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Hope is a healthy attitude. Anticipating good brings comfort to the mind and heart. In contrast, a state of hopelessness is a terrible condition in which to find oneself. It's overwhelming and depressing to think that what you're facing cannot be changed or resolved. For the person who has lost all hope, life looks like a long, dark tunnel going nowhere.

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Ernest Walker State Farm Insurance Agency, Your Local Neighborhood Agent *By Karen McBride*

By Karen McBride

Purchasing the right insurance can be a difficult and confusing task. It is important to make sure you have enough coverage to protect the things that matter to you.

Ernest Walker, of Ernest Walker State Farm Insurance Agency, is ready and prepared to help you. The agency business owner has been in the insurance industry for over 14 years and as of January 1, 2018, he has been providing security to families in Carrollwood and Northdale areas. His mission is to help neighbors manage the risk of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams.

Ernest likes the personal aspect of owning his

own business and wants to be your local neighborhood insurance and financial service agency resource. When you visit his office, you are meeting face to face with real licensed professional and not just the other side of an 800 number. People like to know they are talking to a real human being, someone who cares about their circumstances, and will take the time to answer all their questions.

Ernest can provide you the data you need to make an informed decision.

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The Great Florida Outdoors: Weedon Island Preserve

Dr. Robert Norman, Clinical Professor, Dermatology • Nova Southeastern University



I was coming back to Tampa from Howey in the expansive 3,190-acre coastal system of Weedon Island Preserve includes aquatic and upland ecosystems and many species of native plants and animals. Weedon Island is the largest estuarine preserve in Pinellas County, with aquatic habitats such as mangrove swamps, shoreline, and seagrass beds predominating. Within the reserve are xeric and mesic upland communities of pine flatwoods, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, and hammocks.

I have spent many hours hiking the many captivating trails of the preserve. I hiked the main boardwalk recently at dusk and noted the ghostly mangrove trees caught in a moment of dance—legs and arms outstretched—as intermittent slivers of sunlight touched the trees with a soft glow. On another hike, along a trail and boardwalk up to the observation tower, the interpretive signs highlighted how the environment had changed via the mosquito ditches built in the mid-1900’s to allow fish to come in and eat the mosquito larvae that were hatching and helping to spread yellow fever. From the tower you can see shell middens and mounds as well as the red fringe of the salt marsh ecosystem.

I recently completed a three-day course at Weedon Island on environmental interpretation as part of the Florida Master Natural-

ist Program, and the educational facility and displays here, including artifacts, biological specimens, movies, photographs, provided our class with a wonderful cultural history of the indigenous peoples who occupied this site for thousands of years. Perhaps the most well-known new addition to the Center is a 40-foot dugout canoe found in the Weedon Island Preserve and believed to be a Manasota artifact approximately 1,100 years old. Man and nature enjoy a powerful yet delicate dance, and the exhibit highlights how nature can thrive and help us survive over the 2,000-year history of humans on the island.

Weedon Island Preserve is a wonderful example of keeping history alive. Florida’s first inhabitants arrived as early as 14,000 years ago. About 5,000 years ago, nomadic archaic populations began to settle and enjoyed the rich natural resources along the central gulf coast area and were known as the Manasota cultures. Over time, starting around 1,800 years ago, these sedentary people began to create a new social structure with home-grown ceremonies and artistic pottery and evolved into the Weedon Island culture, a period that lasted around 800 years.

The native population again changed as the first Spanish entered the scene, eventually decimated by disease, warfare, and social destruction. The Creek Indians entered Florida in the 1700’s from Alabama and Georgia and eventually became known as the Seminoles. Weedon Island, following the Civil War, became the homestead of early settlers.

Among those who occupied the land was Dr. Leslie Washington Weedon (1860-1937). He was a major force in the fight against yellow fever and one of the area’s first physicians. Dr. Weedon first acquired the property in 1898. He was fascinated by Native American history

and would be elated that his weekend retreat was preserved for the enjoyment of others. The land is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As you walk around the island, you can imagine what amazing interactions must have occurred with Dr. Weedon and others.

