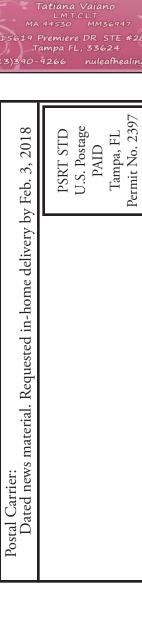
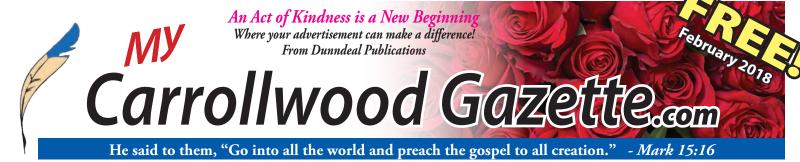






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of America's most popular days. More than 62% of Americans celebrate by sending greeting cards, flowers, candy, jewelry, or by enjoying a romantic dinner. But the origin of Valentine's

For example, the roots behind Valentine's Day go all the way back to an ancient Roman frater- young lovers in secret. nity fest held in mid-February called Lupercalia.

There's no doubt that Valentine's Day is one Later, the Christian church chose mid-February for Saint Valentine's Day in order to Christianize the celebration, but who was St. Valentine?

> Not much was known about the holiday's namesake. First of all, there was more than one such Christian priest. One thought it was unjust and defied the Emperor and continued to marry

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Seffner Christian Academy Student Florida Strawberry Festival Queen



Ally Elizabeth Burt was crowned queen of the Berrios, and Zoe Rasmussen. 83rd Florida Strawberry Festival at the annual pageant in Plant City, FL. Burt was selected from a field of 28 contestants who also voted her Miss Congeniality. Dallas Baker was chosen first maid

Burt is the daughter of Royce and Raquel Burt. She is currently a senior at Seffner Christian Academy and is dual enrolled at Hillsborough Community College. Burt serves as senior along with court members Baylee Astin, Selena class president and Student Government presi-

dent. She plans to attend a Florida university to pursue a degree in biology.

The Florida Strawberry Festival Queen's Competition is organized by the Plant City Lions Club and is composed of five facets of competition: a personal interview, on-stage speaking, casual wear, evening wear, and an impromptu question.

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2018 Florida Strawberry Festival, where we're "Building New Memories!," takes place March 1-11 in Plant City, FL. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest18).

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Encountering the Real Jesus, Part 1: Who is this Man?

Keith Chandler, Journey Christian Church

I want to start a new series of articles this new calendar centered on the birth of the month—"Encountering the REAL Jesus" by talking about him and his impact on the tian calendar wasn't just a chronological conworld. Let's suppose you wanted to change the world so much that all of history would be divided into what happened before you lived, and into what happened after you lived. What would you do? It's been done ONE time.

The impact of his life is so deep that every year his birth remains the most celebrated birth in the world.

The instrument on which he was killed, a cross, marks more graves and adorns more jewelry than any other symbol in human history. If you look at the world in which he was born, the ancient world was a darker and crueler place than a lot of us know.

Then there was the world that Jesus saw. The beauty of his imagination has affected people like nobody else. Most people have no idea of the impact Jesus has had on our world. So, very briefly, let's reflect together on it.

Jesus gave the world it's most influential movement—the Church.

Where before the church was there a movement that actively sought to include every person, regardless of ethnicity, status, or gender, to be loved and transformed? It did not exist.

Jesus changed how we think about history. In the 6th century, a monk proposed a carpenter, Jesus. The creation of the Chrisvenience. It was a claim, an idea, that existence is NOT a random cycle, but it has a meaning. 2000 years after his birth, anytime anyone on the planet looks at a calendar we are reminded daily that Jesus Christ (and no other) has become the hinge of history.

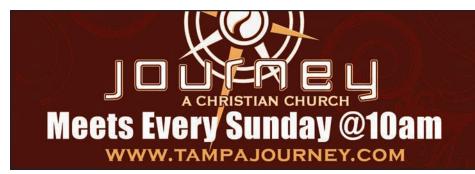
Jesus shaped how we express compassion.

In the ancient world, a child could be left to die if it was the wrong gender. Anybody want to guess what the wrong gender was? Girls. But these followers of Jesus remembered that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." They began to take in abandoned children. And then they began orphanages.

The Jesus movement shaped education.

