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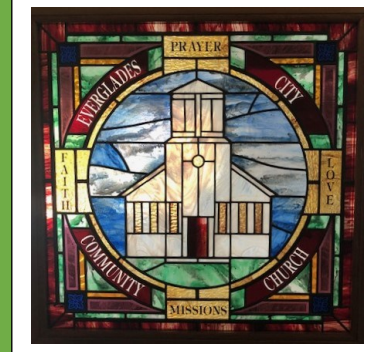
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Our 97th Year

"The friendly little church on the Circle in Everglades City"



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Pastor Bob & Millie

HAPPY EASTER



AS I SEE IT . . . Resurrection Greetings! Millie and I wish you and yours, a very Happy and Wonderful Easter as we celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Without a doubt, the impact this one Man named Jesus has had on this world has been without equal or parallel. While there have been other leaders who have lived and influenced humanity, whether it be in a positive or negative way, none of them have died, then risen from the grave. The Resurrection makes ALL the difference. It is what separates Christianity from all other religions of the world. It is what brings light, life and hope to humanity that would otherwise be without hope. Peter Marshall, a Scottish-American preacher, Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., four blocks from the White House, was appointed in 1947 as Chaplain of the United States Senate, said *"The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in."* It is our prayer that if you are already a believer, you will go further into the spiritual life of being a follower of Jesus. If you are not, that you will enter the door faith Jesus has made possible for you to enter. There is no other way to God's peace and forgiveness than through personal faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the reason for this Season! It is the time to put all everything aside that hinders you from accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Let Easter 2023 be the time!

Faithfully, *The Reverend Dr. Bob N. Wallace and Millie*

Our FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM is blessed in so many ways. San Marco and St. Finbar's Catholic Churches have generously contributed to our program. We were one of several programs for which multiple items were placed in various designated areas on the campus at San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Island and asked to receive it. We had two pickup trucks and several of our people go and receive it Monday, March 27. It was returned to our church and unloaded to be sorted and bagged and ready for distribution Wednesday March 29. You can see from the pictures below the effort that went into this project and the results. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the the successful program it is in our church for our community. We are truly blessed by having 20 volunteers prepare our weekly food distribution and then having these additional items added. This program is fortunate to be led by our own Food Distribution Program Coordinator Connie Barker.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE to view and read Pastor's sermons weekly. Go to - evergladescommunity.church

OASIS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM / THE BAJA MISSION



Everglades Community Church is proud to support the Baja Mission supporting the **Oasis After School Program**. The Oasis After School Program provides a safe place for local children to learn and grow. Originally, Oasis was a place for elementary school children, but as the kids at Baja grew...they did not want to leave! Today, the program that started with a handful of students and one building has grown to three buildings and approximately 250 elementary school-aged children, and 125 secondary and high-school aged children.

Everglades Community Church considers the Oasis program one of our most important missions. Donations collected at our church have supported these ongoing projects:

- ☐ School Supplies
- ☐ Wages & Operating Costs
- ☐ New Doors & Windows
- ☐ Upgraded Water & Septic System
- ☐ A New Classroom (see the blue second-story addition)

The most immediate need today is foundation and building repairs due to cracks caused by the recent earthquakes in the area.

To learn more about the Oasis After School Program, watch these informative videos!

[Introduction Video](#)

[Christmas Party Video](#)

[Club Alelu Video](#)

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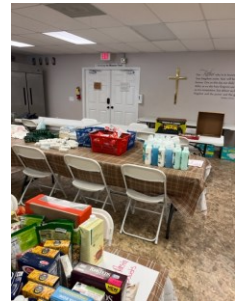
SCAN TO DONATE TODAY



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 - Pastor Bob
9 - G.B. Barnard
14 - Jim Reid
15 - Dana Race
16 - Susan Reid
17 - Cornelia Jacquier
21 - Denise Hicks

MORE PICTURES OF GIFTING FROM SAN MARCO AND ST. FINBAR'S



Sorted, bagged and ready for distribution!



Support Our Troops® Care Packages

These enhance the morale and well-being of our deployed troops worldwide by seeking, receiving, and shipping care boxes containing items specifically requested by them. This is especially important outside the established holidays. Our church has chosen, however, to send \$25 gift cards like Visa, Mastercard and American Express, not store cards, to help them with their most needed items. \$25 Visa and M/C gift cards gives them maximum flexibility for personal item purchases, WIFI, etc. This is how they get on the satellite for personal communications to home. We just purchased ten \$25.00 cards with a \$4.95 purchase fee each. The total cost for ten cards was \$299.50. We plan to continue this on a regular basis and sending more gift cards. Your help is appreciated. Please make you check to ECC, *Support Our Troops*. God Bless you. And God bless our troops. You can scan the QR code in the article above and make your gift to our troops. Write "FOR TROOPS."