



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:

5321 Hebron Court
5332 Ebenezer Place
5325 Ebenezer Place

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

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

News from the Park Administrator

As you read this, we are welcoming in a new year. A common activity on January 1 is to make resolutions. Years ago, I made resolutions as the new year started; but like most, I very quickly broke them. That is the pattern of most of us. In fact, some studies have concluded that only 8% of us keep these resolutions. Since I had little more success than others keeping "New Year's Resolutions, I have instead made resolutions as I become aware of the need to change. God uses this awareness and His power to help us become more like Jesus. My challenge to all of us this year is to ask God to make us aware of what He wants to change in us next.

The goats seem to all be getting along together. Momma protects her little ones from the bullies and often the younger goats are not near the older goats when pasturing. The youngest goats sometimes escape the fenced in area since they are so small. If you see one of them roaming the grounds, please leave them alone. They will return to mom when she calls, and they are able to get back through the fence the same way they got out. The older baby goats believe that the "grass is greener on the other side" and have frequently gotten stuck with the horns not allowing them to pull their head back through. If you see this, please let us know so we can free them.

Because there are five Mondays in January this year, the official meetings of the Park are one week later than usual. The first Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 10th at 8:30 a.m. Watch your email for the location to be determined later. The first members' meeting is scheduled for January 17th. Since there is a Bible Conference meeting that night at 6:00, watch your email for the exact time of the members' meeting.

There have been a few cases of COVID in the Park recently. I encourage you to continue to take precautions to protect yourself and others. Most importantly, if you are sick or have symptoms that are COVID related, stay home until you have seen your medical provider or all symptoms are gone. Practice physical distancing. Wash and/or sanitize your hands often.

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Cover all sneezes and coughs. I will continue to monitor relevant news and the situation in the Park. We will adjust activities as needed to help protect our residents. One thing that we already and will continue to do for indoor activities is turn on the fans so the air is being circulated full time. Let me know if you have other suggestions.

We have recently established two additional payment options for Park fees and expenses. You may use a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express) or Zelle which can only be used if your bank is a participating member of the Zelle system. Be aware, however, that the Board authorized this solely because we are now able to collect the processing fees associated with accepting those payments. For all credit card transactions, 3% processing fee will be added to your payment. For Zelle transactions, the upcharge is slightly more than 1%. Of course, we still accept checks and cash! And, for those who wish to, you can use your bank's bill pay option for which, as far as I am aware, there are no fees.

Several of you have provided copies of registrations that have been sent from Polk County following my request in November, and we are collecting those. As a reminder, if you receive registrations from Polk County, please provide the office with a copy or bring it to the office so we can copy it. That collection of information might prove useful in the future.

In the November newsletter I mentioned that the Board had approved the purchase of new shrubbery for outside the gate. I ordered the shrubs recently and they will be delivered early in January. To save money, we are asking that volunteers remove the old shrubs and plant the new ones. I expect it will take several people, so if you are interested, please let me know. One resident has already stepped up to help, and I have spoken to Flo Grabowski who is going to solicit help from the beautification committee.

As we move into a new year, my prayer is that God will show each of us the next step in our walk of becoming more like Christ.

Office Manager

2022 has arrived with many changes for us, especially since we have lost Kathy Smith as the Office Assistant. She did excellent work for us and we wish her well in her new job.

You may find it hard to get things done quickly at the Office as we try to get all your payments processed and greet you as you come into the Office. You may want to let us know you are there and then take a seat on a bench outside to wait.

I do want to let you know that the ladies who use the public restrooms on Ebenezer Place, Zion Avenue and at the pool may find a cleaning person there who is male. Please let him finish the job and get out of your way. We truly appreciate Phil Allen, who is doing an excellent job of cleaning many parts of our facilities. He will be trying to use a sign to let you know where he is cleaning as soon as they arrive.

There are only a few places for sale right now. I know there are some who plan to sell soon. Please let me review some of the steps you need to follow. When you let us know you would like to place your home on the market, the first step is for Stan to do a pre-sale inspection. Once that is complete, you may give us your written description for the Property Sales list and the website Sales page.

Please be sure any prospective buyer has been approved to purchase a home. This does not mean approved to rent. If they have been approved, remember they may need to be Free Methodist so check with the Office on what the percentage is currently.

Events this season will be scheduled as much as possible in a normal manner. Please be sure to check with the Office about dates for the calendar and use of the meeting areas. We encourage you to be creative and fellowship together in a safe way.

I would like to thank all those who help us on a volunteer basis. We are blessed to have a great staff, but often couldn't accomplish our goals without extra help. This Park has plenty who step up on a regular basis and help us get things done.

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Another way you can help us, is to break down your cardboard at the corrugated cardboard recycle bin. That helps everyone have room to get their boxes recycled.