92% of all colleges and universities started in the United States before the Civil War were founded in His name. The Jesus movement revolutionized art, changed political theory, and changed how we think of human rights and dignity. Jesus uniquely taught love of enemies. In the ancient world you helped your friends and harmed your enemies. Regardless about what you think about Jesus, this is profound.

Until next month, Keith





What do you want to accomplish this year? Do you want to be fitter, eat healthier, run your first race, fit into your favorite dress or have more energy to spend with your family? All these women, ages 40's to 70's, had a goal and they were successful because they took the first step, followed a plan and are now reaping the rewards. Real women. Real Results.

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When we turn the page of the calendar from January to February, the thought in everyone's mind turns to Valentine's Husbands Day. scramble to buy chocolate and flowers, elementary school children exchange Valentine's with their classmates, and candy hearts strive to convey such love in such a small space! Love is in the air! There is a group that is sometimes forgotten this time of year,

those who crave to experience the same love expressed by so many on Valentine's Day. That group is the children of Hope.

When children arrive at Hope, we want them to understand two things. That we love them, and Jesus loves them, no matter what. God showed His love to us by

giving His Son, Jesus. You can show love to the young people at Hope through your prayers and support. If you would like to make a contribution, you can donate directly on our website at www.HopeChildrensHome.org/ donate. Maybe, you would prefer to purchase items for the children from our Immediate Needs List, have them delivered, or deliver them yourself at our home. You

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The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for will cover "Perfecting Your Pitch."

Please register at http://www.women-n-

In February, our speaker is Liza Marie Please note the change in meeting costs. Garcia of NOW SC Press. Her presentation

Silver Sneakers Fitness

again on Monday, February 5th at the Oak- on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Only stead Club House located at 3038 Oakstead \$3.00 for Non-Silver Sneakers! For more in-Blvd, Land O' Lakes. There will be a 9:00am formation and to sign up, call the Oakstead "Sit & Get Fit" class on Mondays and Fri- Clubhouse at 813.949.6591.

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Well I have and half way through, I wished I would've paid someone to do it. Life is full of failures and with it inevitably

come regrets. In the end, you have two options: learn and improve or sulk and stay miserable. Retirees tend to look back more than others and some of their wisdom may be worth listening to.

Have you ever tackled a DIY (Do-It-

Yourself) project and in the end regret how

it turned out? Or when you read the online

forums it said the average time was thirty

minutes, and two hours later you're still

working on it?

I read an article recently that described a caregiver's journey when talking with her patients. Her findings were interesting. Some were regrets of things done and others were regrets of things not done and wish they would've.

With over 10 years of relationships with people near or at retirement, I have found the same statements resurface. Some of the regrets could be helpful to you, and you can learn from them and improve right now instead of repeating their same regrets.

Regrets by Retirees



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1. I wish that I had saved more money.

- 2. I wish that I had been more knowledgeable about money and/or had a trusted financial adviser to work with.
- 3. I wish that I had taken better care of my health.
- 4. I wish that I had gotten involved in the things that I really love sooner in life.
- 5. I wish that I had spoken sooner with my children about the needs and desires of my later life.

Finally, if you are in the stage of retirement, believe there's still something that can be done today. Plenty of people have made changes in their "retirement" stage resulting in great impact. There is an excellent book out there for those near or in this stage. It shows how retirement could be your most significant stage of life. I would highly recommend it. It's called Halftime: Moving from Success to Significance by Bob Buford.

The key to remember is not to focus on the past but to pursue the future. If you need help with clarity about your financial future, give me a call or send me an email.



Grace Lutheran Church Hosts Redhead Express Concert



with more than 2,000 performances that is headed to Tampa on February 11. A freewill offering concert will be held at Grace Lutheran Church at Carrollwood, 3714, Linebaugh Avenue, from 5-7pm. This popular group will be performing for the 5th time at the Strawberry Festival in Plant City.

Their vocal talents along with their skill playing fiddle, guitar, banjo, bass, and a variety of acoustical instruments produces music which covers a range of genres including gospel, blues, jazz, bluegrass, folk, and country.

The Redhead Express is an American The Redhead Express will be trying out for country music band consisting of four sisters NBC's America's Got Talent soon after the performance at Grace.

> The quartet consists of Kendra (lead singer, songwriter, and guitarist), Alisa (second lead and baritone singer who plays fiddle and mandolin), LaRae (banjo, dobro, and guitar, and sings tenor harmony), and Meghan Walker (bass and tenor harmony).

> To register for the free concert, call 813-961-8747 and leave a message at extension 204 with your name, email address, and how many will be attending or email redheadconcert@gmail.com.

