.org. When I have gathered corrections, I will publish the corrections so you may hand correct the directory you received. We will not distribute updated copies until next fall.

We have had a few changes in residents this month and others are pending. The new Residents are:

- 1 Connie Proper who is the sister of Barb Schutz. She is now at 5308 Zion Avenue where Dan & Beth Romero were formerly.
- 2 Robert Daughenbaugh is a retired pastor who came down this winter and stayed with his daughter, Paula in one of our Guest Rooms. He has purchased the Villa At 5401 Bethany Way #15, where Morgan Robertson lived formerly.
- 3 Larry and Mary Forsyth are the newest members since they closed the week of Valentine's Day. They have purchased 5317 Bethel Drive where Eugene and Denise Thompson lived formerly.

The changes in location are as follows:

1. Richard & Eleanor Trice have become members again by purchasing 5878 Mizpah Court, which was formerly owned by Dottie Bennett.
2. Janice Augsbury has purchased Helen Houtz's home at 5874 Deeson Road, however Helen will be there until April so Janice will not move immediately.
3. John and Betty Fallot have moved to 5236 Bethel Drive formerly owned by Ed and Jan Davis.
4. Doug and Lori Jones have purchased Dale & Dawn Woods home at 5352 Bethany Way.

We wish all of those getting a "new" home the very best and hope they will be happy there. We wish all those who are not returning as members a successful transition to what they do next.

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Many things are happening here in the Park and it is good to see everyone making do with our restrictions due to COVID. Our outdoor meetings and church services have been great, especially on the windy days. We've had great concerts and great turnouts for get togethers. Even Mugs on Monday has been made possible. Thanks to everyone who is working so hard to keep our Park active and safe all at the same time.

For those who stay in our Guest Rooms, cabins and RV spaces, I have begun accepting reservations for next season. If you would like to make your reservation, feel free to come in and make it.

I am so thankful that the cold weather seems to be over for this winter season. I hope we all enjoy the rest of the winter season. We have begun the season of Lent and looking forward to Easter. May God draw close to each of you as you spend time reflecting on this special time remembering the price Christ paid for each of us and the miraculous gift of eternal life as a result.

Blessings,  
*Sherry La Brie*

**News from the Board of Directors**

This month I'll be brave (or foolish) enough to describe some key characteristics I see in the members of your Board of Directors. I suppose this is like a caricature of words. Wade Wilson does this with his artistic skills. Your Board functions with nine individuals. We don't all think alike, and we don't all function alike. What I see as common is that we listen carefully to you and to each other.

I see Sheryl as someone who is sensitive and so dedicated to getting projects done. Her leadership with the Guest room renovations is typical of Sheryl.

Becky seeks organization. She reads the Rules and Bylaws, and Government rules and strongly seeks to conform to them. She plans ahead. She comes to me with reminders to post the proper notices at the proper time. She provides an agenda for the meeting in addition to the busy job of serving as Secretary.

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Dave is constantly thinking. He brings forth many suggestions and observations. A fortunate trait is that he is always willing to let go of his idea if he hears of a better one, and as your Treasurer, Dave constantly oversees monies spent and seeks to maximize income. Stan has been a great help with this. Dave keeps in mind that an increase of \$35 per year (about \$3.00 per month or about 10 cents per day) raises about \$8,750 per year. By emphasizing filling up our empty lots and rooms, we can keep our yearly rate increases lower than if fewer of us must support the expenses of our Park. Dave puts a lot of effort into developing our budget, reviewing things with Stan, and leading the Finance committee.

Flo Walton has keen insights and helps us with the history of our Park. She is always willing to help.

Larry, Jim and Phil have worked diligently on our Buildings and grounds. They mesh with Stan, Mike Lower, Tom Lake and the Sugar Creek Gang of volunteers. They are wise enough to recognize excellence. When it comes to quality concrete work, they follow Al Bigger's directions of when and how.

For our swimming pool, Stan and Phil recognized that we were being miss led by our contracted pool expert. Now we are back under Mike Lower's care of our pool.

