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During his ministry, Jesus often encountered counterfeiters. In fact, He Himself was accused of blasphemy when he said "I Am." John 10:33: "The Jews answered him, saying, 'For good word we do not stone you, but for blasphemy and because you, being a man, make yourself God.'"

Years ago, a survey of Protestant youths from many denominations was done. They were asked whether they agreed with the following statement: "The way to be accepted by God is to try sincerely to live a good life."

More than 60% agreed that God is satisfied if a person lives the best life as he can. Many church-going people like this are confused on the most important question in life: "How can I be right with God?" Many think that sincerity is a big factor.

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By Karen McBride



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A Desperate Prayer

Then he assumes HE'S the solution! Hannah is desperately empty. What does she do? "Hannah got up and went to pray" I Samuel 1:9

She had enough of living this way so, she got up and prayed this desperate prayer. As a loving father, God hears our cry and responds. "Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord."

She made this vow: 'O Lord of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you.'

It sounds like she's negotiating with God. God's not a negotiator. You don't have anything he needs. This is surrender. She's saying, "I will GIVE him to you. I've been asking and asking for a child for ME. Now I'm asking for a child for YOU." (Big difference)

In her desperation she looks to God. He's the God who keeps track of your tears in a bottle. He's in control and he cares. Hannah prays for a son and eventually conceives.

She gives birth to a son and names him Samuel, which means heard by God. Every time she speaks his name; she recognizes God's deliverance in her life and how God rescued her in that difficult, desperate situation.

BUT what if God had answered her request the first time? This story would have been completely different.

Her son would have grown up being used as a pawn between Hannah and Peninnah. Hannah would have been tempted to put more hope in her son than in God. Instead, she put her trust and hope in Him.

If you need to pray a desperate prayer, be reminded of his power, his strength, and his love that's available to you.

Until next month,
Keith

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Desperation can be a unique gift God gives us so we can experience his power and deliverance. We want to experience God's deliverance, but his deliverance comes after our desperation. God is drawn to desperation.

Being a mom often pushes you to your physical, mental, and emotional limits. There can be a lot of desperation in motherhood. Hannah longs to be a mom.

She's married to Elkanah. "He had two wives. One was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none." I Samuel 1:2

Hannah finds herself in this difficult situation struggling with infertility. Statistically, about 1 in 6 couples will struggle with infertility. In Hannah's day, childbearing was considered her primary reason for existence.

People would look at a woman who was barren and think God was punishing her for something she had done.

"So Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the Lord had kept her from having children. Year after year it was the same—Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat." I Samuel 1:6-7

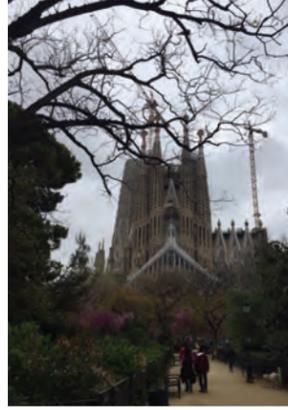
Some of you know what it's like to have a difficult person in your life. "Year after year it was the same" captures the frustration. Pain plus time equals desperation.

Hannah's husband tries to make her feel better. "Why are you crying, Hannah? Why aren't you eating? Why be downhearted just because you have no children? You have me—isn't that better than having ten sons?" I Samuel 1:8

If your wife is telling you how she's feeling; don't tell her you don't need to feel that way.

Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, Spain

By Karen McBride



The world was heartbroken over the tragic fire that struck the historical Notre Dame Cathedral. Priceless works of art were lost, including the intricate craftsmanship of the building itself. It will be rebuilt, but it will never be the same.

Such a loss left me reflecting on the amazing trip to Spain I enjoyed a few weeks ago. One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. The unfinished church, as it is also known, was designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi. In 1882, construction began on the Roman cathedral. Its anticipated completion is 2026.

On the subject of the extremely long construction period, Gaudi is said to have remarked, "My client is not in a hurry." When Gaudi died in 1926, the basilica was between 15 and 25 percent complete.

As you approach the cathedral, the sheer size of it is overwhelming. Around each corner is another tower, upon another tower. Jesus' life is depicted in detailed statues chiseled into stone, each with a different feeling represented. The Nativity Facade showing Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus is brightly colored and decorated. The Passion Facade, depicting Jesus' death on the cross, is harsher, carved with straight lines representing bones. The Glory Facade is the largest, representing Jesus' ascension to heaven and our path to God.

The intricate detail of every pillar, ceiling, and carved molding makes each part of the cathedral a piece of art. Colorful stained-glass windows that may go unnoticed from the outside illuminate the vaulted ceilings and reflect a rainbow of color on the marbled floor.

Services are still held on Sunday mornings in the Roman Catholic church. We were blessed to hear a woman sing Ave Maria during our tour and a hush fell upon the crowds of tourists.

If you have the opportunity to visit Spain, take the time to tour the cathedral and appreciate the intricate works of art encompassed in this glorious church.

