

The Messenger

N. Ft. Myers Church of the Nazarene

A loving, caring, serving community of believers in Jesus

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Changes

2020 has been filled with changes and has ushered in some very different ways of operating for our world. Through it all, as a body of believers, we have experienced such profound blessings from the Lord and have rejoiced as the changes have caused us to adapt in ways that have been beneficial to us and to our extended family. Our services are being live-streamed and we have four different online services being offered. So, even though many have had to remain isolated, they can stay connected through the internet – and we have been enjoying onsite services since July without a single case of Covid.

As of last week, that is no longer true, and means we are having to take a step back. We have several confirmed cases of Covid and several who have been or are in the midst of being tested for suspected exposure to the virus. Therefore, **we will not be holding onsite services Sunday, November 15.** We will present an online sermon at 10:45 A.M., which will be livestreamed on Facebook and will appear on our church's website after it airs.

We have also made several decisions about normal annual events:

- **We WILL NOT be holding an all-church Christmas dinner.**
- **We WILL NOT host a Women's Ministries Christmas dinner.**
- **We WILL be decorating the church on Saturday, November 28 – but WILL NOT have a dinner after the decorating.**
- **The status of future services will be determined on a week-by-week basis.**

Instead of gathering food items for Harvest Home, we will be asking our folks to donate money so we can put together food boxes for needy families and will be delivering those boxes on Monday, November 23.

****We will be making the decisions in the coming days whether or not to hold our annual Church Board Christmas dinner and our annual Creative Ministries Team Christmas party**

With the circumstances we are currently experiencing, and with so many unknowns, we are asking everyone to be understanding and gracious as our church leadership makes decisions regarding the scheduling of activities and determining the safety of meeting together in the coming days.

We also request that the grace you would like to have extended to you, that you would extend that same grace to everyone else. Our church leadership is operating with every bit of information available to us, and we are attempting to act in the best interest of our entire congregation. We have encouraged people to stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms and encouraging everyone who feels the need to wear masks to do so. But we have also left the decision for attending or not attending, and masking or not masking up to the individual. It appears that people who have been asymptomatic have been onsite and the virus has been introduced, but we are certain it was not done purposefully, but without the knowledge of the infected person or persons. If you are concerned about meeting onsite, when we do begin holding services again, please know we encourage you to stay home and join us online. But if you get sick, please let us know so we may be praying for you. GOD bless and keep us one and all.

This issue of the Messenger is going to be shortened to two pages since so much of our normal activity has been canceled.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 – Ida Chaplow
Tom Moore
- 9 – Janet Clifton
- 11 – Frank Easterday
- 12 – Teresa Boye
Linda Fregeau
- 15 – Janice O'Lynn
Nick Kiser
- 16 – Sherry Chapman
Harry Friedman
Michael Romano
- 18 – Carl Logan
- 21 – Pastor Van Garner
- 25 – Carolyn Method
Jamie Lorenson
- 26 – Dick & Janet Van Skiver
Butch & Janet Heath
Keith Wills
- 28 – Dave & Linda Fregeau
- 27 – Rich & Denise Ballentine
Mitchell Irvin
- 30 – Doretta Parker

Christmas Outreach to Families

We are gathering items from our Wal-Mart donations and putting together boxes for distribution to needy families this Christmas. If you know of a family in need – especially if those families will struggle to provide gifts for their children this year – please contact Kari Bergman with the name of the family. If you can also provide the names of the children and their ages and clothing sizes, that would be very helpful. We would like to reach out to as many families as possible. If you would like to donate to this very special project, simply mark your gift “Christmas Outreach” and place it in the offering.



If you would like to participate in Operation Christmas Child, please stop by the display in the vestibule and pick up a box, choose a gender and age, and fill up the box with appropriate items. Put the filled-out form on top of the box, place rubber bands around the box and return it to the display. You will surely be a blessing to a needy child in a year where so many have lost so much.

Prayer Needs:

Patrick Lindsey	Phoebe Barr	Ben Bergman	Ronnie Kiser
John Davis	Doug Keuther	Tom Humm	Helen Thom
June Carsey	Rich Harris	Amanda Blackburn	Anna Marie Anderson
Eloise Garner	Elis Lodge	Pastor Tim Taylor	Pastor Jim Spear
Laurel Chapman	Eileen Massett	Mark & Lisa Koch	Ernie Rybold
Betty Coolie	Paul Jones	Tom Blakeman	Amy Logsdon
Ray & Janelle Owens	Dorothy Chapman	Paul & Grace Boling	Joseph Groves
Lorraine Jungles	Shelby Pickett	Libby & Craig Smith	Dave Peck
Mark & Kim Barr	Louis Perez	The Monroe Family	Rev. Dan Copp
Kenny & Gail Goodman	Dominic Tannoia	Regina Williams	Rev. Greg Story, D.S.
Children & Teen Depts.	Eileen Jennings	Kitty Baxter	Our District Family
A Youth Pastor & Worship Leader	Unsaved Loved Ones	Those affected negatively by the Corona Virus	



Saturday, November 28 – 9:00 A.M. – No luncheon after

Join us for our Wednesday night devotional at 6:00 P.M. on Facebook live-streaming.

Arnold Burris will continue to offer a Bible study at 6 P.M. Mondays and Pastor Becky will return to the Thursday night Bible when her health improves.

If you cannot tune in at those times, you may watch the recorded Bible studies later.

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