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Mobile Homes for Sale

5347 Bethel Dr.—\$4,000
(needs rebuild from flood)
5892 Moriah Place - \$69,000

Block Homes for Sale

5352 Bethany Way – \$65,000
5416 Zion Ave. – \$189,900
5404 Zion Ave. - \$150,000

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

News from the Park Administrator

Greetings, from Florida's Light and Life Park. Fall has arrived. The weather is gorgeous. It is cool at night and warm during the day. November has always been my favorite month to be in FL. The weather is mild and there aren't as many people as there will be in the winter.

Members are filtering back into the park. Some are here to make sure their place will be ready for the winter. Others are back to stay for the duration. It seems members are returning earlier every year.

The grounds maintenance crew has been working on the new property just outside of the park gate. They are clearing out some brush and removing piles of dirt mixed with trash. We are trying to make this a nice place to walk through and enjoy.

We have made some changes in 2025 when it comes to closings involving deeded property. We are using a title company to handle these closings. This is being done to protect both parties and the park. The title company will perform title and lien searches. As well as providing title insurance. There are costs associated with using a title company, but the park can't take on the liability of doing the closing and possibly missing a lien that may have been put on the property. All money will be paid to and disbursed from the title company.

The park calendar is filling up for the winter season. Please make sure you call the office and get your event put on the calendar.

Please make sure you check into the office when you return to the park. We are trying to make sure we have an accurate account of who is in the park.

If you haven't heard, Tina and I will be moving to KY in the next few months. Our home is for sale, and we have a buyer under contract. I plan to stay as the Park Administrator until the end of January. This will give the board time to find my replacement and time for me to train them. It has been a pleasure to serve the park. I will be back to visit and maybe one day to become a member of the park.

Have a blessed day.

Greg Thomas, Park Administrator

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

November Already!!

The Board is preparing for a busy season ahead. We will be recruiting a new Administrator, as Greg has resigned and will depart on January 31, 2026. We may also appoint a new board member following Roxanne Smarszcz's resignation due to health challenges over the past year.

If you've attended the Summer Update Meetings or reviewed the minutes, you know we endeavor to keep them concise by focusing primarily on the Administrator's report and taking action only when necessary. This summer brought several key issues:

- The new gate system has been fully replaced and is operating smoothly.
- In May, a small group began an After Action Report on Hurricane Milton and started developing a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan for the future.
- We are actively refining our Service Animal Policy, as the Park now has an official service animal in residence. I have prioritized full transparency on this matter and will continue to provide updates as needed.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the Board of Directors as we address these priorities in the coming months.

Becky Smith
Board President

Dinner at the Max/Hood

Thursdays 5:30 pm

Hey Everyone!

We will continue to have Dinner at the Max THURSDAY evenings at 5:30 until we reach room capacity, then move over to Hood Hall. (Watch for updates on Facebook & Neighborhood News.

All are welcome to this potluck dinner. Come just to eat or plan to stay and play table games after dinner.

FLORIDA BUCKET LIST

TRY KEY LIME PIE	LEGOLAND
DEVIL'S DEN	NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN
GINNIE SPRING	THE DALI MUSEUM
RINGLING MUSEUM	WYNWOOD WALLS
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN	BUSCH GARDENS
DISNEY WORLD	SOUTHERNMOST POINT
UNIVERSAL STUDIOS	ANNA MARIA ISLAND
DOME HOUSES	VENETIAN POOL
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER	MANATEE SPRINGS
SUNKEN GARDENS	WEEKI WACHEE
CLEARWATER BEACH	CASSADAGA
DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK	MIAMI MARINE STADIUM
CASTILLO DE SAN MARCO	VIZCAYA MUSEUM
BUTTERFLY WORLD	VOLKSWAGEN GRAVEYARD
FALLING WATERS STATE PARK	TRY A PUB SUB
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK	WEST PALM BEACH



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BUCKET LIST

- ⇒ MOVIE NIGHTS
- ⇒ TRIVIA NIGHTS
- ⇒ CINNAMON ROLLS
- ⇒ HOT DOG LUNCH AT THE CRAFT SHOW
- ⇒ A WHOLE LOT OF LAUGHS!

Hopefully you had a great summer & fall!

Looking forward to a fantastic winter season!

See you soon!

Fall Fellowship Dinner

November 3rd

5:30 pm Hood Hall

Bring a large dish to pass at your table, as well as your own place setting. Be sure to include newcomers or someone to become better acquainted with.

If your surname starts with A-M please come at 4:45 to help with setup and stay after to tear down.



6:15 pm

This month's program will be an introduction to the Trivia nights that are sponsored during the winter season by the Bucket Listers.

Come with your thinking caps on!!