In upgrading the ceiling lighting in Marth's Place, Jim took out the old fluorescent lights and put up new LED lights. He had to crawl in the attic to run new wiring. That is dedication!

To visualize one of the things Larry has done, look at the handrail to the Woodshop and the hand rails on the bridge over the Shiloh culverts.

Mary Mace helps with her background of working with people. She has a circle of friends that provide information. Similarly, to represent your Park, each of us interacts with a somewhat different circle of neighbors and friends. So, we gather a wide variety of input.

I remain in awe of how willing these 8 people are to freely give of their time, energy and talents to seek to be aware of what the majority of you desire and provide that as best we can. I don't mean to over-emphasize this, but I see some general tendency toward us who are seeking to "run your Park" as a **Continued next column:**

business; while the women are more sensitive to, and thus more compassionate for the special plight of some individuals and the situations in their lives.

Again, this is my very broad-brush observation. Hopefully, together we reach the balance that our Lord desires. I always marvel in the specialness that our Christianity provides for this Park. What great neighbors you are!

May our Lord continue to shower us with His mercy.

*John Fallot*

Board President

**Bucket Listers**



There is something new in Hood Hall. Did you find it? It's back on one of the shelves by the puzzles. It is the Bucket Listers Suggestion Box. Beside it are slips on which you can make suggestions for Light & Life Park improvements that could benefit all residents. Write your idea on the slip and how it will improve our park. Don't forget your name, please. Pens should be in the cup beside the box.

Positive suggestions only.

**Oakdale Support**

Usually, we are buying things like cereal and peanut butter for Oakdale at this time of year in anticipation of a visit by students and staff. Unfortunately, this year the students will not be coming. Dan Fisher will visit with updates so we would like to send some things that will help them in a different way. The following list will give you some ideas.

- Post-it notes
- Printer paper
- Colored printer paper
- Rolls of clear tape (for tape dispensers)
- White out
- Expo Dry Erase Markers of various colors
- Sharpie Markers
- Postage stamps
- Coffee K Cups

Let's give them a big boost in this year of pandemic.

**Gadabout News**

The Gad-Abouts ladies have enjoyed two outings this season already. The Lavender & Lace Tearoom in Lake Alfred served us a very good lunch and was a very pretty setting. Their on-site gift shop had many interesting items for sale. Our second outing was also very nice. We had 5 carloads going to Brandon to the HSN Outlet store. We all enjoyed lunch on the porch at a near-by Cracker Barrel!

On Monday, March 1, we will be heading to Webster Flea Market. We will be leaving the Flea Market at 1:00 and heading to the Sonny's BBQ in Bushnell for lunch. After that, it's on to Russell Stover Chocolate Outlet in Wildwood!

Ladies, save Thursday, March 18 for an Airboat ride and Wildlife Show near Kissimmee! We plan on taking the half-hour trip for about \$30. The admission to the Park and all the shows is included in the price. There are many lunch stands in the Park also. Watch Neighborhood News for the details and we will require a sign-up on the bulletin board in Hood Hall.

Each one will be responsible for finding their own transportation or finding a group to ride with. If you feel comfortable going out and have someone you see often that you want to ride with, come along a join the groups.

We will put up the sign-up sheets and details on the Bulletin Board in Hood Hall about two weeks before the trips!

Thank you,  
*Peggy Dunn*

**Talbot House Ministry**

Thank you for so faithfully sharing your "no longer wanted" clothing, household items and the empty prescription bottles as well as unused medicines. These meds the physicians re-prescribe to patients at the Good Samaritan Clinic housed at Talbot House complex.

Please bring your donations to my home: 5350 Beulah Land on Tuesdays as I make my delivery on Wednesdays. Thank you for caring.

*Anita Coburn Raboin*

**Mel Starr's Books**

Mel Starr will have copies of his latest medieval mystery, **THE EASTER SEPULCHRE**, available at 5843 Mizpah Ct. Cost is \$12, and he will have copies of the first twelve books in the series also.