Land O' Lakes Music Festival

held Saturday, March 24 at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park (formerly Land O' Lakes Community Center) located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., Land O' Lakes, Florida.

The event boasts an impressive line-up of popular musicians: Solar Exposure, Marlon Boone, Actual Bank Robbers, Trigger City Trio, Stonegrey, Sowflo, and Fred Chandler. General admission to the festival is FREE!

The Land O' Lakes Music Festival is being Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

For those wanting seats closer to the stage, preferred seating tickets are available for \$20 the day of the festival.

The festival is 12pm to 8pm. Parking is \$10 to benefit local schools. No coolers or pets are allowed. Call the Central Pasco Chamber office at 813-909-2722 or office@centralpascochamber.com for more information.



Dr. Dianne Coflin Co-Pastor, River of Life Church

At the end of every Christmas season, I often start pondering what might transpire this year. I ask myself, "What new goals do I need to reach for? Was there a goal I need to hit the re-set button on from last year? What will I need to forget and move on to embrace this new year? I wonder, could this be the year that those prayers that have been long awaited might come to pass? I can't say I always have all the answers immediately, but there is something exciting about the new possibilities, new direction, moving on in life with no regrets.

God was excited about new possibilities and big changes coming to His people when He began to speak through Isaiah to stir things up and cast a new vision. This was what He said:

"Behold the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." (Isa. 42:9)

You see, the Lord was forewarning His people to get them prepared. Have you asked the Lord about His heart towards you and thought about what He might want to do NEW in your life? He always has a plan and purpose and if you will ask, He will answer.

Then in (Isa. 43:19 AMP.) the Lord begins to show them HOW to prepare for the

I Love Facing A New Year!!

NEW things He wanted to bring about in their lives. This is what Isaiah declared: "Do not earnestly remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it?"

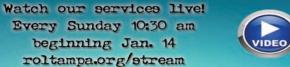
When God wants to do something new, He always asks us to let go of the old. In this instruction, He asked them to NOT earnestly remember the former things. Change for our lives is not always easy to embrace; we often don't like change. Thus, we try to hang on to the former ways of thinking and doing because they are comfortable.

God knew His people needed to be exhorted, even admonished to step into the NEW for their lives. They would need to forget the former things. Then He asks them to take time and perceive, to become fully aware of and recognize His direction, by giving Heed to it. In other words pay attention to, listen, take notice and follow.

When we are open to God's Heart to embrace new things, He will help us and show us the way even if we don't immediately understand His purpose. What new goal or direction may God lead you into this New Year? Remember, the ship can't sail 'till it raises the anchor! Food for thought! Please come join us 10:30 Sunday morning!

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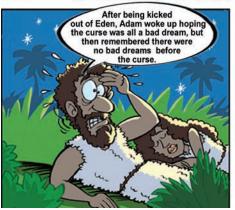
Urban Roots Concert

Urban Roots customer appreciation day will be Saturday, February 17 from 10am-4pm. There will be live music. It will be at 11780 No. Dale Mabry Hwy (Main Street).

Adam & Eve After Celebrating in the Garden of Eden...









"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

— Hebrews 10:24





Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:3 "Let there be light...

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Cultural Warfare vs. Christian Lifestyle



seems. We are clashing on every level of life.

Cultural Warfare vs. Christian Lifestyle.

In this article, I will touch on the clash of

In our culture today, it encourages us to

spend all that we make. It aggressively teaches

us to be needy and it attaches our self-worth

to our net worth. I hope I am not saying any-

thing that is startling here, but just like all

other areas in life, God wants us to use our

What does a Christian lifestyle look like?

Well, let me share a little about what I mean as

far as lifestyle and spending. 1) Lifestyle spend-

ing is a sum total of all financial spending and

is not related to other uses of money. 2) It is

typically the most significant use of money. 3)

It is the primary determinate of "How much

is enough?" 4) It is always money "after taxes".

In order for us to adopt these principles, let me give you some of the Why's and How's

with Biblical principles. 1) Financial "con-

tentment" is a choice, not a function of life-

style. 2) We are commanded to provide for

the needs of our family. 3) I must understand

that I cannot accumulate enough money to

protect my family against all contingencies. 4) I can learn to be content. 5) What lifestyle

I choose, I should live with joy. 6) The Bible

5) Lifestyles typically drive debt decisions.

money differently than the world does.

