



OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 08/31/21

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,009.00
Paid/set aside thru August		<u>- 18,009.00</u>
BALANCE DUE	\$	0.00
Starting Balance	\$	3,429.00
Income August	+	16,799.00
Expense August	-	<u>21,442.00</u>
Ending balance	\$	(1,214.00)

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



What's Happening

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 20 - Leadership Team Meeting -

September 28 - Life Line Screening

Sunny Days



OUR MISSION





You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. Hebrews 5:12-14

HAPPY FALL!!! It is difficult in Florida to sense fall in September because, let's face it, it still feels like June, July, and August outside. Yet, the official beginning of fall will begin this month. Now what I always like about fall up north, besides the fall leaves changing colors, was that the foods changed.

During the summer months we would barbecue often. The grill menu was hot dogs, burgers, chicken, veggies, corn on the cob, fish and once in a blue moon, steak. These are traditional summer foods and usually served with salads, jello, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables from the garden. And of course, ice cream on the front stoop for dessert.

But when fall came the menu changed. As the temperatures changed, so did our diet. We moved to hearty soups and stews. More roasted chicken and beef meat and potatoes and root veggies. Fresh apples off the tree were canned now into apple sauce and sliced cinnamon apples rather than fresh. We canned the remaining veggies for stew and soups. Even desserts became stockier with pies and cake or cookies.

I think this change in seasons and diet should make us consider our spiritual diets. As we come off of summer freedoms and vacations and breaks in worship and study, are we ready to take on a bit more stock. Are we ready to leave our milk and swimming in the shallow end for some solid food and spiritual growth? Notice what the writer of Hebrews says: *"Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training, have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong."*

Ask yourself, are you starving on just milk? Is milk all you want from God? Do you want to get your teeth into some meat and root veggies? Are you still a babe, or are you on your way to maturity? Finally, what does God want for you? I am ready to dig and continue my training. I hope you are as well. See you in a Doing Life Together Group this fall. Let's all mature in the Spirit together.



Blessings,
Pastor Shirley



We have had a great response signing up for the May, June, July and August Prayer Walks. Thank you to all who signed up and walked/drove the neighborhoods. A part of our mission is to reach out to others and bring them to Jesus.

Volunteer List Reminder

Just a reminder if you are not able to serve in your assigned position, it is your responsibility to find someone to fill in for you. You may trade days/times with someone or just have someone fill in for you.

Thank you for your cooperation as always!



If you are interested in joining Saint James, new member classes will be held September 5th and 12th after worship (lunch will be provided). If you haven't signed up or notified the office please feel free to attend the class as

those interested in joining are always welcome!





Connect – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

Care – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

Commit – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

CORE VALUES:

Loving Relationships:

Honest & loving relationships:
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.
With others through acceptance and grace to all.

Spiritual Growth

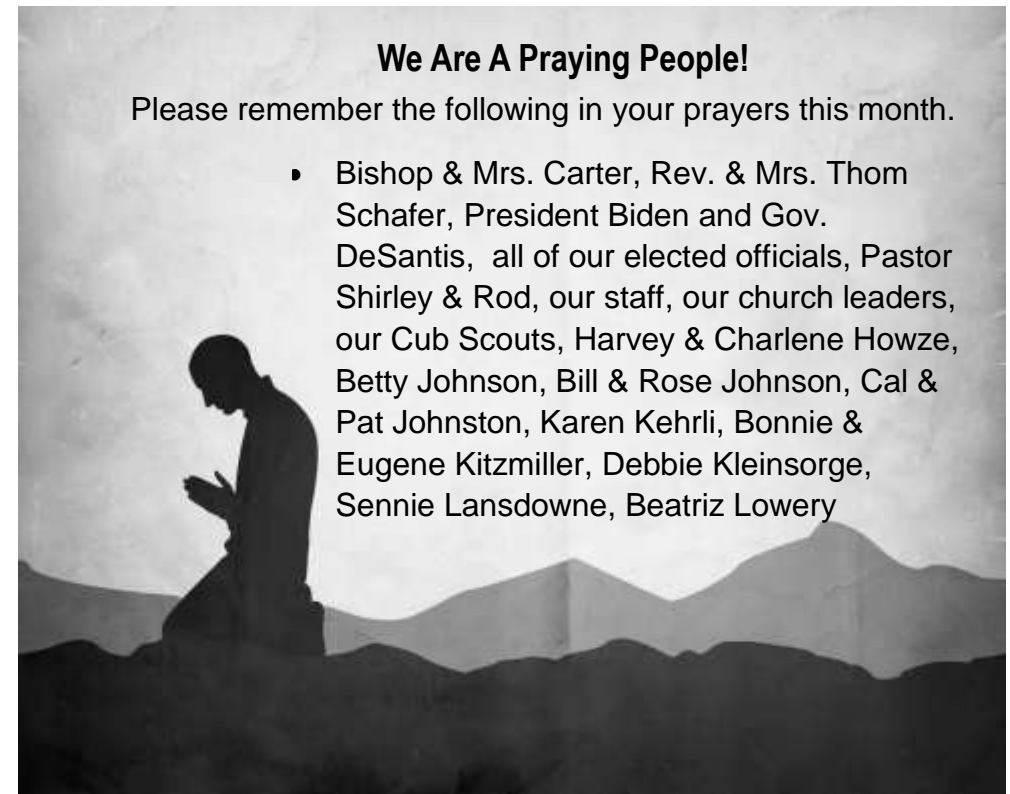
Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

