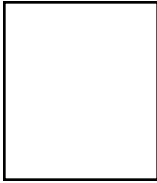




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The Acclaim June 2024

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.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him Psalms 103:13

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

June 02	9 AM Sunday Bible Study	June 16	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
June 02	10 AM Worship Service	June 16	10 AM Worship Service
June 05	6 PM Bible Study	June 18	No Bible Study
June 09	9 AM Sunday Bible Study	June 23	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
June 09	10 AM Worship Service	June 23	10 AM Worship Service
June 11	8:30 AM Board Meeting	June 26	6 PM Bible Study
June 12	6 PM Bible Study	June 30	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
June 16	Happy Father's Day	June 30	10 AM Worship Service

Happy Birthday

June 01	Susan Taylor	June 29	Les Decker
June 04	Kristi Becker		
June 07	Becky Ballard		
June 15	Georgia Courtney		
June 23	Bill Wilder		
June 26	Frank Clark		

Happy Anniversary

June 06	Bob & Clara Ovre
June 14	Roger & Carol Jones
June 28	Frank & Patty Clark
June 28	Bill & Georgia Courtney

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

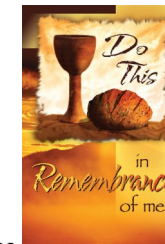
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Open Up/Lock Up Host:

John Kornegay

Communion Meditation:

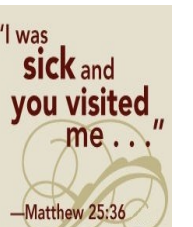
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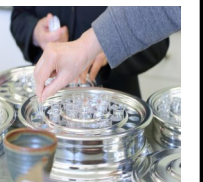
Communion to the Sick: *

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Communion Preparations:

Susan 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 June 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 six 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*

So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20

Being a Father

As I sit and think about what to say about being a father I think back to my childhood and think of my father. I also think back over the last few decades of my life and remember what it has been and still is being a father. Hmm, my how times have changed.

I think of my childhood and all that went with it. My how we knew everything and our father's knew nothing. Why they just weren't up with the times and were always at work. What could they possibly know about being a father in "today's world"? As I grew of course I went to my father to learn some things. My old man taught me at a very early age how to speak in public. I'm so very grateful for that as it has served me well in my life. I know how to project and I don't fear being in front of people. Many things I wasn't taught that I thought I should be by him, like how to shave. Isn't every boy taught by their fathers how to shave? Oh well, I managed to figure it out no matter what my mother says.

Then I think to how things are now that I'm a father myself. Boy how just plain insane I was as a child. How wrong I was to think that my father knew nothing. How I've learned that as a father, yes we may be from a different time, yes we may work a lot, no we haven't given up on how times have changed and things are different. You can ask my kids and they will say that they tell their old man, "Dad you are so out of times today". The beat goes on.

When I think about the state of fatherhood as I continue to age and my kids grow and move on with their lives, I hope and I pray that I am as blessed as my father was in having his child and grandchildren around him for the last decade of his life and in his final days. Soaking up his wisdom, his strength, and his spirituality. My father wasn't always right, he made his mistakes sure but who of us regardless of age hasn't. One thing my father was very good at? Providing discipline when needed, followed up with forgiveness. I have tried to become the man and father that my father would be proud to know he raised.

Sound like anyone else we know? Our Heavenly Father perhaps? You see he has always been with us, still keeping up with the times and still knowing more than we do. While he will ultimately one day give out punishment, he is the key to understanding forgiveness. He is the ultimate role model of what a father should be from the beginning to the end.

I can only hope that one day I will be able to emulate and take the best of our Father, as I have tried to emulate and take the best from my father as I became a father to my kids. I miss my dad every day, but I go forward knowing that I am trying to become the man that I always knew he was somewhere in my mind.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads.



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.