Also, remember that the construction dumpster is available for you to dispose of large items but a donation is requested to help us be able to pay for the disposal of those items.

Pop cans have their own container in the metal area. Wes Crist willingly takes those for recycling and brings back cash. You may leave the tabs on, as we are no longer sending those to Shriner's hospital.

Plastic caps can be put in the laundromat or taken to Ed Hamilton's home. If you find the container in the laundromat is full, please notify the Office or Ed Hamilton so we can empty it.

Thank you in advance for your help with the things we do.

Remember that we have 2022 directories and calendars available in the Office. Also, the Enjoyment books are here so you can get some 2 for 1 dinners in the area.

My prayer for each of you is that the new year will bring blessings and will be a year in which we grow together in serving the Lord.

Blessings,
Sherry La Brie

Mel Starr's New Mystery

Mel Starr will have copies of his latest medieval mystery, **MASTER WYCKUFF'S SUMMONS**, which was released in October 2021, available at 5843 Mizpah Ct He will also have copies of earlier books in the series. When Mugs on Mondays begins, he will have them available there.

News from the Board of Directors

As I write this article, I am still in Michigan, but after leaving the house at 5:45 this morning to cover 10.5 miles on foot when it was 19 degrees, but a wind must have had the wind chill down closer to 10 degrees, I really look forward to our beloved Park. Of course, our Park provides so much more than far warmer weather and a greater amount of daylight each day.

You, members, our office and workers and our Board provide such wonderful Christian opportunities for special growth, service and enjoyment. I continue to be in pleasant awe of the feeling I have that we are so blessed by the specialness of our Light and Life Park neighborhood. Most everyone is so willing to help the Park and individuals in our Park.

Yes, there are always challenges. But we work on improvements with all the gusto our older bodies and energy can provide. I sincerely hope that you too, can see things you'd like to see become better - yet not let them overshadow the many things we can be thankful for. By the time you get this, January, the first days of Christmas will be over and the New Year will have begun. Nevertheless, let me wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a great New Year. I look forward to seeing you.

John Fallot

L&L Park Wood Club

The L & L Park Wood Club will be back in action in January 2022. There will be a meeting of the Leadership Team on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the library.

Also, the first full Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 9:00 am in the Wood Club Building. All members of the Woodshop are urged to attend and participate in the plans for the woodworking projects for the new year.

Any questions, you have may be addressed to Larry Putnam, Gary Mace, or Jim Falconer.

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 will be used to buy benches for the Park.

Please help us by NOT including regular cans from food used. These are picked up by someone else and need to be kept separate.

Use the two containers at the beginning of the row of containers for the aluminum cans. Thanks for your help.

Wes Crist

*Praying for God's Blessing
and Peace in 2022.*

CPC Golf News

Two-Man Scramble Tournament

January 14th, 2022

Registration, Hot dogs, chips & prayer @ 11:30 am \$2.00 entry fee.

Shot gun start at 12:00 pm.

Shoebox Ministry

The annual drive to fill Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes is underway. Liz Roach is setting up a table in Hood Hall with plenty of boxes to fill. You may still contribute in multiple ways. You may donate items to go in boxes, fill a box with small, useful items (lists available in Hood Hall) or donate money (checks payable to Samaritan's Purse) and/or you may show up to help fill the boxes that will be sent.

The day that the Park will fill boxes to send will be on November 18th at 9:00 in Hood Hall.

If you have any questions, contact Liz Roach at 248-496-2266.

There are many ways to do your part to help a child in need.

Beautification Parade 2022

The Beautification Committee has selected "TV Shows from the 60's and 70's" as the theme for next year's parade. Can't wait to see all the fun entries from our creative neighbors.

We had about 19 entries this year, let's top that number next year. How creative can you be????

Sincerely,
Flo Grabowski
Beautification Committee, President
931-797-2639



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.

A new, exciting event is coming to Light and Life Park next February 18th. Mark your calendar!

The Men's Field Day event will be returning with an added twist – WOMEN! Women will be invited to participate in the field day events along with the men.

The event will now be called "Park Wide Field Day" with morning golf events on the CPC course, games in the afternoon, ending with an evening program presented by a chalk artist, desserts and fellowship.

Talbot House Ministry

Several people have inquired about the ongoing deliveries of prescription bottles, unused medicines, good clean clothing that you no longer use and small household items. 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 on Tuesdays 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 *The Life and Times* are delivered to the newsletter editor, Sherry La Brie, by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email: sherry.loflin69@yahoo.com. You may also drop your submissions off at the Park Office or to **5425 Zion Avenue**, where there is a mailbox for your articles. The **January** deadline is **December 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 not be accepting "linens" for Senior Orphans until later in 2021.

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

Bucket Listers



We're so glad to be back in the Park to enjoy another winter season.

