

The Life and Times

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# Lots Available for Lease

The following lots are set up for an RV or Park Model and available for lease 5332 Ebenezer Place 5325 Ebenezer Place 5321 Hebron Court 5323 Hebron Court

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

Happy New Year! As we usher in the new year, it seems that more people have arrived earlier than usual. Things are already bustling and, now that the holidays are over, many more of you will be arriving. It will be great to see you all again.

As we look forward to the new year, we have many projects planned. I will highlight the ones scheduled for the current month so you can be prepared to help, if possible. To get as much done as possible, we have reorganized the Sugar Creek Gang. Greg Thomas will be scheduling meetings, providing communication, and recruiting volunteers. Tom LaBrie will be overseeing the projects, gathering needed tools, and assisting with recruitment of volunteers. The first meeting of the Gang will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. In Hood Hall. If you have any interest in helping, please attend this organizational meeting.

Here are a few of the current/immediate projects

Completion of the sidewalk from the pool to Shiloh Path. Work on the bridge needed for that project has already begun.

Demolition of the concrete outflow into the Jordan at the west end of the Park. This will also entail creating new stormwater control along the west side of Jordan Boulevard from the river to Mizpah Court.

Painting the exterior of the Guest Rooms/Offices and the Fitness Center. This will involve extensive preparation work (scraping, wire brushing) especially on the Office building.

Completing installation of the new surveillance system. This will require some digging, a bit of electrical work, conduit installation, and pulling cable.

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the farmer to the north of us has offered to sell us about 25 acres of his farmland. James Tew and I have had several conversations regarding the land designations the county has given his land. The difficulty is that the county does not clearly outline exactly which parts of his land is which designation. Mr. Tew is working with the county for a more exact mapping and then we will have the information needed to move forward. The other land sale is still in limbo because of personal preferences of the owner.

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The change to a new propane supplier has begun and will probably be completed by the time you read this. We have contracted with Bahr's Propane, a company located in Zephyrhills, to supply our propane needs. This change was started shortly after hurricane lan blew through Florida. The new company has a much lower price per gallon of propane and because they are located in Florida, they better understand our needs during and after a hurricane than our former supplier.

With as many people that are walking and biking on our roads, it is extremely important that drivers observe the posted speed limits and stop signs. I know it is difficult to stay at or under 15 mph, but please keep everyone safe. From most places in the Park, you should be able to get to the gate in less than 2 minutes when traveling 15 mph. Is the minute saved by traveling faster worth it? Unfortunately, I often observe vehicles going much faster.

In case you hadn't noticed, it was cold during the Christmas week. I observed temperatures in the mid-20s! Many of you are used to the impact freezing temperatures can have and might wonder if the same dangers are faced here when temperatures drop. Although we do not generally need to worry about freezing pipes, I recommend that you keep your water faucets dripping overnight if we face these temperatures during the next couple of months. When freezing temperatures are combined with winds, the pipes under the trailers can be subject to freezing. Additionally, if you have plants that are cold sensitive, be sure to cover them.

Pigs have been wrecking the ground in several areas of the Park. Although we do not know how many pigs there are, we do know the numbers are growing. There have been two new litters born recently, and there were at least 12 piglets in one. Because of the damage they cause to the grounds of the Park, be aware that there is an effort in the Park to reduce the population.

As is true every season, there are many activities scheduled this year. Be sure to check the Park calendar which can be found on the Park's website, lightandlifepark.org, for dates, times, and locations. If you are organizing an activity, and it is not listed on the calendar, please call the office so it can be added.

The January Board meeting will be held the second Monday of the month, January 9, because there are five Mondays in the month this year. The meeting will be available via Zoom. This means that you can be part of the meeting even if you cannot attend physically. **Continued next column** 

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So, if you haven't made it to the Park yet or are physically unable to attend, please Zoom in.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you as you return to the Park. Please introduce yourself to me again. Not only have I not attached a name to every returning face, now there are many new ones. As a veteran member, please take the time to get to know these new folks. Once again, Happy New Year!



