

# JUNE 2026

# FIRSTNEWS



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*Let Us Come Together as the People of God and Pray Together*

There are many people we know that do not know Jesus as Lord of their lives. We have seen that our country has drifted away from the Lord. Is there anything we can do about these problems? Yes, we can pray! We have a 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 America 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. As we are celebrating the United States of America's 250th birthday this July 4th, what a great time to pray for our country to come back to God!

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 the example of the righteous, Elijah. 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." James makes use of the Old Testament prophet Elijah of an example of how God hears us 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 could 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 as many as possible, 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 use our church to help people come to know God. We serve a great God that hears us when we call out to Him in prayer. May we do so for His glory!

Blessings, Pastor Kenny



- 4 Darlene Terrell
- 6 Joanne Williams
- 8 Irene Dye
- 11 Terry Soweles
- 11 Doris Covalt
- 13 Joyce Watt
- 13 Mary Hettmansperger
- 14 Paul Hanson
- 16 Janis Steadman
- 18 Norma Way-Studley
- 19 Juanita Adkins
- 22 Pastor Kenny Howard
- 23 Glen Roberts
- 24 Connie Glancy
- 24 David Taylor
- 24 Ron Nagy
- 26 Paul Coss
- 28 Gwen Hanson
- 29 Darrell Blevins
- 30 Judy Fennell
- 30 Marilyn Boyd

Happy  
ANNIVERSARY

- 7 Warren & Barbara Jean Studley
- 9 Vince & Edie Williams
- 12 Neil & Marie Brown
- 13 Terry & Rosemary Latham
- 14 Myron & Darlene Coon
- 16 Bill & Dian Pete
- 19 Clarence & Joann Hoffman
- 20 Pastor Tim & Doris Cox
- 23 George & Debbie Dean
- 25 Paul & Nancy Coss
- 28 David & Bonnie Taylor
- 29 Russ & Sheryl Thorn



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



**Saturday, June 6th** Men's Breakfast Meeting will start at 8:00am at the Golden Coral in Winter Haven

**Tuesday, June 9th** The Leadership Council Meeting will start at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, June 20th** Sam Houston Celebration Service will be at our church at 11:00am followed by a pot-luck meal. Everyone is invited.

**Friday & Saturday, June 26th & 27th** is the Ladies Weekend of Fun & Fellowship through crafts, scrapbooking, puzzles and/or games. The group will start Friday at 1pm and Saturday at 9am. Contact Deb Hepler with any questions.

**Saturday, June 27th** is Family Game Night from 5pm-7pm in the fellowship hall. We will be having a "pancake supper" followed by a devotion and games There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Be praying that God would use our Homeschool Support Group to minister to the children and parents of our church and our community.

**FREE** First Church of God - Winter Haven presents



Join us for a fun filled VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL with exciting Bible stories, crafts, games, puppet skits, yummy snacks, and prizes. Bring your friends ages 3 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and join us each day, on **Monday - Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00pm.** Registration is required. Parents, please call or email the church office to register your child/children or you can register when you arrive at the church for VBS. For further information, please call the church, visit the church website or facebook page.

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## Guatemala MISSIONS TRIP

Join us for this amazing opportunity to minister to the people of Guatemala! We will be building a house with a stove in a village as well of preparing boxed meals and holding a Vacation Bible School!

July 13<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>

**Check out the bulletin board in the hallway for more details**



The Great Commission  
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." ~Mathew 28:19-20