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Has anyone noticed that as Christians, we a couple of Bible references: 1 Tim. 5:8, 1 are in cultural warfare? These days are illus- Tim. 6:6-8, 1 Tim. 6:17-18, Phil. 4:11-13, trating it more than ever before, at least so it and Heb. 13:5-6.

> Dr. David Jeremiah defines contentment this way:

- 1) No regrets of the past
- 2) No fear of the future
- 3) No envy in the present
- So how do I change my habits, behaviors, and thought processes?

Here are 7 Principles of Lifestyle change:

- 1) Prov. 3:5-6: Prayerfully seek God's direction regarding your lifestyle.
 - 2) Phil. 4:11: Learn to be continent.
- 3) Ex. 20:17: Learn to avoid coveting.
- 4) 1 John 2:15-17: Your lifestyle should not be determined by comparing it to others.
- 5) 1 Tim. 4:4: Freely enjoy whatever you spend in the Spirit.
- 6) 1 Thess. 4:11-12: Make an effort to live more simply.

7) Rom. 12:2: Do not conform to the world.

Finally, here are a couple of key points: spend less than you make, contentment, delayed gratification, every spending decision is a spiritual decision. I hope you find this helpful and hopeful.

Caring for you and yours,

P.S. Why not meet with me and we can discuss the first steps to a happier lifestyle. does not define a Christian lifestyle. Here are Give me a call at 813-948-9109.



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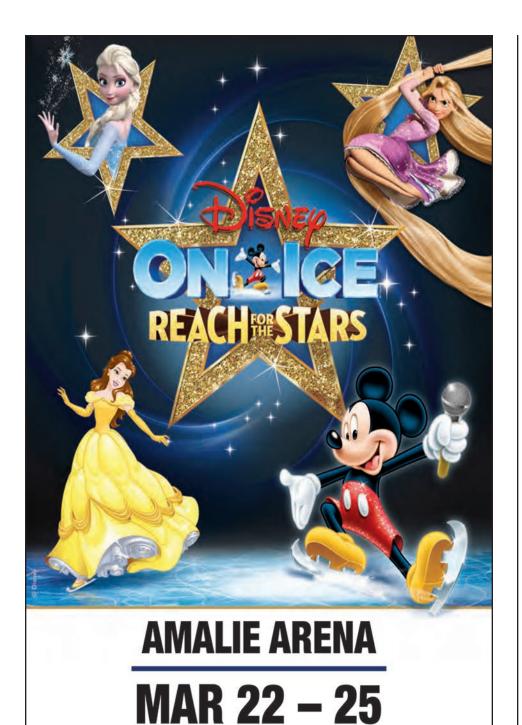


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Barbara Keithly, Owner

I have advertised with Dunndeal for many years now, even prior to opening Magnolia Manor five years ago. It is amazing the number of calls I receive after the newspaper is published each month. The calls are from prospective clients, potential employees, and other businesses looking to network. Dunndeal has made such a difference in my ability to reach a broad range of people in the community. I will continue to work with them for all of my advertising needs.

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Samantha Taylor Samantha Taylor Fitness

That may seem like an odd statement. However, I think that is the art that so many people have lost, especially women. Women usually take care of everyone else but themselves: their kids, spouse, parents or career.

THEN, if they have any energy left, they will take care of themselves. But the problem with this way of living is that if you are not the energy to fully enjoy all the other things you are doing.

helped over 6,000 women lose weight, I tend to hear the same things over and over again: "I am so tired that I don't even have the energy to play with my kids at night, let alone spend time with my husband," or "I am so sick of always thinking about my weight or what I am going to wear," or "I want to feel good again because I just hate feeling this way!"

The challenge is that so many women don't know how to take some time for themselves. Yes, all your other responsibilities are important, but if you don't also take care of you, you WILL regret it. You can wake up one or in a size 16 or sitting at the doctor being told you have diabetes or heart disease.

And the scary thing about heart disease is many times the first symptom that someone has it is sudden death! Did you know heart disease is the #1 killer of women, and it kills 1 in 3 people in this country?!

I find it interesting that Jesus' reply to being asked, "What is the most important com-

Love Yourself for Valentine's Day

mandment in the Bible?" that He answered, "To love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself." Interesting. How can you love your neighbor as yourself if you don't even love YOU?

It is not a selfish thing to take care of your health and mental well-being. It's called responsibility for your body.

The body you have right now is the only body you get until the day you die, so why not start loving it and taking care of it NOW? If you don't, your body will quickly start to fall apart and you will wonder, "How did this happen to my body?"