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Did you know that you can help our seniors after they graduate? We have a College Scholarship Fund that you can give towards to help our seniors, even after they graduate Hope Christian School. This fund not only allows our seniors the opportunity to go to college, but also gives more options to choose from. Their choices then aren't narrowed to what the child can afford, but their options can be expanded because of donations given to this fund!

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Kingdom Business Alliance



The Kingdom Business Alliance Quarterly "KBA Cares" Funding Award was presented to Oasis Pregnancy Center. Oasis operates pregnancy care centers serving Tampa, Land O'Lakes, and Wesley Chapel by providing expectant mothers with pre- and post-birth support services. Oasis services are free and confidential. Kingdom Business Alliance is a Christian-centered seat-specific business networking group serving business in the Tampa Bay area. Meetings take place every Thursday morning at 7:15am at Trinity Lutheran Church at 20735 Leonard Rd., Lutz, FL 33558.

Women-n-Charge Awards Grants to Local Women



Judges Doris Hogan of Hogan's Helpers and Frieda Moseley, the co-owner of Griswold Home Care Tampa. Then \$1500 grant winners Brittany Mojicaj - Highland Canine Training - Tampa, Florida, Jan Polendey - Maximum Health & Performance, Liza Marie Garcia - NOW SC Press, and Melissa Joy Brown - Nautilus Soap Company, LLC. Event Sponsor Yvette Behmer of the Law Offices of Lucas Magazine and Treasurer Judy Nicolosi.

Women-n-Charge Adds New Members



President Mary Adele Cluck welcomed 2 new members, Rylee Morris of Paw-some Pet Care and Melissa Thomas of Mr. Electric of Land O' Lakes with membership chair Kay Dunn.

Women-n-Charge Monthly Meeting

Join the vibrant ladies of Women-n-Charge on Friday, May 3rd from 11:15am-1:15pm at Plantation Palms Golf Club (23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., Land O' Lakes, FL 34639). The meeting includes lunch, a presentation, and time to network. We share our talents, build relationships, and share our resources with other women in business.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests who RSVP by Monday prior to the meeting. Tuesday 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.

Our May meeting features guest speaker Brian MacNeel and his presentation is on "Crime Prevention."

Embrace Grace Baby Shower

River of Life Church in Lutz will host its first Embrace Grace baby shower May 25, 2019. We will bless the mother-to-be, who has participated in our program, with lots of gifts she will need for her new baby.

Embrace Grace is a 12-week support group for single young women with unplanned pregnancies. We want the church to be the first place they turn to for support. We accept financial donations, new and gently used baby clothing, and other baby items. For more information, contact Naomi Holloway at 813-431-1706 and check us out on Facebook at Embrace Grace-River of Life-Lutz FL.

The Ceramic Garden



The Ceramic Garden is back with a new bigger location in Lutz and its popular hands-on Summer Art Camps for children ages 5-14, teens, and adults. Camps include hand-building with clay, pottery on the wheel, drawing/painting, glass, mixed, and textile art and run from June 3 through August 9. Space limited. Call 813-263-5948 or view details and register at www.theceramicgarden.com/art-camps.

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— Romans 12:8

Water, the Gift of Life—Enjoy it!

By Erik Groenendijk

Water is essential to all life on Earth. Our bodies contain about 60% water for adults and 75% water in infants. In essence, we "are" mostly water. The quality of our water affects our quality of life. It affects our health, taste, skin, and overall enjoyment.

When I moved to Florida in 1993, the first thing I noticed was that the water smelled and tasted terrible—this was not the water I was used to. So we drank from the fridge or "reverse osmosis" system. We had dry skin but we just accepted that as the price to pay for living in a warm climate—how totally wrong we were!

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A Cure for Selfishness

Dr. Dianne Coflin
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We live in such tumultuous times. Everywhere you look, people are obsessed with themselves! Obsessed with their appearance, their status, their feelings, they are offended so easily, obsessed with getting their own way, getting ahead regardless of who it hurts! It has become a "What about me?" society.

Here is the question: If everyone seems obsessed with taking care of themselves only, then why are people so unhappy and depressed? People are discovering that meeting all their selfish needs is not changing their overall well-being.

The Psalmist asked himself in Psalms 42, "Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me?"

He was down and depressed because he was overly concerned about himself! Selfishness is being concerned, excessively or exclusively, for oneself or one's own advantage, pleasure, or welfare, regardless of others. The Psalmist realized he was so overly concerned about himself that he had become worried and anxious. He paused long enough to ask what the problem was.

I wonder how key this would be to help someone who is cast down, to stop and ask, "Why do I feel this way?"

In the Psalmist's case, because he asked the question, he realized his hope had not been in the Lord. He challenged himself to say "Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, who is the help of my (sad) countenance, and my God."

He shifted his selfish focus to God! He began to see that if he quit being so self-focused that the very things that he was overly concerned about trying to accomplish in his own

life through his own effort God was waiting to help him with. In becoming God-focused, the Psalmist begins to see his life from a different perspective.

In Luke 21:34 (AMP.), Jesus said, "Take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining (to the business of) this life."

Jesus warned us about being so selfish (self-absorbed) that one's heart would be overburdened with the cares of this life and would not be aware of his presence missing out on the operations of his kingdom!