Compassionate Service

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.

Teamwork



Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.



We Are A Praying People!

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.



- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Cub Scouts, Harvey & Charlene Howze, Betty Johnson, Bill & Rose Johnson, Cal & Pat Johnston, Karen Kehrli, Bonnie & Eugene Kitzmiller, Debbie Kleinsorge, Sennie Lansdowne, Beatriz Lowery



The prayer focus for September will be:

- **Spiritual maturity in our giving**
- **Sell the property**
- **No broken equipment**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





The yoga classes
Tuesdays and Thurs
certified instructor a
session. Please come



hall
is a
each



Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's
Feed The Hungry Program and place those
items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also,
you may drop them off in the office during office
hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
between 10 am and 2 pm.

Thank You!

Birthdays in September

September 4	Katie Michalski
September 5	Rod Groom
September 6	Eugene Kitzmiller
September 8	Kathy Barbour
September 13	Jan Guenther
September 14	Judy Snodgrass
September 16	Pat Dixon
September 18	Margaret Hackett
September 21	Tina Catalane
September 27	Karen Pinchback
September 28	David Dixon



Anniversary in September

September 28 Mike and Kathy Barbour



** If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+)
or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.

Thank You!



2021 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Aija Ball (A - Bn)

Rose & Bill Johnson (Bo – D)

Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)

Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)

Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)

Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)

Nancy Winding (O – Z)

Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



Kudos this month go to

- ...the Building Team and the work they are doing with the architect for the new building
- ...The Outreach and Prayer Teams for coordinating the prayer walks
- ...The Leadership Team for all the work they do together to keep things in order

2021 Leadership Team

Trustees Judy Shannon, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

Finance Sennie Lansdowne, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

SPRT Cyndi Andrasi, Pat Dixon, Chip Newberger and Judy Snodgrass

Lay Leader Dave Strait

Nurture Team Leader Pat Dixon

Outreach Team Co-Leaders Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

Lay Delegate Dave Strait

Cuba Event
October 2, 2021
Christ Venice UMC
1475 Center Road, Venice Road, Venice 34292
Free Barbecue Lunch
Rev. Rini Hernandez, Speaker
11:00 – 2:00
R.S.V.P christforcuba@gmail.com



Did you know...?

- † Because of your hospitality another group has returned to their meetings in the west wing
- † Because of your hospitality we have not only Cub Scouts meeting at the church on Tuesdays this school year, but the newly revitalized Boy Scout Troop also.
- † Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- † God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-5th grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.

We also have an *Adult Class that meets before Worship please join them at 8:45 in the west wing room 310.

***Classes for the adults will resume in the fall.**

See you then!



Each DLT has been asked to have an outreach project for the fall/winter season. The Outreach Team has suggested each DLT provide snacks and encouraging sayings/messages for the teachers at **Booker Middle School**. This project can be stretched out over the next four months (September – December) so that we are able to provide these snacks and inspiration for all 120 teachers. Outreach is suggesting a small Ziplock bag with small candy items and some small business card size cards with words of encouragement/inspiration.

