



## Hope or Despair



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Romans 8 is *where to go* if you're feeling *hopeless* and need some *hope*.

"Where is your hope?" is one of the most important questions you'll answer in your life, *because where you put your hope determines so much about who you are and how you live your life.*

**Romans 8:18 says, "I consider that our present sufferings..."** "Present sufferings" is generic. Let's attach something more personal to it. **What are your present sufferings?** \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill in that blank)

Make that specific. Because nothing becomes dynamic until it becomes specific.

The Bible clearly teaches, "In this world you will have trouble." When present sufferings come... they reveal what we've put our hope in. They show the foundation the house of our faith has been built upon. That's what a storm does: it reveals the foundation.

Paul says, "I want you to compare what you're going through *now* to what you will one day experience in heaven."

The Apostle Paul wrote, "**No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him...but God has revealed it to us by his spirit.**" **1 Corinthians 2:9-10.**

God has spoken to us through the Bible; and by his Spirit he helps give us a glimpse of what heaven is like.

**Heaven is a place of love and relationships.** Jesus turned to the thief dying next to him on the cross and said, "Today you'll be with me in paradise." One of the things that makes

heaven so attractive is who is there. People often wonder will we recognize each other in heaven? Absolutely. Heaven is going to be a place of reunions with those we love.

**Heaven is a place of intellectual growth and discovery.**

Think about being able to ask God any and everything. Think about all the things we will be able to learn in heaven. Think about taking leadership classes from Moses and courage classes from Martin Luther King Jr. Our minds will be sharp and heaven will be a place of intellectual growth and discovery.

**Heaven will be a place of productivity and accomplishment.**

Revelation 7 points out in heaven we will serve God. Some think when we die, we become angels. That's not what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches that in heaven, we will rule over and govern the angels. We will make important decisions and work productively.

**Heaven is a place of joy and laughter.**

The one who created mountains and rainbows and giraffes and platypuses is with us. And he's been anticipating *your* arrival. Heaven will be exhilarating, refreshing, fulfilling and thrilling. Everything good in this life that we see now, will be perfect in heaven. Jesus said "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!" Matthew 25:33

Sometimes when Bible writers would run out of words to describe this amazing place, they would start talking about what heaven is NOT like. **God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."** Revelation 21:3-4. Heaven is going to be pain-free.

Paul's says, "Our present sufferings...are not worth comparing to the glory that will one day be ours in heaven through Jesus Christ." Our hope isn't here.

**"For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit**

**within us as a foretaste of future glory, we also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously (We wait expectantly, excitedly) for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us."** Romans 8:22-23 (NLT)

We eagerly look forward to this freedom. If you already have something, you don't need to hope for it.

Verse 25 says, "**But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently."** Romans 8:25 (NLT)

Paul uses the metaphor of childbirth. The two most painful things you can experience are childbirth and passing a kidney stone. Two extraordinarily painful experiences, but people process that pain very differently. Because it's possible that after giving birth a mother might say, "You know... let's...do this again." But you never hear someone who passes a kidney stone say, "Maybe God will bless us with another one!"

Why? Because the *pain* is intense for both,

but the *outcome* is very different (One leads to a baby, the other to a kidney stone).

If your hope is in heaven, then the suffering of this life is like the pains of childbirth. If your hope isn't in heaven, then life can feel a little bit like passing a kidney stone. So, we wait eagerly, patiently and with confidence. If we've put our hope in the wrong thing it leads to despair. But if we've put our hope in Jesus, we wait with all creation for the day God's glory will be revealed.

We wait with "eager anticipation." With excitement! We wait, but we wait with hope. Take time each day to set your hope on eternal things, not on this life, because heaven's on your calendar if you're a follower of Jesus.

Until next month,  
Keith

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## Are You Gaining 10 More Pounds?

The average American gains 7 to 10 lbs. during the holidays. Is that going to be you? If you say, "No way," I encourage you to have a plan because many people that gained it didn't think that was going to happen but it did.

It's important to have a plan to enjoy the holidays but NOT gain weight. Thanksgiving and Christmas are about enjoying time with family and being thankful and celebrating our relationship with God.

Sure, food is involved, but in order to NOT gain that dreaded 10 lbs. only to have to add it to our New Year's goals to lose it, it helps to go into it with a different mindset.

Enjoy yourself, but make sure when you go into an event where there is food that you are focused and activating your God-given self-control. I used to feel like I had NO self-control. If I saw a food I wanted, I felt like I had to eat it. I could NOT stop myself.

The ironic thing is, the more you surrender and pray about it, the more you can activate self-control and the stronger you get. Part of that self-control is giving it over to God, too, and asking for His help.

I used to be a major food addict, a compulsive eater, and would eat emotionally, which led to lots of issues with food. But when I learned how to pray about it and seek help from the Bible, it really helped me. And because of applying this 19 years ago, I overcame my overeating issues.

Now food is just food. I still love eating, but poor choices don't control me anymore and that is a big difference!

