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James 1:2-3 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

John 14:27 (NIV)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Deuteronomy 32:2 (NIV)

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

1 John 4:16 (NIV)

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: AT 10:00 AM IN THE TRINITY ROOM,
FOR ALL AGES

SERVICE: 11:00 AM IN THE SANCTUARY

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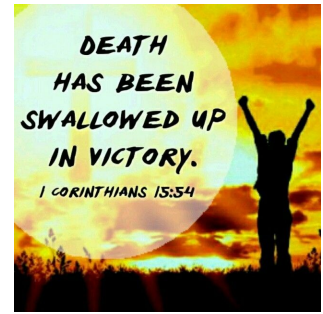
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PASTOR JONATHAN'S CORNER



DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY

Only Christ is the answer to the sum of all our fears, only His victory over death has the power to swallow up every enemy, our guilt and shame, and even the terrors of death and destruction. In **First Corinthians 15:54-55** it says, ***"Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?"***

The Cross has rendered the enemy powerless, stingerless, impotent... Christ suffered and died for our sins on the Cross, and God has resurrected Him to eternal power over all evil. As a result, there is now available a greater deliverance and covenant of healing power because of the Resurrection of Christ. In fact, the promise of the Resurrection is that every place and corner where death and evil still lurks will be exposed and toasted by the blazing light of Christ's ultimate victory.

So, let us focus our prayers with **Second Chronicles 7:14**. This one verse is like a beam of light to release the victory over a world that needs fresh revival and reformation; as this Scripture says: ***"If my people who are called by my Name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."***

Pray for what? Revival, which means seeking God's face so that God's way of life may be restored. If we want God to heal our land, then Christians must humble themselves and earnestly seek his face, and turn from all wickedness as individuals and as a nation...

Even if the fear of evil has come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord has lifted up a Standard against the enemy as God's people pray. And what else can we pray for?

Pray for the Fear of God to be restored to our nation at the Cross... Pray that a Spirit of Accountability would convict all individuals, corporate groups, and all governmental systems to turn from their evil ways, no matter how much money can be made from any forms of evil that wickedness will offer. Pray for integrity of pure hearts and sound minds to return to all people so that our land itself may be healed.

Pray even more for a Spirit of Revival and Reformation so that we would humbly seek repentance and turn to the Cross of Christ, so that our lives and honor would be restored. And ultimately, pray for a Resurrection Faith by the power of the Holy Spirit to follow all that we say and do, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, would be acceptable in God's sight. And remember, God is always watching!!!

God's Blessings of Flowers and Fruitfulness be upon Florida,

Pastor Jonathan Singleton



Our First Kids Program had a wonderful March. We studied the events of Palm Sunday through the death and resurrection of Jesus. On Easter we had a fun egg hunt, games and snacks.

In April we will focus on the disciples as they begin to preach the gospel of Jesus and take various missionary journeys.

If you are interested in helping with our First Kids program, please contact Janet Way. Volunteers are always welcome!

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be taking place from Sunday, June 16 thru Thursday, June 20. Snacks/Meals will be at 6:00 pm and events will start thereafter. We are in need of volunteers to help with this program! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary



I recently went to www.globalmethodistchurch.com to see how their website is developing and discovered that they now have a store! All sorts of items are there for us to show our support of our new denomination like shirts, jewelry, hats, decals, mugs, etc.

Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule and see what they now have .

Ninette Aker



We recently had some unexpected expenses incurred at the Parsonage.

With all the recent rain, it was detected that the roof was leaking in several spots. After having 3 estimates done on having it repaired, it was decided a new one was needed. The least expensive estimate was almost \$25,000 for a metal roof. Needless to say, we had it done before the spring rains started.

And then, one of the air conditioning units at the Parsonage decided it was finished partaking in its job! So, we needed to get another unit installed which cost \$5,000. These were two pretty big hits to our operating account! Any extra monies you may have from your income tax returns would be greatly appreciated! Or maybe, break open that overflowing piggy bank.....



