



## August Newsletter

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### From Our Pastor

Jesus is the Answer. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life..."

A friend of mine was going around a few years ago telling people he would walk by, that Jesus is the answer. One person stopped him and said, "yeah dude. But what's the questions?"

The truth of course is that Jesus is the answer to all sorts of questions and problems. The challenge is that we do need to know what the question is, and it is not at all the same question for all people. He is the answer to problems of guilt, loneliness, hatred, emptiness, addictions, anxiety, fear and even boredom.

As the song says, "People need the Lord." but they need to know that He is the answer they need for their problem. That means we have to connect and listen to people so we know something of their need. We have to study the life and teachings of Jesus to see how He did help people with very real problems. Then we look for an opportunity to share with them what He has done for us and what we believe He can do for them. And there is nothing like being a part of helping someone discover the powerful, loving answers that Jesus offers.

Oral Roberts used to promise people that Jesus will meet them at their point of need. May we be a church that not only cares about the needs of people, but also cares enough to lovingly guide them to the One who can meet that need. Let's be a place where needs are met, hurts are healed and people come alive in a wonderful relationship with Jesus.

Pastor John

### **Wonderful Prayer Update**

Ron and Cheryl Stanek have received word that Cheryl is fine. They asked that we share how grateful they are for all of your prayers and concern. It was wonderful knowing that going into this they had a foundation of prayer supporting them.



Our Great Grandson Luca arrived as I was putting the newsletter together. 8lbs. 8 ounces. We are so blessed!

**SETTING AT THE GATE  
(THE ELDERS REPORT)  
AUGUST 2019**

Hello!! How are things going with each of you for the summertime? Do you have most of the vacations behind you as well as the vacationers who came to visit? A lot of time in South West Florida in the summer is spent inside. That is a good thing for various reasons. We avoid the heat and the summer rains to name a couple of quick ones!

We as Elders use the summertime meetings to do some planning. So this is a good time for you to convey your thoughts and ideas to us about upcoming activities that you would like us to consider in the upcoming months. Speaking of planning, we are always looking for new classes and are looking toward starting classes in the fall. Do you have an idea for a particular area of study you would like to see offered either in the fall or even later in the year?

Prayer is powerful and though we may not think we see an immediate answer, God is likely already working in ways we don't recognize or understand. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm to pray for those requests that we know about. If you have a need, you may send an email to George at [ghnorton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ghnorton@sbcglobal.net) or write it on the blue card inside the bulletin on Sunday morning. We can be touched by the power of prayer if we are willing to ask and believe God.

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



**Mark Your Calendars**

**August 10th and 17th 9:00 - 11:45 am Good News Club Training if you are interested in helping out this year.**

**August 11th - Communion**

**August 18th - Pot Luck**

*Please continue to lift one another up in prayer*

**MEN'S  
DISCIPLESHIP**

Just a reminder that the Men's Discipleship group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month at 9:00 am.

The Men also meet for breakfast every Tuesday morning at Stefano's and every Saturday morning at Denny's (except the 4th Saturday which is at the church) at 8:00 am.