I had felt convicted that I was sinning by

struggling with gluttony (overeating) and idolatry of food. I knew that I was not honoring my body as God's temple ( 1 Corinthians 6:18) and that I was abusing the gift He gave me to be a manager over.

I found the more I prayed, read scriptures that helped to me in those tough times and I really thought about what I was doing before I ate it, I got stronger and I was able to see self-control in effect.

It has to do with renewing the mind (Ephesians 4:23) and choosing to make better choices so that you are breathing life into your body instead of consistently eating things you regret after you are done eating them. Sure, they taste good while you are eating them, but I am talking about after that has worn off, then what are you left with?

So, how about this year you try something different? Make a decision that you refuse to gain weight over these next two months, although you can still enjoy yourself. The biggest things most struggle with during this time is the extra sugar, all the extra starchy carbs, and lack of exercise.

So if you will pay attention to these three areas and add prayer into the mix for strength, you will find yourself activating your God-given self-control more than you ever have!

Don't wait until the new year to start getting results. We have five locations to serve women with 30-minute workouts and a licensed nutritionist so if you are ready for help, you can see the options we have at [www.SamanthaTaylorFitness.com](http://www.SamanthaTaylorFitness.com).

I also have some AMAZING Thanksgiving recipes including chocolate pecan pie, stuffing, and much more but the healthy way! You and your family will be SHOCKED at how good these recipes taste!

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## Women-n-Charge Monthly Meeting



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Join the vibrant ladies of Women-n-Charge on **Friday, November 1st** 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](mailto:info@women-n-charge.com).

**Our November meeting will feature our first ever Mini Expo, where many members will be displaying products and materials highlighting their businesses. Come network and walk the Mini Expo!**

## Life-Changing Educational Workshops

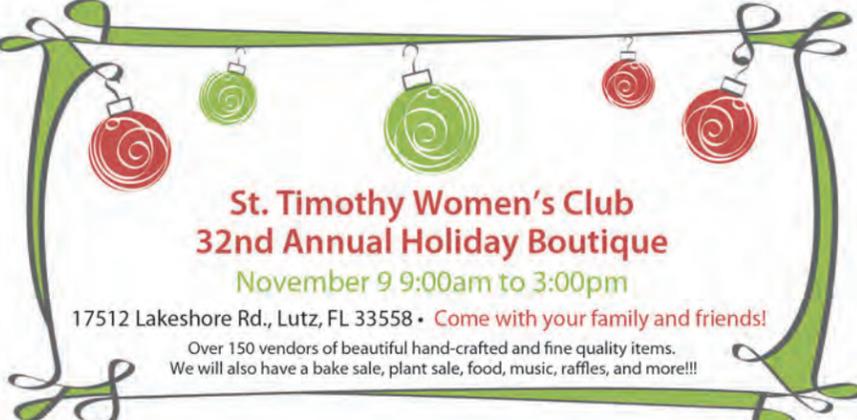
Bella Tires will be offering Saturday educational workshops for women from 9:00am-11:00am. The class will introduce a variety of skills and knowledge for girls to understand specific terms for vehicle maintenance so that they will not be taken advantage of by other car repair companies. On Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, Bella Tires will also offer Bible Classes that will provide people with a thoughtful perspective and could possibly change the life of the individual. All classes are free. For more information, please call (813) 995-0777.



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## St. Timothy Women's Club 32nd Annual Holiday Boutique & Craft Fair

St. Timothy Women's Club will be hosting their 32nd Annual Holiday Boutique & Craft on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at St. Timothy Catholic Church from 9:00am - 3:00pm. This event is FREE to attend. There will be over 150 inside and outside vendors displaying beautiful hand-crafted and fine quality items. They will also have their popular Bake Sale and Plant Sale! Come with your family and friends and enjoy raffles, food, music, and more. St. Timothy's is located at 17512 Lakeshore Rd in Lutz (corner of Van Dyke/Lakeshore). For more information, visit [www.sainttims.org](http://www.sainttims.org) or email the event chairperson, Burnita Wilder at [burnitaw@gmail.com](mailto:burnitaw@gmail.com).



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## Community Service Day at Liberty Manor



Samuel Woodrow, Leadership from Corbett Preparatory School of IDS, organized a Community Service day with his students from the 8th Grade Advisory Group to help the veterans at Liberty Manor. The mission of Liberty Manor for Veterans, Inc. is to promote the developmental and social needs of disabled and honorably discharged veterans who have fallen victim to homelessness providing transitional, supported housing, and establishing objectives designed to attribute

to self-sufficiency. Anyone interested in assisting this meritorious initiative, please contact Connie Lindsay (813) 900-9422.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."  
 — 1 Chronicles 16:34

## Murder in the Big Easy

By Brittany Cravatta



From left to right: G.P Latour, Pam Latour, Connie Carter, Mary Adele Cluck, Jill Canfield, Regina Ramalheria, Brenda Alloco, and Anne Childers

Can you imagine a night full of murder, mystery, and a delicious New Orleans style dinner? This is exactly what happened on the night of September 28, 2019 at the annual Women-n-Charge fundraising event.