By the 1900s, Weedon Island entered into an era that included being host to bootleggers and speakeasies, airports, and Hollywood movies.

As with all the parks in the the Great Florida Outdoors, you should always check out the online calendar for the next scheduled event and register. At Weedon Island Preserve, free guided preserve hikes are given each Saturday of the month from 9am - 11am and a guided photography hike and a guided bird hike is each provided once a month.

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center is located at 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Phone is (727) 453-6500.


To visit the Natural History Center, remember the hours are Thursday – Saturday 9am to

4pm and Sunday 11 am - 4pm (Closed Monday-Wednesday and all county holidays).

If you are interested in mammals, plants, mammals, birds, insects, photography, archaeology, history, paddling, hiking, or other activities, Weedon Island is a great place to explore. Come out to enjoy the Great Florida Outdoors!

Dr. Norman is an award-winning dermatologist and author of 15 textbooks on dermatology. Please call him today at 813-880-7546 to schedule an appointment.





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Dr. Dan Coffin

Pastor, River of Life Church

What Is That You Are Carrying?

out ever being sick herself. Typhoid Mary, as she became known, had infected many people, some who died.

This deadly disease was transferred from her body into the foods she prepared. As these people ate the contaminated food, they became infected and carried this disease with them.

You and I may not be carrying an infectious disease, but we can carry things that are just as deadly. Judgments, criticisms, and complaining are highly infectious. Sin is a contagion we have all been subjected to. But, as believers, we have been commissioned to carry the Gospel to the world.

The word gospel means “good news”. The good news of the Kingdom of God is that your sins, that are a heavy burden, have been forgiven. Jesus took our place in judgment and bore our sin when he hung on the cross. Taking the required punishment for our sins he died, but he rose again having defeated death and hell for us.

Now you and I are to be carriers of the Kingdom of God, infecting others with the good news that in Christ Jesus everyone can be unburdened by sin and all its affects.

They can eat of the Tree of Life instead of death and walk in the joy God intended for us all. So what will you carry with you today? Who will you infect? And what will you choose? God said, “I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life,” (Deut. 30:19).

Dr. Dan Coffin and his wife Dianne co-pastor River of Life Church at 410 E. Chapman Rd. in Lutz, FL. 33549, (813) 949-9931, www.rivertampa.org

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The Well – A Women’s Training Ministry

By Karen McBride



The Well is a women’s Bible study and training ministry. Women from all denominations learn and grow in their personal walk with God with opportunities to develop leadership skills through Bible study and mentoring.

Susie Walther, president and founder of The Well, began the ministry with the goal of “helping women not only become disciples of Jesus Christ, but also to train them to go and make disciples within their churches and communities,” said Walther.

The Well has outgrown its central location for hosting Bible studies and is look-

ing for new accommodations to meet their needs. As many as 150 women attend The Well Bible studies and training opportunities per day. At this time, women from across the Tampa Bay area have opened their homes or are meeting in coffee shops to share God’s word and study the Bible together. What is amazing is the fact that when it was centralized, it only had the ability to hold up to 9 Bible studies in a day, but now that it has dispersed across the area, it continues to grow as many more studies have started with many women attending.

“They are reaching new women, women who might never step into the door of a church,” said Kristina Jensen, Chairman of The Well Bible Study Ministry, Inc.

On September 21-23, 2018, The Well is having its “Renovated –A Wife According to God’s Design” conference. The three-day event will be held at the Daytona Beach Resort & Conference Center, 2700 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118. Tickets go on sale May 11 and start at \$329 for an all-inclusive weekend. For more information on The Well, please go to thewellbiblestudy.org.

Can One Financial Decision Make a Difference?



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I remember a commercial of a ground crewman painting the end zone of his hometown football team, the Chiefs. He took great pride in his work during practice. After he painted the last piece of grass and stood back to admire his handiwork, a player came up and said, “Hey, that’s great, but who are the Chiefs?”

On the one hand it’s only one letter, but missing that one vital detail affects the entire picture. This is a perfect illustration of how one financial decision can mean the difference between a successful financial future or a failed one.