His solution was stated in Luke 9:23. "And he said to all, if any person will to come after me, let him deny himself (disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself) and take up his cross daily and follow me (cleave steadfastly to me, conform wholly to my example in living and, if need be, in dying also)."

This tells me that denying ourselves, our "What about me?" attitude and forsaking selfishness is a choice to make daily. God is not going to make that choice for us!

Jesus goes on to say in verse 24, "For whoever would preserve his life and save it will lose and destroy it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he will preserve and save it (from the penalty of eternal death).

Jesus focused on serving others his entire life. I wonder what our society would look like if our sole purpose were to serve each other in any way we could?

When we do things the way God leads showing us how we can be a blessing to others, those selfish needs we thought we were so important will diminish, and God will take care of us.

Now I am not suggesting that we do not take care of ourselves and only try to meet ev-

eryone else's needs, that would be impossible, but through a personal relationship with the Lord we can be led by His desires and move forward in His strength and His way of doing things for our own personal lives.

What a warning and yet a great challenge to remind ourselves we live not by our might or power but by his spirit! Food for thought!

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

One of the places I have explored for many years with my outdoors buddy Ed Shindle is Cow House Creek, a first order, ephemeral wetland that flows into the Hillsborough River. Before entering the Hillsborough, it widens and slows. The drainage basin of the river consists primarily of natural wetland, urban development, and some cattle pasture.

We have hiked up and down the dry creek bed in April and May and witnessed the surging waters of June and July. During our adventures, Ed discovered two springs that can often be seen bubbling up.

On many trips up and down the Hillsborough River (sometimes joined by our friend Arnold, known as "Yakman"), we have noted the seasonal changes in hydrology due to high rains and drying and natural disturbances in this community. I highly recommend exploring a particular area over and over again throughout the year to learn to read the landscape.

As you explore, look at the animals that inhabit the area (changes in plumage and behavior), variations in growth and vegetation, and signs of disturbances. Think about the questions that Jim offered in the first chapter and come up with your own answers.



Dry creek bed, Cowhouse Creek



Cowhouse Creek, spring



Cypress roots, Cow House Creek



Cow House Creek in May

Knowing the history and boundaries of an area you are exploring is very important in reading the landscape. The Hillsborough River flows 56 miles from its headwaters in the Green Swamp to its mouth in Tampa Bay, and its watershed extends over parts of three counties—Hillsborough, Pasco,

and Polk. The history of human activity in Hillsborough River State Park dates to prehistoric times when native peoples hunted, fished, and foraged along the river's flood plain. In the late 1700's, Wills Hills, the British Colonial Secretary, and Lord Earl of Hillsborough, was given jurisdiction over the area. After surveyors were sent to report on the new colony, the river needed a name, and it was given the name Hillsborough River. Many events occurred over the years, including the building of forts and bridges during the Seminole wars. In the 1930's during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) worked in the area surrounding the river to establish it as a public park.

As we have explored this magical river, the offerings of nature have been both varied and eye-opening, including a series of rapids created by the river as it flows over outcroppings of Suwannee limestone. We have paddled over the challenging waters of the 17 Runs, which took many hours of hard work, pulling our kayaks over logs and portaging to get down the river.

Cypress trees with glistening knees, pine flatwoods, and hardwood hammocks fill the woods on any trip down the river. Animals include turtles, woodpeckers, owls, turkeys, deer, and occasional alligators. Limpkins, herons, egrets, anhingas, and many other varieties of Florida bird life fill the air with flight and sound.

Reading the landscape also requires you to be aware of the man-made environment. One of the roughest portions for me was closer to downtown along the University of Tampa and along the urban buildings and cement borders that line the shores. When the big boats come by, they provide a white-water experience that requires extra caution and no inviting shores for respite. Unless you like this kind of adventure, I would advise you to paddle in the more scenic and natural domains of the river!

When you are reading the landscape, look for narratives that you may not have seen before. I have kayaked on the Hillsborough River hun-

dreds of times, but I had never come across what I captured in the picture below.



What first caught my attention was a limpkin with wings spread in a defensive posture. As I stopped my paddling to observe more closely, I noted the back of the alligator shown in the lower right. Next my eyes shifted up, and I spotted the baby limpkins scurrying along. The adult limpkin managed to hold off the gator, and eventually the limpkins scattered back into the woods and away from the hungry gator.

I can point out a few observations that pertain to reading the Florida landscape. As noted by observant naturalists, if the limpkin is actually warding off a gator, it reflects a very exceptional use of otherwise common behavior. Open-winged displays are very common among wading birds such as limpkins, egrets, and wood storks. While feeding, the birds create shadows with their wings to attract small, edible fish under the shadow. The shadow also helps the bird visualize the fish by reducing glare.

In the same way I am awakened when I notice a growth or rash that is not in the usual spot, seeing a new pattern in nature allows you a unique chance to learn new ways to read the landscape. Look for plants and animals in new patterns and locations.

