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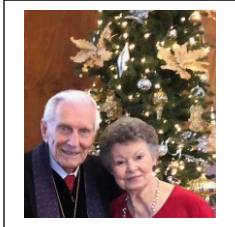
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Our 97th Year

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



2023



Pastor Bob & Millie

THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ON SUNDAY EVENING THIS YEAR. WE WILL CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS AT 7:00 P.M.



EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHURCH 2023

This coming new church year has been challenging. We have had to put in place a lot of new personnel due to the loss of members and deaths. I am pleased to report the response has been excellent with over 27 volunteering for ten committees. The new leaders will be presented to the church at the Annual Meeting Dec. 19th.

Someone asked how our stewardship has been holding up. I am pleased to inform you that our regular Sunday offerings have been strengthened by offerings being mailed directly to the church at P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139; or **Stripe-On-line Giving** through our website at <http://evergladescommunity.church>, and the Regular Offering plate each Sunday. Your continued regular support of our ministry is vital! The 2024 church budget will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting Dec. 19th.

Our video ministry through our website is reaching over one hundred per week who no longer live in our community, who are sick or shut-in, or away for the Season. This has proven to be an asset to our outreach ministry. Ninety-nine written sermons are e-mailed each week.

Our Missions Program is strong. We are serving between 120-130 families each week through our Wednesday Food Distribution Program. At Thanksgiving we distributed 150 frozen turkeys donated by the Miccosukee Indian Community. We have continued supporting the Baja After School Mission, Shelter for Abused Women, Our Troops and our Christmas Shoebox Ministry as well as local emergency needs.

Our church Fellowship Hall is being used by Everglades City Lions Club for their meetings.

I believe it would be accurate to say that the *Friendly Little Church on the Circle in Everglades City* is alive and well and looking forward to increasing its ministry in 2024.

Faithfully submitted, *The Reverend Dr. Bob N. Wallace, Pastor*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Bill Baxter
4 - Frank Peabody
11 - Bob Chipman
12 - Louise Rose
22 - Jackie Craveling
Patty Huff
26 - Jeff Heflebower
28 - Gwen Baxter



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH SUNDAY DEC. 10th
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING WORSHIP.**

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