I encourage you to break through any ex-REALLY taking care of you, you won't have cuses of why you aren't doing something and just do it. Give yourself a gift for Valentine's Day. Do something nice for yourself like get Since my personal training studio has a massage, take a hot bath, or get a facial. And I encourage you with this new year to really start to take care of the body God has given you and hire a personal trainer to help you (and husbands, many women enjoy having the gift of a personal trainer).

Learning how to eat is key if you want to be healthy and keep it off. Not a program that is going to put you on drugs or starvation diets so you can't maintain it once you go off them, but a place that helps you to learn how to eat, get physically fit, and be around women like yourself.

We serve many clients in their 50's to 70's day and find yourself 50 pounds overweight in our personal training program. If a place like mine sounds good to you, visit my website to get some delicious recipes. I want you to see how easy it really can be to get results when you make that decision that IT IS TIME to start taking care of YOU.

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Matthew 22:36-40

Next 6 week challenge starts Feb. 5th www.6weekbtc.com

Thank God For This Paper

Samantha Taylor Samantha Taylor Fitness

When I started my Personal Training business for women 15 years ago in this area, I was looking for a way to get my name out there. I was working out of a large gym at the time and I wanted to inspire women to train with me so they could get the results they were looking for.

I honestly remember having the conversation with my husband and wondering if we should "spend" the money because at that time, I was just starting so I didn't have many resources. I knew something within me was telling me to go for it and that I needed to test it out.

I was new to marketing 15 years ago, but I can say it's one of the FIRST places I ever marketed my weight loss and fitness business and I still look back today and am amazed at what this paper has done for my life and my business. People started calling and little by little it started to increase.

With time, I became a mini celebrity in our area from being in the local paper so much and people started to see me as the authority on women's health and fitness. So much business came in from this paper that after three years I was able to leave the large corporate gym and rented space from another small studio.

It was scary, but I knew that God was inspiring me to do it and I knew that with the response I was getting from this paper that I could make the transition. Ironically, my first month on my own I had one of the biggest months I ever had up to that time, and I am so grateful Dunndeal was a partner with me in making that happen.

Things were going well, but I did want a place of my own, a place that women could feel comfortable being in a private environment and with women around their same age. So after a year, I was able to move into my own place and I knew because of the response I was getting

from Dunndeal I could do it.

So, 12 years ago I opened my own studio on Florida Avenue and was there for three years. This paper was always my #1 place that was getting me the most calls. I think it's also because people like to hear about what is going on in the community and they like to read about positive stories. I had no idea community papers were such an impact on people but they obviously are.

Then, because of how many women I was helping, nine years ago I was able to step out in faith again and get into my next studio that was almost twice the size, on SR 54 in Lutz. I know without the constant phone calls coming in from Dunndeal I would not be where I am today. It's rather momentous for me because this paper was truly the beginning of an amazing career where I get the honor to help so many women lose weight and get healthy—to the tune of over 12 tons of fat that we have helped women lose.

I thank God for this paper, for I know He used it to catapult my business, to get my message out there and to be able to help over 4,500 women lose weight! And even in the tough times over the last fifteen years I knew I couldn't stop advertising, I knew I had to be consistent. And by being faithful, we have been so busy we were able to just fully renovate the studio including putting down rubber flooring in the whole place.

I am so grateful that Dunndeal called me fifteen years ago to ask if I wanted to be a part of what they were doing. At the time, I had no idea when I said yes, that I was not "spending" money, but I was investing money in not only my future but all of the people's lives that my business improves.

It really is amazing, and if you want to get known in the community, this paper is the way to do it. Thank you, Dunndeal, and thank you, Kay and Mark, for being such nice people to work with and for helping improve our community together. God bless you!

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Royal Pets Market & Resort

By Karen McBride



When planning your holiday gift list, don't forget your four-legged family members. Pamper your pet during this holiday season with a trip to Royal Pets Market & Resort ("the resort"). The resort offers complete spa and veterinary services. Treat your pet to a number of spa services available including:

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- Creme rinse conditioner
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If your pet suffers from acute and chronic illnesses such as diabetes, thyroid disease, Cushing's Disease, Heartworm, or allergies, the highly-trained staff can work with you to determine and implement the proper treatment plan for your pet. Schedule an appointment today to learn the options available to you.

The resort has three convenient locations in Carrollwood, St. Petersburg, and Palm Harbor. A fourth location in Apopka will be coming soon. For more information about additional services offered at the resort, including doggie day care, go to www.royalpetsmarket.com.