Women-n-Charge is a nonprofit organization run by multiple different entrepreneurs and businesswomen who look to empower other ladies within the Tampa Bay community. Every year, they host an annual fundraiser to raise funds for women business owners. This year is their 12th annual fundraiser which featured a Tea Party held from 2:00pm - 4:00pm and later a Dinner Theater that lasted from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Throughout both events, a Silent Auction and Raffle was held. Raffle Tickets were sold for a 50/50 drawing and participants had the opportunity to win prizes that were donated from sponsors.

A live performance was held called "Murder In The Big Easy" which starred board members Anne Childers (Vice President of Women-n-Charge and owner of Childers & Associates) and Mary Adele Cluck (President of Women-n-Charge and owner of Marry Me Mary). During the performance, audience members enjoyed a New Orleans style dinner buffet. Here is Kay & Mark, publishers of the Gazette's with Mark's Mom, Wilma, enjoying the evening.



Women-n-Charge was founded by 20 local business women back in 2005 and has only grown throughout the community since its inception. "We are a local group of business managers and our goal is to support other business owners and managers within the Tampa Bay community," said Judy Nicolosi, current Treasurer of the organization and owner of Charles Rutenberg Realty. Nicolosi has been a part of Women-n-Charge for nearly 10 years and was the president of the organization for three of those years beginning in 2011.

Women-n-Charge aims to be involved in the Tampa Bay Area community and support professional business women effectively to further their goals and self independence. On the first Friday of every month, they host a monthly networking meeting at Plantation Palms Golf Club from 11:15am - 1:30pm.

If you are interested in attending, tickets can be purchased on their website <http://www.women-n-charge.com/meetings>. If there are any questions regarding the organization please call 813-600-9848.

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On the day of Thanksgiving, each of the dorms and the cottages have their own traditions that they like to do. Some will have the children help with the meal, then after they eat they will gather around the television to watch a football game.

Another group likes to eat a non-traditional meal for Thanksgiving, such as tacos or enchiladas. They always go Black Friday shopping, pick out a live Christmas tree, and start to decorate the house for the Christmas season. Some will include traditions from years past. They will say things that they are thankful for and write them down

on paper. They will save those pieces of paper and as they read their praises for this Thanksgiving, each child will also read their papers from last year.

Just as it is important for you and your family to come together on this special day, we want to show our children how special it is to bring the whole family together and remember those things that God has blessed us with. If you would like to help supply the need for our Thanksgiving meal, please visit: **HopeChildrensHome.org/Donate.**



YOU CAN HELP BY GIVING:

- A Financial Gift (online or mail)
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## “Help, I Need Guidance!!”

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

Ask for His Help! Paul writes in Galatians 2:2 NLT, *“I went there because God revealed to me that I should go.”* The Holy Spirit had shown Paul what to do.

I love this very familiar passage of scripture in Proverbs 3: 5-6 AMP, “Lean on, trust, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your path.”

There are four things I feel that these scriptures point out. #1) First, God asks us to trust and be confident in the Lord! He desires for us to have a strong belief and assurance in Him! Especially when we need to know the path to take or the direction to go. He asks us to rely on Him.

#2) Secondly, He requests us to not lean on our own understanding. Imagine that! Isn't that the first thing we do is to begin to try to figure things out with our own understanding. Yet God asks us to not even try to lean on our own intelligence, knowledge, or familiarity with something. That would lead me to believe that there are times where God may lead us and it would absolutely make no sense!!

#3) Thirdly, He says In all your ways to acknowledge Him! That means in every way, plan, or direction. Do you know how easy it is to think of asking God's help in the big things and not to bother Him with the little things? Yet he asks us to acknowledge him in all our ways.

#4) Finally, He says he will direct, make straight and plain your path. This speaks to me of clarity, no confusion, and a clear solution. If the spirit of God is on the inside to lead us and guide us, he will attest and confirm with our own spirit the way to take!!

In Proverbs 16:1-3 AMP He states it like this: *“The plans of the mind and orderly thinking belong to man, but from the Lord comes the [wise] answer of the tongue. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits (the thoughts and intents of the heart). Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed.”*

The Lord will show you the right way through the Holy Spirit's help by causing your thoughts to become agreeable to His will. After you have prayed and acknowledged Him, trust that your thoughts are being established by His direction. Sometimes having a radical change isn't necessarily in having to relocate to a new location as Abram did, but a new place of thinking that gives you a fresh new outlook, His way of thinking.

I believe that the Lord is saying that whatever circumstances you may feel you are in that solicit a feeling of confinement or stress, He has another way. He asks us to realize our own wisdom is not enough but to acknowledge Him and He will reveal His way to take.

Dr. Dianne Coflin, Co-Pastor of River of Life Church, Lutz, Florida. Our services begin 10:30am on Sundays. We would love to have you come!!