ON-GOING PRAYERS

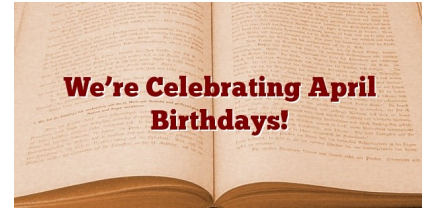
- Brad Garrett
- Brenda Garvey
- Carol Griggs
- Margo Fatzinger
- Bobby Jones
- Jay Mills
- Ashley Thomley



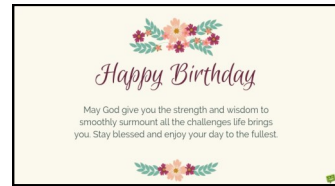
HOME BOUND FRIENDS & FAMILY

- Matt Beatty
- Isabelle Belton
- Becky Starks

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JONATHAN WITH
 UPDATES CONCERNING PEOPLE ON THE
 PRAYER LIST AT HIS E-MAIL
PASTOR@CLEWISTONMETHODIST.COM



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| Alan Hammock, Sr. | April 1 |
| Debby Gwyn | April 3 |
| Jonathan Hatton | April 6 |
| Ninette Aker | April 7 |
| Andrew Ryder | April 8 |
| Case Hammock | April 10 |
| Leslie Jones | April 11 |
| Rene Malbog | April 15 |
| Tara Belcher | April 21 |
| Mike Crooks | April 22 |
| Glo Walker | April 23 |
| Patrick Lay | April 24 |
| Wayne Jones | April 26 |
| Derek DuPlooy | April 27 |
| Joe Costa | April 30 |



- Doreen & Rene Malbog
April 4
- Miranda & Ashley Harn
April 18

REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND WORSHIP
 IN PERSON OR WOULD LIKE TO WATCH
 WORSHIP SERVICES YOU MISSED, VISIT
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B & B BELIEVERS

The B&B Believers hosted a very special gathering on March 11 at the Clewiston Youth Center to honor and support the Sunrise Community of Clewiston. The evening included twenty Believers, guests and three representatives from Sunrise enjoying pizza, wings and snacks as the group indulged in fun and fellowship with friends and new acquaintances alike. Since I felt a common thread with the individuals the great people of Sunrise assist each and every day, I felt honored to share a little bit of my story and the word that has followed me for the last 20 years of my life. Disabled is a word that as soon as one speaks it, automatically brings the limitations of its true meaning to the ears that hear it, often handcuffing the listeners mind into thoughts of pity, despair and helplessness for those individuals labeled with the "D" word. I think God changed everyone's mind at the Youth Center that evening with just a few quotes I found that unlocked those imaginary and limiting handcuffs our minds sometimes place on individuals, no matter their disability.

"Just because a man lacks the use of his eyes, doesn't mean he lacks vision." Stevie Wonder

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude." Scott Hamilton

"The world worries more about disability than disabled people do." Warick Davis

As a "D" individual, I can attest that these are three absolutely true quotes. Eyesight has nothing to do with vision, a great attitude can conquer any obstacle in life and while the world has the best intentions in mind, often overcompensation of its assistance limits those they are helping, not allowing them to display those tasks they can do, but rather focusing on what they can't. The fourth quote I shared that evening was quite eye opening to me, and really can apply to anyone reading this, no matter your "disability".

"Put a Go in front of the disabled. It spells 'God is abled'." Nick Vujicic

As I'm writing this article, I see none of the words I'm typing. The question is, am I disabled? Well, by the strict definition of the word, the answer is, of course. However, the people who are the closest to me know the quote I often tell them is the truth, only by God's grace, love and assurance.

"I'm not blind, I just can't see." John Wellslager

God enables us all to become victorious over those unanticipated challenges life hurls our way, He's always by our sides, even when we're not aware of His presence. Never, ever get bogged down with something you can't do right now, whatever the reason. Rather, always focus your energy in what you can, and do it to the best of your ability. Stay strong, no matter your circumstance, always maintaining a positive attitude and finding peace knowing that Jesus will lend His mighty and loving hand to bring victory from those self-imposed handcuffs you may feel your limitation has bound you with in this world, unlocking them forever. Trust in Him.