Learning to Pursue What Really Matters

by Joyce Meyers



Years ago, I got to a place in my life where things were going pretty well. Dave and I had a good marriage, we were doing alright financially, our kids were saved, and our ministry was growing. Yet I still had this vague feeling of discontentment. Something was just not right on the inside.

Have you ever felt that way? Maybe you've wondered, "What's wrong with me?" like I did. Well, when I asked God that question, His answer to me was, "Joyce, you're shallow. It's time to step out into the deep."

I'm just telling you the truth: Bible teacher Joyce Meyers was a shallow Christian. Although I wanted all the "fruit" of God's Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience—operating in my life, I wasn't seeking it. So spiritually speaking, I wasn't a very deep person. I had my priorities backwards as many of us do at times.

We want the money, the house, the promotion, or whatever that thing is. So we there's nothing more valuable in this life than pursue that rather than the true treasure of God's presence.

But just like a tree needs deep, wide-reaching roots in order to support big, strong branches that can withstand the harsh elements of the outdoors, Christians need to be deeply rooted and grounded in the Word of God. It's His love that sustains us-not our "stuff."

Don't get me wrong. It's okay to want nice things. But there's a difference between desiring them and seeking them—and that's something we'd be wise to focus on each day of our lives.

What are you seeking in life?

The word "seek" is an extremely strong word. It means "to crave, to pursue, to make sacrifices to get or to go after something with all of your strength and all of your heart." There are only a handful of things the Bible actually tells us to seek, including God Himself, the kingdom of God, righteousness, peace, and love. Never once does it say we

should pursue temporary, earthly things.

Every now and then, I think it's a good idea to do a little soul searching and ask yourself, "What am I seeking?" In other words, what do you spend most of your time doing? What do you talk about the most? What are you putting most of your energy into?

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If you realize that you've been chasing things rather than God Himself, I encourage you to visualize your final hours. I know it's not particularly pleasant to imagine, but if we just think realistically about what that day would look like, it might help us change the way we spend today.

How will putting God first change your day?

If you have a strong inner life—that is, you know who you are in Christ and you know that you're right with God-then what goes on around you doesn't have to matter all that much. In fact, it's amazing what you can go through with a smile on your face! You can be hurting pretty badly yourself and yet have a deep desire to help other people.

That's when we know we're mature sons and daughters of God-when our life isn't wrapped up in what we want, what we think, and how we feel. Instead, we're wrapped up in what God has done in our lives and how we can help grow His kingdom while we're still here on this earth.

You and I can still have a lot of "stuff," but knowing God loves us and that we're right with Him. I believe that during our final hours, that's what we'll find to be truly important.

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides."

When you chase after God and make Him your first priority, then you'll really get to know Him and He'll give you the things that are right for you at the right time and in the right way.

I've been a shallow person and I know what it's like to need something deeper. I want to encourage you to really chase after God. Live each day of your life pursuing what really matters. Don't spend your whole life in the shallow waters wrapped up in what you want, think, and feel. Let Him be first in your life—and you'll soon discover it's the most amazing way to live!

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Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he travelled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took

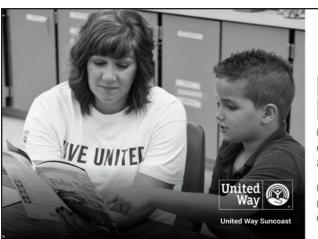
care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?"

He said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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NuLeaf Healing By Karen McBride



business. "It is exciting, nerve wracking, and hard work, but it is all worth it," said Vaiano.

Each massage is unique and individualized. She wants each customer to feel important. "I'm a big customizer," said Vaiano. She offers spa-like touches, including hot towels, but likes to tailor the experience to meet her customers' specific needs.

In her new practice, the licensed massage therapist will be offering body treatments and hot stone massages. She is offering a special until the end of January: 60 minute massages are \$40 and 90 minute massages are \$70.

In addition to opening her own practice, she has begun a new partnership with Dr. Aaron Dixon, a chiropractor.

To further promote healing, she is offering 30 minute massages in conjunction with his patient's chiropractic adjustments. She will be at Dr. Dixon's office on Mondays and Wednesdays. The office is located at 14916 Casey Road, Tampa 33624.

Her office is located at 15619 Premiere Drive, Suite 201, Tampa, FL 33624. For appointments, call 813-390-9266. For more information, go to http://www.nuleafhealing.com.

