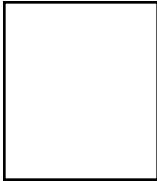




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## The Acclaim August 2023

### Weekly Services & Times

Sunday: 9am Bible Study

10 am Morning Worship

Please see Sunday Overhead  
Announcements and Bulletin for  
Listing of Special Services!

Volunteers are needed in various areas within the church. There are many things that we can use your help with. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to assist us through this coming year. There is a job for everyone to do here at APCC and we all appreciate your help and desire to serve.

**APCC Yard Signs and License Plates:** Coming soon we will have APCC Yard Signs to be put out in your yard. These will be available for \$8.00 per sign. There are also APCC License plates available in the Office now. Please be on the lookout for more information on the price and dates of availability for these. If you are interested in a Sign or License Plate, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**LIVE STREAMING on YOUTUBE is still provided every Sunday!** If you are having trouble viewing our YOUTUBE Worship programming, please see Tony Ratliff or call at your convenience. We will be happy to take you through the procedure step by step.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**  
Psalm 46:1

**Please be in Prayer for YOUR church family:** Many people were not able to return to Florida this year. We have lost others in death. Please remember and feel welcome to check with the office for addresses of those you miss. A card brightens the day!

## APCC News and Upcoming Events

### Together Tuesday Is Postponed for Summer

Aug 02 6 PM Bible Study  
Aug 06 9 AM Sunday Bible Study  
Aug 06 10 AM Sunday Service  
Aug 09 6 PM Bible Study  
Aug 10 First Day of School  
Aug 13 9 AM Sunday Bible Study  
Aug 13 10 AM Sunday Service

Aug 16 6 PM Bible Study  
Aug 20 9 AM Sunday Bible Study  
Aug 20 10 AM Sunday Service  
Aug 23 6 PM Bible Study  
Aug 27 9 AM Sunday Bible Study  
Aug 27 10 AM Sunday Service  
Aug 30 6 PM Bible Study

### Happy Birthday

Aug 10 Mark Walton  
Aug 28 Teresa Ratliff



### Happy Anniversary

Aug 01 Mike & Cindy Smith  
Aug 08 Sal & Pat Sboto

Happy Anniversary



Please contact the office with updates and changes for Anniversaries and Birthdays!

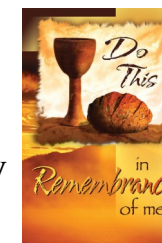
### August 2023 Servers

#### Open Up/Lock Up Host:

Lee Taylor

#### Communion Meditation:

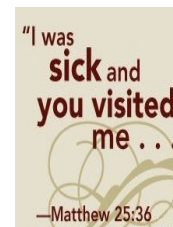
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#### Communion to the Sick: \*

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#### Communion Preparations:

Lee Taylor



**\* Please inform the office if you desire Communion brought to your home. Due to Covid, we respect your privacy. Please give us 1 day advance notice.**

CHURCH FINANCES—Once again we have encountered a few more repairs to our building. Please share with the church a “special blessing” to help offset these repairs.

**Together Tuesday** Has been postponed until after the Summer Season. We will make decisions about the start of it again as we approach that time. Please plan to join us and watch for updates!

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6pm

We have been watching for the past few months the Video series "The Chosen". Our study contains both video and discussion. We have been blessed as we have watched the disciples instructed by Jesus and challenged by man in their quest to follow and obey the commands they are given. We have postponed the Wednesday Evening Bible Study for the time being. Please keep a watch to future announcements concerning when we will be restarting.

### Adult Bible Study—Young At Heart Classroom

This month, we have begun an exciting study of the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews might be described as *The best just got better*. There was nothing inferior about the Jewish religion. It was given and designed by God. Every principal, every rule had a specific meaning. The Old Testament served as a faithful guide for thousands of years. But when Christ came, the best got better. Hebrews was written for the Jewish believers who were torn between the new faith and their old ways. The temptation was to slip back into familiar routines and rituals, settling for second best. The author makes a skillful case against such a digression. He argues that Jesus is better than every form of the old faith; better than the angels; better than their leaders; and better than their priests. In comparing the two, Christianity has a better covenant, a better sanctuary, and a better sacrifice for sin. Salvation through Christ was so much better so why settle for second best? Come join us Sunday morning at 9 AM for this great study.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Ladies have postponed their Bible Study for the Summer Months. Please see Susan Taylor for information about the next book to be studied and watch for information about when the Bible Study will be resumed. Plan now to come and share this exciting study with us when the study is resumed, and receive a blessing. Please see Susan Taylor or Beth Helms for more information and to get your books.

*The Christian must realize as a charge daily that he is **morally responsible to God and those around him/her**. He or she must put God **FIRST** in everything (Matt 10:37) and be submissive to the will of God. -copied*

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand  
Isaiah 41:10*

### Changes...

*As we pass through the days of life we all experience Change. When we are born we begin at a fine time of simple dining and sleeping with someone to take care of our every need. We then age to childhood having learned to eat and take care of the simple needs that we have in life. Throughout childhood that changes again teaching us how everything we learn at school, how to have friends, lead a strong life, and we begin our path towards Christ. Life moves on, we age out of school, and start our own families. We work, raise our children, and have matured into adults in both Christ and in life. We then reach the end of working and retire. Kids have grown into their own reflections of how taught and raised them. We know have reached that time where we can truly give back to God through teaching in his Church and outside of it, teaching with Love.*

*It truly is as said in Ecc 3:1-11 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end". Have you read this passage lately? I recommend taking a few moments to sit down and read these few short verses and see how it is that God wants for you to not only experience Change as we here at APCC Face the Changes of a new Minister, but how the Lord is wanting for you to experience and react to the next changes that He has in plan for you TODAY!!!*

Wow, there have been a lot of changes in the last month. Someone once said that we can always count on the fact that there will be change except from a vending machine. We mourn the passing of Greg Ratliff but rejoice with the knowledge that he is in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen! We are continuing to move forward in the knowledge that God has wonderful things in store for His church here in Avon Park. Blair Yeager has agreed to serve as an interim preacher while we search for a full time part time preacher. Blair teaches at the Preaching Academy located at Kissimmee Christian Church. A Pulpit Committee has been appointed to search for a preacher to continue the work here at APCC. The leadership team is looking forward with anticipation for the next chapter in the story of God working through this group of believers. Please join with us in prayer for God's favor as we move forward!