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I've met so many people that are searching for direction in their lives, stuck in a rut, or some truly sensing that they are in a season of change and aren't quite sure what to do. Are you ready for a change? How about a radical change? To have a radical change in one's life means to have a new thorough, major, complete, comprehensive new course of something different from what it would be left alone.

Are you open to the Spirit of God invading your life with something new? Sometimes in order for God to invade us with change we have to be open, willing to let go, or take a step back in order to go forward.

Maybe a radical change in your life might be to embrace something so different that you even have to lay down your formed opinions or an attitude of heart and embrace a change in the way you are thinking.

In Genesis 13:1 AMP it says, *“Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had.”* Abram had been in Egypt because of a famine. Egypt meant to be in a place of confinement, to feel cramped, and distressed. One day he made a decision to leave that place.

Maybe you have to make a decision such as Abram did. Are you in a place that feels confined and distressed, and you feel you need to make a change?

Decisions can be so important in a time like this. To decide means to come to a conclusion or resolution reached after consideration. In order for a change to take place, conclusions must be drawn and decisions made. Is it true God wants me to leave, or does He want me to adjust my attitude, or could it be embracing something new right where I am?

That brings to mind the story of Isaac in Genesis chapter 26 who also was in a place of famine and yet God told him to stay put and He would favor and bless him.

I often think how dependent we are on God's guidance. I would imagine if I were to ask you, do you want God's will for your life? You would reply, absolutely YES! But do I want God's will for my life if it means I may have to change? How about a radical change? Certainly all these questions require more thought, and how does God lead me into change?

Did you know that Jesus spent several chapters in the book of John teaching the disciples that one of the purposes for sending the Holy Spirit was to help lead them and guide them? The word to lead means, to prepare the way for, to induce to follow a wise course, or to act as a guide to show the way.

In John 16:13 AMP it says, *“But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]”*

The Holy Spirit has been given to us to HELP lead and guide us in every area of life.

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Guiding Star Tampa is a member of the consortium of Pro Women's Healthcare Centers (PWHC) who are Obstetrics and Gynecology or Family Practice clinics. In 2016, they brought on Tammy Taylor, APRN, CNM as a full time nurse practitioner, and embarked on the journey of getting fully licensed by the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA). It has grown to be a true community medical resource licensed by AHCA as a healthcare clinic and is a non-profit.

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## The Sovereignties, Powers, & Armies of Evil

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*“How did you come to be thrown from the Heavens, Daystar Son of Dawn? You who thought I will climb to the Heavens higher than the Stars, I will set my throne above the Most High, I will sit on the Mount of Assembly, I will ascend above the thunderclouds, I will rival God Himself...!” (Isaiah 14: 12-15).*

Good and evil have been endlessly intertwined going back to the fall of man on that horrible and fateful day when Eve said “yes” to the Tempter. However, over the past few centuries and especially the last fifty years, it has been outwardly obvious, at least to me, wickedness has not only been openly apparent but widely accepted in this world and even as part of America's culture.

The fact that Satan has been and continues to be straightforward with his intentions should be of no surprise to us. Yet when the topic of Satan, evil, and its origins are brought up, the discussion quickly ends. In fact, if you ever want to stop a conversation just bring up the subject of Satan and the chaos he brings. That said, I have come to the conclusion many are afraid or uncomfortable engaging this subject. Thus, if you're uncomfortable with this, stop reading right now.

I'm a question-box...to the point of being annoying; always have been. I am curious to know and understand things as much as humanly possible. It's also a large part of my profession. What I understand and fully accept through God's word is He created all reality outside of Himself from time to titanium... from space to stem cells...with no wiggle room: *“...all things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that was made...”* (John 1:13)

In that, God created His hierarchy of Heaven comprising nine Orders of Angels with spheres of ranking authority with the most powerful and heavenly found in the first sphere: Seraphim, aka “the burning ones” tending on God's throne with endless praises to God and spectacular majestic magnificence. Cherubim, the guardians of His throne and terrifying to behold (Lucifer was of this order).

Thrones are a class of angels (mentioned by Paul in Colossians 1:16) of humility, peace, and submission. Dominions are the angels that keep the world in order delivering God's justice. Virtues, aka “the shining ones” are the class of angels that control the elements. Powers, the Warriors, defenders from evil. Principalities have the command over the lower angels and direct the fulfillment of divine orders. Archangels, the great heralds of the Good News, deliverers of God's word.



## Samantha Taylor Fitness

### What Our Longest Advertiser Says

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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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**“Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, since as members of one body you were called to peace, and be thankful.”**

— Colossians 3:15

## Money: God's Favorite Way to Test You



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1 Peter 5:7

God is using money to test you. He does not just automatically give his blessings to anybody; he tests you first to see if you are responsible and if he can trust you with material possessions; then he can trust you with spiritual power. But, if you are not managing your money well, why in the world should he give you stuff that really matters? (Luke 16:11)

Finances are God's favorite tool to test you. He is using your money to test several things.