Tatiana Vaiano has been a massage therapist for 12 years. When she decided to open her own practice, she knew exactly where she wanted to be. Carrollwood is her home, having lived here since she was 8 years old. She was able to secure a peaceful office space right in the heart of Carrollwood.

This is her first adventure in owning her own

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Woman's Club Preps for Big Flea Market

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members are beginning prep work for its Annual Old Lutz School Flea Market and will accept donations each Mon. and Wed. between 9 and 11am beginning on Mon. Feb. 12 at the Old Lutz School, 18819 US-41 N, Lutz. The club welcomes community donations of books, clothing, shoes, house-hold items, small appliances, kitchen wares, accessories, décor items, tools, toys, etc.

All items must be clean and in working order. Larger furniture may be dropped off in the last week of February, but large appliances or sleeper sofas cannot be accepted. Please help the hardworking "Green Shirt" ladies raise funds with your donations for this very popular flea market, the proceeds of which will ultimately benefit our commu-



nity through the club scholarship fund and its many contributions to and support of local charitable groups and non-profits.

WOMAN'S CLUB FLEA MARKET SALE DATES: Fri. & Sat. March 2 & 3, 2018 from 8am to 2pm at the Historic Old Lutz School, with tons of great treasures to be found at bargain prices. For information, please contact Rosie at 813-597-6945.

Faith Sincich "Volunteer of the Year"



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— Matthew 22:37

Valentine's Day: One of America's **Most Popular Days**

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Emperor Claudius II banned marriage for young Roman men, thinking single men made better soldiers

Eventually, the Emperor caught on to the priest's actions, and he was arrested and sentenced to death. Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as the date honoring Valentine's Day near the end of the 5th century. It wasn't until the 1300's that the holiday became associated with love and romance.

Back then, people believed that February 14th also was the beginning of the birds' mating season. The first written Valentine greeting appeared in the 15th century, and by the 17th century people in Great Britain had begun a tradition of exchanging Valentine cards or letters.

Valentine's Day soon caught on in the U.S. as well. The first mass-produced holiday cards emerged in 1840, and Valentine's Day

soon exploded into a major consumer holiday. Today, an estimated 1 billion Valentine cards are sent each year, more than any other holiday except for Christmas. More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold, and 220 million roses produced for the holiday in a year.

Altogether, Americans spend around \$20 billion on Valentine's Day, an average of \$130 dollars per person per year. While the most popular gifts were candy and flowers, nearly 20% of Americans splurge on jewelry, shelling out \$4 billion annually.

Those who prefer the ultimate romantic gesture are definitely not alone. A recent survey reveals at least six million couples are likely to get engaged on February 14th.

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The Origin of Valentine's Day



For all its popularity, history doesn't give us any guarantees as to the origin of Valentine's Day. But we do know it contains messages of the early Christian church in ancient Rome. The association between

mid-February and romance goes back to the pagan festival known as Lupercalia, likely honoring either Lupa, the she-wolf of Rome who suckled Romanists, and Remus, their god of fertility.

The festivities began with an animal sacrifice, the ritualistic slapping of a young woman with strips of the animal's skin and blood to dispose of fertility for the coming year. In the fifth century and perhaps in an effort to Christianize the pagan festival, Pope Julius declared February as St. Valentine's Day. As for the real St. Valentine there were several reportedly canonized by the church.

Legend has it that one St. Valentine was a defiant Roman priest who lived during the third century A.D. under Emperor Claudius the second.

Claudius was an ambitious ruler. His battles required vast armies of many to abandon their young families for long periods of time, resulting in a military that was halfhearted and homesick. So determined was Claudius to stop love from sapping the will of his armies, he banned marriages altogether.



Father Valentine thought that was unjust, and defied the Emperor to continue to marry young lovers in secret.

The Emperor eventually caught on to the priest's actions and arrested him, sentencing him to death. It is believed that young couples secretly wed, would visit his cell, passing flowers and notes through the bars as a symbol of their gratitude.

The story continues that the condemned Father Valentine fell in love with his jailer's daughter. On February 14, the day he was executed, it is said he passed the young girl a note, signed from "Your Valentine."



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> Today, Valentine's Day has removed the religious opinions from the past and it's one of the most celebrated holidays on the calendar. A tradition was born and a Cupid, a towering matchmaker, who started out as a Roman God of love, inspired the image of cherubs for Christians and is now a favorite of card makers and mass marketers.

