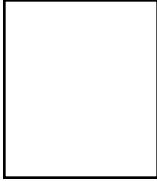




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The Acclaim July 2024

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. Blair Yager 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.

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

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

July 03	No Bible Study	July 17	6 PM Bible Study
July 04	Independence Day	July 21	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
July 07	9 AM Sunday Bible Study	July 21	10 AM Worship Service
July 07	10 AM Worship Service	July 24	6 PM Bible Study
July 10	6 PM Bible Study	July 28	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
July 14	9 AM Sunday Bible Study	July 28	10 AM Worship Service
July 14	10 AM Worship Service	July 31	6 PM Bible Study
June 16	8:30 AM Board Meeting		

Happy Birthday

July 01	Judith Nicely
July 02	Caison Ratliff
July 09	Marty Lamy
July 19	Judy Lewis
July 31	Lee Taylor

Happy Anniversary

July 01	Dave & Karen Hourigan
July 25	Ron & Dessie Byarlay

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

July 2024 Servers

Open Up/Lock Up Host:

Lee Taylor

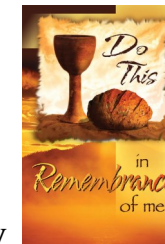
Communion Meditation:

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Week July 14 Lee Taylor

Week July 21 Ricky Helms

Week July 28 John Kornegay



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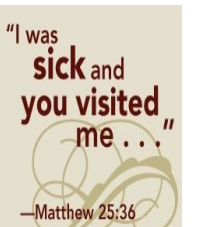
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Communion Preparations:

Lee Taylor



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.

Togetherness Tuesday 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

We are meeting every Wednesday at 6PM. We are showing Season 4 of the Chosen one episode per week. We will do a Bible Study on Season 4 in the Fall when our Winter visitors have returned. Please see Ricky Helms for more information. We really hope that you will come and attend and be blessed by the Season 4 as we have been with the previous seasons. It is our belief that when 2 or more gather, he will be there. Come fellowship with us and let the Spirit teach you.

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In July 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 eight 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 be 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 **FIRST** in everything (Matt 10:37) and be submissive to the will of God. -copied*

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

Embracing Independence Day: A Christian Perspective

by Christianbook.com

As fireworks light up the sky and the smell of barbecue fills the air, Americans across the nation come together to celebrate the Fourth of July. It's a day marked by patriotism, freedom, and the remembrance of our nation's history. But for Christians, Independence Day holds a deeper significance, intertwining faith with the principles of liberty and justice. At its core, the Fourth of July commemorates the birth of a nation founded on the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice for all. These principles are not only enshrined in the founding documents of the United States but are also echoed throughout the Bible. As Christians, we believe in the inherent dignity of every human being, created in the image of God, and endowed with certain unalienable rights.

The Bible teaches us about the importance of freedom, both spiritual and temporal. In Galatians 5:1, we read, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus Christ has liberated us from the bondage of sin and death, offering us the ultimate freedom in Him.

As we celebrate Independence Day, we also reflect on the blessings of liberty that we enjoy as citizens of a free nation. However, we recognize that true freedom is not merely the absence of external constraints but the presence of righteousness and justice. In Micah 6:8, we are reminded, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

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For Christians, the Fourth of July is an opportunity to express gratitude for the freedoms we have been granted and to reaffirm our commitment to live out our faith in the public square. It is a day to pray for our nation and its leaders, to advocate for the marginalized and oppressed, and to strive for justice and reconciliation in our communities.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Independence Day, let us remember that our ultimate allegiance is not to any earthly kingdom but to the Kingdom of God. May we use our freedom responsibly, as instruments of God's love and grace in a world that is longing for redemption.

And may we never forget the words of Jesus in John 8:36, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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.