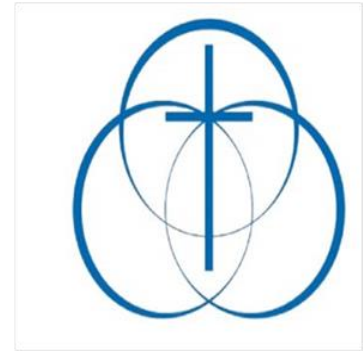


Oneco Hope News



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Dear Family,

Together, by God's Spirit, let's drive the darkness out! As I write you, I am still basking in the glory of last Sunday's service with Ms. Terry Goodman of the Favor International Ministry. Who could not be amazed at this ministry that is bringing Christ to thousands of people in Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, and now, Chad. Truly, God's not dead; He is alive! But how??? How does a work of God like this happen? As I heard Terry's story, we could hear,

- Full surrender to God and His will, fully trusting God, and a longing to hear God's voice.
- An overwhelming burden to bring lost people to Christ.

But what caught my heart the most, was the strategy that Favor International employs as they take the light of the Gospel into new areas. That is, they always begin by establishing a "House of Prayer." They understand that unless their ministry is founded, sustained, guided, and empowered by prayer – both individual and corporate - they will never be able to drive out the darkness. .

Someone might say, "We do not need a "House of Prayer", as long as everyone prays on their own. But the leaders of Favor International know better. And the Book of Acts is filled with corporate prayer.

We have great plans for our Alpha and other ministries next year, but as I listened to Ms. Terry, I realized that we cannot expect to see people won to Christ unless many of us are first won to both personal and corporate prayer. We offer 2 specific opportunities for corporate prayer each week.

1. Monday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30, in our Prayer Room (Rm. 8). This is a simple, non-structured time of informal prayer. You may pray silently or audibly.
2. Our Wednesday evening prayer-meeting from 6:30 – 7:30, using your phone or your computer. I realize that the term, "Prayer Meeting" has a negative connotation for some, and can even breed fear. Please let me share with you how we structure this hour, in hopes that more of us will participate. Here is the structure. Please note, that no one is specifically asked to pray aloud. If you are willing to try and join us, just call Ms. Sheryl in our office.

- ✝ I open the meeting with a brief prayer.
- ✝ I slowly and reflectively read about twenty of the names of God given to us in Scripture. This becomes a time of silent adoration.
- ✝ I read a 1 – 2-minute selection from an author (usually E.M. Bounds) on prayer.
- ✝ We have a time for silently confessing our sins.
- ✝ I read a general confession of our sins.
- ✝ I lead us to "share the names" of anyone we know who may not know Christ. I then pray for their salvation.
- ✝ I read Acts 2:15-18 and invite anyone to pray for God to pour out His Spirit upon our church.
- ✝ Ms. Carolyn Boyle then shares three names from our prayer list who especially are in need. I invite any who would like to pray, to pray for them.
- ✝ I share Jesus' words: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest (Matt. 9:37-38). Someone then prays.
- ✝ I invite anyone to pray for our evangelistic ministries: Alpha and Operation 941.
- ✝ Anyone who would like to pray is invited to pray.
- ✝ We close the meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer

Finally, we need you. While I am beyond grateful for those who faithfully attend either of these meetings, we need more pray-ers! Prayer is like a charcoal fire. The more pieces of charcoal, the hotter the fire. But it is quite difficult to make a hot fire with only a few pieces of charcoal. So, please consider joining us for one or both of these meetings. Through prayer, let us bring the light of Christ into our hearts, lives, community, and world. We really do need you if we are to drive out the darkness.

God bless you all,

Pastor Gene

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

October Birthdays

10/04	AJ Priebe
10/06	Mark Hanson
10/27	Adam Cram
10/20	Sherly Salisbury
10/28	Janie Scarborough
10/29	Dennis Dean
10/31	Terri Yates

October Anniversaries

10/01	Janet & Frank Saver
10/07	RaeAnn & Bob Wilson
10/24	Mary & Ken Bramel
10/26	Echo & Bill Leytham
10/30	LaVerne & Larry Routh

Please let the church office know if we missed a birthday or anniversary.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

You may thank him and show your appreciation of his service to our church with your cards and prayers. It is a good time to remember him with our daily prayers.

"Remember your leaders (Pastor) who have taught you the work of God...try to trust the Lord as they do."
 17: "Obey your spiritual leaders and be willing to do what they say. For Their work is to watch over your souls and God will judge them on how well they do this. Give them reason to report joyfully about you to the Lord." (Hebrews 13:7)

There will be a basket in back of both services for cards. If you would like to mail a greeting card to Pastor Gene the address is:

4823 30th ST. Ct. E, Bradenton FL 34203.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME/TITLE	TELEPHONE
Dr. Gene Maddox, Pastor	386-546-2733
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Tommy Durante, Music Director	941-321-4413
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Florida Needs Our Help

The GMC is working with Faith Responders to coordinate our response to the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

We have received reports of horrible destruction, particularly in Live Oak, Steinhatchee, Crystal River, Taylor County, Pinellas County, Englewood, and Port Charlotte.

1. The Cabinet is asking all Florida GMC churches to consider taking a special offering this Sunday, October 6, for disaster recovery. Please send your gifts to Faith Responders. You can also give electronically. If you have a larger check and want to ensure Faith Responders doesn't lose any of your donation to credit card fees, please send your gift to: **Faith Responders, 3425 Bannerman Road, Suite 105-274, Tallahassee, FL 32312.** Checks should be made payable to Faith Responders. 100% of your donations go to people in need. Faith Responders fundraise for their administrative costs separately. Any money sent to the Florida Conference will also go to Faith Responders.
2. Faith Responders also needs gift cards that can be given to victims of Helene. Gift cards from Publix, Walmart, Dollar General, etc. are especially helpful. They can be mailed to the address above.
3. Faith Responders is already receiving volunteers, and anyone can help - trained and untrained. They need help with food prep, spiritual and emotional care, ambassadors, yard cleanup, tarping of roofs, mucking out of homes, and much more.
4. Faith Responders has two initial bases of operations at First Methodist Church of Live Oak and Crystal River Community Church - both part of the Florida GMC.
5. Faith Responders can be reached by calling 850-363-6799.

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
 (Galatians 6:2)*

The GMC New Mission and Vision Statements

The newly adopted mission statement declares:

"The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe."

The newly adopted vision statement declares:

"Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly."

New Member Classes

Sunday Nov. 10th & 17th - 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Come & See!

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/09	Family Life Dinners Resume (Ham) – 5:00 P
10/07	Patchwork Quilters in Fellowship Hall – 6:00 - 9:00 P
10/08	Scouts in Fellowship Hall – 7:00 P
10/14	Leadership Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall -6:30 P