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The Messenger February 2021





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Due to COVID-19 we will Celebrate Worship:

<u>Saturday Evening</u> 6:30 - Masks required

Sunday Morning 10:00 - Masks required

Each Worship Service is limited to 85 people

Please call the church to make reservations

Sunday Morning Worship Service is also televised and live streamed:

TGO: Spectrum Channel 732 STREAMING: www.tgochurch.org Facebook and Youtube

The Church remains closed (except for approved small groups and meetings).

However, the office remains open - you may call and make arrangements for assistance.

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(321) 383-0303

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1

REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR DAVID

God told Joshua, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." I can testify to God's faithfulness to that promise.

As I write this article, we are 21 days into 2021. As I look back on 2020, it was a roller coaster of a year. We have had some high points and some challenges.

I never imagined our entire pastoral staff and two of our wives would test positive for COVID-19 within days of one another. It disrupted our lives for nearly a month.

The recent pandemic has changed the world. We don't know what the post-Covid-19 world will look like, but we do know life won't be exactly what it was.

Despite the challenges, we have had new opportunities to share the Gospel with our world.

Our livestreamed worship services and Thursday morning Bible Studies are reaching people across our nation. Recently, our daily radio broadcast expanded to four more stations. We are now covering most of Florida, in addition to central lowa.

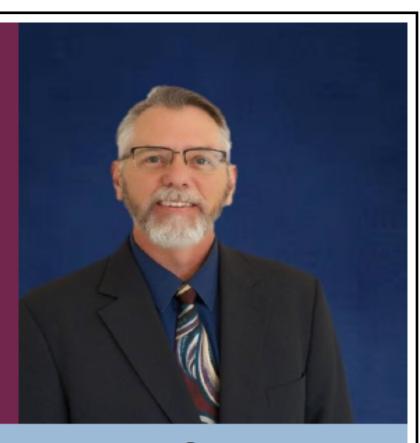
Looking ahead, we hope to be able to get back to a more "normal" church life. As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes more readily available, we anticipate being able to return to many of our normal church activities and events.

Thank you for your faithfulness during the time of challenge. Our church remains strong and is positioned to expand our ministry in this new year. This is because of your continued faithfulness to God and to our church.

Sincerely,

Dr. David W. Price Lead Pastor





Dr. David Price, Lead Pastor Great Outdoors Church

WPIO FM 89.3 MONDAY-FRIDAY

4:40 P.M.

9:13 P.M.

An Inspirational Message

Dear friends who prayed me through, I just want you to know that on Christmas Eve I received some positive news. I now test NEGATIVE for Covid 19! And I am feeling back to normal. My strength has returned. I thank you with all my heart!

This Christmas I came to understand a certain truth in a far deeper way. I offer it now as a Christmas gift to you.

Diana Green, December 2020

DONKEYS AND WOOD

Isaac, beloved son of Abraham, took a donkey up to Mount Moriah. Then he carried firewood to its top and laid down upon it as a sacrifice.

Baby Jesus, beloved son of Mary, entered Bethlehem on a donkey, and after his birth he was laid in a wooden manger in a place where sacrificial lambs were born.

Later Jesus, beloved son of God, entered Jerusalem on a donkey. Soon after, he carried a wooden cross to Mount Calvary and laid down upon it as a sacrifice.

Isaac was provided a replacement, so he did not need to be separated from his loving father.

Jesus became the replacement for us all, so we do not need to be separated from our heavenly father.

This is the greatest gift that we could receive, brought to us by lowly things like donkeys and wood.

This year of 2020 has been a year of lowliness for most of us. The loss of loved ones, the coming to the end of our own strength, the inability to do all we had hoped to do – all these things have brought us low. It is good to know that it is lowly things that God uses to bring about his highest purposes.