By improving your skills in reading the Florida landscape, it naturally follows that you will connect more with nature. All of us need more "Vitamin N"—Nature—and fortunately you do not need to travel far to be in the middle of it.

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1 Peter 5:7

Oh boy, this is either bad timing or good timing today! Our topic in this issue of Biblical Finances is on Debt and Borrowing. Sorry folks. Honestly, if you went into debt a lot for Christmas, I think you should speak with God about that. He may help you realize your priorities, especially if you are increasing your debt and probably your burden in this life. Hey, don't be one of those people that complain to God about your finances and shortness of money if you are the one overspending. That's not God's fault, now is it? Remember, we are all gifted differently and that includes money.

Yes, I know this whole topic is counterculture. All the TV commercials, ads in the newspapers, popups on our phones and computers—it's non-stop!! But you and I must control ourselves from "spontaneous spending." We must!! It is the foundation of all of our finances. It really doesn't matter how much you make in itself because it also includes your spending.

Here is a good phrase I actually learned back in the 80's when I was being ordained into the ministry:

"If your outgo is more than your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall." Simple really—don't spend more than you make. Don't do it, it really hurts you. Borrowers are always "indebted" to the lender. No one knows what is going to happen tomorrow and to presume on the future is very risky.

Albert Einstein once referred to "compounding interest" as the eighth wonder of the world. When we reverse the positive growth of interest to the negative growth of interest owed, it becomes a ravaging beast attacking our home.

I'd like to end with the 7 Principles of Debt and Borrowing:

- 1) Borrowing in itself is not a sin.
- 2) Borrowing may deny God an opportunity to show up.
- 3) Borrowing always presumes on the future. It is not guaranteed.
- 4) Having debt with the inability to repay on a timely basis is bondage.
- 5) Debt is almost always symptomatic of a spiritual problem.
- 6) When we borrow on consumptive wants, it will sentence one to a reduced lifestyle. What takes 6 months to get into debt will take 6 years to get out of debt. The future will be limited in its freedoms.
- 7) Husbands and wives must be in perfect agreement regarding borrowing.

I haven't always done it right, but when I do, it is a very powerful feeling and a pleasurable lifestyle. If we can use our personal disciplines, we will experience personal delight, and we can do this with God's help.

Here at The Willis Agency, I have been a budget counselor since 1993. Yes, I have seen a few things. I can help you figure out your income and expenses and help set up a "slush fund" for emergencies along with saving for the rest of your future. Give me a call!

Caring for you and yours,
 Jim

Verses for reference:
 Proverbs 22:7, James 4:13-15, Proverbs 22:26 & 27, Luke 14:28 & 16:11

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Kids' Corner: Lemonade for Haiti



Hi! My name is Harley! Let's have a chat. Do you know where Haiti is? If not, ask your parents.

I found out though Idlewild Baptist that the people in Haiti don't have enough food and water. So I brainstormed with my friends. We talked about it, had conversations about it, discussions about it, etc. We made pictures, sketches, and price lists, etc. Then we built a lemonade stand. We got a lot of banners, supplies, paper fans, triple chocolate chunk brownies, M&M Rice Krispies, etc. Saturday morning, I got up and some of my friends came over to help work the lemonade stand. There was a little blue tent over the lemonade stand. There were white cute dessert holders, colorful napkins, and there was a beautiful tablecloth, it was yellow. We had freshly-squeezed and Countryside lemonade mix because it would raise more money. We all wore Belle dresses and we looked like cute little lemons! People gave tips for \$20 bills because they saw us on the news. We raised \$500 and we are going to send the money to Haiti! It helped feed 100 people for a month!

Since I gave all I had to Haiti my parents gifted me with a \$20 bill and I did not expect it! And I got \$25 and \$20 checks from different states because they saw me on the news and knew it was for a great cause. Greg & Maria Shepherd are part of RTS Missions which supports Haiti. Link: RTSMissions.com. If you want to donate, go to RTSMissions.com. Goodbye!!

This week's Bible Verse: Matthew 25:40 - "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

See videos, pictures, and the rest of the story at www.HarleyIsabelSmith.com.



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Two Local Lives Saved by American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign

Newly Installed Smoke Alarms Alert Two Port Richey Men to Home Fire

On Saturday, February 23, volunteers from the Mid-Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross and City of Port Richey Fire Department met at a local mobile home park for a home fire safety and smoke alarm installation event called Sound the Alarm. Save a Life. Less than 14 hours later, that's exactly what happened—two lives were saved when one of the mobile homes caught fire.