### Money Shows What You Love Most

If you really want to know what is important to you, look at your calendar and your credit card statement, because how you spend your time and money tells others what you love the most. *Matthew 6:19-21* – "Don't store up treasures here on earth... store your treasures in Heaven, for where your treasure is there will be your heart also."

### Money Shows What You Trust Most

Do you trust in your money for security? Or do you trust God? Do you trust in your happiness, or do you trust in God for your happiness? Do you trust in money to make you feel good about yourself or do you trust in God to make you feel good about yourself? Money is the acid test of faith. *Proverbs 11:28* – "Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."

### Money Shows If God Can Trust You

Money doesn't just show if you trust God, it

also shows if God can trust you.

*Luke 16: 10-12* – "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones, but if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?"

How we handle money determines how much God can bless our life. It reveals our character, which is why so many people do not like to have the conversation or sermon. Another great passage to look up is *2 Corinthians 9:6-9* "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So, let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: 'He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.'"

I have completely trusted Him with my finances for over 30 years.

Happy in Him,

Jim

## The Great Florida Outdoors: Green Heron

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

What is this bird?

1. Egret
2. Green heron
3. Anhinga
4. Limpkin
5. Ibis



Here is a green heron, searching the water for food. Compared with most herons, green herons are short and stocky, with relatively short legs and thick necks that are often drawn up against their bodies. They have broad, rounded wings and a long, daggerlike bill. At times they raise their crown feathers into a short crest. The bird is about the size of an American crow and smaller than a black-crowned night-heron.

Green herons stand motionless at the water's edge as they hunt for fish and amphibians. They typically stand on a branch or solid ground, and do not wade as often as larger herons. Green herons generally live around wooded ponds, marshes, rivers, reservoirs, and estuaries.

Where can you find this heron?

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Dr. Norman is an advanced master naturalist graduate of the FMNP program from UF and a board-certified dermatologist based in Tampa and Riverview. He can be reached at 813-880-7546.



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## Kidz Corner: Botany



Hi, my name is Harley and today we will be talking about Botany in the Kids Corner. Botany is the study of plants and is very simple and fun to do. It is like discovering new types of plants or even just like dissecting a flower. It is so cool and awesome! And also, there are lots of types of flowers and the most important part of a flower is the root hairs. The hairs are in the ground and they are part of the root and then take the role of sucking nutrients into the flowers. The leaves are the second most important part of the plant because they produce chlorophyll. The flowers are super important too because they take the role of producing seeds. They need to produce seeds so they can reproduce then new flowers grow. Fruits and vegetables are also plants. Vegetarians feed on mostly plants actually.

There is also a place in St Pete which is called Sunken Gardens and it started out as a lake but then a man named George Turner drained it out and planted a garden in it. I went on a field trip there with my school. It is absolutely the best. I saw exotic plants and animals including parrots and Japanese Koi fish and the blue ginger flower. It was the best!

I applied it to my life when one of my friends went out of town and I watered her plants for her. Plants suck up the water through their roots and they use it to make a special kind of sugar that they use to live. The reason I watered the plants for my friend is that friends do nice things for each other. If I didn't water the plants, then when she got back the plants would be all shriveled up and dead.

We are kind of like plants. If God didn't "water us"—die for us—then we would not have salvation. Only after accepting Jesus can we start to grow in our lives. Kind of like these plants are growing.

We learned a lot about Botany. I'll see you next month in the Kids Corner. Goodbye!

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>.



**GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club Presents Its 40th Annual Arts & Crafts Show**

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**For info call: Lois Cohen at 813-528-1179**

**OR [LutzArtsandCraftsShow@gmail.com](mailto:LutzArtsandCraftsShow@gmail.com)**

The juried Arts & Crafts Show, with cash awards presented, will be bigger and better than ever, featuring over 300 vendors with unique wares (indoor & outdoor booths), a large food court and a visit from **Santa** from 1pm on both afternoons for the kiddies. This show is always a big hit with friends and families enjoying a fun holiday atmosphere with very unique shopping and great food choices. Find that special gift or treat yourself to original artwork, photography, beautiful hand-crafted jewelry, artisanal products, wood and metal art, plants, yard art and so much more.

This show is the Woman's Club's largest annual fundraiser, enabling it to provide numerous scholarships and to fund area schools, libraries, many non-profit organizations and community projects and donations.

Mark your calendar for this show on **Sat. & Sun. December 7th & 8th**  
**Show Hours:** Sat. 10 - 5pm; Sun. 10 - 4pm  
 Admission is FREE; \$5 parking fee per car will benefit the school;  
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**The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office Will Soon Be Collecting Tourist Development Taxes**

As of October 1, 2019 the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office began accepting registrations from all who are required to collect the 4% tourist development tax on transient rentals. Beginning November 1, 2019 the tourist development tax must be reported and remitted to the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office online through the Tourist Express system <https://pasco.county-taxes.com/tourist> or by mail only.