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Great Outdoors Community Church Small Study Groups 2021

Small groups provide a unique opportunity for the participants to engage in spiritual growth, Biblical study, Christian fellowship and in loving support of one another. If you would like to either host or lead a group, then please call the church office at 321-383-0303.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

LEADER—Ray Malone 593-0083 (rmalone18@cfl.rr.com) MEETS—Mondays 9:00 AM LOCATION—Fellowship Hall TOPIC—Various



MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP - BEGINS FEB 1

LEADER—Ray Zielinski 570-574-5788 (sandyzi@aol.com)



MEETS—Mondays at 11:00 am LOCATION – Fellowship Hall

TOPICS—End Time Prophesies and the Book of Revelation

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP



LEADERS— Rob MacNevin 508-942-0010

MEETS—Wednesdays at 2:00 PM (Feb. 3– Apr 1)

LOCATION—Fellowship Hall

TOPIC—To provide support for those who have lost loved ones.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING



LEADER-Dan Zahn 269-7957 (dzahnr@aol.com)

MEETS - 3rd Wednesday, Feb 17, at 6:30 PM (year round)

LOCATION - Fellowship Hall

TOPIC - Praying for our Country and our Leadership

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

LEADERS—Diana Green 362-5224 (dianagreen55@yahoo.com) and Cindy Manire 385-1130

MEETS—Thursday mornings from 8:00-9:00 AM (year round)

LOCATION—Via Zoom

TOPIC—Praying for the needs of the church



Cultivating relationships while growing together in Christ

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

LEADER—Dr. David W. Price, Lead Pastor 383-0303 MEETS—Thursday mornings from 11:00-12:00 NOON (year round)

LOCATION—Via Internet

TOPIC—The Book of Romans

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

LEADER-Dan Zahn 269-7957 (dzahnr@aol.com)

MEETS - Thursday at 6:30 PM (year round)

LOCATION - Via Zoom

TOPIC - Minor Prophets of the Bible

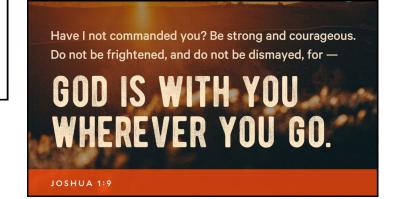
LADIES PRAYER SHAWL GROUP



LEADER—Rosalind Zahn 269-7957 (dzahnr@aol.com)

MEETS—2nd & 4th Fridays at 9:00 AM (Feb—April) LOCATION—TBD Bring a lawn chair in case we meet outdoors

TOPIC—Knitting of prayer shawls and prayer time for the sick



Activities and Committees

NEWS FROM WOMEN IN THE CHURCH



With deep regrets, Becky Rock, President of WIC, has announced that due to the COVD-19 virus, the February and March luncheons have been cancelled. A decision has not yet been made about continuing with an April luncheon.

In addition, Becky said the traditional March "Open Air Market" has also been cancelled. For further updates and information, please watch for the March Messenger.

FLEA MARKET NEWS UPDATE

Due to the Covid-19 Virus, the WIC Flea Market has been cancelled for this year. Items already in the storage units are being donated to The Nature Center and Brevard Charities.

For questions or further information, please contact: Marilyn Weigel at 321-268-9793

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet at 9:00 am - Friday February 12 and February 26.

Please bring a lawn chair, as we may be meeting outside.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Even though the church is closed, when the staff is present you can knock on the side door for assistance.

Thanks, Rosalind



HELPING HANDS - A MINISTRY OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Helping Hands continues to be available to help you year round. We always need volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or if you need assistance feel free to call Elaine Stewart or the appropriate leader for more details.

Home Repairs	Elaine Stewart	321-383-4233	<u>elainerstewart@gmail.com</u>
Temporary Meals	Linda Snyder	610-751-5919	ravenmst20@hotmail.com
Transportation	Clariece Roberts	321-267-7382	clariece@cfl.rr.com
Lending Closet	Jan Lundeberg	763-221-1605	janislundeberg@gmail.com
Senior Resources	Bev Houghton	810-919-1629	bhoughto10@hotmail.com
Senior Sitter	Kathy Pike	724-622-1001	kathyjpike@gmail.com
Coordinator			

Activities and Committees (Continued)

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

All facets of Helping Hands are available to anyone in TGO, not just church attenders. If you have a neighbor who has had surgery and is returning home alone, we can:

- provide meals for up to 3 weeks,
- provide medical equipment to help with rehab
- provide transportation to rehab
- grocery store, doctor

If they (or you) need help in rehab, we have a Lending Closet, just call & ask.

walkers

- canes
- wheelchairs
- raised toilet seats
- shower chairs, etc.

Our lesser used, but available handymen to help with "honey do list" items you can no longer do, especially if it means climbing a ladder.

