



**YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM**  
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**Session's Decision via Zoom on July 28th** was to wait until August 23rd to open the church back up to Phase 1 but leave everything else as is via Zoom. They will meet again via Zoom on August 18th to reiterate or change this plan. You will be informed as to their decision.

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**TO SCHOOL OR NOT TO SCHOOL....THAT IS THE QUESTION**

*I can honestly say that I, Connie, am so glad I do not have to be making the decision right now as to whether or not to send someone to school. My heart goes out to parents, grandparents raising their grandchildren, teachers, administrators, bus drivers, everyone involved in this decision. Pastor John found a prayer for the 2020 school year and I have typed a copy for you.*

*"Lord, we know you hold the future and walk with us even now on this unpredictable path of the pandemic. We trust you to work through the most difficult of seasons and never abandon us to navigate life's challenges alone.*

*As we look to a new school year, we worry about the ongoing impact of COVID-19. It seems to be a time of no right answers, no clear good choices and no comprehensive way for parents, educators and administrators to meet the pressing needs of students, teachers, staff and families. We do not want stretched resources to be pushed to the limit as we attempt to reduce class sizes, expand the ways content is delivered and seek to enact needed safety precautions.*

*We look to you, Lord, to take, bless and multiply our efforts to educate and nurture your children. We look to you, Lord, who gives us the peace that passes understanding, hears the cries of the hurting and promises that small amounts of faith can precipitate large, life-giving change. We look to you, loving God, for wisdom, for courage, for inspiration and for creativity.*

*As we make difficult decisions in an unprecedented time, grant us an unshakable commitment to one another, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Send your Spirit to open our eyes to the new thing you are doing. Send your Spirit to open our ears to the voices we need most to hear. Send your Spirit to open our hearts to the profound love you have for us all so that everything we do in this time of fear, anxiety and uncertainty reveals your compassion, kindness and grace. Send your Spirit to comfort and direct us as we humbly look to you for guidance and strength."*  
*In the blessed name of Jesus, we pray.*

**WE, IN THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING CALLED TO PRAYER SUCH AS NEVER BEFORE**  
**(at least during the lifetime of most of us)**



## **The 1835 Endowment Fund:**

Year to date a total of \$2,850 has been donated undesignated for anyone specifically.

Year to date a total of \$520 has been donated designated In the Memory of various persons.

*Your Endowment Committee Members want to thank you for your generous donations and encourage you to continue giving to this great investment.*

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## **Year To Date Giving (June 30, 2020...6 months):**

Pledged	\$77,952.70
Unpledged	\$33,239.00
Loose Plate	\$ 596.01
Sunday School	\$ 164.75

Total YTD Giving is \$111,952.46 which is 42% of our budget of \$266,558.00

*Your Pastor and Elders thank you for continuing to give to the operations of your church. (Expenses are down somewhat since not having services or events.)*

**Offering**  
giving back to God



**We offer deep sympathy and prayers for the following:**

1. Christine Yoshikawa is still in Canada assisting her mother after her father's death.
2. There are no special plans in place for Stanley Littleton, but his remains will be placed in the columbarium at the church.
3. Many of you probably know of people who have been very ill with the virus that is at the forefront of our lives right now and some who have died from it. Please remember to pray for families who have lost loved ones and/or are suffering from this disease.
4. Please pray for families of those who have lost their lives due to the rampant violence in our nation.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Pastor John will guide you through communion on the Radio Broadcast at 11 am and on FB live, that is released at 8 am so you may watch it at whatever time you choose.

Please have your bread and fruit of the vine close by.



***Kenneth Kelley, 3460 Mcallister Lane, Graceville, FL 32440***

***Lee Shook***

***Jane Powell, 4945 Ford Road, Greenwood, FL 32443***

***Joy Lewis (surgery in August)***

***Ruth Hammett (Scott Yant's mother)***

Debbie Johnson (Cindy Yant's Aunt)

Cindy Yant

Fran McNeill and Ernie McNeill

Lou Wilkinson

Barry Stafford

Christine Yoshikawa

Charlotte Hunter

Bud Wierman

Dr. Megan Johnson (Wamsley's Niece)

Charlton Keen Jr.

Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)

Zooey Chancey (requested by Ginger Green)

Jeff Yon (requested by Scott Yant)

Wesley Wiggins (requested by Aggie Schack)

Billy Herrington (requested by Jared Roberts)

Joy Gilbert

Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)

Melanie McCroan

Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)

Michael Schouest and Family ((requested by Kathy Roberts)

Dennis Maxson

Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Clark)

Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan's brother)

Steven Quigley



## PRAY FOR OTHERS

*I, Connie, have taken several cruises to various islands in the Atlantic Ocean and I am sure many of you have done the same.*

*As I have been concerned about the economic impact COVID-19 has had on the United States, I have thought about all those little islands. It is quite obvious they depend heavily on the tourism, of which, there is none now because of ships not sailing. My heart goes out to the people and I pray for them the same as I do those of us in the United States.*

*I also have thought about the employees of the cruise ships. Everyone that I have ever come in contact with on a ship has been very polite and helpful and I wonder about their lives right now.*

*This mess is bigger than you and me and the United States. May we be faithful to turn to the Lord in prayer for others.*

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### **VOTE!!!!**

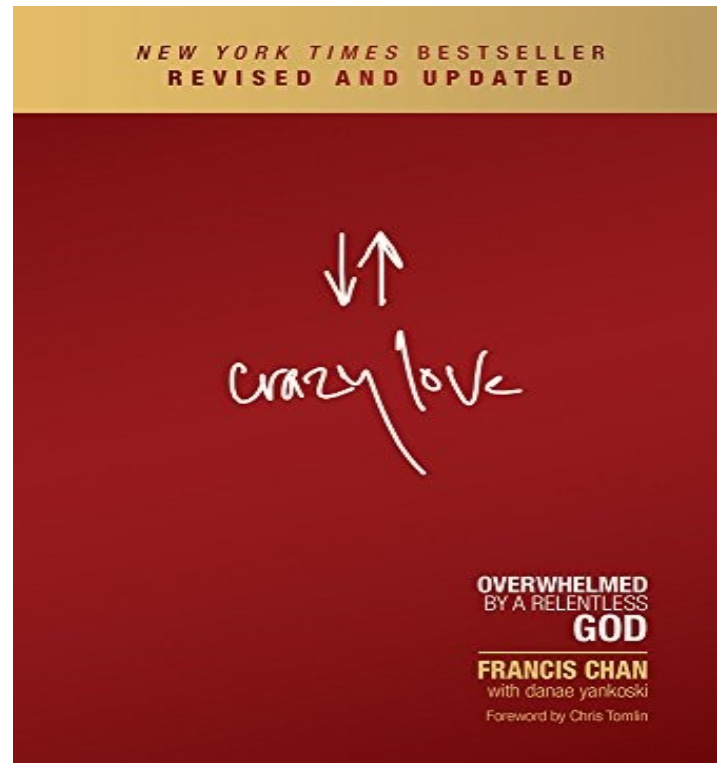
Every vote counts so do your part.

If you don't want to go out (or can't) you can request the Mail-in Ballot.

Early voting begins August 3rd and is at several locations.

Your sample ballot was mailed so please go over it carefully and CAST YOUR VOTE!!!!

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY



### **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 p.m.**

We have been very successful doing our Bible Study on Zoom and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

We will SKIP AUGUST 5TH and begin August 12th using the book, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan.

This book was written to encourage you to not just believe in God but to truly love him "with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN IN  
ON OUR BIBLE STUDY.

COME JOIN US!

