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Our 97th Year

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



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 18 – Stephanie Burke
- 26 – Sue Turner
- 28 – Joyce Scott
- 29 – Sarae Homick



Sunday, May 29th

our church celebrated Hope Raymond's 6th birthday. She attends weekly with Patty Huff who baked her a cake that Hope shared with everyone at lunch after church.

AS I SEE IT . . . June and July are the months our Missions Committee focuses our attention on a very important part of our community - The Shelter for Abused Women and Children in Collier County. Domestic violence and human trafficking impact our whole community. The impact of domestic violence and human trafficking reaches far beyond the victims, because violence at home does not stop at the front door. It infects our workplaces, schools, places of worship, and other social places where people gather. It endangers our whole community and costs us tens of millions of dollars in medical care, social services, lost wages, and productivity. Last year there were 1,516 calls to 911 for domestic violence offenses in Collier County alone. Thousands more incidents went unreported. We all know the devastating cost to victims, but to quantify the monetary cost to our community, The Shelter worked closely with national consultants, local law enforcement, Collier County government and healthcare officials. In 2021, the estimated cost of domestic violence in Collier County equaled \$30.2 million dollars conservatively. Law enforcement costs were 18.5 million, medical costs exceeded \$8.5 million and local businesses sustained over \$3 million from lost workdays and productivity. In addition to costing us millions of dollars each year, abusers and traffickers pose a direct threat to our public safety, as the abuse and exploitation inevitably seep out into various aspects of our public life. The cost of domestic violence in Collier County is high, both financially and socially, but with your help, we believe we can stop this generational cycle of abuse for generations to come. Your support for the shelter is a personal investment in the safety of your family and loved ones; for as long as abusers perpetrate violence on their victims, they will continue to perpetrate violence in our community. I'm asking for your generous support for this worthy cause. The monies provided now will be used for school supplies and clothing for each child under their care when they begin preparing to return to school this Fall. So, June and July monies will be sent for that use in August. Please give freely by sending your check directly to the church address above, or by clicking on the "Scan to Donate" button below that will send your money directly to our church for distribution. God Bless You and Thank You. *Pastor Bob +*

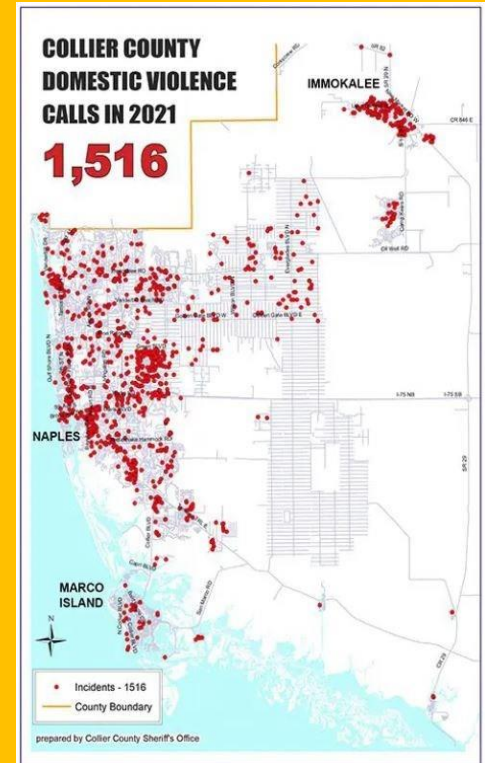
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THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN EVERGLADES CITY

This year's celebration takes place on Saturday, June 29th. In addition to the amazing fireworks in the evening, the day is filled with fun things to do for the entire family. Here is the schedule of events: 10:00 am: Opening Ceremony, Invocation by Pastor Bob; 10:30 am: "Hats off to America" Parade ; 11:00: Art and vendor booths open at McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Park; 11:30: Parade winners announced, contests for the kids; 12:30 pm: Raffle winners announced; 9:00 pm: Amazing fireworks! Everyone is invited to attend and all of the day's events are free.

Hot dogs and refreshments available.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children You Can Help By Donating Today



Everglades Community Church is proud to support the **Center for Abused Women & Children of Naples**. The impact of domestic violence and human trafficking reaches far beyond the victims, because violence does not stop at the front door; it infiltrates our workplaces, schools, places of worship, and other social places where people gather. **Annually, over 1500 calls for domestic violence are made to 911 in Collier County, and many more go unreported.** **VISIT OUR WEBSITE** to view and read Pas-

The Center for Abused Women & Children operates a 60-bed emergency shelter and seven transitional living cottages. The Shelter operates a 24-hour Crisis Line, two 60-bed emergency shelters (Naples and Immokalee, FL) and nine Transitional Living cottages in Collier County, FL. All in-house and outreach programs and services, training and education are provided free of charge.

Everglades Community Church considers the **Center for Abused Women & Children** one of our most important missions. Donations collected help fund:

- Center operations
- Support & educational programs
- Resources for displaced families
- Renovations, new construction & repairs
- Supplies & services for residents

Every penny counts. Please help the most vulnerable in our community by making your contribution today.



Right Click the Charity Navigator icon above, then Left click on **OPEN LINK** to learn more about the Center



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