We also have a baby lending closet with items for visiting grandchildren like:

- Pack'n Play cribs
 booster and car seats
- walkers, strollers
- high chairs

toys

Even lesser known, our Respite Care ministry may help caregivers have sitters come in to sit with their loved one so they can go out.

We also help with someone alone coming home from the hospital and needing to be checked in on, or a list of paid caregivers, if necessary.

The last part of our ministry is the County Services Liaison. We are aware of services available in the county that may be of help to you, such as

- Meals on Wheels
- free hand holds installed
- free ramps built

Also we are familiar with the Assisted Living and Nursing Homes available in this area—what they cost and the criteria to move into them.

Call the following people, depending on your need or the need of a neighbor:

Home Repairs	Elaine Stewart	321-383-4233
Meals	Linda Snyder	610-751-5919
Transportation	Clariece Roberts	321-267-7382
Lending Closet	Jan Lundeberg	763-221-1605
County Services Liaison	Bev Houghton	810-919-1629
Respite Sitting	Kathy Pike	724-622-1001

Activities and Committees (continued)

GRIEFSHARE

Grief never ends, but it changes
It's a passage, not a place to stay
Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith
It is the price of love (Author unknown)

Should you or someone you know are dealing with grief and would like to speak to someone privately or attend a GriefShare meeting, please feel free to contact

Robert MacNevin, facilitator 508-942-0010 or email at imrving4fun@yahoo.com

Meetings beginning February 3 through April)
Wednesday - 2 pm
in Fellowship Hall

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous. Isaiah 41:10

THE NEED FOR DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY

The following are just a few ways to increase our giving to a much needed charity. North Brevard County has a major need for all you can give, including money.

Every time I visit the Walk About Food Pantry, I get a big "THANK YOU" from the attendants, with remarks like, "We don't know what we would do without the kind TGO church involvement."

For the many of you who drop off bags of food in the Narthex, THANK YOU, and please continue to do so. Your thoughtfulness is a Blessing. The door may be locked, please just knock, staff are in the office.

VACATIONING OR LEAVING FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD?

If you have left over food remaining in your refrigerator (frozen or not; dry foods: open or not) and prefer not to take it with you, we urge you to consider donating it to the Walk About food pantry. These donations can be picked up on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning by calling Bill Shaw at 215-450-5900.

SHOPPING:

If or when you are shopping at one of the local markets or a big box store, please consider:

- ⇒ When buying BOGO (Buy1/Get 1), donate the "free" one as a Walk About donation
- ⇒ Purchasing a case lot dry food as your monthly donation

Please - no expired items

WEARABLE CLOTHING:

A big need! Before disposing of your out-of-date, too big, too small items, please consider giving them a "second life" - donate them to help Walk About Ministries

Please keep your contributions coming. GOD BLESS all of you and thank you again for your generous donations. We are helping people who have basically nothing.

Thank you all — Bill Shaw, 215-450-5900

Activities and Committees (continued)



WREATHS FOR VETERANS

In National Cemeteries all across America this past holiday season, veterans and their final resting places were honored in "Wreaths Across America" ceremonies. Prior to the ceremonies, thousands of Christmas wreaths were placed at lines of grave markers in an impressive display at many of our nations national cemeteries.

Such was the case in here at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery as GOCC's Rev. J. B. Kump participated in a private ceremony in a Christmas recognition of the contributions made by veterans from all branches of service.

On Friday, December 18, a small group of participants, including Kump held the ceremony, normally attended by hundreds of spectators to honor the memory of fallen veterans. Due to Covid-19 precautions, however, the public was not allowed to attend this year.

Kump was asked to open and close the ceremony with prayers. As a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, he was also asked to place the wreath designated in honor of those buried at the cemetery who served in the Air Force.

One of many local pastors who perform memorial ceremonies throughout the year, Kump also serves on the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery Volunteer committee.

Learn more about the Wreaths program online at wreathsacrossamerica.org



1845 Carriage—An exact replica of an 1845 caisson used in military funerals, carried ceremonial wreaths at the event at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

Retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and member of the Great Outdoors Community Church pastoral staff, J.B.Kump delivered the opening invocation at the holiday ceremony.





Representatives of service branches, plus guest speakers are positioned in front of ceremonial wreaths in honor of those who gave their lives for the nation.

Several members of the ceremony honoring fallen service members begin to salute during the playing of taps.



DONATION BOX

Snacks for our Law Enforcement Officers!