#### **Office Manager**

Happy New Year! 2023 has arrived! It's another year of challenges, making new starts, new friends and worshiping and fellowshipping together.

The good news is that the calendars have finally arrived. We have pens and directories as well. Stop in for you copy if you have not yet received them.

Speaking of Directories, if you have had any recent changes in phone number, email or even your northern address, please let us know. We will update the records for next season. Even if you have a new car, you may need to update your Resident Information sheet so we will know all the pertinent information in case of emergency.

We are excited about the new pictorial directories that are being created this season. We would also like to be sure we have everyone in the Digital Directory for those who carry their cell phones with them everywhere. Flo Grabowski has agreed to be there to get photos taken for the Digital Directory. If you are asked to do that, please let her get your picture unless you don't want other residents to be able to try to remember who you are. Even if you don't use the directory, your picture may help someone else remember who they just visited with at the latest Fellowship opportunity.

If you are away and want to let in another resident or contractor, you will need to be sure the Park Office has a current key. We are to have a key to each residence. We do not release the key to anyone unless you have given us permission, but we can't do that if you have changed the locks or if you have not verified that the key we have works. Please feel free to ask us to provide the key for you to check.

As you know the Annual Fees are due this month by the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not paid your taxes yet, which were due December 15<sup>th</sup>, you may write one check. Our office hours are 8:00 am to Noon, Monday – Friday. **Continued next page** 

Since we are on the topic of hours we work, I am going to make request before the season is in full swing. Please try to remember that your staff are not full-time employees. Stan will take your calls 24/7 if they are necessary, because he is full-time. Sundays, however, please do not ask him questions at church as he is then serving in the sound booth and trying to worship. Mike Lower takes your emergency calls 24/7. General questions should be held for when he is working. Everyone else, should be contacted during the hours they are working. Otherwise, they are allowed to just be residents enjoying the Park with the rest of you. We will all appreciate your efforts.

We are still currently selling homes to Free Methodist applicants only. There are also a minimum number of places for sale.

Here are the year-ending changes: Robert & Paula Daughenbaugh have moved over 1 villa to #14. Pastor Chuck and Annie Frankenfeld have purchased 5404 Sharon Trail (no he's not retiring!) Congratulate them all on their new homes.

It sounds like our winter season is going to be full of activities and people. I hope each of you will participate in your favorite activities and get to know all the new people who have become your neighbors.

Let's make 2023 a year of rejoicing, celebrating, and loving one another.

Blessings, Sherry LaBrie

#### **Praise from Briarwood**

I wanted to share this praise report I received this morning from one of the single moms there who is raising 6 kids that we pick up every Sunday.

#### "Good morning,

just wanted to thank you guys again for coming into my kids life and introducing them to the lord an making a positive place for them to be able to go and learn things I couldn't teach them....last night on the way home they asked me to put on a song they listened to in church and it really touched my heart they were so happy singing along together and it's all I could ever ask for thank you so much for loving us and being there for them I can't thank y'all enough to be honest. It's now on our family play list and mine as well." Bonnie Banda

#### News from the Board of Directors

Another joyous Christmas season has passed, and we are looking forward with hope to the new year. We welcome all of our seasonal residents back to the Park and seeing old friends and making new ones.

Your Board of Directors is busy with plans for 2023. The new financial budget for next year is in the final stages and will be presented for approval at the membership meeting on January 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Hood Hall. Everyone living in the Park is invited to attend and be informed on the plans for the new year and general information about our Park community. Everyone is invited, including renters and guests, but only members are eligible to vote.

Plans are underway for a new pictorial directory, starting in January. Please remember to schedule your picture to be taken to be included in this directory. Call Pat Wilkins or stop in at the Park office for details.

Work has started on the last phase of the sidewalk from Shiloh Path to the pool. A bridge is necessary over the low spot in this sidewalk, and you will see this under construction. In addition, the stormwater drain at the west edge of our Park will be cleared of broken concrete and a new larger culvert installed to handle heavy rains. Many other projects are in the planning stages for when we have everyone here in the Park for the season. We depend heavily on our volunteer helpers, and we are extremely grateful for their help in making our community a better place to live and enjoy.