**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.

**5K Walk**

Congratulations to all the ones who participated in the 5K walk. We had 14 participate. Thanks to Jane and Dave Moffitt for keeping track of our time.

The Fellowship Dinner Committee wants to announce: The Variety Show will be Monday, March 22 at 6 p.m.

Please contact Becky Bell ASAP if you are willing to participate. We need a great assortment of skits, music, comedy, etc.

It will be an outdoor event on the stage so everyone can safely spread out. They will be no meal, just the program.



### RIDES OR SHUTTLES

NEEDING AIRPORT OR LOCAL LAKELAND SHUTTLE SERVICE?



Rosie Cox is willing to provide rides to your locations. Contact her at 810-834-2124.

Roderick Smithson is also available. Roderick has driven buses and transported many people to destinations. He shared the following pictures:



Contact Roderick at: 804-307-9610.

### Where to Donate your Goods

The donations given at the Park to help others are appreciated. We want to remind you where to take your donations.

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

We will not be accepting "linens" for Senior Orphans until later in 2021. Those items can be left in Hood Hall.

Anita Raboin takes several items to Talbot House weekly. See that article in this news-letter for details.

Tim Price will also accept household items to give to people off the grounds who in turn have lawn sales to help those in need. Contact Tim for that.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Bowling

Bowling leagues continue rolling every Tuesday at 1:45 at the Orange Bowl. If you would like to bowl contact: Barb Hartson at [bfhartson@gmail.com](mailto:bfhartson@gmail.com)



### Opportunities to Serve

The Park is currently looking to fill the following employment opportunities. They involve cleaning guest rooms and cabins for our renters and/or also cleaning restrooms in the Park and may be filled by more than one person. If you think that would be something you would like to do on a part-time basis, please let us know.

If you think this is a part-time position you would like to tackle, please contact Stan Welton or Sherry LaBrie at the Park office.

### 50th Celebration

The Yule's so enjoyed seeing and speaking to all of you that attended their virtual open house. The Bigger's and Falconer's enjoyed your visits and cards, as well. It was a fun time and good for all to get together in a safe environment. Thank you to all who wore a mask or shield while inside, and resisting hugging the couples.

As I tie up the loose ends from the Open House, plans have begun for next year's Open House. Were you or someone you know married in 1972? I have names for 3 couples so far!

Call or let me know who you/they are.

Brenda Stockwell  
734-646-8080

### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY2GO SCHEDULE



Library2Go has suspended their stops here in our Park until further notice. If you have books that need to be returned, bring them to the Park Office. They will send someone to pick them up here when service resumes.



**Library Information**



**DID YOU KNOW?...**

...DID YOU KNOW that your church library has a sizeable selection of books on health? What's troubling you? It's possible that advice on your health is found in our library.

Do you enjoy reading suspense? Then THE SILENCE by Jim Kraus is your novel. What happens when a solar flare silences all electronics and earthquakes shake the world? Is it the end of the world? Where is God in all this? Follow Tom, Megan, and Peter as they struggle for life and answers and whose lives eventually collide in Stockport, Illinois. It's a page-turner, sure to keep your interest.

This book has been in our library for a while, but newly added by the same author is THE MICAH JUDGMENT. Quoting from the back of the book: "Hays Sutton has stumbled upon a deadly secret---an ancient virus with the potential to kill millions and sets out to save the world from this horrific danger. Can he overcome an entire network of evil and disarm this viral timebomb? Culminating in a desperate showdown in the Middle East, this taut thriller could have been ripped from today's headlines and delivers an action-packed ride you won't soon forget."

Les Sellers  
Librarian

A Book Review from Gloria Welton:

**Composing Amelia**  
by Alison Strobel

*Composing Amelia* by Alison Strobel is an audio book found before the DVDs in the back room of the library. Do you remember when you were first married and getting to know your spouse took so much adjustment and compromising? Dump into that bipolar depression, deep lows with high peaks. This is Amelia, a college grad who desires to be a famous musician and her husband, Marcus who wants to pastor a mega church.