Donation Box on Church front porch Through February 19th

Sponsored by WIC (Women in the Church)



THANK YOU
FORALWAYS



ANSWERING THE CALL

WE APPRECIATE YOU

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

Liloli Great Outdoors Community Church

MISSIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021

From <u>Samaritan's Purse</u> monthly newsletter updates received tell us of their outreach to the entire world. At Christmas this year in GOCC we offered 300 shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child. We dropped off 191 of them at a local collection site which goes to Boone North Carolina then to the world. Franklin Graham in the January Update said they "collected nearly 9 million gift boxes"; and the "Samaritan's Purse is working worldwide to deliver those gifts to boys and girls and share the Good News of Jesus Christ." Every shoebox is an opportunity to share the Gospel through a program called The Greatest Journey. Even during the covid-19 outbreak, volunteer teachers were determined to visit children in their homes encouraging them to grow in their faith. "At a time when our world is living in the shadow of a deadly plague, is anything more urgent than making sure people know how they can have eternal life in Christ? Through the Greatest Journey the Lord is bringing multitudes to repentance and faith. In the 11 year history of the Greatest Journey more than 12.3 million children have made decisions for Christ (in 2020- 1.1 million)."

Edward Graham, son of Franklin Graham visited two neighboring nations Armenia and Azerbaijan, that used to part of the Soviet Union. He went there to see how Samaritan's Purse can help them. There has been fighting over an enclave called Nagorno-Karabakh which resulted in thousands of refugees fleeing their homes at the start of winter. The Samaritan's Purse DC-8 cargo jet was sent to Armenia to airlift an Emergency Field Hospital, a mobile medical team and tons of blankets and winter clothing. They are providing families in Azerbaijan as well with food and other daily essentials. Armenia's capital city Yerevan has a view of snow-capped Mount Ararat, where they Bible tells us that Noah's Ark landed.

Venezuela is a nation rich in oil reserves but its socialist economy is a wreck. The United Nations estimates that 7 million Venezuelans are going hungry. The Samaritan's Purse is working in neighboring Colombia to help the refugees from Venezuela. In 2020 they fed or sheltered more than 100,000 refugees and opened a new medical clinic and provided other essentials like shoes and diapers. Teams are sent out to visit churches, schools and settlements to give out food boxes and to preach the gospel. One church has 40 displaced families attending worship service.

How can you help? Pray: Ask God to work through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and the Greatest Journey. Pray for displaced families, those dealing with crisis, cold weather, Covid. Pray for the workers, thank God for protecting them as they work in midst of a pandemic. Monetary gifts help Samaritan's Purse respond when a crisis erupts in places like Armenia and Venezuela providing food, water and medical care.





Bonnie and John Nystrom: Wycliffe Translators

What we do:

Since 1987 we have been **training local Papua New Guinean church leaders** to translate the Bible into their own languages and coaching them through the process from first draft to publication.

We serve in the Aitape West Translation Project, which is producing and distributing **Bible translations in 11 languages** in print, electronic, audio, and video form; training local people to use the translations; and training the local translators to help other translators do the same in still more languages.

<u>To learn more:</u>

We have written about how a tsunami changed the face of Bible translation in Papua New Guinea in **our book**, Sleeping Coconuts. The following is from their January 15, 2021 newsletter.

"Last summer <u>I explained in detail</u> about <u>PTXPrint</u>, a tool I was helping to develop that would make it possible to **produce beautifully formatted Scripture books immediately after the translation is completed.**

To make this a reality, **real translators with real translations have to use it to create real books** and report the problems they encounter so they can be fixed. Most translators can't or don't want to do that. I can and I do so I am.

<u>Our team desperately needs this to work:</u> for diglot (two-language) Scriptures. So I am working on it again now as I try to typeset several books we have finished translating and published electronically but have not yet typeset and printed.

Every time I find a bug and the developers fix it, **it 's fixed** not just for me, but **for every translator in the world** who wants to use this tool. And most of them will. This week I found several "bugs" and reported them to the developers. They have already fixed some of them.

Through your partnership with Bonnie and me, **you are making a global impact** for getting translated Scripture in print sooner.

Praise the Lord with us for:

- * Huge **progress on PTXPrint** since last summer, and significant progress just this week. May the Lord make the dream of immediate scripture publishing a reality.
- * **My mother**'s general good health in the last few weeks, though the last couple of days have not been as good.

