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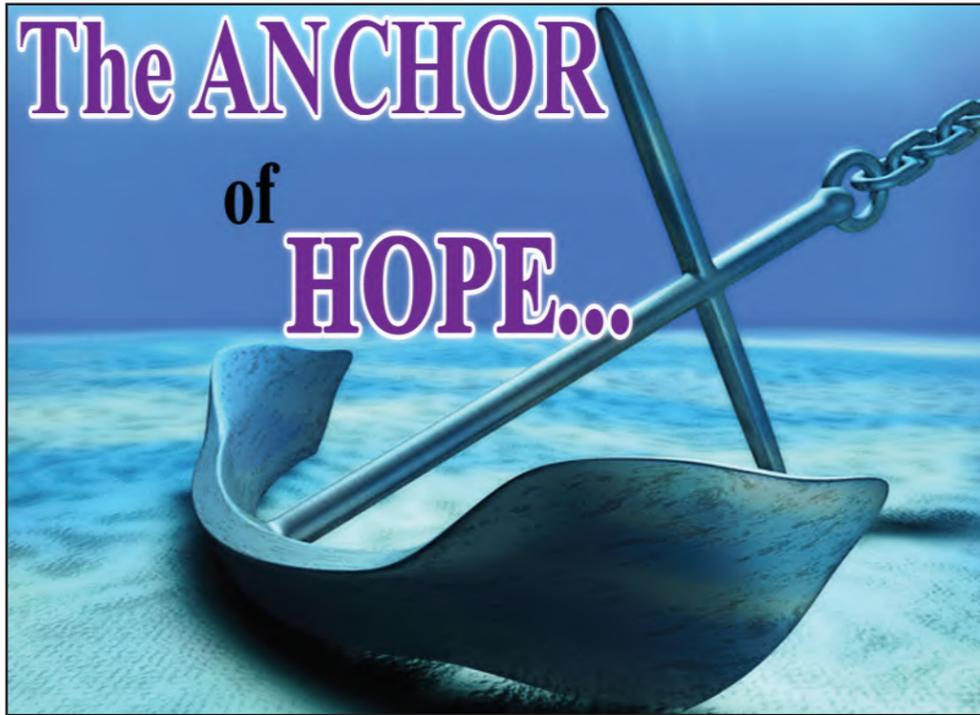
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The Certainty of God's Promise
Hebrews 6:13-20

An anchor was a popular image in the ancient Mediterranean world. Because that economy depended on shipping, the anchor came to symbolize safety and steadiness. The writer of Hebrews used the word to remind believers that God has given a hope that holds firm in any storm.

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.

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick." (Proverbs 13:12) Emotional, physical, and even mental illness haunt a person who feels trapped in a bleak situation. But as long as there is a God, no situation is hopeless. In Him, we have the promise of the second half of that proverb: "Desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

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school supplies and backpacks. A smaller portion of the donations collected were used to support the ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) Program, which helps classroom teachers purchase the supplies and other items needed to help meet the needs of their students.

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How Great is God?



Keith Chandler
Journey Christian Church

When I say, "What do you want?" It's much like the feeling you have at the food court. There's a lot of different options. Typically after asking what you want, we ask ourselves... what am I in the mood for? It's not a deep question and you end up with things like, "I want a new house, or a new car."

What do you want?

Many of us GET what we want and then we realize it wasn't what we wanted. That's the worst cycle ... I want it, I get it, I regret it.

The BETTER question is, what do I value?

Because we will never discover what we really want until we discover what we really value. What's the legacy you want to leave?

Here's a little exercise that can be both clarifying and freeing. It is one of the best ways to help us figure out what it is that we really want. It's called the Eulogy exercise.

This came out in a book everyone has read by now... *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Steven Covey.

I want you to think DEEPLY.

This is the big question.

What would you like people to say at your funeral? Covey calls it beginning with the end in mind. If you're getting ready to go on a vacation, you begin with the end in mind.

You think about "Where are we gonna go? How much am I going to spend? Where are we going to stay? What are we going to do? How are we going to get around?" You plan it out.

No one drives down to TPA, walks up to the counter and says, "You tell me where I should go. What's good today?" Most of us wander into life asking, "What am I in the mood for?" Most of us don't take the time to think about

the END. We just think about the NOW.

The eulogy exercise helps us think about our destination. Covey says, "When you carefully think about what you want said in that funeral experience...you will find your definition of success."

In other words, you will begin to figure out what you really value and that's important to all of us. For those of us who consider ourselves followers of Jesus, we believe there's another question that needs to be asked. Not just what do I really want, but what does God really want? If everything in my life is on loan from God, then what does God really want out of my life?

WHAT IF God is not asking for something from you? Because the problem most of us have with God (and this may be why you have stayed away from church) is you just assumed God was against anything fun, good, or happy in your life. And you said, "That's NOT what I want."

