

# **PASTOR'S e-NEWSLETTER**

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**Our 99<sup>th</sup> Year**

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



**1926-2025**



Pastor Bob & Millie

**HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY  
4<sup>th</sup> of JULY**



**AS I SEE IT . . . Why Church Should Be Important to You!** Your church is more than just a building or a weekly obligation. It's a spiritual home. A community of faith. A vital part of your walk with God. And it matters, because it connects you to something larger than yourself: the body of Christ. The church nurtures your faith through sound teaching, worship, and opportunities for prayer and reflection. You are challenged and encouraged to grow closer to God. It keeps your spiritual life from becoming stagnant by continually pointing you back to Truth. God never intended for His believers to live in isolation. Your church is where you find fellowship — a place to be known, supported, and loved. When you struggle, others help carry your burdens. When you rejoice, they celebrate with you. It is in community where you learn to serve, forgive, and love more like Christ. Gathering with others to worship God brings a unique spiritual strength. Singing, praying, and hearing the Word preached invites God's presence in a powerful way. Church helps you re-center your focus on what truly matters. Your church gives you a place to use your gifts and make a difference. Whether through teaching, serving, giving, or simply being present, you have a role to play. Being involved reminds you that faith isn't just about receiving — it's also, about giving. In a world full of distractions, your church provides you a foundation. It challenges you to live out your faith consistently. Being around other believers keeps you accountable. And their encouragement strengthens your resolve to follow Jesus. When you commit to your church, you invest in something eternal. You help build a legacy of faith for the next generation. You also experience belonging — a reminder that you are part of God's family, with a purpose and a place. In short, your church should be important to you because it helps you grow, grounds you in truth, surrounds you with support, and calls you into mission. It's not just where you go — it's part of who you are as a follower of Christ. See you in church next, and *every* Sunday! + Pastor Bob

## **Missions and the Church**

Missions are at the heart of the Church's purpose. Rooted in Jesus' command to **"go and make disciples of all nations"** (Matthew 28:19) missions involve spreading the Gospel, serving others, and expanding God's Kingdom both locally and globally. This church plays a vital role in missions by **supporting and equipping believers** to share the love of Christ through words and actions. This includes evangelism, church planting, humanitarian aid, and discipleship. Missions remind the Church that its mission is not just inward — it is called to reach the world. In essence, **missions are not just a program of the Church; they are the very purpose of the Church** — to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Help support our mission program with your contributions.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Gary Kostens

7 – Joe Stem

29 – Michael DeJesus

Workers are needed at the  
Wed. Food Distribution!  
Please come and help us.

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