NOTE: You are welcome to come for dinner and stay for the program, OR just come at 6:15 for the



Friday, December 5, 2025

10 am—2 pm

Hood Hall

For more information contact:

Becky Smith 231-349-2993

SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

November 7th 10 am

(Organize on November 4-6 @ 10 am)



Bring items for the shoeboxes to:

- ◇ **Black tote at the church**
- ◇ **Hood Hall on November 4-6**
- ◇ **Sunroom at 5325 Hebron Ct.**

OR

Pick up a box at the church to fill on your own

DONATIONS NEEDED TO SHIP BOXES

Each box is \$10 shipping

Make checks payable to *Samaritan's Purse*

DONATIONS TO PURCHASE TOYS

Give \$\$ to Kathy Miller

Any questions: Kathymiller5159@gmail.com
716-598-1924 call or text

Pick up is available if you can't get out to bring your donations.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS
MINISTRY**

Library Update

It's been over a year since Hurricane Milton hit our Park. So much has happened since then to restore the damage. Our Library and its contents were put on hold while the major repairs were taking place in people's homes.

Over 1,000 books, some furniture, bookcases, and archives were ruined when over two feet of water entered through the doors during the flood. Mud and debris covered the floor. But, God was good and most books were saved. We have had many people who have worked to restore the damage and bring it into a usable place of enjoyment again.

Many thanks to Barry Bunting and the Board of Trustees from Light and Life Free Methodist Church. Barry has done much work in the library himself. His dedication is an encouragement. Thank you, Barry! Jayme Sinsmyr, who helped lead us in the disaster, is still guiding us with the library remodeling. She has been guiding the group of students from SEU who have been here twice this month to clean up the books and rooms and to assemble some new furniture. We are so grateful for their help!

We are also so appreciative of the Montgomery, Alabama Free Methodist Church work team who came and installed the floors, moving all those boxes of books between the two rooms while working so hard. What a blessing God has provided with those who have aided in making Life and Light Park livable again.

Mark Letterman and our own Greg Thomas has helped along with the Redecorating Committee which includes Ida Bunting, Sue Noble, Jill Smith and Ron Ford. They have done an outstanding job of choosing furniture and pictures, painting, along with arranging the materials within the library to make it user friendly and a place of enjoyment again. The colors chosen for the walls is soothing and the coffee bar which has been installed will make working in the library for all of us more enjoyable.

Changes though are inevitable. There will be far fewer books with around half of them being removed.

Our fiction will be reduced to classics, less romance, with fewer volumes and an increase in newer books. We will keep our favorite authors, but fewer volumes.

Our nonfiction had so many volumes that were not looked at in years. We are hoping to make that section more useful and noteworthy. Our Bible Study section will have a new look with copies of current Bible studies being offered and research. The biography and Free Methodist sections will also be revamped and much smaller. There will also be two computers available at convenient workstations, along with other areas for you to bring your own laptops for personal work. A printer will be available for your use with a fee for the ink and paper.

We want to have fewer magazines and ones that you have chosen as important. Birds and Blooms and a current Christian News magazine will be offered. Please give us ideas on which magazines you would like to see in the library. This can be done by leaving a message in the church office, leaving a note in the library office, or with Gloria Welton, the librarian (814-758-9943 or cactusgirlglo@gmail.com).

This week we will begin revising our book inventory. If you would like to help with this huge responsibility, please let me know as soon as possible, Thanks for all your help!

-Gloria Welton, Librarian

Men's Breakfast

October is almost past, and November will be here this Saturday. This means that it is time for the monthly Men's breakfast.

All men are welcome to join us, we meet at the church carpool to the restaurant at 7:55 am.

For more information feel free to contact me, Dale Schantz at 989 975 6710, or



L&L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Come & enjoy fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & well being. Routines are choreographed to music and designed to promote improved muscle strength, endurance, flexibility & core balance without the stress of land exercise. No previous experience required!

Splash times are offered year round and free of charge. Remember to go at your own pace, modify moves as needed, drink water after participating and consult your health-care provider before starting any exercise program.



Our November Splash sessions will be held Mondays & Fridays at 2 PM. Please monitor L&L Facebook and Neighborhood News for updates and any weather cancellations.

Karen Castle-Williams,
ASFA Water Aerobics Instructor
allforyum@aol.com

Shuffleboard News



As more and more snowbirds are returning to Light and Life Park we will be starting our shuffleboard season. The shuffleboard courts are all washed and ready to play. We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00pm and on Thursdays at 6:00pm to join together and play. The courts are always open to play on except during church services.

Everyone is welcome to play on the courts. To cover the shuffleboard expenses, we have a one-time fee of \$10.00 to be paid at the office.

If you are new to shuffleboard and want to learn how to play, contact me Dale Schantz @ 989 975 6710 and I will find someone to help you learn all about shuffleboard. This is a good time for fellowship and to meet new people.

We have many new people in the park, and I am looking forward to meeting you and enjoying playing shuffleboard with you. For more information feel free to contact me.

Dale Schantz 989 975 6710.

Join fellow members of the Light and Life family at noon on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th for a potluck feast.



A sign up sheet will be posted at Hood Hall later this month. Indicate how many are coming and what you plan to bring.

For more information contact Barb Lake at lakeb35@yahoo.com

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Many of you faithfully save postage stamps which are then sold to collectors; proceeds provide funds for the distribution of Christian literature in Spanish. As you snowbirds begin packing to come to our park remember to bring along the stamps you and others have been cutting and collecting throughout the summer. It's a small way you can make a huge impact on others; little is much when God is in it!

Marilyn Stone, coordinator

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please email carolyn_lindley@yahoo.com by Nov 20. Please do NOT send announcements via text.