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The Acclaim August 2024

Weekly Services & Times

Sunday: 9am Bible Study
10 am Morning Worship
Please see Sunday Overhead
Announcements and Bulletin for
Listing of Special Services!

Volunteers are needed in various areas within the church. There are many things that we can use your help with. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to assist us through this coming year. There is a job for everyone to do here at APCC and we all appreciate your help and desire to serve.

Please continue to be in prayer for our church as we continue the search for a minister. David Rivera has been a much needed Interim Pastor for worship services and we thank him for that. We are looking forward to what God has in store for Avon Park Christian Church and opportunities to serve Him here in Avon Park. If you know of anyone that might be interested in serving here, please have them contact the church by phone at (863) 453-5334 or email at office@avonparkchristianchurch.com with a resume or contact information.

LIVE STREAMING on YOUTUBE is still provided every Sunday! If you are having trouble viewing our YOUTUBE Worship programming, please see Tony Ratliff or call at your convenience. We will be happy to take you through the procedure step by step.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Matthew 9:38

Please be in Prayer for YOUR church family: Many people are not able to return to Florida this year. We have lost others in death. Please remember and feel welcome to check with the office for addresses of those you miss. A card brightens the day!

APCC News and Upcoming Events

Aug 04 Aug 07 Aug 11 Aug 11	No Bible Study O AM Sunday Bible Study	Aug 18 Aug 20 Aug 21 Aug 25 Aug 25	9 AM Sunday Bible Study 10 AM Worship Service 8:30 AM Board Meeting No Bible Study 9 AM Sunday Bible Study 10 AM Worship Service
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Happy Birthday

Aug	03	Sindy Bradley
Aug	06	Karen Hourigan
Aug	10	Mark Walton
Aug	21	Dave Hourigan
Aug	28	Teresa Ratliff

Happy Anniversary aug 01 Mike & Cindy Smith

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Please contact the office with updates and changes for Anniversaries and Birthdays!

August 2024 Servers

Open Up/Lock Up Host:

Communion Meditation:

Week Aug 04 Ricky Helms

Week Aug 11 Lee Taylor

Week Aug 18 Tony Ratliff

Week Aug 25 John Kornegay

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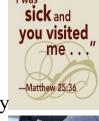
Communion to the Sick: *

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Communion Preparations:

Pat Sboto



Please inform the office if you desire Communion brought to your home. Due to Covid, we respect your privacy. Please give us 1 day advance notice.

CHURCH FINANCES—Once again we have encountered a few more repairs to our building. Please share with the church a "special blessing" to help offset these repairs.

<u>Togetherness Tuesday</u> Due to the low numbers of our people attending now that the Northern Folks have returned, we have suspended Togetherness Tuesday until further notice. Please plan to join us and watch for updates!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We have just completed watching the Chosen Season 4 videos. We will be taking the month of August off and will resume the studies in September with an in depth study of the scriptures behind the episodes of Season 4. Come join in on the series and we look forward to your input.

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In August we will be continuing our study in the book of Romans. Paul's letter to the Romans is the most complete statement of the gospel of Christ in the New Testament. The main theme of the letter is that all men are sinners, but through faith in Christ man can be made righteous in God's sight and receive salvation and eternal life.

So far we have completed eleven chapters in our study, and have been shown by Paul how we can be delivered from the snares of sin and become heirs of Christ. It is only by faith in Christ that we are saved, not by works. The structure of Romans provides a hint into the importance of the book in our everyday lives. Beginning with eleven chapters of doctrine, the book then transitions into five chapters of practical instruction. This union between doctrine and life illustrates for Christians the absolute importance of both what we believe and how we live out those beliefs. Come join us each Sunday morning at 9 AM in the adult study classroom for this enlightening study.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY FOR MARCH

During April we started our study in the book *Living A Purposeful Life* by Sheila Walsh. So far we have completed three lessons and have had some great discussions concerning the material. In the book Sheila talks about the different choices we make in life. She states, "Jesus talked about life, about living in liberty, and not being ruled by fear that we might make the wrong choice, because there are so many big decisions that have to made in our lives. Following God is a great adventure. Jesus is always with us, and we have not been left in the dark. There is a pathway." We will be postponing our Bible Study until September. Plan to pick this back up with us then.

The Christian must realize as a charge daily that he is **morally responsible to God and those** around him/her. He or she must put God <u>FIRST</u> in everything (Matt 10:37) and be submissive to the will of God. -copied

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10

Reaping the Good Things

Many of you have your summer gardens well underway and with the coming warmer weather you'll soon begin to harvest those good tomatoes, squash, okra, watermelons and more. But the growing of those good things didn't just happen by accident. You've spent many hours preparing and planting that garden so it will make that homegrown produce.

The bible warns us not to be fooled because God is not to be taken lightly. If we spend all of our time dedicated to our physical desires, at the end of time, we'll have nothing to harvest but corruption. But if we "plant" to the Spirit, that is the "fruit of the Spirit", we'll harvest everlasting life. (Galatians 6:7-8) There's no doubt about it, gardening is hard work. Living and serving the Lord is just as challenging. But we're assured in the scriptures that if we do not "grow weary while doing good" and don't lose heart, then when the season of our life is over, we will indeed reap the benefits of heaven. (Galatians 6:9) Just as you will share the harvest from your home gardens with the rest of us, the bible encourages Christians to share both their physical and spiritual blessings with those around them.

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:15–16)

Jay Launius – 2021

Sign Ups and Acclaim Information

Please be sure that you are checking the Acclaims every month for exciting new opportunities for you to serve and for more events and what's going on here at APCC. If you are not getting an Acclaim please contact the office or Tony directly to let us know so that we can make sure you are getting them and there are no postal issues. We want everyone to have opportunity to sign up and get the Acclaim. If there is anything you would like to have included or would like to contribute please contact Tony Ratliff in the office to get the directions on how to submit something to the Acclaim.