We are looking forward to another great winter season in our Lakeland, Florida community.

May God bless you

# Jim Falconer Board President

#### **Beautification Parade 2023**

February 23, 2023 (Rain date is the 24<sup>th</sup>)

# Theme is Bible Stories

Luncheon in Hood Hall following parade.



Bucket Listers



Christmas at Light and Life Park was an exciting year. It was exciting to see all the Christmas lights around the park and to celebrate the reason for the season!

We are happy to report that phase 2 of the sidewalk project has begun!

We had an amazing craft show where we served over 100 hot dogs! Thank you, Roy Wight, for grilling the hot dogs to perfection! Betty Videto won door prize at the show. The door prize was a nautical print donated to the Bucket Listers by Loretta Geelan. Brenda Miller made and sold gourmet popcorn with the proceeds going to the Bucket Listers.

Hurricane season is over, but the impact of both Ian and Nicole are still very real to many here in Florida. Earl Galloway, who sang in our park last winter was impacted by Hurricane Ian. The Bucket Listers sent Earl a onetime check to help with the purchase of emergency supplies for some of his friends on Pine Island who had lost everything in the storm.

The Bucket Listers had the honor of serving the refreshments at Pastor El and Ginny's wedding reception on December 19, 2022. Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.

Tuesday nights in January, February, and March the Bucket Listers will be hosting either a night of trivia or a movie. Refreshment will be available each night for a donation.

Thank you to those who have donated jig saw puzzles to Hood Hall. We have an extensive collection of quality 300-to-1000-piece puzzles. Come and do a puzzle at Hood Hall or take one home with you BUT return it after finishing it so someone else can enjoy it.

#### L & L Bowling League

We will have our organizational Meeting Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00pm in Hood Hall. Please come and join us.

Our League will start bowling Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm, **but** meeting at Orange Bowl Lanes by 12:30 pm the first day to get our lane assignments.

Barb Hartson

bfhartson@gmail.com



#### 2023 50th Wedding Anniversary

#### February 10, 2023

To date, I only know of 6 couples at our Park that will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at our Open House on February 10th, 2023. If you do hear of any other couple, please let me know.

734-646-8080, bks4545@gmail.com

Brenda Stockwell



50th Anniversary Open House Chair

#### **Aqua Splash Water Aerobics**

All are welcome to come & enjoy fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & wellbeing. Routines are choreographed to music and designed to promote improved muscle strength, endurance, flexibility & core balance without the stress of land exercise.

Splash times are offered, twice weekly, and free of charge. Currently we are not on a "set" day of the week due to weather conditions. Updates are posted on L&L Facebook and Neighborhood News. Kindly share this with your friends!

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# 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.

Try to leave at least 1/4 inch or more around each stamp or strip of stamps. They now collect picture post cards both unused and used. If used, please leave the stamps on the cards. Thank you. The container is in **Hood Hall** for your convenience.

If you would be willing to deliver them, contact Colleen Sellers for information. Because of the Hurricane we were not able to contact them but **Praise the Lord we just got word**, they now have a new location and are in the process of setting up and running again

Thank you. Colleen Sellers

#### A note about pop/soda cans:

Thank you for saving your aluminum cans which are taken by us to a recycling center in east Lakeland. The money received is being used to buy benches for the Park.

I am happy to pick up your pop/soda cans to haul to the Recycling Center, however it will make my job a lot easier if you remember the cans from canned goods **CANNOT** go in with the aluminum pop cans. These are picked up by someone else and need to be kept separate.

There is a bin in the metal recycling collection center near the dumpsters which is marked "POP CANS"--that's the one to use!

Thanks for your help.

Wes Crist

#### 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. <u>Please</u> <u>notify a Villa member when you are returning an</u> <u>item,</u> 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.

#### Park Wide Field Day

Save the date: February 18,2023 Theme: "Laughter Makes Good Medicine." All day activities for everyone.

Morning golf, Lunch with a humorous speaker, and an afternoon of fun and games.

Something great to look forward to.