In the Lord's Prayer. Jesus begins by praying... OUR FATHER. Think about that for a minute. This is so clarifying. Jesus gives us permission to address God as Father. God is a good father. What does a GOOD parent want from their children? ... NOTHING.

I don't wake up and think, "What can I get out of my children today?" Parents don't want something FROM their kids, they want stuff FOR their children. They want opportunities and a great future for them. Jesus says that's what our heavenly father wants for us.

What you really want is a lot closer to what God really wants for you then maybe you ever thought. So, here's what I want you to do. Spend time doing the eulogy exercise.

Ask yourself: what do I want people to say about me? (It probably has very little to do with accomplishments, or how much money you made and what car you drove). But it probably has a lot to do with what you VALUE.

Until next month,
Keith

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Kidz Corner: GPS Character Camp



Hi, my name is Harley! I went to GPS Character Camp where you learn about characteristics. It's for 3rd-5th grade young adults, and I was the exception. My teachers were Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Debbie Cain. The characteristics that we learned were PR for proactive responsibility, CD for can-do, TD for talents discovered, V for vision, MR for meaningful relationships, and TLC for teams love collaboration.

The way to a great future is a straight line with characteristics of stepping stones, but we all have distractions such as iPhones, iPads, iTouches, games, foods, and friends, and that makes big loops and curves on our path. What you can do is stop being addicted so it straightens up your path.

And for our activities, one of them was, "Heroine and Hero in the Mirror." It's where you write down your successes and qualities and you put your picture in the mirror and write some of the many qualities that you have. I provided energetic, supportive, kind, mature, and loyal. Another activity was the vision board and we write down what we want to become someday. Someday, I want to become a hospital nurse.

We had guest speakers who spoke about their successes. One was Tyrone Keys, a former Tampa Bay Bucs and Chicago Bears football player who had won the Super Bowl. We took a picture with the Super Bowl ring on my finger. The camp was a week long and the hours were 9-4 and they provided lunch. On Friday, we had our graduation. I was the youngest graduate ever in GPS history!

Harley Isabel Smith is a 1st grader who has been featured on TV as a philanthropist, has a heart for evangelism, and writes monthly for the Gazette's Kid's Corner.

For more information on this story or others, visit <https://harleyisabelsmith.com>.

For more information about Idlewild's Vacation Bible School, visit <https://www.idlewild.org/vbs>.

For more information about why the bags are packed for children in Haiti, visit <https://www.rtsmissions.com/child-sponsorship>.

One More Child – Proving that Love Changes Lives



One More Child is helping victims of human trafficking begin a new life. The non-profit's anti-trafficking program utilizes a dynamic, trauma-informed approach to meet the immediate and long-term needs of sex trafficked children and teens. In addition to its care for victims, One More Child is also working to prevent more innocent children from becoming victims. In January 2019, the organization partnered with Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales and First Lady Patricia Marroquin de

Morales to host an anti-trafficking conference, providing education and training to government and community leaders on ways to combat child sex trafficking. Locally, One More Child Anti-Trafficking hosts monthly training and service events to educate the community about the needs of sex trafficking victims. Additionally, here are some important tips for protecting vulnerable youth and preventing abuse:

- Talk to your child about safety, (i.e. never walking alone, talking to strangers, or going up to cars when called over to help someone look for their dog).
- Know your child's friends and their families, especially if your child is going to their home.
- Check your child's social media accounts regularly and set their personal settings to private. Remind them to not accept friend requests from strangers. Predators may create a fake identity posing as a child.

We can also help our community by being alert to signs of abuse. If a child:

- Is avoiding eye contact
- Has no personal belongings
- Is unaware of their location or surroundings
- Is fearful of law enforcement

These can all be indications of abuse. What do you do when you suspect abuse? Report it to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888 or text HELP to 233733 (24 hours a day/7 days a week).

In addition to its services for sex trafficking victims, One More Child also serves:

- Hungry children
- Foster children
- Single Moms
- And struggling families
- Locally and globally

To further its mission to fight child hunger, One More Child will host its Celebration Ball with a goal to provide one million meals to children and families in need. The event will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 6 – 9pm at The Trinkle Center, Hillsborough Community College, 1206 N. Park Road, Plant City, FL 33563.

For more information about One More Child, its various programs and ways to get involved or donate, go to OneMoreChild.org.

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Women-n-Charge Monthly Meeting



From left to right

Roxanne Harmon, Judy Nicolosi, Anne Childers, Charlene McKee, Mary Ann Whallen, Mary Adele Cluck, Kitty Landauer, Kay Dunn, Debra Neal

Join the vibrant ladies of Women-n-Charge on Friday, September 6th from 11:15am-1:30pm 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 September meeting will feature Jim Howard of Trinity Security Allies, who will speak on "Situational Awareness."