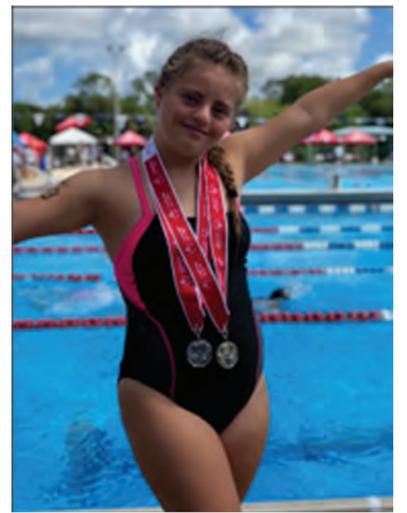
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**Local Athlete Wins Two Silver Medals**

Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School Sophomore, Arielle Jonas, won the silver medal in two events at the State Special Olympics Swim Meet at North County Reginal Park in Sebastian, FL on October 5 & 6, 2019.

Jonas took the silver in both the 50 meter Freestyle and 50 meter Butterfly. Jonas is a cheerleader and participates in musical theater at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School. She has participated in Special Olympics in swimming and rhythmic gymnastics for the last 4 years. The event was hosted by Indian River County Recreation Department and Treasure Coast Sports Commission.

Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School is a College Prep high school located at 13651 Hays Road Spring Hill, FL 34610. For information about the school, go to [www.bmchs.com](http://www.bmchs.com) or call (727) 857-2600.



**GFWC Fundraiser for Sunrise Shelter**



*Members Patricia Serio & Valerie Burris*

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club hosted a very successful fundraiser luncheon/game day to benefit Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic Violence Shelter. The venue was awash in members wearing purple clothing, manicures AND hair, as well as table decorations, all to support the designated color of Domestic & Sexual Violence. The clubwomen were pleased to donate \$900, plus enough handbags and totes filled with various

"wish list" items needed by the residents to fill an entire SUV plus a car. For more information on this community service organization, please visit [www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org](http://www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org) or its Facebook page.



*Members & guests enjoying games*



*Members presenting check to Shelter staffers*



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

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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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One of the two Dade City Habitat homes dedicated recently

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club has supported Habitat for Humanity for decades. A team of members attended the recent dedication of two new homes in Dade City and came bearing gifts for the proud new homeowners. The club women presented each of the two families with very useful housewarming gifts such as fire extinguishers, plants, books, seasonal decorations and more. For additional information and membership opportunities in this community service organization, please visit [www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomensclub.org](http://www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomensclub.org) or its Facebook page.



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## Essentials Massage & Facials of Trinity

By Karen McBride

Essentials Massage & Facials of Trinity (the "spa") offers a variety of services for your well-being including massages, skin care services, Cryotherapy, hypnosis, and PEMF. What is unique about this day spa is the holistic approach used to help their clients to achieve health and to feel good in their skin.

A variety of massages are offered to fit their client's needs.

- A relaxation massage increases circulation and eases the mind, body, and spirit.
- A deep tissue massage is a more intense kneading of the muscles and surrounding tissue to treat chronic aches such as a stiff neck, upper/lower back pain, leg muscle tightness, and sore shoulders.

- A neuromuscular massage can treat migraines, sciatic pain, carpal tunnel, knee problems, tennis elbow, and more.

- A sports massage is great for athletes. This type of massage incorporates deep tissue massage with stretching techniques designed to speed recovery time and minimize injuries.

The spa's cosmetologists specialize in European facials including the Pineapple Enzyme Facial, which gently sloughs and smooths your skin leaving your face looking rejuvenated and refreshed. The Pumpkin Enzyme Facial brings deep exfoliation and sloughing effects to dry, dull skin. To increase your skin's cell turnover rate, the spa offers chemical peels.

Essentials Massage & Facials of Trinity is

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Cryotherapy can be used in facials as well. The Cryotherapy Facial is a cryogenic treatment, which freezes the skin of the face and neck area. Cryo Facials stimulate collagen production and reduces fine lines, age spots, and wrinkles.

In addition to massages, facials, and Cryotherapy, the spa offers hypnosis sessions. The sessions can help their clients to quit smoking, reduce stress, lose weight, and more. Each hypnosis session is customized for the client.

PEMF (Pulsed Electromagnetic Field) therapy can improve the body's ability to repair cells and to heal. The treatment can reduce inflammation, improve blood circulation, strengthen the immune system, restore joints and muscles, and improve concentration. The spa offers 8, 16, and 20 minute therapy sessions to fit a client's schedule and healing needs.

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## The Tradition of Thanksgiving

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As if Black Friday wasn't enough for people to begin their holiday shopping, the fact that stores open from 3:00pm to midnight on Thanksgiving Day is outrageous. This doesn't give people enough time to enjoy their turkey, their families, or themselves, especially for people who are scheduled to go to work on this day.