Please pray

- * For the **developers of PTXPrint** as they work to fix difficult and complex problems.
- * That the Lord would give me **patience, insight, wisdom, and a keen eye for detail** as I work on typesetting our completed translations and prepare to teach our team to use this tool. Problems in 2 John and James have been especially vexing.
- * Our translation team as we **prepare several chapters of John's gospel** for a translation workshop starting Feb 5.
- * Continued good health for Bonnie and me, plus all those we care for here.
- * That the Lord would be glorified and others blessed by all we do. Thank you again for your partnership with us.



GOCC - Samaritan's in Action



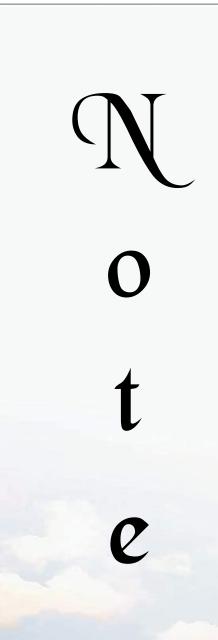




Bill Shaw

Last month a fire consumed a man's home in Mims. He lost everything he owned, including his two dogs. The TGO church's Samaritan in Action program responded to this catastrophe by renting a storage unit and started filing it with selected items he could use when rebuilding his home and life. Items I received through the TGO church donation program are sorted and placed in the unit. The below is the result of three weeks of collecting. A special thank you to the WIC church flea market along with the Nature Center donations have been major contributors to this emergency need. Thank you also to the TGO park's generous giving. I look forward to adding more needed items to this storage unit for when the man is ready to move into a new home, much of his move in needs will be ready for him. Thank you.





Now that I think I am nearing normal health (maybe in a month or 2) I want to thank all of you who have supported me through my last 2 surgeries. Thank you for prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, flowers (which were beautiful and cheered my room immensely), meals and especially those who ran errands for me back and forth from the hospital. When you arrive by ambulance at 3am you don't think of all the things you may need for what became a 2 week stay. Thank you for everyone who took down my Christmas decorations and took care of my house. I couldn't have done it without you. You kept me going. I am healing well at home and about to be released from home health care this week.

Elaine Stewart

This is Peg Apgar—I am so sorry I have not done this sooner. I want to THANK ALL that have helped me through this very hard time of my life. The cards, the food, the mental help, and most of all the love and understanding you all have given me. I just want you all to know it's not over. When this world gets back to normal, I would love to have a great party at the church to celebrate the life of my Dear Frank and be able to thank you all for your prayers and the love you have given us for 23 years here at TGO. God is my help and my savior and He will be with me 'til I see my Frank again. God loves you, keep praying for the sick!

Peg

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TGO Church, friends and family -

have to be grateful for. Being a part of this amazing community is just one of them!

We are praying that my mom will be home from the hospital for the holiday and I will be going to visit the second week in December. Our family is very Blessed to have had all the love, prayers support offered as we go this this difficult season.

Happy Thanksgiving! There is so much that I

God Bless and Be Well -Stephanie Blackman

Secrets in Our Garden



Passages: Great Outdoors Community Church

sends our condolences to:

<u>2020</u>		
11/19	Tom Christiano, on the passing of his wife, Gerry	32 Harmony Lane
12/06	Peg Apgar, on the passing of her husband, Frank	501 Lake
12/31	Ken & Maris Tracy, on the passing of Ken's mom, Peg Tracy	758 Baytree
<u>2021</u>		
01/09	Patricia Goodwin, on the passing of her husband, John	Long time resident of TGO
01/12	The family of Claude (Pat) Budzil	54 Sunset
01/109	Ed and Jane Garman, on the passing of Ed's father	114 Dragonfly
01/15	Becky Seifreit, on the passing of her husband, Tim	Long time employee of TGO
01/25	Sandy Juba, on the passing of her husband, Jack	704 Plantation

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	9:00 am Men's Discipleship Class, FH 11:00 am Ray Z Bible Study, FH	2	3 2:00 pm Grief Share Support, FH	8:00 am Prayer Mtg., Zoom 9>00 am Worship Meeting - FH 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study, Livestream Only 6:30 pm Thursday Evening Bible Study, Zoom	5 10:00 am Ensemble Only, Sanct.	6:30 pm Worship Serv., Sanct., RSVP only
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