I’d like to give you three major decisions that seem small and are made every day but affect the entire picture greatly. These three are interconnected, so making a change to one can be positive or negative to the other two.

1. How much you spend – I use a saying with my clients and it goes like this: “Big doors swing on little hinges.” Spending is a little hinge. I recently showed a client their financial plan and if they reduced their spending by just \$500 a month it allowed their money to last all the way to age 95. However, if they continued on their same path, they would run out of money long before then. Knowing how much you spend and even knowing what is

discretionary versus what is mandatory helps with making financial decisions.

2. How much you save – Saving money is a task that is not immediately gratifying. You don’t get to bring it home and show it off. You also can’t enjoy the experience like a vacation or a getaway. However many of my clients have stated to me they wished they would’ve saved more and that they would’ve started earlier.

3. How much you accumulate – If you were lost and trying to get somewhere, the first question I would ask you is where are you right now? How much is accumulated is not so much a decision made today but an evaluation and a starting point. In order to make a decision about what goals you want to accomplish next month, next year, or the next 10 years, you have to take an inventory on where you today.

In conclusion, if you reduce spending, it can allow you to save more and therefore accumulate more assets.

These are only three decisions to consider, but there are many more decisions to make. If you need help with making those decisions or want to see a picture of your financial future, give me a call or email andy@pfgprivatewealth.com.

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Trinity Cafe – More Than Just A Meal

By Karen McBride

Trinity Cafe began feeding the homeless and food insecure in 2001. Since that time, more than 1.3 million people have entered through the doors of the quaint cafe. It is more than just a place for the tired and hungry to get a hot, delicious meal. It is a chance for them to connect with other people.

Tables are set up in a restaurant-style atmosphere with colorful centerpieces. As the guests arrive, they are greeted with warm, friendly smiles.

“At Trinity Cafe, nobody is asking why you’re hungry. No one is asking why you’re homeless. The door is open, just come in and eat,” Chef Ben said.

Volunteers are a key element to keep-

ing the well-organized program running smoothly. Tasks include serving guests, hosting tables, greeting guests, pouring drinks, preparing silverware, or cleaning tables. One waiter and host companion are assigned to each table. For this reason, many volunteers are needed at each meal.

Trinity Cafe is now serving in two locations: 2801 N. Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602 and 2202 E. Busch Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

One of the greatest gifts we can give is our time to make another person’s day a little better. For more information about volunteering at or donating to Trinity Cafe, go to <https://trinitycafe.org>.

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Local Trafficking Survivor Hosts Event

“Somebody’s Daughter” Gala on 4/21 for Safe House

Experts say Florida is 3rd when it comes to human trafficking reports. It’s a horror Edie Rhea, President and Founder of Healing Root Ministry, experienced firsthand. “The house I grew up in looked like a model home,” Rhea says. “It had a white picket fence, four bedrooms, two baths – even a pool. But inside... hell was going on.”

Rhea was being trafficked by her mother’s boyfriend. As she explained in the WEDU documentary, *Too Close to Home: Human Trafficking in Tampa Bay*, it started at age ten and lasted well into her teens. Now, Rhea fights on behalf of other victims through her work as Founder of Healing Root Ministry, a non-profit organization that builds bridges between individuals, organizations, and government to tackle the root causes of human trafficking. They’ve recently opened The Gate – a safe house and transitional home for those rescued from human slavery.

To raise awareness and funds to support their mission, Healing Root Ministry is hosting the 3rd annual Somebody’s Daugh-

ter Gala on April 21st at 6:30pm at the Epic Center in Tampa. With a “Great Gatsby” theme, attendees will enjoy dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and more. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$125.00 per couple. The non-profit is also seeking corporate sponsorships and in-kind donations for the silent auction. Rhea is currently available for interviews on her story as well as the gala.

For more information, visit www.healing-rootministry.com or visit them on Facebook. For interviews with Edie, contact Edie at (813) 949-7495 ext 308 or edie@healingrootministry.com.