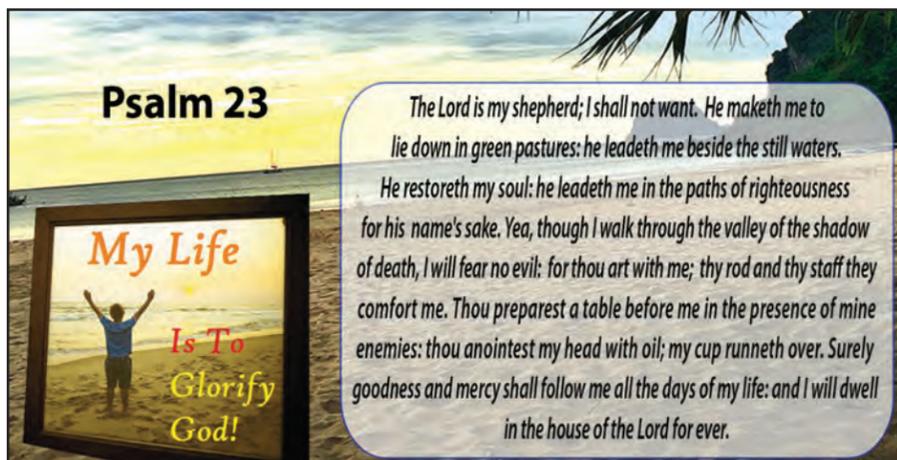
In the early morning hours of February 24, a newly installed smoke alarm sounded, alerting a 47-year-old resident to a fire. In turn, he woke up the homeowner who had fallen asleep on the couch watching television, and the two men and their dog were able to escape unharmed.

Red Cross Home Fire Campaign

Home fires are the nation's most frequent disaster and take an average of seven lives every day in the United States. Sound the Alarm events are part of the Campaign, launched in 2014 to help reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by home fires. So far, the Campaign has reached more than 1.7 million people and saved at least 552 lives nationwide.

Help Sound The Alarm to #Endhomefires

Over a two-week period, April 27-May 12, volunteers are needed to work alongside fire departments and community partners to install 100,000 free smoke alarms nationwide and educate families about fire prevention and safety. In Central Florida, the Red Cross has eight events during this time across six counties. Event registration is open for individuals and groups to volunteer at www.SoundTheAlarm.org.



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

My Life Is To Glorify God!



COMMUNITY PET NEWS
Mark Twilla DVM
Sunshine Animal Hospital

Should you spay or neuter your pet?
The decision to spay or neuter your pet is an important one for pet owners. According to veterinary statistics, pets that have been spayed or neutered live longer, healthier lives. Neutered male dogs live 18% longer than unneutered male dogs and spayed female dogs live 23% longer than unsplayed female dogs. One of the contributing factors to this longevity involves the reduced risk of certain types of cancer. Spaying also prevents a life-threatening type of uterine infection called **pyometra**.

Some other benefits of spaying or neutering are: Males are less likely to mark their territory. In fact, neutering solves 90% of all marking issues. Neutering helps with certain types of aggression, wandering, and unintended breeding. Spaying stops your female cat or dog from going into heat, avoiding unwanted bleeding and behavioral issues.

We typically recommend spaying and neutering around the age of 6 months, although each case can vary. Pets can be altered at any age, health permitting, but older pets can experience more pain and a higher complication rate. I commonly get asked if spaying or neutering alters a pet's personality. The answer is no. They can gain weight but personality traits do not change.

For more information or to make an appointment for your pet, Please call us at Sunshine Animal Hospital. **813-885-7071**



Summer Super Camp Open Enrollment at John Prevatt Martial Arts

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"What makes our camp different is that we not only teach karate, but more importantly, unity and integrity. We are all the same people, regardless of our background, and need to treat each other with respect," said Grand Master Zico Cheng.

Another outstanding feature included in their program is education and encouraging the use of common sense. Due to today's growing use of technology, many children tend to neglect the importance of general manners such as respect, courtesy, basic life skills, and utilizing common sense. The coaching helps their students to stay focused and to reinforce what they have learned in school. The additional learning experience serves as a confidence-booster when they return to school in the fall.

Field trips are planned to the zoo, aquarium, movies, swimming, cooking, art studio, the annual horseback riding with the county sheriffs at Crystal Springs, and more.

Camp will be held June 3 – August 9, 2019, Monday through Friday, from 7:00am – 6:00pm.

The studio is located at 1916 Oak Grove Boulevard, Lutz, FL 33559. For more information about the programs available, go to <http://johnprevattmartialarts.com> or call 813-948-4004 or you can reach them via email at johnprevattmartialarts@gmail.com.



FCA All-Star Baseball/Softball

On Saturday, May 25th, 2019, Pasco County will play its 3rd Annual All-Star baseball and Softball games. The best senior players, from each school, competing in one last game for bragging rights in the county. This year we will again showcase some very talented players in what should be a highly competitive game. Come join hundreds of fans, friends, coaches, and recruiters as we experience the Best of the East vs the Best of the West!

Both girls softball and boys baseball will be played at the same time, at the same venue, on adjacent fields. Earlier this month coaches from each High School in the county gathered in a "war room" and have their version of draft

day. The best players, from every position, from every school, were discussed until the final rosters for each side are complete. Practices will begin Monday, May 20th. Sunday night, May 19th will be a pre-game banquet, and Saturday, May 25th it's game time. Registration and warm-ups begins at 9:00am, gates open at 10:00am, and game time is 12 noon.

