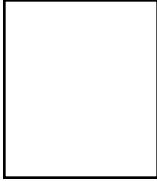




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The Acclaim May 2024

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.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13

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

May 01	6 PM Bible Study	May 15	No Bible Study
May 05	9 AM Sunday Bible Study	May 19	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
May 05	10 AM Worship Service	May 19	10 AM Worship Service
May 06	9 AM Women's Bible Study	May 22	6 PM Bible Study
May 08	6 PM Bible Study	May 26	9 AM Sunday Bible Study
May 12	Happy Mother's Day	May 26	10 AM Worship Service
May 12	9 AM Sunday Bible Study	May 27	Office Closed In Observance of Memorial Day
May 12	10 AM Worship Service		

Happy Birthday

May 01	Emil Lederer	May 16	Marjorie Strawser
May 02	Pat Sboto	May 20	Patty Clark
May 04	Ricky Helms	May 21	Orven Nicely
May 08	Carol Ellicott		
May 10	Bea Johnson		
May 16	Mary Ellen Simpkins		

May 29 6 PM Bible Study

Happy Anniversary
No Anniversaries

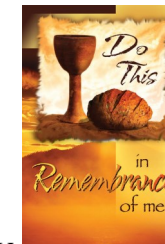
Please contact the office with updates and changes for Anniversaries and Birthdays!

May 2024 Servers

Open Up/Lock Up Host:

Communion Meditation:

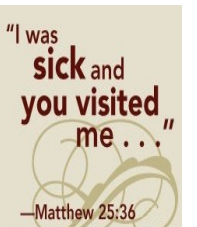
Week May 05	Ricky Helms
Week May 12	Lee Taylor
Week May 19	Tony Ratliff
Week May 26	John Kornegay



May 2024 Servers

Communion to the Sick: *

Week May 07	Ricky Helms
Week May 12	Lee Taylor
Week May 19	Tony Ratliff
Week May 26	John Kornegay



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.

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 going to be 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 be with the Lord and let the Spirit teach you.

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In May 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 four 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*

For this is what the Lord says:

*"I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."
Isaiah 66:12-13*

My Mother Kept A Garden

My Mother kept a garden,
A garden of the heart.
She planted all the good things
That gave my life its start.
She turned me to the sunshine
And encouraged me to dream.
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.
And when the winds and rain came,
She protected me enough.
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.
Her constant good example
Always taught me right from wrong.
Markers for my pathway
That will last a lifetime long.
I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy.
And I hope today she feels the love
Reflected back from me.

—Unknown



On This Memorial Day

Remember those who served before.
Remember those who are no more.
Remember those who serve today.
Remember them as we eat and play.
Remember our protectors
who are not home today.
Remember them all on Memorial Day.

— Emily Toma



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.