Clíff and Carolyn Nicholas

#### 2023 CPC golf tournaments!

Two-man scramble Tournament Jan 13, 2023 (Friday)

# We're asking everyone to register your team to make it easier on the day of the tournament.

Ladies Four-person Scramble Jan 20,2023 (Friday).

Club Championship Tournament Feb 3, 2023 (Friday)

Ladies Club Championship Feb 24, 2023 (Friday)

Two-man Blind draw tournament March 10, 2023 (Friday)

Three club Co-Ed tournament April 1, 2023 (Saturday)

The Player's Club

Ed Stockwell

517 861-0481

# Fellowship Dinners

edstockwell48@gmail.con

Plan now for our next residents' Fellowship Dinner and Program at Hood Hall on Monday, January 9. Dinner will be at 5:30 with the program following at 6:15.

Bring a large dish to share with those at your table of ten; your meal can be arranged in advance OR you can join a group where there is space available. Remember to include newer residents, singles, and those who don't have internet when you invite others.

Your place settings can be taken over in the afternoon to ease the flow of everyone arriving at mealtime with their food. Ice water is provided at each table; coffee/tea is available to purchase.

We look forward to having you join us for this great time of getting to know our residents better

Fellowship Dinner/Program Committee Marílyn Stone



# Talbot House Ministry

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. Please deliver them to the Whipple's porch at 5866 Deeson Road any time. Jean will get them delivered.

Jean will take your items on Wednesdays. PLEASE leave things in Jean's screened porch any day just inside the door. Thank you.

Should you wish to send financial assistance to this work, the address: 814 North Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland.

#### Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to <u>The Life</u> <u>and Times</u> are delivered to the newsletter editor, Barb Hartson or former editor, Sherry LaBrie, by the **15**<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. Please use this email: <u>bfhartson@gmail.com</u> (Barb Hartson) or <u>sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com</u> (Sherry LaBrie). Email is the preferred method.

#### The February deadline is January 15.

#### 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 now be accepting "linens" for Senior Orphans. 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.

#### Check out the park website

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

lightandlifepark.org

### **Gadabout News**

I have taken over as coordinator for the ladies' events from Peggy Dunn and Verneta Dunn. They will still help when they can. Also, Lana Kendall, Barb Hartson, Ruth Bridgeforth will be helping.

We are looking forward to another season here in the Park next year. Lord willing, I will be back mid-November to first of December. We welcome your input on other places to go.

#### **GAD-ABOUTS TRIPS 2023**

January 12 - Ringling Museum of Art, Circus & Bayfront Gardens, Sarasota

January 26 - Lavender & Lace Tea Room, Lake Alfred

February 09 - Old Testament Tabernacle in the Wilderness, Tarpon Springs

February 23 - Flea Market, TBA

March 09 - Strawberry Festival Senior Day, Plant City

March 23 - Bok Singing Tower & Gardens, Lake Wales

For more information contact me. Prefer text or email to calls.

Flo Grabowski

Cell 931-797-2639 Email coachflollc@gmail.com

#### **Blood Pressure Clinic**

The blood pressure clinic will be starting in January and will be held in Hood Hall, 10:30 am, on the  $4^{th}$  and the  $18^{th}$ .

Everyone is welcome to get their blood pressure taken.

JoAnn Willet RN

# **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.

#### Library Information

Book Reviews by Gloria Welton

Working on It: Loving on Others: The Easy and Loving Way by Larry Forsyth

Larry Forsythe was a PK. As a teen and young man, he felt that everyone in the church was a hypocrite or sinner, and he was better than this. However, his misconstrued ideological thinking caused him to leave the church, but he did come back a humbler person wanting to help others. We are all human, make mistakes and still commit sin. Our humanness comes out in unattractive ways. It is only by the grace of God we can be forgiven for any wrongdoing!

The author's book, *Working on It: Loving on Others*, is geared toward discipleship and loving others. This book, through the first 46+ pages, explains what the author means. The second part is a workbook to help guide you through it.