Looking ahead for **Outreach Projects** for the remainder of 2021:

October – Remnant Café Bags of Hope – a backpack filled with snacks, toiletries and a New testament for the homeless who visit the Remnant Café.

November – Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes – packed with toys and other goodies for children around the world

December – Angel Tree – hats, scarves and blankets wrapped as Christmas gifts to be taken to Remnant Café.



Life Line Screening will be at Saint James **September 28th** for the health screenings listed below:

Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening – Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup

Heart Rhythm Screening – Screens for irregular heart beat

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening – Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening – Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment – Ultrasound screen of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density

All five screenings are \$139. If you are interested in making an appointment for these screenings please call **1-866-229-0469**, online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979**

There are two (2) **complimentary screenings** available in the office. Please let Fred know if you are interested and if there are more than two (2) interested we will have a drawing to select two (2).

DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or conference call. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

- Women's group** Monday at 10:00 am, facilitator - Marcia Mulvaney
marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com
- Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon
pdixon@ringling.edu
- Women's group** Wednesday at 11:00 am facilitator – Pastor Shirley
revgroom@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com
- Men & Women's group** Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom
rod.groom@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)
Join us as we center on Jesus.



As always thank you all so much for the great response in providing shower and laundry items to help out the Remnant Café and it's clients. They are so appreciative of all we do to assist them!



Our Sister Church in Cuba sent the following prayer requests and would appreciate our prayers for each of them.

- Pastor Rodriguez' father, mother and brother who have COVID.
- For healing for the thousands of people who are diagnosed with COVID daily.
- Food and medicine for the neediest and ill.
- Revival of Cuba, members of government to recognized Jesus as Lord & Savior.
- So that they be allowed to reopen their churches; they have not been able to have services for 8 months in their province.
- For pastoral families and churches and their bishop and his family.
- For God to open doors for them to be able to help the neediest pastoral families
- So that God allow them to visit each other and share their spiritual gifts.
- So that God gives Pastor Rodriguez wisdom to be able to guide and take care of his congregation and pastors of his district





September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT’s live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	2 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	3 Office closed 7:00 AA	4
5 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 New Members Class	6 10:00 Women’s DLT 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	7	8 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT’s live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	9 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom	10 Office closed 7:00 AA	11
12 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 New Members Class	13 10:00 Women’s DLT 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	14	15 6:30 Worship –live & live streaming 7:00 DLT’s live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	16 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 5:30 Village Oaks HOA	17 Office closed 7:00 AA	18
19 10:00 Worship Service	20 9:00 GFWC Woman’s Club 10:00 Women’s DLT 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	21	22 6:30 Worship – live & live streaming 7:00 DLTs – live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	23 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Georgetown HOA	24 Office closed 7:00 AA	25
26 10:00 Worship Service	27 10:00 Women’s DLT 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	28 8:00 Lifeline Screening	29 6:30 Worship – live & live streaming 7:00 DLTs – live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	30 Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom		

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
September 5th 15th Sunday of Pentecost - Green	Kathy Barbour	Cyndi Andrasi		Pat Dixon	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Rose & Bill Johnson Mike & Kathy Barbour	9/1 Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		Rose & Bill Johnson	9/4
September 12th 16TH Sunday of Pentecost - Green	Pat Dixon	Corporate Prayer		Karen Kehrli	Sennie Lansdowne Jean Flugel	Judy Snodgrass		9/8 Pat Dixon		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	9/11 Rod Groom Pastor Shirley
September 19th 17TH Sunday of Pentecost – Green	Karen Pinchback	Marcia Mulvaney		Cyndi Andrasi	The Barbours	Bernice Highberger		9/15 Rod Groom		Rod Groom	9/18
September 26th 18TH Sunday of Pentecost - Green Prayer Walk Week	Marlene Sontchi	Dave Strait		Karen Kehrli	Cyndi Andrasi Beatriz Lowery	Fred Fowler		9/22 Jean Flugel <hr/> 9/29 Judy Snodgrass		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	9/25 Dave Strait Pete Dougherty