The next B&B gathering will be held on Monday, April 8 at 6:00 pm at Jeff and Margaret Smith's house, consider joining us in April. If you are looking for a fun, relaxed atmosphere to learn about Jesus and fellowship with other Believers, B&B might be for you. If you have any questions about our meetings or want to be added to the email distribution list for upcoming meetings call John Wellslager at 863-228-1724 or email at jwellslager@embarqmail.com.

Blessings, *John Wellslager*

P.S. The B&B Believers were honored to bless the Sunrise Community with an offering on March 11 of \$1,170.00 in support of the tremendous and often unnoticed hard work their staff endures as they provide the assistance the challenged individuals of our community so desperately need each and every day. Consider supporting Sunrise as part of your charity giving this year.





FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

IS NOW – RESIDING HOPE

WHY THE NEW NAME?

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was first established in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage. Since that time, it has grown into a holistic organization serving abused, abandoned, and neglected children from across the state of Florida. In addition to providing a higher level of therapeutic residential care in two locations, we also provide foster care and outpatient counseling in multiple counties.

We realized that we had outgrown the Children's Home name, and needed something that better represented the purpose we serve and the care we provide. That new name is **Residing Hope**.

The word hope is commonly used to mean a wish or desire. But in the Bible, hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and the strength of His faithfulness. Residing Hope expresses optimism and the opportunity of a better life of the children and youth we serve. It's that compassionate care that drives everything we do across all of our services and locations.

Look for a new website coming soon at ResidingHope.org.

Blessings,

Shelley Davidson

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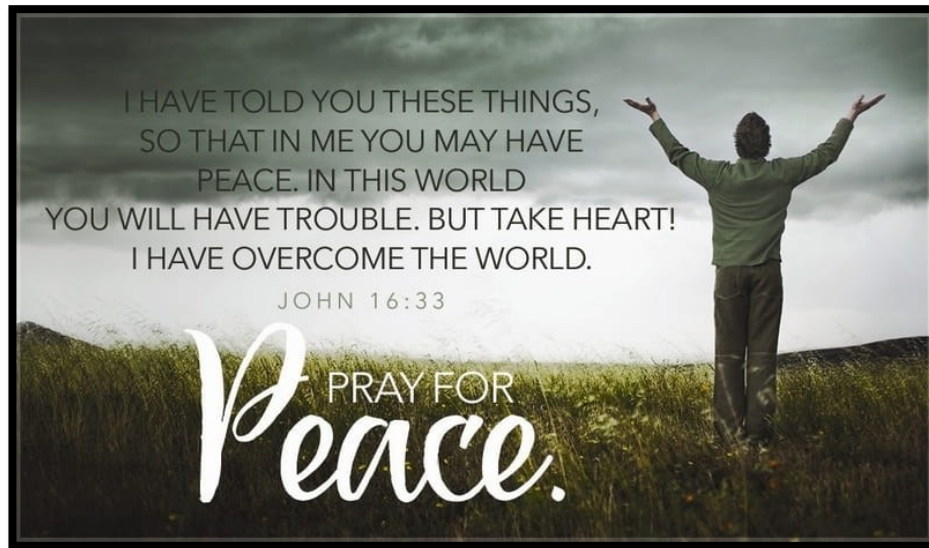


GriefShare has been in progress since Tuesday, March 5. It is a 13 week program and is being held in the Trinity Room. You can join at any time.

GriefShare is a Christ-centered, video-based support group program that equips lay volunteers to encourage and comfort people going through bereavement. The program is designed for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend through death. Workbooks are a \$20 donation.

Each session features a video presentation on topics like comfort, answers, and hope. The GriefShare materials point to Christ as the ultimate source of healing.