Tickets will be available at the gate the day of game, and are \$10. Parking is free. Check out www.pascoallstarbaseball.com for more details. Complete rosters of players and coaches are available on the website. See you Saturday at Bishop McLaughlin High School, 13651 Hays Rd, Spring Hill, FL, 34610



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay Named 2018 Pinnacle Award Winner



For the first time in its 54-year history, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay agency has been named a Pinnacle Award winner for 2018 by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the nationwide mentoring organization's highest honor.

The award, announced by the Big Brothers Big Sisters Nationwide Leadership Council, recognizes the very best local agencies for increasing their revenue and growing their overall number of Big & Little matches year-over-year for two or more consecutive years. In 2018, the Tampa Bay agency served a record 3,014 children, a 5.6 percent increase over 2017.

"This award is the result of a lot of hard, focused and strategic work by our dedicated staff, board and of course, our great volunteer Bigs," said Stephen Koch, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. "It is also the result of our donors who believe in defending and inspiring the potential of the wonderful youth we are honored to serve through our evidence-based, outcome-oriented 1-to-1 mentoring programs. We know that there is a lot more work to be done, and we are more committed than ever to continuing to make a positive difference for thousands of additional children and youth who can benefit from having a Big Brother or Big Sister in their young lives."

BBBS of Tampa Bay was one of only 6 agencies, from nearly 300 Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies nationwide, that will be recognized as a Pinnacle Award winner at the national conference of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, being held in late June in Charlotte, N.C.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters are adult volunteers (called "Bigs") who are matched with children facing adversity (called "Littles") for professionally-supported one-on-one mentoring. Last year BBBS of Tampa Bay served more than 3,000 children with positive role models throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Citrus, Hernando and Citrus counties.

The impact of the relationships is significant, with 97 percent of children matched for more than a year in 2018 being promoted to the next grade level, and 98 percent avoiding any involvement with the juvenile justice system. The other Pinnacle Award agencies for 2018 are from Milwaukee, Northeast Iowa, Southern Minnesota, El Dorado County (CA) and Southwest Idaho.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay is part of the nation's largest donor and volunteer-supported mentoring network and holds itself accountable for children in its program to achieve measurable outcomes, such as educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships. Partnering with parents/guardians, schools, corporations and others in the community, Big Brothers Big Sisters carefully pairs youth with screened volunteer mentors and monitors these matches throughout their time in the program. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children facing adversity – often of single or low-income households or families where a parent is incarcerated or serving in the military – with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Please visit www.bbbsstampabay.org for more information on how to volunteer, enroll your child, or donate.





MEMORIAL DAY



It's the three-day weekend that officially kicks off summer vacations... a time for hanging out at the beach, barbecuing, even catching a few laps at the Indy 500. But Memorial Day is also the most solemn American holiday--a day to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, while defending their nation.



In the Civil War, America's bloodiest chapter, over 600,000 soldiers were killed in action. Almost every community in every state suffered the loss of young men. As the war came to an end, mourners in both northern and southern states began placing flags and flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers.

The town of Waterloo, New York is officially credited with starting the holiday. On May 5, 1866, its citizens closed their shops and businesses so that everyone could decorate the graves of the men killed during the war. Then an old war general had an idea. John A. Logan, leader of the Union Veteran Association, spearheaded an effort to unite all the decoration services into one national holiday, designating May 30th as Decoration Day. On the first national Decoration Day in 1868, 5,000 war widows, orphans, and other mourners gathered

at Arlington National Cemetery. They placed flowers and ribbons on the 20,000 graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers. Two future Presidents and fellow Union veterans, Ulysses S. Grant and James A. Garfield, attended the ceremony. Throughout the 19th century, Decoration Day grew. Ceremonies were held in major Civil War battlefields like Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Antietam field in Maryland. By the end of the century, the holiday was re-named Memorial Day.



But war wounds ran deep; most southern states refused to commemorate a holiday they regarded as honoring Union soldiers. So each state commemorated their war dead with different Confederate Decoration Days. Several southern states continue the tradition to this day.

WWI ushered in the age of modern warfare. America lost over 130,000 soldiers in the global



conflict. This shared experience finally bonded America's north and south. When the war ended, May 30th became a day to honor all American soldiers who died in battle as far back as

the Revolutionary War. America interred its first Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery on Armistice Day in 1921.

Every Memorial Day, this soldier and other unknown soldiers are honored with a wreath-laying ceremony conducted by the President or Vice President.

They are reminders of all those who've never made it home. Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971, when Congress shifted it from May 30th to the fourth Monday in May, giving federal workers a three-day weekend.

All across America, veterans and civilians still gather in parades and vigils to remember the generations who gave their lives for their nation's freedom.

<http://www.history.com/topics/memorial-day-history/media#history-of-memorial-day>.



Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano & Staff Donate to Sheriff Chris Nocco's "Stop the Bleed – Life Station Program"



From left to right: Captain Jared Hill; Captain Justin Ross; Tax Collector Mike Fasano; Michelle Vancuren – Tax Collector's Office – Director of Branch Operations; Abby Noyes – Tax Collector's Office – Director of Finance; Sheriff Chris Nocco and Chief George McDonald

"The Pasco Sheriff's Office is grateful to our Tax Collector, Mike Fasano, and his team for raising funds for the Stop the Bleed program," comments Sheriff Chris Nocco. "Sadly, active shooters and other critical incidents are occurring more often in our society. When moments matter to save a life, these kits will provide victims the critical time needed to get to the hospital. These kits will be going into our high schools to further protect our children."

