



## *February Newsletter*

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#### From Our Pastor

God Has A Partner For You!

“God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy, and He freed us from sin. Therefore, as the scriptures say, ‘If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.’” 1st Corinthians 1:30.

The story is told of a gentleman who landed on the south side of a certain island. His destination, however, was on the North Shore. The problem was that the journey to that shore was filled with danger and uncertainty. Many confident people had tried to make the journey on their own, never to be heard from again.

So, a very active industry of those who acted as guides to the North had grown up. These guides all claimed to know the best path. The gentleman interviewed each of them.

Some had extravagant means of transportation, slick brochures describing what a successful journey it would be, some had very impressive letters after their names, indicating that they were highly educated.

As he continued to interview them, he realized they all had high expectations but none of them were real sure about making it to the destination.

The final guide he interviewed was dressed in very ordinary clothes. He said that they could simply travel by foot. He had no degrees.

He said to this guide: “I’m sorry, but you don’t have a degree, you don’t have an exciting mode of transportation and I’m not sure how I will trust you.”

“Well”, he replied. “It may help you to know that I am the son of the one who discovered and developed this island. I know all that you need to know to make the journey. I don’t have a degree, but my father himself has taught me from my youth on up. It will be a challenging but safe and successful trip.”

The gentleman declared, “You are the one I need to be my guide, my partner on this journey!”

Who are you following?

# SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

February the month for Lovers!!! Please note this is the month for all kinds of gifts, flowers, Chocolates, anything the Love of your life has been trained (by you) to expect for Valentine's Day!!! We wanted to Headline that so come February 14<sup>th</sup> no one could say "oops, I forgot"! You are being put on notice early in the Month so that will not happen!! Got that Guys?!!!

To go along with that The Ladies Ministry has set up a Valentines' Day Dinner at La Stanza in Englewood. I'm going and I will be disappointed if you're not!!!

February is our most crowded and subsequent busiest Month of the year! All of our "snow Angels" are back, the hospitality circuit is in full swing keeping everyone busy, busy, busy!! Bible Studies, Ladies and all Adults, Prayer Meetings, Dinners by invitation, Men's group busily lending a helping hand to those folks in the Community as needed.

Please consult the Bulletin each week for the happenings for the following week, we do not want anyone to be left off of anything they want to attend or be a part of!!

Have you visited the Church Web- site? It is very professionally done and gives the Community a great deal of information about our Church! We want to keep it active and alive but Patty needs information to add. Please let her know what you would like to see on there.

Congregation, Please hold all your Leaders including the Pastor up in Prayer!

Until next time we will be setting at Gate awaiting HIS Return!!

### **A Mission Moment**

Don't forget to pick up your Faith Promise card from the side table. Please pray about what God would have you do and then turn it back in either by offering plate or the benevolence box. The Missions Committee would ask that all cards be turned in on or before March 2.

### **Missions BBQ Dinner - March 2nd**

Please make sure you sign up on the Community Board. We want to make sure we have plenty food for everyone. There will be a silent auction for a variety of merchandise and gift cards. Maybe Larry won't get all of the restaurant cards this year!

*To help people develop a thriving relationship with  
Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...  
This is the Mission of GCC.*



Tuesdays – Bible Study with Pastor John 10:00 am.

A study on the Book of Acts.

Tuesdays – Weekly prayer meeting with George  
6:00 pm

Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Study "He Chose the Nails"  
7:00 pm

Wednesdays– Good News Club

Wednesdays – Bible Study 7:00 I Thessalonians with  
Basil.

February 9th - John Tuff and Friends will be at the  
Cracker Fair 2-4 pm.

February 10th - Communion

February 16th - Women's Movie Afternoon

February 17th - Pot Luck

February 23rd - Men's Breakfast and Disciple Class