

# PASTOR'S e-NEWSLETTER

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Our 97<sup>th</sup> Year  
"The friendly little church on the Circle in Everglades City"**



1926-2023



Millie, Pastor Bob & Virginia Kanning

Christmas Day before the 11:00 A.M. Worship service, Virginia Kanning presented, on behalf of the church, a wonderful package of gifts containing five gift cards to various restaurants in the Naples Area. Thank you.

+ Pastor Bob & Millie

*AS I SEE IT . . . .* It was *really cold* in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM on Christmas Day. Everyone came bundled up. Some were carrying blankets. I had my Navy fleece-lined hooded jacket on under my robe which make me look like the "Hunchback of Notre Dame". The temperature in there was 40 degrees! But we had a wonderful worship experience singing Christmas hymns and carols and listening to Scripture tell again the story of old about the Birth of Christ. Afterward, we joined together as one big family to share a bountiful Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing, ham and all the trimmings followed by traditional Christmas treats. . . . Looking forward to the New Year, Seafood Festival will be February 10-12. We will not be having our traditional Pancake Breakfast on Saturday. But we will be selling our famous giant chocolate chip cookies on the midway in our booth in front of our church. Parking for the handicapped will be available on our campus throughout the Seafood Festival. Our Morning Worship Service will be re-scheduled to 9:00 AM Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> to allow for parking to begin at 11:00 AM. There will be no Sunday School or lunch that Sunday. I hope you will be present for church and at all these wonderful events. Happy New Year!

*The Reverend Dr. Bob N. Wallace*  
Pastor



Christmas Day was *cold!* Temperature was 41 degrees! Our church has no heat, as do many old structures in Florida. But we came dressed for it, even with blankets! A lot of families shared a wonderful Christmas Dinner together after church. The weather was *frightful*, but the dinner was *delightful!*

If you thought you were cold, look at the two men installing the Comcast tower right in front of our Church on the Circle.

Every Christmas the Knights of Columbus of St. Finbarr Catholic Chapel in Naples collects blankets, towels, and sheets for us to distribute to those in need in our community. We do this at our Wednesday Food Distribution. It was appreciated in our cold weather!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>

### 9:45-10:30 A.M Jinkins Fellowsip Hall



Ezekiel was one of the two priests taken captive to Babylonia. All his prophecies appear to have been delivered at some place north of Babylon along a river to comfort those in captivity with him. God directed Ezekiel to warn of the dreadful calamities coming upon Judea, particularly upon the false prophets, and the neighboring nations. He was to announce the future restoration of Israel and Judah. His pronouncements were made in an unusual fashion. This 12-week class will be taught by the Pastor who chose it because of its relevance to our times. God, through Ezekiel, was warning the Jews of impending destruction unless they repented and turned from their idolatrous and sinful practices. The people were told, in no uncertain terms, that if they did not hearken to God's warnings, they would be held accountable and suffer the consequences of their own actions. So, it appears we, as a nation, are living in similar times. Come and learn what Ezekiel said could be the warnings for our time.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH

On the Second Sunday of December the Annual Meeting of the church was held following the 11:00 o'clock Worship Service. At the Meeting, the Church Budget for 2023 was handed out, together with the budget and reports of committees and Nominating Committee for the coming year. If you did not receive a copy, please see Virginia Kanning to receive a copy.



Gifts for the kids, by an Anonymous Donor, were given out by our church.



Our "Basket was full of Goodies" thanks to Harry Chapin Food Bank. We were able to distribute an abundance of food to our community Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. God is Good!

**Daryl S. Kanning** 56, of Coral Springs, FL died unexpectedly on December 27, 2022, at his residence. A lifelong resident of Florida, Daryl was born on September 8, 1966, in Jacksonville, FL a son of Stanley W. and Virginia (Strom) Kanning. When Daryl was 7 years old the family moved from Jacksonville to Coral Springs, FL. He attended Coral Springs High School and graduated from the new Taravella High School. He continued his education at Broward Community College and Florida Atlantic College where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He also earned a double Master's degree from the University of Miami in Computer Science and Economics. While attending college, Daryl work for 2 years with United Parcel Service and after graduation he joined Pitney Bowes where he had spent the last 25 years. At the time of his death, he was the Sales Director for the State of Florida. He is survived by his loving parents, Stanley W. and Virginia S. Kanning of Everglades City, FL, brother, Michael W. Kanning and his wife, Ellie of Woodland, AL and his twin brother, Darren A. Kanning and his wife, Jeannie also of Woodland, AL, his nephew, Bradley Kanning and his niece, Ashley Kanning. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at the Everglades Community Church 101 S. Copeland, Ave., Everglades City, FL 34139 at a date to be determined. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, Memorial donations in memory of Daryl be made to the Everglades Community Church. To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).



#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Nancy Smith
- 5 – Gail Pollister
- 7 – Mike Collins
- 8 – Ed Pollister
- 11 – Elizabeth Murray
- 11 – Sharie Lee
- 17 – Ken Turner
- 19 – Sadie Stroud
- 23 – Sally Ross
- 23 – Donna Kostens
- 29 – Lori Simms