Through the eyes of the employees who are forced to work on these dreadful nights, let me give some insight as to what the day is like to them. Retailers work throughout fall to prepare for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, and while both holidays are meant for happiness and joy, the people working it are feeling the exact opposite. Employees clean the dressing rooms where people will throw clothes they don't want on the floor, leaving the whole place a disaster. It's their job to put all of the clothes back after the store closes, an arduous and never-ending task. But customers never think about these things. All they care about is if they buy the last Apple Mac Computer when they really should be at home enjoying a nice hot turkey meal with their family much like everyone else who shouldn't be working on such a thoughtful holiday.

This consumerist fixation detracts from the meaning of the holiday. Thanksgiving is a holiday that dates back to the mid 1600's in American history. New England colonists were accustomed to celebrating "Thanksgiving" days through prayer and thanking God for military victory or the end of a drought.

It is also said to be the mark of peace between the Plymouth (pilgrims) and the Wamponoag people, and they celebrated

harmony by having a feast together. Unfortunately, every year it is less of a day of harmony and more of a day for shopping and people getting arrested because they're fighting over a TV set that's on sale.

The whole reason why the retail industry has practically ruined the meaning of Thanksgiving is because of the next upcoming holiday: Christmas Day. People want to get the best deals to shop for their family so that they will have all the gifts under the Christmas tree for their children or their parents. This goes to show that Christmas is slowly losing its real meaning too. Jesus wasn't brought to us so that people can go shopping. Jesus was brought to us to take away the sins of the world and to help people bring peace into their hearts and souls. The concept of "giving" is a huge part of Christmas, but people seem to forget that Christmas is also a day to spread joy and love and sometimes that's the best gift someone can give. Instead, people fight over TV sets, iPhones, and electronics when in reality all of that stuff is superficial.

Thanksgiving is not the day to start your Christmas shopping, that's what Black Friday is for. Thanksgiving is a day to be around family and friends and celebrate with a feast, not shop for a holiday that is a month away. That is not Jesus' purpose and it also not what He wanted. Jesus wants those to remember what he did and why he did it. God wants people to spread love and happiness during the holiday seasons. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas are meant for those to enjoy each other's company.

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## Train Up: Shiny Happy People, Not Shiny Pennies

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When you form your own business team, a business coach will be a critical key player. A coach will help us put our "WHY" of what we do into words to create our vision for how we see the world when our "WHY" comes to life. It's bigger than the product or services we sell. It's the change we want to see when people buy our products and services. It has a clear finish line just like a goal. A goal can be measured when we cross the finish line. The finish line of our vision can be seen and is clear but can't be measured as we aren't really ever going to cross it. It's an ideal. We may never want to cross the finish line because it gives our life meaning. It's our true joy. Every ounce of effort is well worth it to see our vision become reality. Let's look at the vision of Chick-fil-A.

"To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A."

Their vision has nothing to do with selling the best chicken sandwich. Does it? The chicken sandwich is only a product they sell to allow them to advance toward their vision. A coach keeps a company or person moving in the right direction. Do you know what the Shiny Penny Syndrome is? Google it. A great coach will stop us from picking up every shiny penny that grabs our eye by asking us pointed questions like these: "Is this new opportunity focused on our core customer? Does it help our business deliver on our brand promise? And if we decide to pursue the opportunity,

then would we have to give something up that we were currently doing to make room for the new?" These questions allow us to not let our vision get cloudy. Three years ago, I hired Wolf and Wolf Coaching. I heard them speak about their own business successes. Both had fierce, uplifting entrepreneurial spirits. Between the two of them, they had decades of experience owning successful businesses.

They had degrees in Business from universities known for cultivating great leaders in business. They had a long list of long-term customers with phone numbers for me to contact. They were celebrated, published authors. They were both strong networkers and connectors and they were both Jesus-loving people that walked the walk.

The deal-maker was that Tom and Pam Wolf were teaching clients how to have successful faith-operated businesses while living balanced lives, which means they helped me put God in the driver's seat, not the passenger's seat. Wolf & Wolf are an integral part of my life today. At the end of this series, you will meet Tom & Pam Wolf along with all the other people I introduce you to. Until then, if you would like to email them a question, send it to [tom@tomgwolf.com](mailto:tom@tomgwolf.com) or go ahead and check out their website at [tomandpamwolf.com](http://tomandpamwolf.com). You future young entrepreneurs in training, take a few minutes and research things. Don't just take my words or anyone else's as truth.

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## My Experience at Universal Studios By Brittany Cravatta



From left to right: Tabitha, Brittany, and Sarah waiting in line for the Stranger Things House 2018

Hi, my name is Brittany Cravatta. Friendship is something that is hard to come by nowadays, but I've heard that if someone has at least one or two really close friends that love you dearly, then you are a very fortunate individual. Luckily, I have three amazing girlfriends whom I love to the moon and back and I know that the feeling is mutual on their end too. It eventually became a tradition that once a year my friends Sarah, Tabitha, Ashley, and I would take a weekend vacation together. Our planned weekend trips guaranteed that we would at least see each other once or twice a year since we all went to different schools. This ritual helped us maintain the close friendships that we still have today. This year, we all decided to take a weekend trip to Universal Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights, and I wanted to share the experiences that we had while we were there.