From the back cover: "*Disciple others: The Easy and Loving Way* Do you want to disciple others? Not sure where to begin? Look no further. Most people overthink this process. You do not need to talk bible talk, memorize scripture and be perfect, a teacher, pastor, or Bible scholar. You need to be transparent and willing. The Holy Spirit will do the hard work; all you need to do is be Jesus' hands and feet, be ready to step out of your comfort zone. I was an introvert and afraid to talk to anyone. Through Jesus, with prayer and the Holy Spirit, he taught me a simple way to meet others and begin the process of loving on others. Let the Holy Spirit take the work out of making disciples for Christ. Start today! This world needs Jesus!"

You will find this in the Christian Life area of the nonfiction section, 248. Read it and share your thoughts with others. This would make a great bible study!

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." William James

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Watch for an email address for the library and ways to help the library become an interactive adventure!

Happy Reading!



#### A good read

Mel and Susan Starr will be returning to the park in late December. Mel will have copies of his medieval mysteries, including the newest, #15, **SUPPRESSION AND SUSPICION**, which was released in October.

#### **Bible Study**

<u>Starting January 25th, 9:30 a.m., in the church annex</u>. We will be continuing to study the Early Ministry of Jesus Christ, and this class is open to all who have a desire to participate.

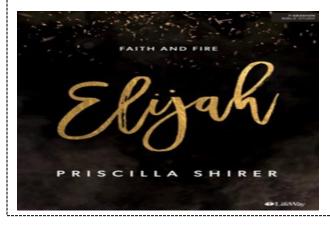
Les Gellers

#### Women's Bible Study

Join facilitator **Joni French** for the <u>Ladies Bible Study</u>, which begins Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, at Hood Hall **9:30 a.m.** 

The study "Elijah" by Priscilla Shier is a 7-session video bible study on the life of Elijah. In this faith-building study, you will discover how Elijah's obedience to God kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall. God is also working in your life today to fashion a fiery, bold faith that will empower you to share the hope of Christ with your family, friends, co-workers, and community.

You won't want to miss it!



# SENIOR-ORPHANS IS BACK!

For several years prior to covid, residents of Light and Life Park had the opportunity to bless those less fortunate through a program called Senior Orphans.

Senior Orphans helps local, indigent seniors living with no family support and meager monthly incomes.

We will again be collecting items to donate to this foundation. Please feel free to drop off clean, gently used bedding, linens, and towels to the totes in Hood Hall designated for Senior Orphans.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Boda at 5378 Bethel Drive or phone 434-270-2840.

#### Woodworking News

The woodworking activities will soon be in full swing again.

Remember to stop in the Park office to pay your \$10.00 yearly dues, sign your liability waiver and get your new door code for 2023. You will also receive a *Welcome Back* letter with a reminder of some of the rules for using the wood shop equipment,

The first membership meeting will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Wood Activities building. All members are invited to come and give their input on the plans for woodworking in the new year. If you are not a member, but have questions about it, you are welcome to attend and get answers.

We hope to see you there.



Wood Shop President

#### Cornhole

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We will be playing cornhole every Friday at 1:30 for the next few months. It will be held over by the shuffleboard courts and the miniature golf.

Haley Stockwell 734 255 8744

#### A Special Event

We have an event coming up on January 3rd from 3-5 pm at Maxwell Commons for those who know **Dr. Hal Burchel**,

He will be sharing a bit about what God is doing in Nairobi, Africa, and their future plans. He will also introduce his new wife, Mary Ellen. **Finger foods and punch will be served**.

#### Carol Zeller

#### Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is in full swing now and we will be meeting every Monday at 1:00 and every Thursday night at 6:30 to play and improve our skills.

If you are new to the park, come join in the fun. Even if you have never played shuffleboard someone will be happy to help you learn how to play, just let us know when you get there.

This is a wonderful time to meet new people and have fun while playing shuffleboard.

Our organization meeting is January 12, 2023, 7:00 pm, at Hood Hall, and everyone is welcome.

Our first tournament is January 26, 27, 30. Mark these dates on your Calendar so you won't forget.

Dale Schantz at 989 975 6710 or 863 816 5422

#### Pictorial Directory 2023

The Church/Park is doing a pictorial Directory in 2023, with the <u>Color Craft Company</u>.