Embrace Grace

River of Life Church in Lutz will be hosting the fall semester of Embrace Grace starting Wednesday, September 4. This is a 12-week support group with baby shower 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 registration/information, call Naomi Holloway at 813-431-1706 and find us on Facebook at Embrace Grace-River of Life-Lutz, FL

Tampa Orchid Club

Orchid Expo Show and Sale Saturday, September 28 from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday, September 29th from 10:00am to 3:00pm at USF Botanical Gardens 12210 USF Pine Drive in Tampa. Thousands of orchids for sale by multiple vendors and orchid supplies will also be available. Awarded orchids will also be on display. Admission - \$5.00. Visit tampaorchidclub.shutterfly.com or call 813-244-7564 for more information.

Grace Lutheran Church Presents "An Afternoon with the Classics"

Grace Lutheran Church at Carrollwood is presenting "An Afternoon with the Classics" on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 4:00pm. The free concert features the Lisa Katt Watson, soprano, Matthew Cox, trumpet, bass and James Sawyers, Jr., organist.

The program will feature works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Charles Gounod, George F. Handel, Giambattista Martini, Flor Peeters, Josef Rheinberger, Charles Stanford, and John Stanley.

The program is funded through the "Faith in the Arts" Endowment Fund. A free will offering will be taken on behalf of our Youth Group.

Grace Lutheran Church is located at 3714 West Linebaugh Avenue, Tampa (corner of Linebaugh and North Dale Mabry). For more information visit our website at www.gracetampa.org or call 813-961-8747.



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Train Up: Seek Butterflies in Your Belly

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Fear public speaking? Sound familiar? Your name is called. Your palms start to sweat, your pulse rate increases, your belly begins churning. You bomb your speech. You tell your parents about your defeat. Your mom speaks in Grandma wisdom, "It's ok. Everyone gets butterflies."

Speaking is one of the most important characteristics of being a great leader as well as getting your ideas across to others. If you master it, you will be very effective in your career. If you don't nail this, you will struggle. You are young and I urge you to master it rather than let it cripple you.

You aren't alone. I love speaking and my friend Yolanda does too. There are so many fun areas to master from intonation, master of the pause, breath control, storytelling, etc. Let's start with baby steps and do this first step together.

I met with Harper Therapy to discuss ways kids can overcome the fear of speaking. Yolanda Harper is a family therapist. Before I share her knowledge on the subject, let's debunk the perceived stereotype about therapists. Therapists are negatively portrayed on TV as corny doctors that tell people to lay down on their leather couches while asking weird questions, writing the person's response in a secret black notebook while responding "I see". That stereotype is no more true than all brown chickens lay brown eggs.

Yolanda is fun, smart, likable, easy to talk to, and has two furry babies that hang out with

her at her office. Many of my clients at FPY and their kids love talking with Yolanda at her office on matters that take care of their mental and emotional well being. Taking care of your emotional and mental health is every bit as important as taking care of your physical wellness.

Back to fear, allow me to share Yolanda's analogy to explain fear and overcoming it. Our comfort zone is like our own private island inhabited by our families who keep us safe. The island free from uncertainty and discomfort yet nothing ever interesting happens on the island. The blue waters around the island are full of uncertainty and things that make us very uncomfortable which can freak us out especially the further we swim from shore yet endless possibilities that challenge us to grow.

When fears strike us we can run from the water back to shore or we can do the hard work and practice over and over finding comfort in the new uncomfortable place. Yolanda has a great deal of knowledge on speaking so I trust her to help guide you to becoming a great speaker.

She delivered a Ted Talk a few years ago as a way of working at being comfortable speaking. A Ted Talk is one of the most prestigious speaking honors. If you are willing to work hard to cultivate good speaking skills, you will turn butterflies from a negative feeling to a feeling that lifts you up.

TRAIN UP is a series of stories told in an attempt to bring Proverbs 22:6 to life for young people that have an entrepreneurial spirit.

Contact Denice at dmclurehawk@aol.com with comments.

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"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." — Psalms 40:1-2

The Well – A Women's Training Ministry

By Karen McBride



The Well is a women's discipleship 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 become disciples of Jesus Christ who can contribute to making disciples within their churches and communities," said Susie.

The Well has outgrown its central location for hosting Bible studies and is looking for churches and other ministry spaces in the community that would be willing to host one or more of their home and community groups. Many more groups meet all across the Tampa Bay area in homes, community centers and coffee shops to study the Bible together.

The Well recently held one of their "Pop-Ups" with over 200 women gathering together to pray, hear a testimony and a short message. Susie Walther discussed the reasons women leave the church and the condition of the women who decide to stay. Reasons for leaving include: busyness, dislike for something or someone in the church, or disillusionment over what they expected from Christianity or the bad things that happen to Christians. Susie reminded the attendees of the importance of women getting involved in the church since women make up the majority of the volunteers in churches.