Mary Thomas



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W.I.N.G.S. (Women in God’s Service) had a busy March. We visited Sunrise Center For Adults With Disabilities and had an ice cream party on March 11th. These residents received a treat bag with candy and a cross necklace to help them celebrate Easter. They were a delightful group and we will be adding them to our list of services for next year.



Can’t forget our friends at the Nursing Home! W.I.N.G.S. went to the Clewiston Nursing Home and delivered them their monthly Happy Birthday cake along with Easter bags which contained non-slip summer socks and sugar free candy inside a plastic Easter egg.

We also took three Easter lilies to help them celebrate the special reason for the Easter season. We also delivered a beautiful white composite bench for their outdoor sitting area.



This plastic Easter Egg filled with candy was given out to the residents being cared for under the Sunrise Center for Adults. They were happy to get this small gift and to be remembered by us.

W.I.N.G.S. is a service organization for those who want to help others in our community and beyond. If you live in the area and want to join us, a church affiliation is not necessary.

Our last meeting before summer will be at Community Presbyterian Church, 407 Royal Palm Avenue, on Saturday, April 13th from 12:00 until 2:00 pm. The program is appropriately called “The Great Commission.” Please join us for lunch and the program. If you would like further information on W.I.N.G.S., please contact Janet Way at (863) 677-1002.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8, Mon. B&B Believers meet at Jeff & Margaret Smith’s home, 6:00 pm
- April 10, Wed. Dinner by CHS, Public Service Academy, Sloppy Joe’s tater tots, salad
- April 13, Sat. W.I.N.G.S. meet at Community Presbyterian Church, noon
- April 17, Wed. Dinner by Mission Team, Fish Fry

**First Methodist Church of Clewiston
Finance Report—March, 2024**

February financials reflect the activities of our church’s giving, expenditures and reimbursements for the month. After accounting for reimbursements for Pastoral employment expenses from the Moore Haven Methodist Church the General Fund balance improved to **-\$2,820.99**.

General giving totaled \$15,653.00 for the month with an additional \$2,815.00 received in special funds. This brings our regular giving to 14.6% of our goal for the year. Total disbursements, net of reimbursements, were \$10,506.73 for the month, bringing our total expenditures to 13% of budgeted annual expenses.

The General fund balance increased to **-\$2,820.99** with total funds on deposit including Special funds of \$131,452.33.

We received \$7,648.41 in cost sharing reimbursement from the Moore Haven Methodist Church during February which improved the General Fund balance.

Our church experienced a significant **\$27,752.00** maintenance expense during the month as the roof at the parsonage was replaced. Any special fund giving you feel led to provide for this project is greatly appreciated.

Your continued support of our church through your presence and gifts is greatly appreciated.

The checking account has been reconciled for the month.

Respectfully submitted,



R.D. Williams

First Methodist Church of Clewiston

Bank Report

January 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024

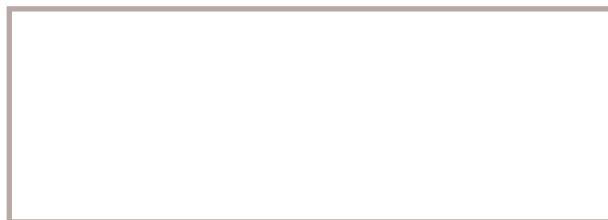
	February		Year to Date	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Beginning Balance	-7,967.26	13,849.59	-7,163.75	8,474.11
Offering	15,653.00	12,040.47	31,722.26	33,777.74
Disbursements	10,506.73	20,780.19	27,379.50	37,141.98
Ending Balance	-2,820.99	5,109.87	-2,820.99	5,109.87
<u>Special Funds</u>				
Beginning Balance	159,934.70	148,026.64	157,642.51	143,259.32
Offering	2,815.00	13,460.00	7,428.00	19,368.70
Disbursements	28,476.38	5,235.84	30,797.19	6,377.22
Ending Balance	134,273.32	156,250.80	134,273.32	156,250.80
Total on Deposit	131,452.33	161,360.67	131,452.33	161,360.67



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TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST
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