> On average, Americans shower their loved ones with 180 million roses, and almost 36 million heart-shaped boxes of candy, not to mention all those cards, dinners and diamonds. All told, the holiday brings in almost 14 billion annually, giving retailers plenty to love as well. But if you're worried that you can't afford to treat your loved ones properly next Valentine's Day, take heart, the poets were right, love is all you really need.

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By Karen McBride

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The friendly, dependable employees are prescreened and pro-"I was born to clean. I knew at a very young age that this is what fessionally trained. Periodic background checks are performed to maintain the high level of employee standards.

They do not use independent sub-contractors or vendors. Rusch believes in the hands-on approach. She's in the field every day, working alongside her employees.

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Garden Connect

By Steve and Jeanne Wolfe from White Dove Farm



Greetings. It has been the coldest winter we have experienced for a long time. Brrrr. Everyone around us has been sharing their memories of extreme cold weather. Since many are from different areas of the United States and Canada, we share their discomfort of temperatures near and below zero.

We particularly remember traveling in the military to South Dakota from Mississippi via St. Louis, Missouri in 1973 and having one of the coldest Christmas Eves in 44 years and one of the fiercest blizzards.

I had scolded my wife for having overloaded the car, yet in disguise it became a blessing. God has ways of turning our mistakes into blessings. We saw trucks and cars sliding into the ditches, and here we were-me, my wife and three sons-slowly plowing a path through the snow. I decided to go to the nearest motel since visibility was getting near zero. Lo and behold, we obtained the last room available—thank you, Jesus. The room was cold, so we called the office and requested additional heat and blankets, but they were not available because they were putting up people in the hallways and lobby.

To make the best of a poor situation, we were thankful to get out of the weather and we all slept safely in our coats.

CASSIA. In Florida, the Cassia tree, more like a large shrub, blooms in the fall/winter

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The picture in this article was rooted by Jeanne from an existing tree we have in the front of our property. Young trees grow asymmetrical with branches drooping toward the ground. Staking and pruning will help to develop a well-shaped and structured crown. This tree is not invasive and is pest-resistant, is moderately drought-tolerant and does well as a street tree.

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We have had only one Garden Connect meeting this last year (2017) since Steve's mother passed and had to cancel several field trips due to the hurricane last year. Hopefully we can resume meetings this spring. Health, wealth, and good wishes to all!

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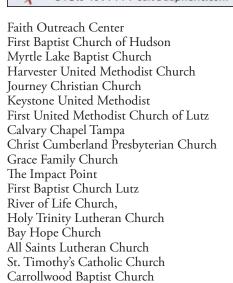
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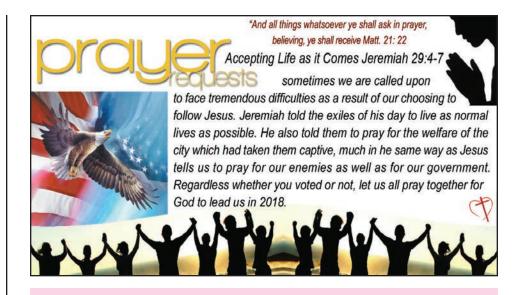
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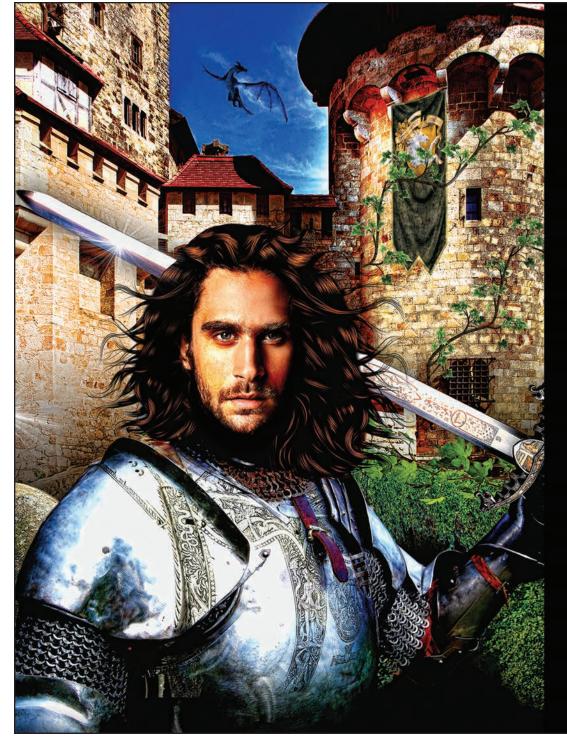
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