"If we don't say 'yes', our church community dies a little more," said Susie.

We need to continue to grow as Christians, to keep learning, and to discuss what we have learned with other people to help some come to faith in the Lord and to help others continue to grow in their faith so they in turn can contribute to the growth of others.

New Bible studies and groups start in September. To find a Bible study or group near you, go to <http://thewellbiblestudy.org>.





Dr. Doug Wingate,
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Throne Room Realities

As a Christian leader, I always desire to bring the most life transforming information from the Word of God to the attention of other Christians that are hungry for truth. As the President of a ministry university, it is incumbent upon me to train leaders to follow into the greatest depths of understanding that I can possibly lead them.

I am currently ¾ of the way through teaching a new course for our advanced students, which is based on the concept of the realities of being a new creation in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17) We are studying some scriptures from the Mirror Bible that make the course like "new creation realities" on steroids. We have now named the course, "Throne Room Realities."

I would like to pass on a few nuggets here that have the potential of a great impact on your life if you gain illumination of the truth contained in them.

First, we have to understand that before the beginning of time, God was present in eternity past as a triune spirit known as Elohim. This is a Hebrew word for God that is in the plural form. God existed as God the Father, God the Word, and God the Holy Spirit. The Father desired to have a family that he would be enraptured with for all eternity. The holy angels that He created did not satisfy His need of fellowship.

He decided to create a man in His own image as male and female so that they could be fruitful and multiply. However, He needed a physical universe to place them in, and a planet for them to begin on, so the Father, spoke through the Word and the Holy Spirit moved and created the heavens and the earth.

The next thing that we need to know is that man was the very first desire and thought that

God had, which caused Him to create the universe. Anyone who knows the stories of Genesis knows that the first man, Adam, failed God through disobedience. God had given man the faculty to choose, and Adam chose poorly, but God had a plan in mind from the very beginning, which was for a last Adam to come and reverse the curse that was brought through the first Adam.

The last Adam was the second person of the Godhead, the Word, who volunteered to come to the Earth, take on human flesh, and live a perfect life as both the Son of God and the Son of Man. Jesus was the Son of God because he was the product of the Holy Spirit materializing flesh to place in the ovum of a human mother, Mary of Nazareth. But he was also the Son of Man at the same time, because Mary, a human woman was His mother.

Going to the Mirror Bible, we find these truths from John 1:1,2. "To go back to the beginning, is to find the Word already present there; face to face with God. The Word is I am; God's eloquence echoes and concludes in Him. The Word equals God. The beginning mirrors the Word face to face with God."

The Word has always voiced the mind of the Father, empowering the Holy Spirit to make things so, just as imagined by the Father. John 1:3 tells us, "The Logos is the source; everything commences in Him. He remains the exclusive Parent reference to their existence. There is nothing original, except the Word! The Logic of God defines the only possible place where mankind can trace their origin."

Jesus came to the Earth to be the incarnate voice of the likeness and image of God in human form. John 1:14 says, "Suddenly the invisible, eternal Word takes on visible form—the Incarnation, on display in a flesh and blood Person, as in a mirror! In Him, and now confirmed in us! The most accurate tangible exhibit of God's eternal thought finds expression in human life! The Word became a human being;

we are now His address; He resides in us! He captivates our gaze. The glory we see there is not a religious replica; He is the authentic begotten Son. The glory (that was lost in Adam) returns in fullness! Only grace can communicate truth in such complete context!"

Going back to verse 13 of John 1 gives us this insight. "These are the ones who discover their genesis in God, beyond their natural conception! This is not about our blood lineage or whether we were a wanted-or-unwanted-child; this is about our God-begottenness. We are His dream come true and not the invention of our parents. You are indeed the greatest idea that God has ever had."

James, the half-brother of Jesus because his parents were Mary and Joseph, had this insight in James 1:18. "We did not begin in our mother's womb! It was God's delightful resolve to give birth to us; we were conceived by the word of Truth. The incarnation reveals the logic of mankind's origin."

Now take a look into the truth of 2 Cor. 5:17, concerning all of us who are born-again Christians. "Now, in the light of your co-inclusion in His death and resurrection, whoever you thought you were before, in Christ you are a brand new person! The old ways of seeing yourself and everyone else are over. Acquaint

yourself with the new!"

Now our view needs to be with God's perspective of how He sees us. The Apostle Paul has this insight in Col. 3:1, "See yourselves co-raised with Christ. Now ponder with persuasion the consequence of your co-inclusion in Him. Relocate yourselves mentally! Engage your thoughts with throne room realities where you are co-seated with Christ in the executive authority of God's right hand."