A new clock has been installed into the pool lanai area.

A yellow bench was purchased and placed at the end of Ebenezer Place in honor of Luanne Kelley.

Earl Galloway, gospel singer is coming again in a March for a concert. You can also hear him on Facebook on Sunday afternoon.

Looking forward to phase two of the sidewalk project.



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 Donna Bruce.

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.

Thank you.
Colleen Sellers

Gadabout News

We are planning to take our first trip for the 2022 season on Friday, January 14. If you are a lady at the Park, please come and join us. This is not a club and no membership is required. It is a day out for us girls!

We are planning to go to the Auburndale Flea Market and Peebles Bar-B-Q for lunch in Auburndale on FRIDAY, January 14, as long as there are no new restrictions by then. Watch the Neighborhood News e-mail for the details. If you don't do e-mail, then check the bulletin board inside of Hood Hall for information. We also put a copy of the details in the Laundromat and the Library for you.

There will be a sign-up sheet for you to sign in Hood Hall. This will be put up about 10 days ahead. We usually carpool so we need to make sure we have enough drivers, if you wish, you may provide your own transportation and you don't need to add anyone to your vehicle if you are uncomfortable with Covid, etc.

This is a list of the trips we have tentatively planned for 2022 season.

Thursday, Jan 27 - Dining at Ybor City and touring Tampa on the Trolley

Thursday, Feb 10 - Wild dolphin Cruise - 90 minutes out of Tampa or Clearwater

Saturday, Feb 26 - Downtown Lakeland Farmers/Flea Market and lunch downtown.

Thursday, Mar 10 or the Senior Day at Strawberry Festival, Plant City

Thursday, Mar 24 - Lunch at Polly's Pantry and Gift Shop, Wildwood and Russell Stover Candy Outlet

If anyone has any questions, you may call Peggy Dunn at 248-766-5537 or Verneta Dunn at 810-441-9408 or e-mail Peggy at pegjim2000@yahoo.com. If you have any ideas for us or have been someplace fun that you would like to suggest, please let us know. Don't be bashful! Come and join the fun! It's real good Christian fellowship.

Thank you - Peggy Dunn

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.

Bowling

We will have our organizational meeting on the 4th of January at 1:00 pm in Hood Hall. We will then start the league bowling on the 3rd. Mary at the Orange Bowl says leagues are happening. We will start on the 5th.

Some teams may need to be consolidated due to some absences this year. Come and join us and we will see you get on a team or bring your 4-person team and we will get you started.

We bowl for 12 weeks on Tuesday afternoons. Please commit for the whole time if you are interested.

Thanks,
Barb Hartson
bfhartson@gmail.com



2022 50th Anniversary Open House

The couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are:

- Glenn & Nancy Teal, anniversary - May 6, 1972
- Byron & Debra Davey, anniversary - June 10, 1972
- Dan & Jackie Northup, anniversary - June 24, 1972, and
- Larry & Barb Putnam, anniversary - June 24, 1972

All are invited to attend this casual occasion on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 2 - 4 pm. Mark the date on your calendar.

Brenda Stockwell
734-646- 8080 (call or text)

Wreath Making Class

I will teach a class on making a winter wreath. If you are interested let me know. I will get the supplies needed.

Call or text 734-646- 8080 call or text 734-646- 8080 which size you decide to make.

My e-mail is roro705@aol.com
My cell phone is: 810.223.8653

I look forward to hearing from you.
Rosie Richards

Ladies Luncheon



January 12, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Light and Life Hood Hall

Worship, praise, message, and mingle

Door prizes and fun

Lunch Tickets \$14 per person

Contact: Judy Crowe 5869 Shiloh Path ~~AFTER~~ Dec. 28
for tickets

Menu: Lasagne, caesar salad, garlic bread, beverage,
dessert

*Let Judy know if gluten free

Fellowship Dinners

To help safeguard the health of all of our residents, the Fellowship Diner and Program Committee has agreed that it is too early to resume this monthly activity. Therefore, we will NOT have January dinner and program.

Please share any suggestions/options you may have for how we may prudently gather to have time to visit with our park residents and especially to get to meet those of you who have recently moved here. Fellowship is so important and we realize "the people make the park".

We are very interested in your input.

Marilyn Stone 863-307-2813
jaxstone68@gmail.com

Corn Hole

The corn hole boards will be set up every Friday between 2 - 3 pm, up near the mini-golf & shuffleboard courses. Come and practice your skills.

Haley Stockwell
734-255-8744

Blood Pressure Clinic

Blood pressure clinics start on January 5 from 11-12 noon at Hood Hall and will be every other week until end of March. Please wear a mask while getting blood pressure taken.