About Edie Rhea

Edie is a “thrivor” of childhood sexual abuse and human trafficking. She has dedicated her life to aiding fellow survivors. Rhea is President and Founder of Healing Root Ministry, a non-profit organization that advocates for victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse and operates a safe house and transitional home for rescued victims. Edie shares her story to help others and is also an advocate for child abuse prevention.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”
— Luke 9:23-24

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Keith Chandler, Journey Christian Church

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The first half of Mark explains that Jesus has become King over all things (he has authority over everything). The second half of Mark is his purpose in dying on the cross. I want to look at this story (Mark 2:1-12) through whatever is consuming you right now.

Because your felt need may not be your deepest need. Your pressing need may not be your primary need. We often come to God with what we want and lose sight of what we need most.

“A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.” Mark 2:1-2

The entire town comes to Peter’s house. They are hoping Jesus can heal them too.

“Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.” Mark 2:3-4

The typical house in those days had a flat roof with beams. They would take grass and mud and sticks and make this hard thatch covering that would become water proof. Each fall they would take them down and put up a new roof to prepare for the winter’s rain.

Imagine Jesus is teaching in this packed room and they start hearing scratching on the roof (squirrels?), then mud and grass starts falling around Jesus. That’s when Jesus addresses something that doesn’t seem relevant.

When Jesus saw their faith, the faith of his friends who say, “If we can just get him to Jesus, we know he’s gonna walk out of here,” Je-

sus said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

“That’s great, Jesus, but we didn’t bring our friend here to have his sins forgiven.

We went to all this trouble so that you could HEAL him, NOT forgive him.

Your sins are forgiven? That’s a huge let down. We’re not here for forgiveness, we are here for a miracle.”

“Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ‘Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’” Mark 2:6-7

To say “Your sins are forgiven,” means you’re equating yourself with God. So one group in this room is disappointed because they thought they would see a miracle. And the religious group is angry because he’s claiming to do what only God can do.

“Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk?’” Mark 2:8

Jesus is saying his pressing need is not his primary need. We can relate because for us, the most important things in our life are health, prosperity, companionship, and recognition. But you know what’s NOT on our list? Forgiveness.

We don’t see it as a need. When sin entered the world it brought sickness and disease and death. When Jesus says he has authority over sin, he’s gonna prove it by his authority over the consequences of sin.

I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. Jesus looks at this paralyzed man and he says, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” Mark 2:10-11

This is what they’ve come for.

There are two reasons Jesus healed people:

1. Because he had compassion on them.
2. To point to his identity.

“He got up, took his mat and walked out

in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’” Mark 2:12

They celebrated the temporary, but they totally missed the eternal. Do you know why? Because they’re like us. We’re so consumed with the temporary in our life we completely miss the eternal. **Your deepest need is a connection with the Father.**

My most pressing need isn’t money or health. It’s not so people will recognize me. Our most pressing need is forgiveness.

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Please note the change in meeting costs. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests who RSVP by Tuesday prior to the meeting.

On Wednesday and after, the cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

Please register at <http://www.women-n-charge.com/meetings>. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Judy at 813-600-9848 or info@women-n-charge.com.

The April meeting will feature a networking event for members and guests to recognize the time, talents, and treasures gained by being Women-n-Charge!

A Little Boy’s Explanation of God



It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment to explain God.

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on Earth. He doesn’t make grownups, just babies, I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn’t have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have.

Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren’t any who come to our church. Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him.

But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said okay.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn’t have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there’s anybody you want to make happy, it’s God! Don’t skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides, the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon, anyway.

If you don’t believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can’t go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He’s around you when you’re scared, in the dark or when you can’t swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn’t just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back any time he pleases. And that’s why I believe in God.”

Women-n-Charge Grants



WNC Grant Awards Given on March 2, 2018. From left: Grant Winner #1, Connie Carter of Gorgeous Growlers Grooming; Judy Nicolosi, WNC Treasurer; Brenda Cassato, Grant Judge; Doris Hogan, Grant Judge; Grant Winner #2, Jennifer Garner, Esq.; and Yvette Behmer of The Law Office of Lucas Magazine who was the Event Sponsor of the 2017 Tea Fundraiser that helped make these grants possible! Grant Winner #3, Roxanne Harmon, was unable to attend the meeting.