We have spent three weeks of deep study thus far in this course. Already we are seeing strongholds broken in the lives of the listeners. Enlightenment brings great joy, which destroys depression, and faith rises up automatically.

Life Christian University begins new classes September the 9th at 7:00pm. Classes are held just one night per week. Join us for a Meet and Greet for getting all your questions answered about LCU, on August 26th at 7:00pm. We will meet in the classroom building at 410 E. Chapman Rd. Lutz, FL. Call 813-505-2271.

Doug Wingate,
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The Great Florida Outdoors: Palmettos

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

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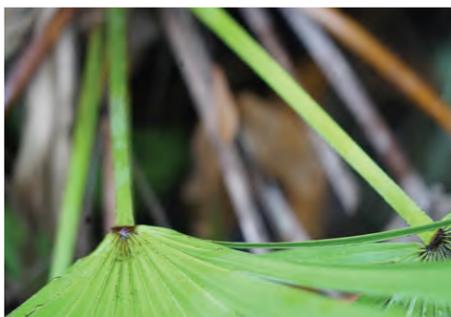
1. Saw palmetto
2. Sabal palmetto
3. Cabbage palm
4. Dwarf palmetto
5. Scrub palmetto



The leaves of the Sabal palmetto (*Serenoa sabal*), also called the Cabbage palmetto, are more blue-green. Note that the Saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) generally has yellowish-green leaf blades. The Saw palmetto has a shrubby growth form. Sabal palmetto usually becomes a tree, although you may not see an above ground trunk.

The best way to distinguish between Saw palmetto and Sabal palmetto is to look at the leaves up close.

Saw palmetto has a petiole with serrate margins (be careful), thus its common name. Sabal



palmetto have entire petioles. Take a close look at the apex of the leaf rachis. In Saw Palmetto, the apex is blunt, whereas in Sabal palmetto, the rachis is spear shaped. You may also see the filamentous, stringy attachments to the sabal palmetto.

Saw palmetto grows in pine woodlands, scrub, and mesic hammocks. The Sabal palmetto, Florida's state tree, can be found in pine woodlands, hammocks, and on river banks. Many times the two are found growing together.

The Saw and the Sabal are the two most common Florida palmettos. The other two are both in the genus *Sabal* and have petioles without serrate margins. Sabal minor (Dwarf palmetto) may look similar to Sabal palmetto but is a much shorter plant with smaller fruits. The Dwarf palmetto is found in moist soils and wetlands and the trunk typically remains underground. Sabal etonia (Scrub Palmetto) is a Florida endemic and is found in dry, sandy soils in scrub habitat. If you examine the leaves, you will note they are smaller and have narrower segments than either Sabal palmetto or Sabal minor. Like Sabal minor, the trunk is also subterranean. Sabal etonia doesn't grow more than 3-6' tall.

While hiking recently at Myakaa State Park, I explored what appeared to be an entire forest of ancient saw palmettos (see photo). If you think of long-lived plants, bristlecone pines or coastal redwoods may come to mind. However, recent

evidence suggests that the saw palmetto can achieve a ripe old age measured in thousands. Although there are no annual growth rings, a team of researchers using creative mathematics accomplished the task while studying in the Mid-Florida ridge. The job gets even more complex given that saw palmettos are clonal. As they grow, their sprawling stem will often branch out and create clones of themselves. The trunk portions that connect these clones rot away over time, giving the impression that they are unique individuals. DNA evidence allowed the research team to reconstruct the growth history of many of these clones and gave them the opportunity to more accurately age these clonal colonies.



Based on the rate of growth and spread, the estimated age of these clonal patches of saw palmetto in the study ranged anywhere between 1227–5215 years. The estimates were quite conservative given that they only used the growth rates of adult saw palmettos in calculating average growth rates, therefore probably underestimating the growth time of these clonal colonies. Seedling saw palmettos have been shown to have a reduced growth rate compared to adults, only 0.3 cm per year, so they did not take into account the time it takes for seedlings to reach maturity. If included, the research team estimated that accounting for such variables could increase the age estimates for such clonal patches to well over 8,000 years!

(Thank you to Matt Candeias of The Defense of Plants blog on ancient saw palmettos)

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Worldview and Wisdom



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1 Peter 5:7

Let's look at the elements of a worldview and the implications of having a Biblical worldview. I want to explore the differences between God's wisdom and man's wisdom, the sources of Biblical wisdom, and the implications of Biblical wisdom.

The Biblical teaching is made up of worldview, wisdom, work, retirement, and my ministry of Biblical financial advice. According to the dictionary, a worldview is "a collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or a group." According to me, worldview is my ultimate core belief.

Ken Boa, brilliant thinker, theologian, writer, and speaker, sums up his teaching on worldview with the following statements:

1. Everyone has a worldview.
2. Most don't know what it is.
3. Those who are aware of their worldview have not thought out the rational implications of that worldview.