Marriage, ministry, the arts, and God's will all converge in this story in a way that is relatable no matter where you are in your life journey.

Understanding how it is that God makes Romans 8:28 a reality, even when nothing seems to be moving in the right direction is something that every believer can aspire to.

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This is a story of finding personal identity. The author does a great job of showing that the struggle for understanding our identity is very much the same whether we are in full-time ministry or another profession. The young couple in this story attempted to create their identity based on what they thought was their destiny, a very common scenario. Their peace comes from first understanding who they are and allowing their identity to guide their destiny. It's honest, raw Christianity, the beautiful and the messy, the grace and the sin, the faith and the doubts.

This is a story worth listening to and will have a reality check we all need.



**Happy Reading!**

**Purchasing Benches**

If anyone is interested in purchasing a park bench for your home at Light and Life Park or for the Park, please contact Ed Hamilton at 765-714-1228. The price is \$275.00 each and you can pick out any color the company makes.

**CPC GOLF NEWS**

Seventh Annual

Blind Draw Two Man Scramble  
(18 holes tournament)

Friday, March 5, 2021.  
(Teams will be drawn during registration).

Registration 11:30 - 11:45 AM

Shot Gun Start at 12:00 PM

Hotdog, chips, and drink provided  
during registration!

Winners get \$50 each  
and their names on our trophy  
in Hood Hall.

### 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. Because of postage expense we are partnering with the American Baptist Church through Joyce Steabman.

Try to leave at least 1/4 inch or more around each stamp or strip of stamps.

The container is in **Hood Hall** for your convenience.

Thank you.

*Colleen Sellers*

### Plastic Face Shields Available

We have some plastic face shields in the Park Office thanks to Brenda Stockwell. If you would like to try using this kind of face covering, come by for a mask.

### Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to *The Life and Times* are delivered to the newsletter editor, Sherry La Brie, by the **15<sup>th</sup>** of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email:

[sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com](mailto:sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com). You may also drop your submissions off at the Park Office or to **5425 Zion Avenue**, where there is a mail box for your articles. The **April** deadline is **March 15**.

### Wood Club News

Mark your calendars for these dates

Sunday March 7 **Strawberries Social**  
at Hood Hall 6:30 PM

Tuesday March 16 **Walking Taco Supper**  
4:30-6:00 PM  
--Silent Auction pending at this time

### Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure clinics have started from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and will run bi-weekly until March 31. They will be at Hood Hall. Please remember that we will be wearing masks in buildings where there are other people this year. This is for your safety as well as the nurses. Questions contact Joann Willett or Bethel Root. Thanks.

### Shuffleboard

Come and join as we meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 1:00 and Thursday evening at 6:00. If one of those times or all of them work for you, come and join us.

We will follow the social distancing that we used earlier this year, only playing on every other court. We will be disinfecting all equipment before it is put back in the building.

Everyone is welcome to come play with us. If you have never played before someone will be there to help you learn how to play. For more information contact Frank Bourdo at 269 664 4339, or Dale Schantz at 989 658 2357.

### 2021 Three Club Tournament April 1, 2021.

**Mark your calendars.**

Local rules apply!

Each golfer is only allowed three clubs to best handle all shots necessary from tee to green.

Registration at 11:30 AM

Shot gun start 11:45 AM

No food or drinks will be served!

Eighteen holes.

Lowest score wins a \$20 Outback Steak House gift card!

Use of forward tees on #3 & #8 are allowed for those who feel they need to use them to compete.

Players Club

Ed Stockwell  
517 861-0481

**Thank You from the 50<sup>th</sup> Honorees**

Thank you for the beautiful **virtual** 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration! We really enjoyed our Face Time visit with each of you. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this happen. Hood Hall was beautifully decorated. Thanks to all who contributed to the decorating of our table! A special **Thank You** to Brenda and Ed Stockwell for all their extra efforts to include us in this celebration. We really hope to see you all in person next year!