Thanks,
Judy Crowe

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY2GO SCHEDULE



The Library2Go will be here from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on the following days:

January 6
January 20

EMPTY IS THE NEW FULL

Ladies Bible Study

Priscilla Shirer

Breathe

JOIN US!

Starts January 26, 2022
9:30 a.m. Hood Hall

Our plate are full, piled high and spilling over with commitments, responsibilities and activities. Schedule-driven living leaves us empty and spent in all the wrong ways. But emptying our schedule for Sabbath offers fullness that helps us move from day to day with more peace, more joy, and more opportunity to Breathe.

Library Information



The following are book reviews by Gloria Welton.

Catching Heat

Cold Case Justice Book 3
By Janice Cantore

Catching Heat is the conclusion to the Cold Case Justice Series. Book 3 follows the same characters, Abby Hart, her partner, Officer Wood (“Woody”) and PI Luke Murphy from books 1 and 2. It intrigued me greatly and made me want to start with book 1, **Drawing Fire**

Catching Heat is all one could want in a book, Christian, suspense, Mystery, and even Romance. 27 years ago, Abby’s parents were killed in a fire. She’s desperate to find the proof that will put the mastermind, the governor’s wife, behind bars.

She joins a newly formed task force and teams up the PI, Luke Murphy. Abby is sent to San Luis Obispo to work the cold case of a murdered college student. Realizing their investigation will bring them near the town where Alyssa Rollins grew up, Abby decides to do a little digging of her own into the Triple Seven fire. There was a lot of suspense in this novel due to physical danger threatening from several directions. It’s more of a suspense novel than detective work.

Luke and Abby were attracted to each other due to their mutual loss and interest in finding justice regarding the Triple Seven fire despite everyone telling them to let it go. Abby uncovered a lead that wasn’t clear-cut but shouldn’t be dangerous to follow up on if she’s wrong. In the past, Luke would have supported Abby, but now he’s the one telling her to let go.

The main characters found comfort in the thought that even if we don’t have all the answers about what happened in the past, God knows. An excellent clean-cut novel! You can find it in the New Book section of our library.

Murder Comes by Mail

The Hidden Springs Mysteries Book 2
By A. H. Gabhart

Hidden Springs, the quirky small town with an abundance of eccentric citizens. Gabhart gets the dynamics of small-town living and I love that aspect
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Of this series as much as I love the mystery solving. No worries if you haven’t read the first book, **Murder Comes by Mail** reads well as a standalone.

Deputy Sheriff Michael Keene of Hidden Springs is enjoying the peace and quiet of country policing until he intercedes in a suicide attempt. After pulling a man back from the edge of the Eagle River bridge in front of dozens of witnesses—a few of whom caught the breathtaking moments with their cameras. But the media hype doesn’t last long as a new story pushes its way into the public consciousness of Hidden Springs concerned citizens.

The opening scene starts out funny and morphs into a tense drama that kick-starts a sinister plot of murder and mayhem. Michael with his solid faith and deep desire to serve his community, makes a superb main character with faith in God. He makes one want to continue reading to find all the answers to the mystery.

Photos of a dead girl arrive in the mail, and Michael becomes convinced she was murdered by the man he saved. With a killer one step ahead, things in Hidden Springs begin to unravel. Now Michael must protect the people he loves.

The mystery, with a bit of a creep factor, has plenty of twists and turns and a sinister foreshadowing of desperate things to come as the killer places Michael in his sightline. Add in a hint of romance and you end up with compulsive page-turner of a read. You can find this also in the New Book section.

Happy Reading!



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Briarwood Ministries

First a huge thank you to those of you who started the ministry in Briarwood years ago! Second, thanks to all who have been volunteering to help prepare boxes.

Thanks to those who donate money and/or food so that the ministry can continue.

The ministry has expanded to help with essentials that most of us take for granted.

We are actively seeking a place/shed to store larger donations, such as furniture and appliances, so when the need arises, we can respond more quickly. Many of you have offered larger things but we haven't had the truck or the storage for them, so if you know of any help in these areas ...

Food for this outreach can be delivered to Hood Hall and monetary donations can be made through the church. Although those two things are important, your prayers go farther than either, and I'm sure have a lot to do with the expansion of this ministry.

Much Love and Many Blessings!

In His Grip,
Randy & Karen Williams



A Note from Pastor Chuck...

Luke 3:4-6 (NIV)

[4] As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

[5] Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

[6] And all people will see God's salvation.”

Have YOU seen God's salvation? The scripture tells us all people will see God's salvation, God's glory. As we march into this new year, 2022, let's commit ourselves to seeing God as He is. As we walk let us walk straight paths, over the filled in valleys of life, the mountains that are now mole hills, the curves that are thrown at us and the potholes of anxiety and despair paved over. God is good, let us celebrate his goodness and blessings making 2022 an exceptional year!

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

