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Our 99th Year

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



1926-2025



Pastor Bob & Millie

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AS I SEE IT . . . Attending church in the summer when routines change and schedules are more relaxed can be especially meaningful. Faith isn't seasonal! Regular worship attendance keeps your spiritual life rooted, no matter the time of year. Staying connected prevents *"spiritual drift"* that can happen with long breaks. Summer is often associated with rest and renewal. Why not renew your **soul**, too? Church offers peace, reflection, and spiritual refreshment amid a busy or even overly relaxed summer. Church is more than a building—it's a **community**. Summer is a wonderful time to grow relationships without the pressures of a full calendar. Consistent worship shows that faith isn't something you "take a break" from. Summer may be the perfect time to become more involved because there are fewer people. Much of summer falls during **Ordinary Time**, when the Church focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus. Your presence matters. Your gifts, smile, and participation encourage others. This is a Season that invites you to grow slowly, deeply, and steadily in your spiritual walk. Attending church regularly can keep your values and faith centered during the Summer season. See you in church next, and every Sunday! *Pastor Bob +*

CENTENNIAL NOTES

On March 14, 1951, ECC renounced jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church. The resolution was signed by the Board of Trustees and recorded with the Collier County Circuit Court April 26, 1951. The resolution stated that a denominational church was claiming authority over it, so it resolved that "the Everglades Community Church . . recognizes no denominational body as having authority over said church, and recognizes the congregation of Everglades Community Church as the only source from which it will receive orders or directives. . ." However, in a letter dated October 22, 1959, from the Presbytery of SW Florida, there was still confusion as to whether or not the church was Presbyterian or nondenominational, stating that "many of the present trustees are not members of the Presbyterian Church, as required by the Presbytery's Constitution, and have no desire to be, considering themselves to be members of a nondenominational or Community Church." There was also a dispute as to the ownership of the property. February 3, 1972, this church was notified by the Presbytery of SW Florida that it would be recommending removal of ECC from the rolls of the Presbytery without prejudice. The deed to the property was issued for the sum of one dollar. The Presbytery continued to pursue a per capita apportionment of \$5.75 per member. The church voted to refuse payment and was settled for a total fee of \$54.70.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

16 – Betty Heanssler
19 – Connie Butler
25 – Helen Bryan
29 – Millie Wallace
31 – Diane Hershberger

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