On March 2, 2018, Women-n-Charge, whose mission, in part, is to support and assist professional women in managing their businesses more effectively, awarded three grants. Each spring the organization gives two \$1,000 grants to deserving women in business, but this year, due to WNC savings and outstanding support of our annual tea fundraiser, we were able to award three \$1,500 grants!

These grants are made possible by the annual tea fundraiser held each fall. In 2017, our Event Sponsor was the Law Offices of Lucas Magazine and they helped us award the grant winners this year!

Thank you to our 2018 WNC Grant Judges for picking such worthy winners: Paula O’Neil (Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller), Doris Hogan (Owners, Hogan’s Helpers), and Brenda Cassato (Founder of Senior Information Resources).

The first grant was awarded to Constance Carter who is the owner of Gorgeous Growlers Grooming. She provides low stress dog grooming services in a boutique, spa-like salon using products with natural ingredients. Connie plans to use these funds to create a retail store space in her salon, as she often

recommends products and grooming tools for clients to use at home. Learn more at www.gorgeous-growlers.com.

The second grant was awarded to Jennifer A. Garner, Esq. She is a real estate attorney and opened her practice, Jennifer A. Garner, PA, 2 years ago. She intends to use the funds to add a complete new division to her law firm.

Jennifer will become mediation-certified so that she can provide mediation services in the community, which will expand her business. Learn more at jenniferagarner.com.

The third bonus grant was awarded to Mary Roxanne Harmon who is the owner of Murals and More.

With the funds she received, Roxanne will be expanding her services to include printed pieces that are customizable by purchasing a needed digital art tablet and building a new website. This will expand Roxanne’s artwork to not only prints but to products as well such as decor, t-shirts, bags, mugs, and more! Learn more at www.muralsandmore.freeyellow.com.

Learn more about this organization at women-n-charge.com. WNC usually meets the first Friday of the month at Pebble Creek Country Club in Tampa from 11:15am to 1:15pm.

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How much is enough? It seems to be an impossible question, when in reality it's much easier than we make it out to be. We all, no matter how much we make, want more and more! But, in 99% of the cases that's just not reality. Therefore, people set themselves up for worry, stress, frustration, and fear as well as disappointment. What if reality was the true guiding light—could it be more pleasant? The phrase “when reality sets in” happens; it does not have to be disappointing. Use reality to be prepared. Ease and contentment are much happier places to be instead of greed and want all the time. Matthew 11:28-30, Philippians 4:11-12.

As we go through life, we need to recognize several important facts in determining our net worth. 1) Every financial decision ultimately impacts our net worth, such as what we spend on our kids growing up, education, and of course what we spend on our grandkids. Oops, sorry! I got preachy there, didn't I? Hey, my wife Candi and I have 10 grandkids. I know what I am talking about.

2) Our net worth is the one number that can be quantified and therefore it can be measured on a period to period basis. So you can and should keep track of it.

3) My net worth is the sum total of every financial decision I have ever made. You all know that I have traveled the world over several times and that certainly cost money. With that said, I understand the impact this plays on my finances and I keep my goals in balance. So yes, I could have more money for sure, but with certain goals I choose to use my funds for a bigger purpose, sharing and helping in all parts of the globe.

4) The question “How much is enough?” can always be answered. Over the years it may change, but at least you'll have a target and goal to reach.

5) Net worth is always and only a measure of God's provision, and never a measure of success or failure or significant importance.

Retirement is achievable and can be enjoyable while living inside your means; your true net worth. We certainly can't forget adding in the value of family, friends, experiences, and our health. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Caring for You and Yours,
Jim
If you need help to determine “How much is enough?” and needing answers to retirement, then give me a call. That's what I do!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”
— John 15:5

Have You Ever Thought About The Next Generation?



Millennials are old news. Here comes Gen Z! They were too young to remember 9/11. Their world has always been saturated with touch screens and social media. If you don't feel old yet, just think about the fact that this year's incoming college freshman was born in the year 2000! Before you know it, Gen Z will be graduating from college and getting jobs that will be shaping, leading, and innovating the future.