Thanks,  
Murray & Janice Yule

Bruce and I would like to thank everyone who helped make our 50th Anniversary a special day. The hall was decorated beautifully as many volunteers helped to make sure it was a great celebration. All the cards, gifts and well wishes were greatly appreciated. We love Light and Life Park!!!

Bruce & Shelly Falconer

Thank you, Brenda Stockwell and teams!

What a blessing to celebrate our 50th anniversary here at Light and Life Park. We feel loved and privileged to be amongst y'all! Everything was so beautiful!! Also thank you to all who came to help us make a beautiful memory!

Al and Linda Bigger

**Beautification Parade**

The "Western" Beautification Parade was a great success. The carts were amazing. The ideas were original and very well done.

The outdoor snacks and awards were fun and it was exciting to be there.

Thank you to the Beautification Committee for their creative plan to continue the parade this year.

I hear they are searching for theme for next year. It will be exciting to find out what it will be.



**Elder Services**

We have been investigating some leads to help us guide you in seeking outside services.

One organization that we found is called Helping Hands. This is a family owned and operated, family-oriented organization. They provide a variety of services and have a goal of making it possible for aging people to stay at home as long as possible.

Some programs offered include: Home Recovery Care, Memory Care, Transition Care for returning from outside care facilities, Hospice Care and Personalized Care Services.

Rates vary. Personal Care is offered at \$18.00 per hour. They do not take medical insurance but do qualify for some nursing care policies.

If this sounds like something that could benefit you, feel free to get a brochure at the Park Office. They also provided some pens and hand sanitizer. You may call them at 863 616-1888 or visit their website at: [HelpingHandNursingServices.com](http://HelpingHandNursingServices.com).

**Pop Tabs**

A special THANK YOU goes to Carl Otto and Mary Lu Cannon who glean them year-round. Containers are in Hood Hall and the Laundromat. They are used for Breana Coleman's treatment for Brittle Bones at Shriners's Hospital for Children in Tampa. Remember tin tabs will not work. Some soup cans are aluminum. Also, special thanks go to the snowbirds who bring tabs south with them.

*Colleen Sellers*

**Mugs On Monday**

If you have been missing Wade Wilson's "dad" or was that "bad" jokes, now is your chance! Mugs on Monday is resuming:

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am  
Outside Hood Hall

Come enjoy fellowship, coffee, sweets at a distance outside. Yes, there will be sound so you can hear.

## Light and Life Free Methodist Church

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Evangelism & Outreach: Jeff Bellinger  
Secretary: Ruby Smith

### Briarwood Ministries

Ministry continues in Briarwood so your donations are welcome. Also, a Facebook group has been started. If you would like more information about being a part of the group please contact:

The needs have changed. Food pantry supplies are less than before but continue. Food is delivered now on Tuesdays. You may still shop for food to donate. Also, contributions may be made to the Williams' home at 5356 Zion Avenue. See the list that Randy put on Neighborhood News to get suggestions.

Karen Castle-Williams  
704-502-0466

Randy Williams  
704-488-1843  
[brittandherdad@aol.com](mailto:brittandherdad@aol.com)

### A Note from Pastor Chuck...

2 Cor. 4:14-18

...because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. <sup>[15]</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>[16]</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>[17]</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>[18]</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Isn't this a thrilling time of year? The weather is warming up. The sky shines brightly. The sunrise and sunset are spectacular. Spring brings us the renewing of our surroundings.

We are yet a month away from the excitement of Easter yet the above scripture renews that Easter hope, today and every day. Jesus has been raised from the dead. The one who raised Jesus will also raise us. This overcoming death power of God causes us to not lose heart but to understand that though we age and waste away...inwardly we are being daily renewed. What we see in the mirror is temporary...we get to look beyond the mirror and into God's eternal glory. As we enter March let us fix our eyes not on the seen but on what is unseen and eternal! God is good!

In Christ,  
Pastor Chuck