# FOOD PANTRY

**Melissa, along with her son, Zachary Taylor, and Joe Busby, Jeff and Amy Norville, Chloe Temples, Donna Moore, Chance Harris, Muriel Turner and Linda Wamsley have been keeping our Food Pantry going during the COVID-19 “shutdown” with a drive by system so that people would feel “safe” to come and pick up the food they so desperately need. What a great way to continue ministering to the needs of others.**



***“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink....”***

**Matthew 25:35**



**August 1st**

Betty Brendemuehl

**August 3rd**

Susie Barber

**August 4th**

Bob Cowen

**August 6th**

Marcus Green

Clay Milton

**August 7th**

Cindy Eade

Harrison Fuqua

Amy Milton

**August 9th**

Donna Moore

**August 11th**

Cole Payne

Preston Skipper

**August 16th**

Allison Hutton

**August 17th**

Frankie Stewart

**August 26th**

Fred Carpenter

**August 27th**

Gayle DiBenedetto

Kitty Myers

**August 28th**

Kenneth Kelly

Virginia Milton

**Cindy Stafford** (Barry's mother) donated 100 glass punch cups to be used for our many hospitality events.

**Hanni Daffin** is doing an amazing job of keeping the Sanctuary tidy and current with the proper parament

**Xylpha Schwehm** is graciously filling in for Christine while she is assisting her mother after her father's death. Xylpha plays amazingly well.

**Ian Spence's** technological abilities have been a great blessing for recording FB live and the Radio Service.

**Peggy Sanford** was instrumental in obtaining 1000 masks for us via the "Sustainable Tallahassee Rags2Bags Team", part of the program from Florida Department of Health, FEMA and HHS.

**Lee Shook and Gayle DeBenedetto** led us in worship on July 26th which included a duet "Precious Savior, Take My Hand" (pre-recorded on Wednesday).

**Beth Westmoreland** was installed as Elder on July 19th after being elected by congregation on Zoom, July 12th.

A Note From Connie: Please do not forget to thank your **Pastor John** for his amazing job of keeping you up to date via phone calls, text messages and emails during this time. Also, his ability to continue Church Services, Prayer Meetings and Bible Study remotely. It is my personal opinion that you should be very impressed and very thankful.





## YOUR ELDERS

### Class of 2020

Beth Westmoreland  
Leslie Kelley  
John W. Milton  
Scott Yant

### Class of 2021

Janet Howell  
Travis Lawson  
Larry Spivey  
Barry Stafford

### Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson  
LuAnne Law  
Bryan Milton  
Matt Milton

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## YOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administration — 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm

Christian Education — 3rd Sunday at 9 am

Congregational Care — 4th Wednesday at  
Noon

Evangelism & Fellowship — 3rd Tuesday at  
6 pm

Property & Operations — as needed

Worship & Music — 4th Sunday at 12:15

Mission & Service — 2nd Sunday at 8:45 am

## YOUR COMMITTEES

### Administration

Chair: John W. Milton  
Members: Chuck Morgan, Beth Westmoreland,  
Larry Spivey

### Christian Education

Chair: LuAnne Law  
Members: Jim Gibbs, Mary Ann Gibbs, Ashley  
Rackley

### Congregational Care

Chair: Jan Howell  
Members: Alma Milton, Andrew Tinsley, Gina  
Tinsley, Muriel Turner

### Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson  
Members: Lauren Lyons, Geriann Milton,  
Peggy Peacock, Jennifer Stafford

### Property and Operations

Chair: Scott Yant  
Members: Mary Lu Andreu, Mel McClure Clark,  
John W. Milton, Matt Milton, Chuck  
Morgan, Xylpha Schwehm, Barry  
Stafford

### Worship and Music

Chair: Bryan Milton  
Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,  
Kenneth Kelley, Anna Beth Milton,  
Tom Stadskev, Linda Wamsley,  
Beth Westmoreland

### Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton  
Members: Sharon Bannerman, Tina Bigale,  
Mary Ann Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers  
Litteral, Marianne Lonsinger, Travis  
Lawson