But, how has the world they've grown up in shaped who they are, what they value, and how they see God? Those are some of the questions we ask as we work with college students in Tampa. With Cru, our desire is to help this generation navigate the college experience and come out the other side ready

to change the world in a positive way. Doing the whole “college experience” in the context of a growing relationship with God will develop in students important values of leadership, character, and faith (things desperately needed in our world).

What kind of people would you like to see take the positions of power and influence here in Tampa? In the next decade, who will be the public school teachers, lawmakers, and business executives in our state? And what can we do to invest in their lives now?

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After some time had passed and noting Melissa's unhappiness, her husband kept asking her, “When are you going to Samantha?” She would respond, “Tomorrow” and he would say “Tomorrow never comes. You have to call her today.” With that encouragement, Melissa finally decided and made an appointment to meet with Samantha Taylor Fitness.

Skeptical about achieving results and losing her cravings, she decided to give the Samantha Taylor Fitness program her last attempt at gaining health and losing weight the

natural way. Melissa had made the decision that if joining Samantha Taylor Fitness didn't work then she was going to opt for weight loss surgery.

She signed up and dove into boot camp sessions the very next morning. After 5 months, she had completely transformed her body and eating habits.

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Mark Twilla DVM
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A representative from GTE Financial will share valuable tips to improve personal finance habits. Discover the 10 key steps for a financially fit future and learn how to make educated choices based on clear priorities. This program is presented as part of Money Smart Week, a national campaign designed to help consumers better manage personal finances.

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Messengers of Hope Mission's desire is to help feed the hungry and help the homeless and poor by sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways. Our goal is to help feed the poor and homeless, but our purpose is to empower people to overcome poverty and live meaningful, purpose-driven lives, to give those who need it the most a chance to get out of poverty. We want to reach not just men and women, but children and teenagers as well with the love of Jesus.

We are very active in our community, bringing meals, groceries, toiletries, clothing, blankets, tents, bicycles, shoes, pet food, and a whole lot more straight out to the communities that are in the most need. We do toy drives at Christmas, Turkey drives at Thanksgiving, and back to school drives throughout the summer. We want to love others and know we love Jesus because He loves them and us. Find us on Facebook at Messengers of Hope Mission in Odessa, FL.






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An Act of Kindness:: The Good Samaritan



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."

— Luke 10:30–37, World English Bible



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The concert date remains the same and replacement tickets will be mailed. Exchanges will be offered to anyone unhappy with the program change. For questions, call the TFO Ticket Center at 727.892.3337 or 1-800-662-7286.

The revised program stars acclaimed vocalist James Delisco performing Michael Jackson's mega hits, including Thriller, Man in the Mirror, Billie Jean, Beat It and many more spanning the King of Pop's 40-year career dating back to the Jackson 5. The concert, produced by Windborne Music, is under the baton of conductor and arranger Brent Havens and includes a full rock band with The Florida Orchestra. Tickets are \$35, \$50, \$65. To subscribe or buy tickets, call 72-892-3337 or 1-800.662-7286 or visit floridaorchestra.org.

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Garden Connect

By Steve and Jeanne Wolfe from White Dove Farm



Greetings! It is officially spring!
The danger of a freeze hopefully is over. Boy, we had a few weeks of wonderfully warm weather then cool again. Here at White Dove Farm, I have had a few helpers (thank God!) to assist me in all of the preparatory work of cleaning up the property. Our burn pile has grown quite large this year and needs to be moved little by little to the burning spot as to be safe.
When burning outdoors, do not burn huge amounts, but safe small controlled burns with water hoses surrounding the burning area. When you are limited to using a metal barrel, then you need to chop up the branches and debris to smaller pieces. If you are unable to burn in your area then you have to lay your branches on the ground and tie them up for the garbage man to pick up.
Other smaller items that you do not want the seeds to germinate put into a garbage container for pick up, not more than two feet above the lid. Especially jacaranda seed pods. My son has checked out the rotor-tiller and changed out the gas priming bulb, which deteriorated with time.
My husband Steve took the tiller to a neighbor, a small engine repair person, who changed out the rope on the recoil starter. Now we are ready to roll!