"School-related violence is unfortunately a reality that cannot be ignored," states Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "Our office was honored to lend our support to Sheriff Chris Nocco and his fine staff to help raise funds that will, eventually, allow for the installation of Life Stations in Pasco County schools. Thank you to every member of our community who donated to this worthy cause. Hopefully the Life Stations will never be needed, but if they are they may just save the life of a child, teacher, or parent."

For more information about the charitable giving programs and other services at the Pasco Tax Collector's Office please visit www.pascotaxes.com or call Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector/ Communications & Special Projects at 727-847-8179.

For more information regarding Stop the Bleed or any other program sponsored by Pasco Sheriff's Charities please visit the website www.pascosheriffcharities.org or contact Senior Training Analyst Chris Lofgren at 813-235-6181.

Pasco Tax Collector's Staff Donates to One Community Now's Hunger Walk

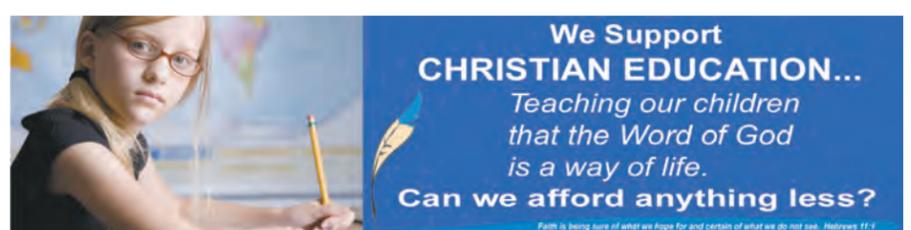


Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano and staff raised over \$11,100 to benefit One Community Now's 2019 Hunger Walk. The Hunger Walk is an annual event which raises money to fund the "Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids" program.

Pack-a-Sack is in many schools throughout Pasco County. Children who need food over the weekend are given a backpack of food every Friday. Full of nutritious meals, the backpacks contain enough food to sustain the children until they return to school on Monday.

"It is a great honor for our staff to be a part of this wonderful program," comments Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "There are so many hungry children living in our community. It is a blessing that Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids is in place to make sure they have access to food. Thank you to everyone who donated to this great cause."

Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector for Communications & Special Projects presents the check to Patti Templeton, Executive Director of One Community Now and lead organizer of the Hunger Walk [photo attached]. For more information regarding Pack-a-Sack 4 Kids, please contact Patti at 727-900-6280.





Samantha Taylor
Samantha Taylor Fitness

Honoring Mom

Then I hear the other side of moms who do take action and invest time in themselves as well as take care of their family. They learn that it's not selfish and it's actually for the family too, because when mom is happy and feeling good, that affects the whole family. I have had husbands of our clients tell me, "Thank you for giving my wife back! She is happy again!" A good example of this is Melissa, whose husband inspired her to come see us, and she has now lost 90 lbs. in 10 months!

It's so important that you mothers take care of yourselves too. When we do this, our bodies are strong and we have lots of energy and stamina to be the wonder women we are! Women are amazing, and being a mother is whole other level. Give yourself the gift of taking care of you, too! You are not only doing it for yourself but you are also doing it for your family.

You want to be able to play with those children on the ground and easily get back up, to be able to watch them graduate and babysit those grandchildren without being bogged down with a bunch of medical issues. Most people that deal with medical issues wish they would have taken care of their bodies. I know some medical issues are not avoidable, but doing something to prevent the ones that are is the key.

Give your mother, your wife, or yourself the gift of health and wellness and contact us for a free Body Transformation Analysis so you can see and feel how much better you will feel when you are healthier!

We even have many husbands that have encouraged wives to come see us. Give them this article or show them our website: www.SamanthaTaylorFitness.com. One thing you can treat Mom to is our Keto World Tour Tasting of delicious food and desserts at my Land O' Lakes studio by a private chef May 10th at 7pm. See the website for details. Happy Mother's Day, you amazing women!

Moms give so much of their lives to raise their children, investing their time to be there for whatever their kids need. And in the midst of caring for everyone else, Mom often doesn't take care of her own health. She carefully packs everyone's lunch but her own. She makes sure everyone gets to their sports and activities but her own. What Mom doesn't realize sometimes is that by not taking care of herself, she cannot give as much as she can to those kids because many times she is just so tired.

Of course, that is not the case for all moms, but the thousands of moms I have helped lose weight say before they start our program, "I just want more energy, to feel better, and to be more active with my kids." One client who lost 4 sizes and helped her children come off sugar too, said, "I am so much happier as a mother. I didn't realize how irritable I had become with these three boys. It really is so different raising kids when you are healthy and fit."