Example: Carpe diem is the resulting, rational implication of a naturalistic worldview.

4. The Biblical worldview is the only worldview that can rationally be lived out.

We must have a worldview that works. The experts agree, theism offers the only workable worldview. The Biblical worldview offers hope and wisdom.

The Biblical worldview is the only worldview that allows one to answer the fundamental questions of life and live consistently upon them.

Wisdom is the skill of living life well.

The world's wisdom is based on human knowledge, understanding, perspective, and experience. God's wisdom is based upon

God's knowledge, understanding, perspective, and experience.

Sources of Biblical wisdom are Scripture, Holy Spirit, and other believers. God's word speaks to goals, stewardship, debt, taxes, lifestyle, giving, investment, and much more. God tells us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He does not command us to do something He will not do for us. How does that apply?

It means I start every day intentionally. I tell God I want to be filled to overflowing with the Spirit. I want the Holy Spirit to permeate my heart. I want the Holy Spirit to guide my hands and my lips.

"But to each one is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Biblical wisdom is timeless, transcendent, accurate, universal, and practical.

Proverbs 9:10 states that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

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Samantha Taylor
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Many of our clients have long term goals to lose 50 to 90 lbs. and of course that is going to take longer than 6 weeks. However, when a woman experiences how much her body and life can be impacted in a short amount of time, that encourages her to keep going and instills hope and the belief that she CAN get results.

Many women tell me they have tried everything and nothing has worked. They finally decided to try "one more thing" which was my program and now they are having success. Why is that? Because we show our clients how to make eating healthy a lifestyle with guidance from our Licensed Nutritionist. It's not some fad to just lose weight. We eat healthy because it's how we take care of our God-given bodies. You will fight off more disease, have tons of energy and you can wear anything in our closet and like how it looks!

I know it sounds cliché but the only true answer to lasting weight loss is for us to stop dieting and learn how to eat. That is it. It's

simple but it gets overcomplicated with all the diets out there. Since I have invested the last 26 years of my life learning how to get and stay healthy, I have learned what works for a lifestyle.

It is nice to see how much you can be impacted with only 6 weeks. What if it could totally transform your energy, make your body tighter, and your clothes fit looser? That is why I do a 6-week Body Transformation Challenge... to inspire you...to show you what can really happen in such a short amount of time. And a bonus is you can win some serious prizes.

In fact, I am giving away over \$5,000 in prizes to the top 20 results because I want many people to have a chance to win something. Those prizes include a cruise for two and spa pampering. And I give a crystal award to the top 20 results! We have had anywhere from age 27 to age 74 win in the top 20 and the last 6-week Challenge we did, the participants lost 1,451 lbs. of fat!

To celebrate, we throw a HUGE party, delicious catered food, ridiculous healthy desserts and a photo shoot. We have a blast! So if you have been looking for something to motivate you to get results BEFORE 2020 gets here, something to do that is different and you want to shed some body fat, get into great shape, lose a couple of sizes, like what you see when you look in the mirror – then this is the time to do it. This 6-week Challenge starts Sept 30th and you will see and feel change before the holidays!

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"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."
 — Proverbs 13:12

Pasco Tax Raises Money for Supplies for Local Schools

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The Pasco Tax Collector's Office has five branches in the county. Each office chose one school close to that office with a large percentage of children in need. Right before the start of school, staff members from each office delivered a total of 500 backpacks with school supplies and six checks totaling \$5,250.

"Each year students are expected to purchase an ever growing list of supplies to bring with them on the first day of school," states Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "Gone are the days when a notebook, a pencil and some book covers, often made out of old shopping bags, were what most kids needed. For families struggling to make ends meet the 'back-to-school' supply list can be a great burden. Our staff was honored to deliver backpacks full of supplies, as well as checks to six schools in Pasco County. It is our hope that through the efforts of our hardworking staff and a very generous community, that the burden of supplies will be lighter for as many families and students as possible."

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office supports local charitable organizations that assist residents of Pasco County throughout the entire year. This is the third year the office has held its own charitable promotion for the sole purpose of assisting students who live and go to school near each office. For more information about the charitable giving programs and other services at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office please visit www.pascotaxes.com or call Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector at 727-847-8179.



Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces \$8,468.04 was Raised for Lauren's Kids



(left to right) Tim Couet, Assistant Tax Collector/ External Services; Becky Bennett of Pasco Kids First (representing Lauren's Kids); Dwayne Richards, Road Tester; Jody Grove, Director of Information Technology; Sharlo Ward, Customer Service Supervisor; Gia Stone, Customer Service Representative; Tammy Dziedzic, Office Manager; Alicia Albanese, Training Manager; Samantha Bisconti, Consumer Advocate & Tax Collector Mike Fasano

During the month of June, the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office featured Lauren's Kids, a statewide organization that works daily to prevent childhood sexual abuse through education and awareness. Lauren's Kids was created in 2007 by State Senator Lauren Book, herself a victim of childhood sexual abuse at the hands of a trusted caregiver. Senator Book has taken her own experiences and turned them into an opportunity to help children find hope and healing.

