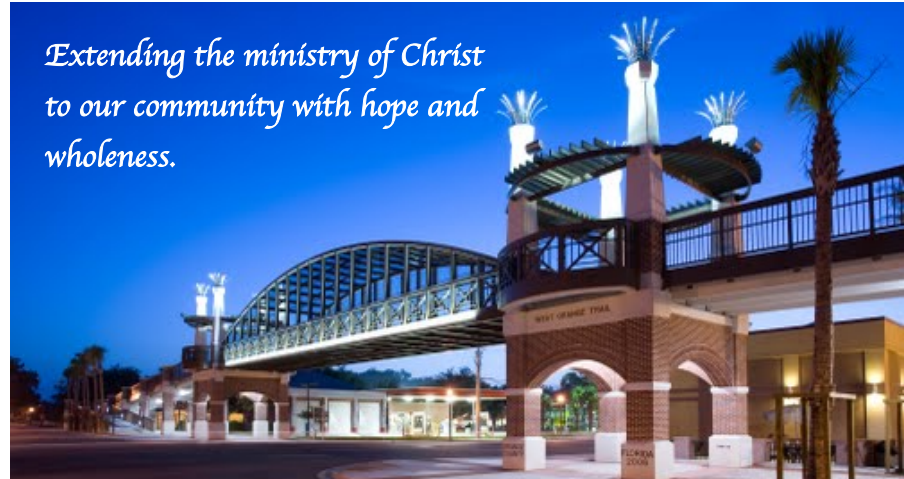


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## Pastor's Message

"You can be anything you want!" "Hard work pays!" "Go after the church/lifestyle/home you want!" Sounds good, doesn't it? We pump our kids full of messages of success and how success is achieved all during their growing years. However, I sometimes wonder if the messages we send to our children are the kinds of messages Solomon received. He was raised a prince, a future king. He was given wisdom beyond what any other human would ever experience. He could, literally, do whatever he wanted. He knew that he was going to be the king one day, inheriting a fabulous monarchy established by his father, David. It all seemed to be going well. He was sought after for his wisdom, admired for his wealth and his unique ability to obtain it. Dignitaries sought him for his counsel and knowledge in many areas. By all accounts, he had it made and was blessed!

Then comes 1 Kings 11. We are told that Solomon was "obsessed with women." He married women from all the nations surrounding Israel, nations who worshipped false gods, nations God expressly commanded Israel to have little to do with (or even to destroy, originally). God's own Name was to be protected, and Israel was to bless by showing the true God to be different than these false deities that required horrific things of their worshippers. He was to be attractive for His goodness and love, for the value of human dignity and His creation, and for the promise of redeeming the world in a way no other god was able. Yet Solomon fell, and his fall did the opposite of what God intended Solomon's influence to accomplish.

Assimilation to surrounding influences outside of God's directives and community is a dangerous game to play. Playing political games and relenting to personal desires, and using one's power to do it, yields disastrous compromise. The intent of Godly influence should be to bless the world as God desires, and to make God known.

Whatever influence you may have, what is the intention of using it? Is it Godly? Is it driven by His mission to save humanity, by Christ's commission to make disciples? Anything less than this leaves one dissatisfied and empty.

May the unfortunate lesson of Solomon lead us to something different and God-honoring. Godly intent with God-given influence leads to Godly success.

Every blessing in Christ,

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## This Week's Online Worship Services

- **Message: "When Christ Extends a Hand," by James Johnson.**
- Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4, read by Cylin Broker.
- "My Next Step" – We encourage you to fill out our Online Connection Card after viewing this week's service. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9YXNJ8J>.
- Featured Offering: Local Church Budget, brought to us by Errol Reid. Please remember our "Build 7 – Building Fund." Thank you for your support of God's work in our community! You can give online at <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTBBB/envelope/start>
- Children's Story: Mary Denizard
- Family Prayer: Wally Frost
- **Online Sabbath School Options**
  - **Primaries:** Get together every Wednesday at 7 PM, <https://us04webzoom.us/j/77111838436?> Password: **9njWKH (UPDATED)**
  - **Juniors:** Sabbath, 10 AM, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82360827579?pwd=eTZPVngwNzZDQmdSdGZMN1Y5VXE4dz09>, Password: Juniors
  - **Earliteens:** Sabbath, 10 AM, at <http://us04webzoom.us/j/8751088252?>
  - **High School:** Sabbath, 10 AM, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84523787323?> Password: 2PYKey
  - **Seekers (Scott Shelton):** Sabbath, 9:30 AM, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2249739986>, Password: 287556
  - **Adult Quarterly 1 (George Crawford):** Sabbath, 10:00 AM, <https://zoom.us/j/914391071>
  - **Adult Quarterly 2 (Jack Carey):** Sabbath, 10:00 AM, <https://zoom.us/j/601759026>
  - **Adult Quarterly 3 (Hugo Kennedy):** Sabbath, 10:00 AM, <https://zoom.us/j/3999743097>, or dial 929- 436-2866 and enter the Meeting ID: 399 974 3097.
- **Journey Through the Word:** Wednesday, 7:00 PM. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/676008518?pwd=TVd6ZGM5RjdZME1lYUVjUko3Q0JPz09>
- **Morning Prayer Line:** Weekday mornings, 7:30 AM. <https://zoom.us/j/150286450>



## Children's Church

Every Sabbath at 2:30 PM, all are invited to our online "Children's Church," designed for kids and put on by kids! The Zoom link is provided on the Church website.

## Investiture Services

**Adventurers:** 5:00 PM, at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84797310042?pwd=d0FqSkRGY21GVXFROXBZnjhobzhndz09>



## Re-Convening

Based on feedback from our survey two weeks ago and on the recent spikes in the COVID-19 numbers in Florida, we will delay re-convening until the certain “markers” are met: (1) The number of hospitalizations decrease, and (2) The number of positive COVID-19 diagnoses are trending downward. In late June, we presented an outline of what services would be like if we were able to meet on July 11. We still remain hopeful that we can reconvene soon. We will be in touch with updates as they become available.

## “Total Community Involvement” (TCI)

Our next **COVID-19 Food Distribution** is scheduled for the following Sundays: July 19 and August 16, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM.

## Prayer Line ↑

May we pray for you?

- Financial concerns
- Family or friend illness
- Your children
- Emotional support
- Loss of a loved one or friend
- Overcoming addictions
- Spiritual blessing for yourself or family

Share your request by –

Texting: 407-988-5715

Emailing: [tcibuild7@gmail.com](mailto:tcibuild7@gmail.com)

## In Our Prayers

### God is Good!

- He is “El Shaddai”: “The Lord God Almighty, the All-sufficient One”

### Thank you, Church Family, from Sister Norma Reece

Thank you all for your outpouring of love and support shown to my family and I as we continue to mourn the loss of my beloved granddaughter. Words cannot express what your calls, texts, prayers and care meant to us. Your continued prayers are appreciated, it is the only vehicle to take us through this very difficult period of time. Please lift up my son Lester, his wife Donette, my granddaughter Lashauna and grandsons LeBron and Jemel. Caring counts!!! May God continue to bless each of you.

### We Are Thankful!

- We are grateful that Wes Hall is home and is mending from COVID-19!

### We Lift Up Needs!

- Cindy Locke’s brother, Tommy, is having heart valve surgery on Thursday.
- Continue praying for Jann Hall and Jean Wilson.
- Continue to pray for Richard and Betty O’Ffill. Richard has been in a rehab facility in Lake Mary, and Betty is recovering from an infection in her leg following surgery.



## Sunset Schedule

Friday, July 17: 8:24 • Sabbath, July 4: 8:24