This year, HHN was 80's themed and featured multiple different scary houses that were themed after horror movies that were popular in the 80s or set in that era. They had about ten houses total, and we were capable of experiencing all of them.

When we entered the park, the smell of fresh food filled our nostrils while the loud roar of the Rip Ride Rockit was heard. One of the best houses on the first night was called Universal Monsters. This house included all of Universal's classic monster characters such as Frankenstein, Dracula, the Mummy, the Wolf Man, the Invisible Man, and many more. The jump scares made us scream and the atmosphere itself really gave me feelings of anxiety. During one point, we had to walk through pitch black darkness for about 30 seconds, but this felt like an eternity. The funniest part was when the Wolf Man came out of nowhere and scared all of us so bad that we just sprinted out of the house as fast as we could while simultaneously laughing. While we were all pretty terrified in the moment, all of us found it hilarious at just how unexpected it was.

We all agreed that Ghostbusters was the best house in the whole event. The house wasn't the scariest, but Universal Studios did a very good job turning a comedy movie into something mildly scary. The Ghostbusters house was intended for the fans of the movie and so the set



(From left to right): Brittany and Sarah next to a demodog

design and environment of it was a little more light hearted and fun. All of the characters such as Peter Venkman, Egon, Winston, and Ray made an appearance at least once, and all of the ghosts and monsters had jump scare cameos. Much like Universal Monsters, the special effects in Ghostbusters was spectacular. Towards the end, the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man made a cameo as the Ghostbusters theme song played. I remember all of us dancing to the song while exiting and a Slimer attempted to scare us, but we were having way too much fun to be scared.

Another house I want to highlight is the Stranger Things House. This house was based on seasons two and three of the iconic Netflix series. Like Ghostbusters, the house itself was not that terrifying and was intended more for the fans to have the opportunity to experience it rather than to scare people. Sarah thought

that the house was boring, but that's because she hasn't watched the show. Although I agree with her that it lacked in its horror elements, I thought it was probably the most detailed throughout event. Every important scene and character from the show made an appearance.

The last house that I wanted to highlight from the weekend is the Us house because it was one of our top favorites. For those who don't know, Us is a horror movie starring Jordan Peele which recently released in early 2019. Even though none of us saw the movie, we thought the house had many intense moments. The horror elements and special effects well put together and Universal managed to hire multiple scare actors that looked extremely similar to each other, much like the film. The end of the house had us all clinging to each other for dear life. We walked through a dark room full of mannequins and only three out of 20 of them were scare actors. Not knowing which ones were real and which ones were fake and that any of them could possibly pop out at us was stressful.

No matter what we do, I always appreciate the time that I spend with my closest friends. As we grow older and our lives change, it gets harder and harder to spend some quality time with them. Going on these trips with them gives me something to look forward to every year, and I can't wait to see them again during the holiday season.

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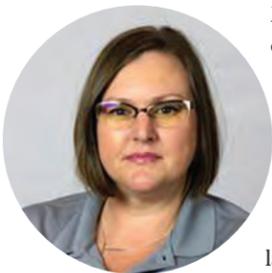
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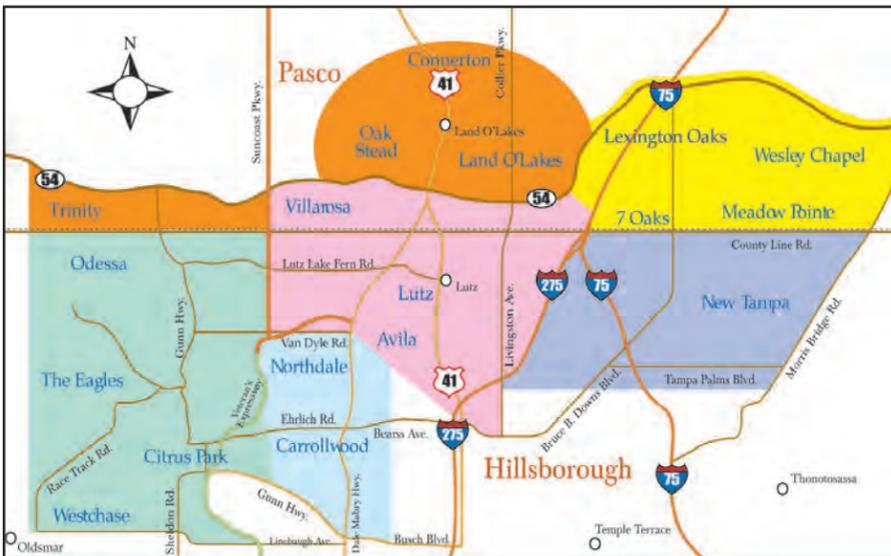


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|                                                     | 4534 W. Village Dr. NY Bagel Cafe            |                                            |                                            |                                                |                                          |
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