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OUR 96th YEAR

"The friendly little church on the circle in Everglades City, FL"



Millie and Pastor Bob+

AS I SEE IT . . *May* is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word *Maius*, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or Maius) after the Greek goddess of growth. As we look to the month of May at ECC I believe we are beginning to see signs of growth in our church. There is a spirit that feels good and an excitement about everyone serving in some capacity. That's good! Hurricane Irma in September 2017 was a setback. And Covid-19 for the past 2 ½ years has not helped. But we are strong! We have the desire! And we're going to be just fine in the coming years. 2022 and 2023 will let us show that we will continue the important work the Lord has for us in our community and around the world. Yes, *our merry month of May* is going to be a month to grow as a church and to grow as individual believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the Glory! *Pastor Bob+*

Pastor Bob's Birthday



SUNDAY April 3rd

WEBSITE

We have now passed 95,500 visits to our website. The most visited place is the Pastor's Video Sermon and the Pastor's Written Sermon out of the 500 to 1000 views each week. If you are not present in church Sunday, you can always hear, or read, the Pastor's sermon. And please, be sure to forward it to someone you know.

WEBSITE NEWS



Doug Rossman is now working with Pastor Bob on *Communications* serving as IT (Information Technology) Specialist designing and managing our website. Doug is on the technical support team for Content Solutions at SPi Global, Nicaragua, SA. He studied Computer Engineering at University of the Valley and went to Word Christian School. He studied systems Engineering at BICU and lives in Everglades City, FL. He is from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. Doug is now our IT (Information Technology Specialist) and has redesigned and moved our ECC website to another server. Doug is married to Bianca.

EASTER BASKETS TO OUR COMMUNITY



Hazel Mitchell, Wanda Collins, Helen Bryan and Sherri Geiger, not pictured.

On April 16th our church, joined together with Reach Out to deliver 35 Easter baskets to our community's shut ins, seniors, widows and widowers and some of our people who are residents of three nursing facilities.



Helen Bryan delivering to one of our shut ins.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND









Good neighbors and ECC members Cecil Barker and Tim Brock, together with Aaron Hatton, all Lions Club members, took up and re-set the uneven walkway leading up to Arita Parker's home in Copeland last month. They made a dangerous sidewalk into a very attractive and safe walkway for Arita and guests coming and going to her home. A job well done, guys. Three thumbs up!



Tim Brock
Cecil Barker
Aaron Hatton

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

1 – Anne Mitchell
2 – Joan Remley
7 – Sue Kashuba
7 – Joe Kashuba
7 – John Kuna
15 – Sherri Parsons
16 – Roselyn Hensley
17 – Stan Kanning
19 – Tim Hartman
20 – Dave Parsons
21 – Bob Hershberger
29 – Lois Galbraith





We serve 120 families every Wednesday in our Food Pantry Distribution. We are blessed!

2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Committee Chairpersons

- Altar Flowers – Stevie Burke
- Board of Governors – Stan Kanning
- Communications and IT Support – Pastor Bob and Doug Rossman
- Deacons – Connie Barker
- Elders – Stan Kanning
- Finance – Stan Kanning
- Memorial/Correspondence – Stevie Burke
- Memorial Garden/Grounds – Stevie Burke
- Missions/Christian Education – Virginia Kanning
- Nominating Committee – Kathy Wallace
- Secretary – Millie Wallace
- Treasurer – Virginia Kanning
- Trustees – Cecil Barker
- Women's AUX/Fellowship –

THANK YOU FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Remember, when you are away, you can still support this church by MAIL, by using Tithe.ly and by using AMAZON SMILE. It all helps!

Veterans Assistance
Every Wednesday the Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service will have a tent at Everglades Community Church on the circle. No appointment is needed. Gloria Salmeron and David Soldano are there to assist and answer any questions. The Naples Vet Center is located at 2705 Horseshoe Drive South, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104.

FDVA
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

https://floridavets.org/
Veteran Suicide Prevention
Veterans in need call the Florida Veterans Support Line at 1-844-693-5838 or the
Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

DID YOU KNOW?
You can dispose of out-of-date prescriptions in the Lobby of City Hall? Controlled substances are also accepted. This is a wonderful way to keep our waters clean and our environment safe. You can, also, take your worn or damaged flags to be properly retired in a dignified way. Please fold them and place them in the container provided. ↓



One of our Mission Programs – Oasis After School Program in Baja, Mexico

Every year we focus one month on this marvelous program brought to our attention by Wanda and Mike Collins. April 22, we sent a check for $5,000. Our funds, together with others, make this program possible for these children. For example, Berrymex is part of the Grocery and Related Product Merchant Wholesalers Industry there and partnered with the Baja Oasis After School Program to purchase and distribute hundreds of school supply sets to Oasis students and other kids in the community. School supplies are actually quite expensive there and sadly, some kids will even drop out of school if they can't afford the required supplies and uniforms. Being able to provide this resource to them is an enormous burden lifted for these families! And last month they went for a hike with a small group of kids from the Oasis program in Las Aves. Field trips are an incredibly important and well-loved aspect of our after-school program. Kids have the opportunity to get out of their normal environment to explore the local landscape, historic sites, businesses, and more! These trips are always the highlight of their month and create positive memories that will last a lifetime. If you feel so led, you may contribute to this wonderful mission at any time.

School supplies distribution





Field trip



THRIFT STORE

The Everglades City Thrift Store is known for amazing deals...and you will find that and more in the freshly updated space.

ReachOut Everglades & C.O.P.S. Inc., are the operators of the store and new manager Connie Barker and her team have spent a full week working night and day reorganizing and updating the store's interior...and it shows!

In addition to great buys on clothing, you can find assorted bedding, bric a brac, books, shoes, children's games, pictures, kitchen items, and much more.





The shop is continually updating their inventory, so stop in often to find your treasure or just to say, "hi".

The store is open Tuesday & Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
205 Buckner Avenue,
Everglades City, FL 34139.

Pictures and article by Kathy Brock, *The Mullet Rapper*

The new sign at the Thrift Store is seen to the left. The store has a new coat of paint and is really in a new phase of life. Connie Barker is the new Manager and has formed a new team to help her. Members of ECC as well as Connie, are Mimi Brackett (pictured to the left), Wanda Collins, Linda Williams, Joyce Hatton and Diane Hersberger. Others helping are: Myra Bales, Maxine Combs and Norma Hough.



CONGRATULATIONS Douglas Rossman and Bianca Hebbert were married April 23, 2022. We wish them well and support them in their married life together.

ABUSED WOMEN AND CHIDREN GOAL $1200

Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking Impact the Whole Community.

Violence in the home doesn't stop at the front door. It affects our workplaces, our schools, our social events, our places of worship. It impacts our whole community. Last year there were 1,634 calls to 911 for domestic violence offenses in Collier County… thousands more incidents went unreported. Our church has been participating in the support of this program in our community for years. We help financially in supplying school supplies to the children in this program. The Shelter does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, national origin, mental or physical disability/disability status, sex/gender, pregnancy, military status/status as a veteran, genetic information, citizenship, immigration status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, limited English proficiency, language spoken, or other legally protected status. The Shelter facilities and venues are accessible, and will provide accommodations, including foreign language interpreters, American Sign Language interpreters, assistive listening devices, alternative formats of printed materials, and real-time captioning, upon request for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or are living with disabilities, or for persons who are limited English proficient. Please send your contribution to ECC and mark it ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

OUR CHURCH PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR REGULAR SUPPORT. GOD IS WORKING WONDERS IN ECC.

Our church will soon have installed the equipment necessary for WI-FI and internet communication. This will enhance our outreach possibilities.