

OCTOBER 2025

FIRSTNEWS



GOD'S PEOPLE NEED TO COME TOGETHER TO PRAY!

There are so many people in our lives that do not know Jesus. Our country as a whole has turned from the Lord. We have all been disturbed by the assassination of Charlie Kirk on a college campus. How can such an act happen in the United States? Is there anything we can do about these problems? Yes, we can pray! We invite you to our special prayer meeting at the church in the sanctuary on Thursdays at 11 am. We want to pray for unsaved people to come to the Lord and for the United States and the world to come to Christ! Everyone is welcome to join us for this important weekly prayer meeting at the church in the sanctuary.

When we go to God together in prayer, we need to remember that there is power in prayer because God hears us when we pray. James 5:16-18 tells us about the powerful prayer life of God's sanctified saints. James 5:16b, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." God hears the prayer of His people, as they are living a life that pleases God, and asking in faith for God to hear our prayers. James, then, gives us Elijah as an example of the righteous man that prayed. James 5:17-18, "17 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." Elijah is a model of how God hears His people when we pray. God heard Elijah not because he was so handsome, tall, smart, rich, or any other reason. Elijah was simply a righteous person that believed God would answer him in prayer. That is all that is needed for us too, for God to hear us in prayer.

How many people do we need to come together to have a successful prayer meeting? We would love to have the whole church family, but we would be wise to remember Jesus' words in Matthew 18:19-20, "19 Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Come with your fellow believers and let us seek the face of God together!

We are praying for God to use us to reach our community for the Lord, that more people would be saved, and that God would hear us when we humbly call out to Him together. If you are unable to join us during the prayer meeting on Thursdays at 11 am, we ask wherever you are, pray that God would work through us as God's church to help people come to know God.

Blessings,
Pastor Kenny



BIRTHDAYS:

- 4 VELTA BLEVINS
- 6 AUTUMN BEEMAN
- 6 DAMARIS MARGARY
- 6 EVELYN STIENE
- 9 WILLIAM FABRIZO
- 10 BILL TAYLOR
- 12 BEVERLY COOPER
- 13 ELVEDA EBY
- 13 CASSAUNDRA SAULLO
- 15 PAUL EHRGOTT
- 15 ROSEMARY LATHAM
- 18 CAROL WOOD
- 20 BARBARA TAYLOR
- 23 STAN WEISBROAD
- 23 JANET PELL
- 25 KEN MILLER
- 26 BILL TEAL
- 28 PHILLIP GREENFIELD
- 29 EDIE HANSON
- 30 CAROLYN WHITAKER
- 31 JOE PEPISTONE

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 7 KEN & PATTIE MILLER
- 10 KENNY & JOANNE WILLIAMS
- 12 FRED & HANNAH WHITE
- 13 BOBBY & CARMEN MINIARD
- 16 BOB & JANICE CHAPMAN
- 16 JAMES & BEVERLY STOVER
- 18 LARRY & KAY MCDONALD
- 21 RON & NANCY NAGY
- 29 STAN & MARYLOU WEISBROD



OCTOBER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's that time again! Through October 5th, we will be collecting donations to bless our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry! The packing party will be at the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 14th at 6pm. Please see Darlene Terrell if you have any questions.

October 2nd – Thursday Grief Support Group. Please meet at the church at 11:15am, then we will go to a nearby restaurant for our lunch meeting. Please see Linda Snyder if you have any questions.

October 4th – Saturday at 8:00am The monthly Men's Breakfast at Golden Coral in Winter Haven. We hope to see you there!

October 7th – Tuesday at 6:30pm Leadership Council Meeting

October 10th & 11th Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship! Friday, starting at 1pm and Saturday starting at 9am. Come for scrapbooking, puzzles, games or just to visit!

October 12th – Every October, churches across the nation set aside a Sunday as Pastors Appreciation Day. We will be honoring our pastors on Sunday, October 12th. We hope that you can attend.

October 18th – Saturday from 5:00–7:00pm Come join the youth, children, and their families for a game night in the fellowship hall. We will have a hot dog cookout pot luck meal, followed by a Bible study and games. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Watch Pastor Kenny's morning online devotions on Tuesday and Thursday on our Facebook page (First Church of God, Winter Haven, Florida)

Please see Sorina Howard or Autumn Beeman if you would like to help be a Children's Church worker or a nursery worker during our Sunday morning services.

CWC NEWS

10/9 CWC Meeting at 6:30.
Hostess' Melissa & Nicole

We are excited to announce our 1st annual Holiday Vendor Market! The sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 8th from 8:00am-2:00pm. We are offering tables (round or small) for a \$50 non-refundable fee. Set up will begin on Friday, November 7th from 4-7pm. We are excited to see all of the treasures and goodies you bring to sell! Any questions, please contact Deb Hepler at 863-339-0009 or the church office at 863-956-4601 Tell friends & family, Spread the word! Flyers are available in the lobby!

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm for our Midweek Service & Thursdays at 11:00am for Prayer Meeting!

**WELCOME BACK
SNOWBIRDS!**

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