The five branch offices of the Pasco County Tax Collectors Office promoted the Lauren's Kids specialty license plate and collected cash donations through the entire month of June. The value of 52 specialty tags sold and cash donations collected equals \$8,468.04.

We are deeply grateful for the Lauren's Kids "Love and Healing" specialty license plate promotion and fundraiser throughout your offices. Your offices did a tremendous job, as they always do. Your team went above and beyond to raise awareness on this dark issue throughout your county."

"Senator Lauren Book and her team have dedicated themselves to addressing one of the most heinous of crimes; childhood sexual abuse," states Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "It was an honor for our staff to work with the community to raise funds for the good work this organization does each and every day.

For details about the charitable promotions sponsored by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office or any other services provided, please call Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector/ Communications & Special Projects at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about the services provided by Lauren's Kids, please visit www.LaurensKids.org.



Fall Brewfest for Hospice

18 Breweries and Counting to Offer Samples at Fall Brewfest for Hospice in October. All proceeds from the event will help support hospice patient care and bereavement services through Gulfside Hospice. Tickets are available now for VIP and general admission.

- **WHAT:** Fall Brewfest for Hospice
- **WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 5; VIP Admission at 5pm; General Admission at 6pm
- **WHERE:** Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, located on US 41 at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.
- **WHY:** To raise money to support Gulfside Hospice and patient care and bereavement programs
- **HOW:** Tickets are available at www.BrewfestForHospice.org or call Leesa Fryer at 727-845-5707.

Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano Proposes New Consumer Protections to Florida's PACE Program

Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano, who has long been concerned with the weak consumer protections in Florida's PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program, has submitted legislative proposals to the Pasco Legislative Delegation, Governor Ron DeSantis and House Speaker-Designate Chris Sprowls which, if adopted, will strengthen protections for those who participate in this home improvement program.

Last year Tax Collector Mike Fasano implemented local requirements that PACE providers in Pasco County agree to abide by customer disclosure standards if they want to do business in the county. The proposals Mr. Fasano has put forth would require amendments to Florida Statutes. The foundational change in the proposed legislation would require that state law differentiate between commercial and residential PACE programs, with a greater emphasis on consumer protections for residential participants. Additionally, the bill requires that a specific formula for determining a potential participant's ability to repay the loan be used before the PACE loan is ever approved.

"There are Florida residents who enter into an agreement with a PACE vendor in hopes of improving their home, often their largest and in some cases only asset, only to find they have jeopardized the future security of that home," states Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "When they realize that they are unable to pay the tax notice and repay the PACE loan as required by law, the outcome of delinquent taxes and possible foreclosure become a frightening reality."

The letter includes a complete summary of the proposed bill and is very similar to the letter sent to the members of the Pasco County Legislative Delegation. Additionally, Mr. Fasano sent a letter to the five members of the Pasco Board of County Commissioners asking for their support of the proposed legislation.



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Sunshine Animal Hospital encourages community members to make tax-deductible charitable contributions to the Veterinary Care Charitable Fund (vccfund.org) or at Sunshine Animal Hospital at 8008 W. Waters Avenue, Tampa, FL 33615.

Those helped by your donation include, but are not limited to:

- *Animal victims of abuse or neglect
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- *Pet owners experiencing medical challenges or financial hardships

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Today Poe is doing fine, she is still on medication for her condition and is expected to live a long and healthy life. "The Team at Sunshine Animal Hospital was wonderful and helped save my cat for which I am very grateful". M.M Tampa

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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

GFWC Wins International Award



GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members recently attended the GFWC International Convention held in Austin, Texas.

The club is delighted to have won an International Award and recognition for a very entertaining video they had produced and submitted as a membership recruitment tool.

For more information on this community service organization, please visit www.gfwclutzlandolakes-womansclub.org or its Facebook page.

(L-R) GFWC FL President Sharon Oliphant, Elayne Bassinger, Kay Taylor & Annette Bellinger

GFWC Crafting Project

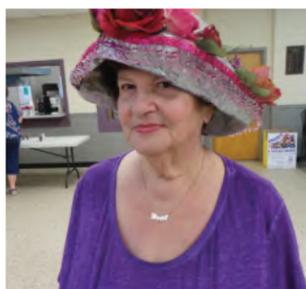


GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members had a fun crafting project by embellishing t-shirts with artwork painted by member husband Clay McCulloh. Arts & Crafts Chair Lois Cohen has brought new and different ideas to the club for unique craft projects several times per month. If you are interested in crafting and community service work, please visit www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

GFWC Newspaper Hat Contest



Club members competing in hat contest



Winner Paula Tapper

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members keep busy with a great variety of crafting especially during the summer weeks. Who knew that such lovely hats could be made from humble newspapers? Arts & Crafts Chair Lois Cohen brought yet another unique crafting project to the women which immediately spurred a stiff competition. Paula Tapper was the winner although it was very difficult to choose among the many beautiful creations. For more information on this volunteer service organization, please visit www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.

Protect Your Health during Hurricane Season



Chetan Khamare, MD, FACC

As a Tampa Bay resident or snowbird, you're acutely aware of Hurricane season and may think you have all of the preparedness information you could ever need to weather any storm. But, as Hurricane Dorian so recently reminded us, there is no such thing as being too prepared.

Oftentimes, when a storm is coming our way, we think first about protecting our property. We board up or shutter our homes, we bring in the porch furniture, and generally everything we can to limit damage to our homes. Secondly, we focus on ensuring we are prepared for a period of time without power, stocking up on food that doesn't require refrigeration. We also consider our financial well-being, knowing that cash will play an important role in our lives in the aftermath of a storm.

But what about our health. All too often, we think of taking care of ourselves last. This hurricane season, put yourself first by following a few lesser known health-preparedness tips.

Manage Your Stress

If you find the 24/7 news coverage of the storm track stressful, get away from it now

- and again.
- Go for a walk, listen to the music that makes you calm and positive.
 - Turn off the TV, go into another room, and do some standing deep-breathing exercises. (Google "breath of joy" for a great stress-busting and energizing technique.)
 - Avoid "managing" your stress with alcohol or other substances; you want to be in top shape, not dehydrated or foggy brained.

Think Ahead

Being prepared in advance is a great way to manage stress and ensure you use all available tools to protect your health.

- Gather copies of your prescriptions, insurance card and other important health information. Store them in a stocked go bag.
- Consider ordering an extra supply of any medications, supplements or medical supplies at the start of hurricane season to have on hand if you have to evacuate or leave your home suddenly. (Always store these items as suggested.)
- Have a list of all of your medications/supplements with doses and prescribing doctor and phone number as well as your pharmacy phone number packed in your go bag.

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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 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?

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.

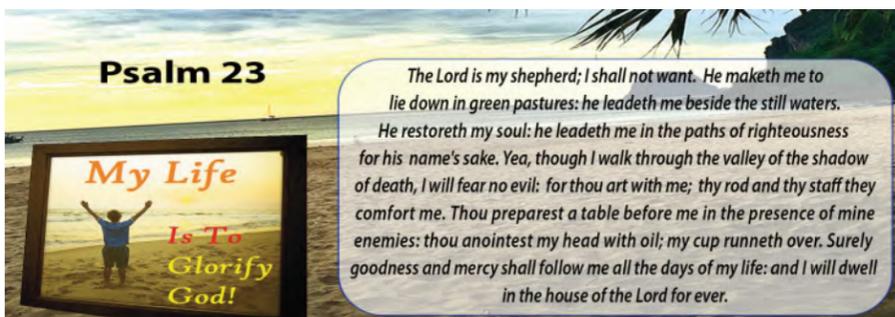
You and I can still have a lot of "stuff," but there's nothing more valuable in this life than knowing God loves us and that we're right with Him. I believe that during our final hours, that's what we'll find to be truly important.

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."

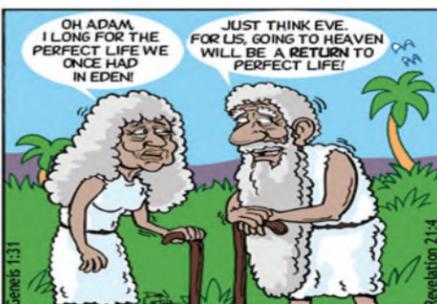
When you chase after God and make Him your first priority, then you'll really get to know Him and He'll give you the things that are right for you at the right time and in the right way.

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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SPIFFS 45th Annual International Folk Fair will be held from October 24 - 27, 2019 at Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg, FL.

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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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By Karen McBride



Rogers Landscape Supply, Inc. has been serving the Tampa Bay area since 1989. Glenn Rogers and his father, Jeff, began the company with one little truck and a small loader. A few years later, Glenn took over the responsibility of the business.

It is truly a family-owned business. Glenn and Cathy, Glenn's wife, are the owners, along with her nephew, Jason Markison. Jason began working at the company while he still was in high school and is now their right-hand man.

The company has been a staple in the Lutz community, providing supplies for Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation, local baseball fields, daycares around the area, Tampa Bay Downs, and more. It has just recently relocated to 21411 W. County Line Road, Lutz, FL 33548 to better serve their customers with a wider assortment of materials to choose from.

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By Karen McBride

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