recently and planted them, some in containers, old bath tubs, and assorted and unusual pots. After two or three light rains, lo and behold they sprouted and are already giving color to our garden. Many of the previous year's plantings are coming back to bless us.
We are digging up and cutting out many of the roots of the beautiful but invasive sun flower trees since we have accumulated too many. A lot of people love the flowers, especially in large bouquets, but they can take over a large area of your yard. So be careful (I don't mean the regular sunflower plants).
I like just about all varieties of growing plants, and I have learned to place certain plants (trial and error) in appropriate places. For example honeysuckle, which is a twining vine, attracts hummingbirds, so it's good but also bad because it travels at a high rate of speed and chokes out the plants near it. So, where should you put honeysuckle? On a fence with no other plants nearby.
Are you interested in garden art? This is my expertise and passion. We have had hands-on demos and training in many areas of art. No charge, only bring your own supplies. Here are a few examples!
Steve and Jeanne Wolfe
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7,000 Pairs of Shoes Stretch the Length of the Capitol Lawn



Joseph Huff-Hannon, Senior Campaigner of AVAZ, is a U.S.-based online site launched in January 2007 that promotes global activism on issues such as climate change, human rights, animal rights, corruption, poverty, and conflict. The UK-based newspaper The Guardian considers it "the globe's largest and most powerful online activist network."

Joseph says that it's about moving pass this awful cycle where mass shooting happens. Congress since has tweeted out their thoughts and prayers, and maybe even floats some kind of idea of a gun regulation and then quickly backs off and does nothing.

We're saying that it's not acceptable and we are not going to allow it. These kids, these students around the country are saying we are not going to live like this. "No more." We are not going to stand by and let another 5 years go

by and have another 7,000 children lose their lives because of Congress. Trump says things every day, words that just float in the wind, as the Parkland School student has already called him out on that.

As the elections are coming up, Congress should be aware that the people are going to be voting on this issue and in a couple months, we hope that there will be a Congress that will take this more seriously and pass laws that we know that will save lives.



The 7,000 shoes represent those who can't ask for gun reform because they are no longer with us since the Sandy Hook school shooting, and the group said this was a way to bring Congress face-to-face with the heart-breaking gun violence since the 2012 Newtown shooting and the Sandy Hook school shooting of 2012 and a call to demand lawmakers to enact gun reform.

Tom Mauser, whose son was killed in the Columbine school shooting, attended the event. Wearing his son's shoes, he traveled to DC to seek change so no other parent would suffer.

Their shoes covered more than 10,000 square feet of the Capitol Hill lawn. Kids lead the March for Our Lives with signs that say, "I'm not bulletproof," "Will I live to cast my ballot?" and "Am I next?"



March for Our Lives could be the biggest single-day protest in D.C.'s history.

March for Our Lives organizers estimate 800,000 protesters attended the gun control demonstration in Washington, D.C., on Saturday. If they're correct, the event would be the

largest single-day protest in the history of the nation's capital. The total is bigger than the inaugural Women's March, which brought 500,000 to D.C., according to the Washington Post.

The number doesn't include large rallies in cities such as Boston, Houston, Minneapolis, and Parkland, FL, the site of the Valentine's Day attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 souls dead.

On Sunday, another crowd estimate came in much smaller for the D.C. march. About 200,000 people attended the rally, according to Digital Design & Imaging Service Inc., a Virginia-based company that calculates crowd size.

There have been no official police estimates. Organizers of the March for Our Lives rally had hoped to exceed the half million protesters mark. The Women's March, which took place the day after Trump's inauguration, is considered the biggest one-day protest in recorded history, according to the Washington Post.



Hope: The Anchor of the Soul

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"God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind

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We have a promise from the Lord: "If my people, who are called by my name, will hum-

ble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV)

Please also join us in prayer for the millions of individuals who are at a critical crossroad and don't even know it.

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