Many moms tell me they regret sitting on the sidelines instead of being engaged with their kids. And numerous moms have admitted to me that they don't feel as confident about their body compared to the other moms, so they feel embarrassed showing up at events and interacting with other people. And they tell me that they are not as happy as they used to be and that makes them grouchy and snappier with their kids. And by the time the evening rolls around, they have given so much of themselves that when it comes time to spend time with her husband, they sometimes just feel too tired and want to go bed!



HAPPY 
Mother's Day

To you Mom's....I respect you and honor what you have invested in your children and their lives. I was never able to have children so I have no idea what its like to be a mother but I do know that most mom's put their kids before themselves in pretty much all areas of life. I want to encourage you that there is a time to realize that you also must take care of you and your health, along with being the awesome mom that you are. Your kids would not be who they are today if it weren't for all your love and care for them. It is not selfish to also to show love and care to your health and fitness, actually the whole family benefits when mom is happier and healthier.

To inspire you to do so, I am going to do something I have never done before, in honor of you mom's and what you have dedicated your life to with raising your children. I am going to give TWO free weeks to newbies at my fitness program for women, to jump start you taking care of your body so you can be healthy and be around for your family even longer. Call me at 813-377-3739 and mention this so you can get your free two weeks. But, I can only do this for the first 10 mothers. So call us now, they will go quickly.

SAMANTHA TAYLOR
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1. Children, obey your parents _____

2. Be imitators of God, _____

3. Let no debt remain outstanding, _____

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Counterfeit Christianity

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If you're sincere, God will let you into heaven even if you are a bit fuzzy on the truth. But that's like saying that a man who swallows poison will be healed, sincerely thinking it is medicine. All the sincerity in the world can be fatal if it is not in line with the truth.

Thinking that human effort and trying your best will play a big role into getting into heaven is like trying your best to jump across the Grand Canyon.

Satan is a master counterfeiter, trying to pass off on unsuspecting people a version of Christianity that looks pretty good, but is not going to be accepted by the bank in heaven. It's traumatic to get stuck with a counterfeit bill, and more traumatic to stand before God and hear Him declare that your Christianity is counterfeit.

In Philippians 3:1-3, the apostle Paul contrasts true and counterfeit Christianity. In Acts 5:1, the issue was debated and the leaders decided that the Gentiles did not have to become Jews or be circumcised to be saved, **but were saved by grace through Christ alone.**

That decision did not cause Satan to give up his efforts to pervert the truth of the gospel.

He continued to work through a group of men known as the Judaizers, who followed Paul on his journeys, infiltrating the new churches and promoting counterfeit Christianity.

While the Judaizers no longer exist under that name, the core of their teaching is still prevalent today. Paul calls these men, who prided themselves on their good works, "evil workers." Counterfeit Christians stand alongside Satan taking pride in religious rituals as if they put us in the right standing with God. Paul calls these men katatome, which means "mutilators."

They took pride in their own achievements and good deeds and the means of making themselves right before God. Trust in human works brings glory to man and nullifies what Christ did for us on the cross.

Embrace the true Christianity which relies on the works totally of Jesus Christ for salvation. He is our anchor of hope, and without Him all is lost.

Hebrews 6:19

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"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."
— Ephesians 5:1-2

Thank you so much for the Disney on Ice tickets. I've never won anything before so this was very exciting. I had so much fun with my mom and friends. We ate popcorn and cotton candy while watching the show, it was perfect! Moana was my favorite!

Thanks again!
Audrey Strom





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- * Quit griping about your church! If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- * If your church needs a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- * The best mathematical equation is 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- * God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he's dead. So why should you?
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Lori Cain, Realtor



Lori Cain is a professional realtor with Florida Executive Realty. After retiring from a 28 year career in law enforcement, she changed careers to real estate. She loves helping people achieve their dreams of owning a home. Lori and her team of experts specialize in working with families dealing with homes in probate. This is especially helpful for families living out of state and the property is here. She also works as a real estate specialist in divorce cases trying to ensure both sides can walk away with their credit intact, enabling them to purchase another home in the future.

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When it was time to go out on my own, God used THIS paper to give me the confidence that I could find clients outside of that gym. I knew I must, because I wanted to create an environment for women that didn't want to be in a gym. That wanted a safe place they could work out and not feel judged. I also enjoy catering to Christian women who liked that our studio cared about that.

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I thank God for bringing this paper into my life, and I am SO grateful, for they helped give me the original confidence that I could build this business, and look what it's turned into and the amount of people we serve! The owners, Mark and Kay, are some of the nicest, most genuine people you'll ever meet and I appreciate how they honor Jesus Christ in this paper. It's such a blessing to partner with them, and I'm happy to know that I am the longest advertiser in the last 17 years!

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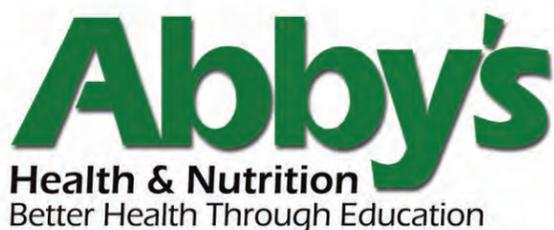
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