Pictures will be taken in the church annex.

The photo sessions for January 12, 13, & 14 are full. Signups for the **second session** will begin on DECEMBER 26, 2022. Please call or text **Pat Wilkins** at 315-879-0071 to reserve an appointment. The second session dates are **January 26, 27, & 28.** We will also announce times when you can sign up in person.

When you have your pictures taken, the photographer will set an appointment for you to review your pictures, get your free portrait, and buy photos if you wish. We need each one of you to make this successful. Thanks for your help.

Pat Wilkins & Barb Hartson

# **CHURCH NEWS**

# Light and Life Free Methodist Church

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#### Briarwood Outreach

I wanted to take this opportunity at year end to recognize some friends of Briarwood Food Pantry and Children's Ministries. People with servant hearts who, with the Lord's help, make these ministries possible!

Karen & Earl Wright head up our team of volunteers who pick up donations from Publix on a nightly basis. They hunt for boxes to hold all the donations everywhere they can! What an amazing job they do coordinating this group of incredible helpers: Barb & Fred Hartson, Cheryl & Roger Allen, Michael & Vicky Lipsey...and all of you who have pitched in every time you come back down from up north! Thank You!

Our thanks extend to Light & Life Park, and its manager Stan Weldon, who graciously allow us to use the walk-in cooler, freezer and storage room for the food pantry. It allows us to serve Feeding Tampa, Dade City Food Pantry, Boys & Girls Clubs, the homeless, Light & Life Park and of course, Briarwood with the food that comes through Hood Hall every week.

Mostly I want to thank you friends who have supported the children's ministries & food pantry over the past 4 years. Because of your prayers and gifts over 15000 meals were distributed this year, and even more importantly, children of Briarwood, their parents and others beyond that trailer park have received Jesus into their lives, been baptized, have broken the cycle of addiction, and are now living for the Lord.

Changes in their lives that their friends and their families recognize and are so thankful for your help in providing the means that lead them to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Words can't express the gratitude we have for all of you who have helped establish these ministries long before we came on the scene! You all planted the seeds!

Please continue to pray and provide whatever the Lord puts on your heart to give. We love you all! Many Blessings! Randy Williams

#### A Note from Pastor Chuck...

"Good morning, Church" is my typical greeting on Sunday morning as we start a service. As we start a new year let me greet newsletter readers this way, "Good morning and Happy New Year, Saints of the Lord." The schedule as we finish 2022 and start 2023 follows. How quickly our today's become yesterday even as we look forward to tomorrow.

On December 24, a Saturday evening, we celebrated our traditional "Carols, Candles and Christmas Communion." This was followed Sunday morning with our Sunday worship service where we learned more about "Gather" and Associate Pastor Jeff's new responsibilities at Light and Life FMC. On December 31 at 6:00 p.m. we have/had a concert by "Westward Road" to usher in the new year.

Christmas on a Sunday means New Year's Day is also on a Sunday with our worship service at 10:00 a.m. No evening service.

Previously I announced that we would go to two morning services on January 8. **Cancel that thought**. Our annual Bible Conference starts on January 15 and 22 thus going to two services on the 8<sup>th</sup> then stopping for two weeks causes more confusion than is necessary. We will continue with our normal schedule until January 29 at which time we will add the second morning service.

Note the upcoming services like this:

**January 1**, One morning service at 10:00 a.m. No evening service.

**January 8**, One morning service. Evening service at 6:00

January 15 and 22, One morning service at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Conference, and the evening service at 6:00 p.m. (Dave Engbrecht morning speaker on the 15th, Jack French evening bible study).

January 16 through 20, <u>Bible Conference</u>, 10:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study with Jack French, 7:00 p.m. Teaching/preaching service with Dave Engbrecht.

January 29, Two morning services: Eldred Kelley (8:30 and 10:30) 8:30 Contemporary music with Hymns and 10:30 Traditional music with some Contemporary songs. Evening service at 6:00

You may want to cut this schedule out and place it on your refrigerator!

The Lord's blessings upon you as we enter this exciting new year!

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck