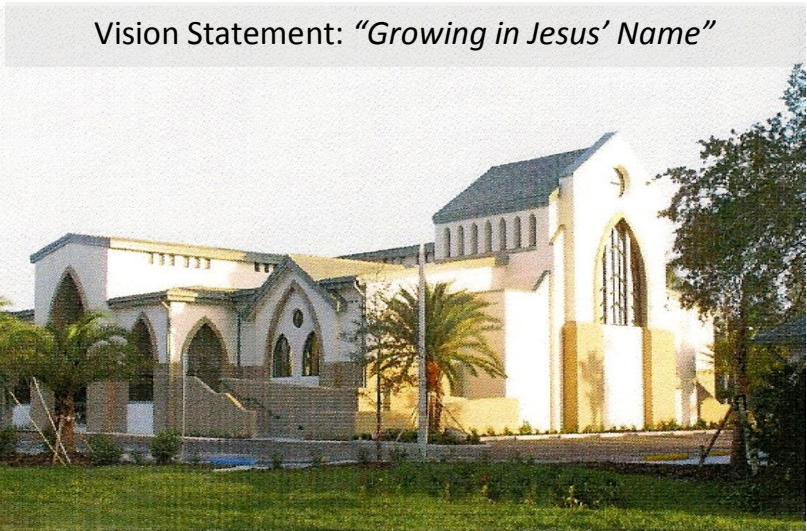


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The Pastor’s Page

The Living Word

By: Dr. Norman M. Pritchard, Pastor

All going well, by the time this issue of *Grapevine* goes to press, the 36 members and friends of Christ Church will have returned from the trip to Israel, with additional stops for many in the group in Petra, Jordan, and Egypt. The trip was long in planning and had been postponed twice, so it was with some relief that we finally set off on October24!

During one of our daily devotions on the trip, I quoted the old song,

I walked today where Jesus walked  
In days of long ago;  
I walked down each path he knew  
with reverent step and slow.

Which, to state the obvious, is the reason we went. The Galilee, the Jordan River, Cana, Tiberias, Nazareth, Jerusalem and the holy sites of Gethsemane, the Upper Room and the purported site of Jesus’ tomb all brought the gospel story to life and reminded us of the historical basis of our faith: God stepped into human history, no longer simply seeking to direct affairs through faithful servants, but now directly involved in the person of his Son Jesus.

When my former teacher William Barclay died, one colleague paid a grudging tribute to him and included the snide comment that Barclay was the person who told us what Jesus had for breakfast! Behind the intended criticism (which Barclay faced throughout his career: no one can be taken seriously as a biblical theologian if he’s so popular!) was in fact an acknowledgment of Barclay’s special gift: he knew the ancient world so extensively that he made the scriptures come alive! He made us see that Jesus was a real person living in the real world and ministering to real people with real needs!

That is who Jesus was, and what Jesus was about. It is also what Jesus calls his people to be about: the love of God entering the human scene to save and redeem us from sin and to share the love in which God holds us with others in the world.

This is something we strive to express in our life together at Christ Church. Through worship, study and fellowship we seek to build one another up in faith. Through outreach

and mission we seek to share God’s love in practical terms and make a difference in people’s lives.

- Recent weeks have seen members and friends respond generously to hurricane relief and projects for Christmas sharing. And there’s more to come!
- Our financial support of the church enables us to help caring agencies in their missions in various places—and the weekly bulletin lists them for us.
- A number of opportunities are offered for hands-on service at different times, and we’re never short of volunteers.

And so on ...

One recent development has been the Mission Committee’s decision to enter into a partnership with Selah ministries which offers a wide range of assistance to victims of sex trafficking in our area. It is a sad fact—and an even sadder reflection on the state of our culture—that our area has one of the highest incidences of sex trafficking in the nation!

We are busy working out the precise shape our involvement will take, and the Peace River Presbytery is gratefully adding support for our venture, so this is something we’ll be hearing more about in coming months. But it’s another sign of our intention to be serious about following Jesus and using his church as an instrument of caring and serving that constitutes a strong witness to the world. There is much that is wrong with the world, and there are many Christians actively trying to change that, if need be, one life at a time.





Growing in Jesus’ name through Bible studies,  
Sunday School, small groups, and special events.



As seeds grow when planted and watered, Christ’s followers grow in spiritual maturity when they are planted and watered in good soil. In the Bible, Jesus describes a scene of a farmer planting seeds. Some fall on rocky ground, thorns, or good soil. (Matthew 13:3-8), but only the seeds that fell on good soil grow to be healthy plants. Jesus explains the meaning this way: the one who hears the Word of God and understands it is the one who grows in their faith (v.23). The Christian life is a relationship with God that develops over time. To grow spiritually, is to look more like the person God designed you to be - more like Jesus. Please join us in any of these groups to grow spiritually. You will be welcomed!

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets **Wednesdays** at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Office Building Meeting Room.**

The next study, **“Sermon on the Mount” by Jen Wilkin**, begins October 26—December 14 (no class on November 23). Most of us have only encountered the Sermon on the Mount in its subdivisions ~ a study on blessedness, a reflection on the Lord’s Prayer, a meditation on lilies of the field. In this 9-week video study, we will cover Jesus’ sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship as one cohesive, well-ordered message on repentance, salvation and sanctification. To register, contact Vivian Chester. **All participants are required to register in advance.**

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Mondays at 9:00 am via Zoom and in person at the church. The current study is on “James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life” by John MacArthur. To sign up, contact Tom Crawford.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY** - Bags are available for parents/grandparents to pick up each Sunday to use at home to talk about God and how Jesus loves them. Included are stickers, coloring books, a cross, and a short story based on the scripture read that Sunday.

**Intro to Bible and Personal Study:** A “layman’s” overview of the Bible. What are the basics, how to use it, read it and gain understanding. Contact Barbara Grimes to schedule a session.

**Christian Matters Book Club** will meet on Fridays at 10:00 am on January 6, February 3, and March 3, 2023, in the Office Building Meeting Room. Save the dates...more details to follow.



*“Be anxious for nothing but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Phil 4:6*

**May we pray for you?**

The Christ Church prayer chain is committed to lifting you up in times of difficulty and giving thanks and praise in times of gladness. You can be assured our team keeps your requests in the strictest of confidence.

If you have a need or praise for which you would like prayer, contact either of our prayer chain coordinators:  
Karen Jennings  
Shirley Venkataraman

Hurricane Ian and CCLBK

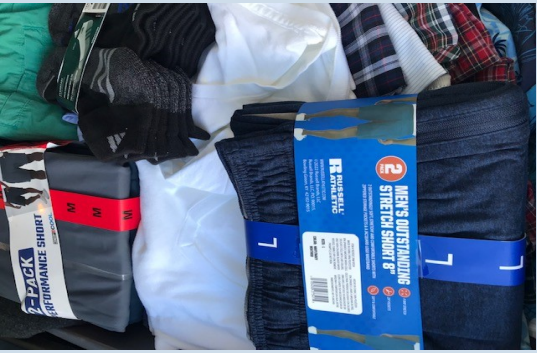
The response to our men’s clothing drive for hurricane victims was overwhelming! Thanks to your generosity, we delivered a carload of clothes to a Red Cross shelter in Venice and to Wintergarden Presbyterian Church in Port Charlotte. When delivering clothes to Wintergarden, I met Rick, a church elder, who lost everything in the storm. He and four other church families, who lost everything, will receive our clothing. Their church has an estimated \$100,000+ in roof and other repairs.

After delivering clothing to the South, we delivered another carload of clothes to Turning Points in Bradenton.

The residents of Longboat Key were fortunate.

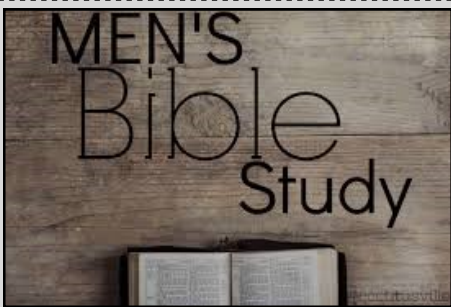
On behalf of all those you assisted, THANK YOU!!

*Ann Quackenbush & Sue Wertman*



Men’s Club Gatherings are back! Join us on Monday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m. when our topic will be “Healthcare.” Our speaker is Jon Grimes. For more information, contact Steve Bergman .

The next Men’s Club meeting is Monday, December 5.



Men’s Bible Study meets on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (with the exception of when Men’s Club meets on November 14 and December 5). Our current study is “James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life” by John MacArthur. In addition to meeting at the church, we also include a Zoom option. For more information, contact Tom Crawford.

The Next Women’s Bible Study will begin on October 26 through December 14. The 9-week video study is “Sermon on the Mount” by Jen Wilkin and will cover Jesus’ sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship as one cohesive, well-ordered message on repentance, salvation and sanctification. To register, contact Vivian Chester.







We had a beautiful day to come out and support the American Cancer Society Walk for breast cancer.

I wanted to say thank you to everyone that helped me adjust as your Administrative Assistant over the past year. Although my time here at CCLBK was short, I look forward to joining you on future events. Even though God put me here for this short duration, I know it was His plan and as I begin a new chapter, I will continue to trust Him. I am thankful for all of you and will miss you.

Susan Scott

With communities left scrambling after Hurricane Ian, members of Christ Church leaped into action on October 5, by holding an emergency food drive. Volunteers collected more than four vehicles of supplies and checks for **Our Daily Bread**. You are all a reminder of how generous our community is and how we all come together in a time of need.

**Save the date: We will be hosting a food and toy drive on November 30 for Our Daily Bread.**



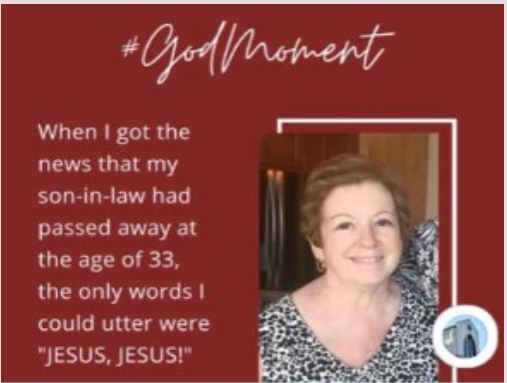
## Sarasota trolley of lights

### Trolley Tour of Lights

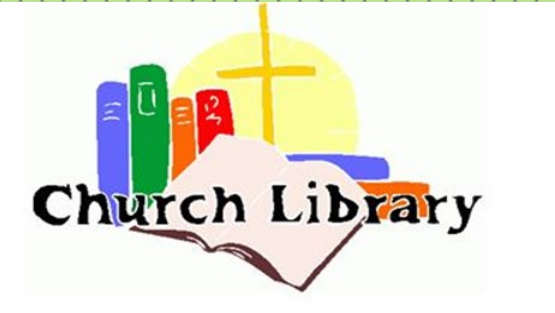
Friday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m., we board the SRQ trolley and view Sarasota's best and brightest holiday neighborhoods.

Currently, all spots are filled, but we have started a waiting list, as some people's plans may change.

Learn more at the Activities' Table.



"When the completely unexpected happened, our family felt, saw and witnessed God in a way words can't describe. The Lord's goodness and peace surrounded every moment, every decision and every encounter. My daughter, even in the face of becoming a young widow, has continually talked about the goodness and kindness of the Lord during the days and weeks that followed her loss. She was overwhelmed by the number of ways God showed up for her and took care of even the smallest details." ~ Shirley



As we enter this season of thankfulness, you may wish to explore our texts on prayer and devotions. Find new ways to express your gratitude for the many blessings we have experienced and expand upon your personal quest for closeness with God. Look under **240 Devotionals** in the Faith and Spiritual Growth Collection.

We had a late start with our highlighted selections for October so we will be carrying them over into November. **Vince Flynn's** political thrillers with their hero, Mitch Rapp, will still be available as will our books on **Home Organization and Design**. We'll be adding several new, colorful resources to the Home collection, including a few on Feng Shui. Even a Feng Shui skeptic can find some useful principles in these guides.

Don't forget to check out our "New to Us" sections for the latest fiction and nonfiction additions to our collections. **Fall jigsaw puzzles, Thanksgiving books for children**, audiobooks and DVDs are also available.

Library hours are 9:00 to noon Sundays, 8:00 to 1:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Welcome Back Party!!

**When:** November 16, 5:00-6:30 pm  
**Where:** Cedar's East Pool Area  
**Cost:** \$15.00 per person  
 Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Patty Buck.





## COAT DRIVE

Last year, 1200 coats,  
hats, & gloves were  
collected



**ONE WARM COAT**

Christ Church of Longboat Key is holding a One Warm Coat Drive for  
Turning Points between now and Sunday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Now - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please bring your donations (Adults and Kids sizes) to  
Fellowship Hall on SUNDAYS before or after church services.

**Any questions contact: Sally Rauch**

**Thank you!**



On **Saturday, December 10**, we gather on City Island (just south of the Mote Marine Mammal Building) to enjoy this spectacular Christmas parade of boats covered in holiday lights as they pass before us on the Intercoastal Waterway.

**Time: 4:45 - Parade begins at 6:00**

Please bring your beverage of choice, an appetizer to share, and a lawn chair.

All are welcome to attend this special event! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Patty Buck or Sue Wertman.



Next meeting is November 16 at 1:00 in the Conference Room. The book to be discussed is "The Sun is a Compass" by Caroline Van Hemert. We will be selecting books for the months of December, January, February and March. Bring your ideas!

Give a warm welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Nancy Prezbindowski, who began on October 31.

Nancy was raised in Bradenton and grew up in the Church of Christ. She is a wife and mother (son Isaak is 11). Nancy's hobbies are fixing cars and fishing.

Please stop by the office and meet Nancy!

**DINE  
AROUND**

Dine Arouds are back!

Join us on Friday, December 2, for Dine Around in a host home!! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to be part of this fun experience and meet new

church friends. If you have any questions, contact Ann Quackenbush.

*Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times*



**Canasta is back!**

November dates are the 8th and 22nd, from 1:30-4:30 at Tidy Island Clubhouse.

We encourage anyone interested to please come and join our group. All are welcome, both new and seasoned players. Any questions? Contact Bonnie Wright.



**2022 Christ Church December Events**  
(Check bulletin for recent updates)

December 2	Dine Around
December 5	Men's Club
December 6	Canasta
December 8	Reading Buddies
December 10	Sarasota Boat Parade
December 11	Christmas Lessons & Carols
December 11	Connect Class
December 12	Hope Seeds
December 14	Reading Buddies
	Christmas
December 16	Holiday Trolley of Lights
December 20	Canasta
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas Sunday

**Bell Ringers Needed**  
**November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Publix on Longboat Key**

When you volunteer your time to ring the bell, you are helping to improve and even save lives. The money dropped in a red kettle goes right back into your local community and will help fund programs at the local corps community center for the upcoming year. We need volunteers; **shifts are only 1.25 hours**. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Sue Wertman. **Every \$20 bill donated will be matched again this year!**



HOPE SEEDS - November 21 ~ Please join us from 1:00-3:30 to pack seeds in Fellowship Hall. JOIN us in partnering with Hope Seeds to reduce hunger and bring hope in Jesus Christ to those in need worldwide. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Ann Quackenbush .



All worship services, programs and ministries of the church are open to everyone who wishes to participate, regardless of membership status. As people get more deeply engaged in the life of the church, however, they often decide to take the formal step of becoming a member of the church.

Our congregation is always overjoyed to welcome new members into our church family! Please stop by the Welcome Desk to learn more.



We are delighted to welcome John and Missie Kaull, who are joining as full members, by letter of transfer, from First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg, WV.

Before retiring, John was an attorney and U.S. Magistrate Judge, and Missie was in the pharmaceutical industry. As they were researching properties on Longboat Key, they noticed CCLBK and were drawn to the familiar Presbyterian denomination. They were very impressed with the church and subsequently decided to purchase a lot in the area. They are now full-time residents of Longboat Key.

The Kaulls were introduced by good friends after John was widowed. They have been married since 2004. John's daughter lives and works in WV. They have many nieces and nephews and enjoy spending time with Missie's mother as well.

John enjoys hunting, woodworking and photography, while Missie's hobbies include sewing and cooking. They served as elders and deacons in their previous church and look forward to getting involved in Reading Buddies as well as Hope Seeds and ushering. They enjoyed participating in the Scottish Heritage Festival at their church in WV, so they should feel right at home during our Kirkin' of the Tartans tradition!



*Share the joy*

We are again giving Christmas gifts for the children and families at the migrant farmworker camp at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, the homeless families at Harvest House, the abused women's facility at the Russ Campus of Harvest House, and a new mission. The new mission is Selah Freedom, an amazing facility serving young girls (mostly ages 14-17) caught in the web of sex trafficking. There are about 25 girls living in Selah houses receiving counseling, help and love. We would like to add these young girls, mostly runaways from abusive homes, to our Christmas giving list. See Jerry Fox after church.

Help bring needed love and caring to those in desperate need this Christmas with a \$50 Christmas gift.



Connection Class is **Sunday, December 11**, for people interested in learning more about membership (full or affiliate) at Christ Church and for those who recently joined. Pastor Norman will lead the discussion in the Choir Room after the Sunday service.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Joyce Wartinbee.



# *Hello* **NOVEMBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CHOIR? INTERFAITH service</b>		1	2 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (WBS)	3	4	5
6 10:00 am WORSHIP	7 9:00 am Men's Bible Study (MBS) FH	8 1:30 pm CANASTA Tidy Island	9 10:00 am WBS	10	11	12
13 10:00 am WORSHIP	14 8:00 am MEN'S CLUB FH	15 9:00 am SESSION CR	16 10:00 am WBS 1:00 pm BOOK CLUB-CR 5:00 pm WELCOME BACK PARTY Cedar's East	17	18	19
20 10:00 am WORSHIP	21 9:00 am MBS - FH  1:00 HOPE SEEDS FH	22 1:30 pm CANASTA Tidy Island	23	24 	25 Bell Ringing begins at Publix LBK	26
27 10:00 am WORSHIP	28 9:00 am MBS - FH	29	30 10:00 am WBS OUR DAILY BREAD Food & toy drive	CR-Conference Room FH-Fellowship Hall MR-Meeting Room		

