

Consider this...

By John Palmer

I've heard it said, "It's painful to be beautiful." Usually this refers to some of the pains we go through for the sake of beauty. Exercise, various spa treatments, waxing/plucking/shaving...well, you get the picture.

Another dimension is that of corrective procedures or devices. Orthodontic braces, come to mind, since my son is about to have his removed. In that case, one endures pain and discomfort because of the expected benefits of straight teeth, healthy facial bones, etc.

The premise is, some difficulties are worth it. An unusual premise in our time of instant gratification and avoidance.

In our preaching text this morning, the apostle Peter points out that the Christian should experience great joy, despite suffering grief. The words he uses refer to emotional grief brought on by fairly routine challenges. The point he ultimately makes is, there are all sorts of trials, challenges, difficulties, and issues in life that cause emotional grief. For most of us this is the day-to-day stress we experience just because we are alive.

But what Peter really wants to make clear is, as Christians we have reason to have great joy—despite those things that bother us.

My question: where is the joy? Does our life display Christian joy? Do you behave and speak in such a way that indicates a deep and abiding joy in your heart? We won't escape grief in this life. But we can decide to be joyful.

It's worth thinking about....



Tonight—Bond Meeting after evening worship, for all bond holders and/or interested parties

Wednesday—Family Fun Night, 6:30 pm (Youth)

May 31—CFBC Golf Tournament, fundraiser for Central Florida Bible Camp, see flyer for details.

Mt. Dora Supply Truck will be here on its annual swing through South Florida during the week of June 16. See posted list for needs.

Members

Jack Bowman, Tonya Brinson, Gail Fleischer, Suzy Font, Anna Gontko, Mike Gontko, Iris Holt, Art Olafsen, Vince Tomaselli, Thomas Beasley, Nancy Hall, Mira Waters, Hazel Montoya, Sylvia Alexander, Josh Palmer



Friends & Relatives

Judy & Jane (Wilson); Doc Horton, Jay Arnold (Hortons); Yamile Delgado; Eduardo Garcia (E. Garcia); Bob Molinary's mother; Simone Gruden, Wilma Horton, Dorothy Simmons (Henry); Bob Nichols (DellaPace); Shirley Riley (Waters); Chabella Reeves (Alexander); Victoria Stewart (Font); Denice Gainey (Deckard); Mary-Ann Cessarati (Ganong); Michelle Schrieffler (Rodriguez)

Military Service

We are still collecting care package items for our military. See Sarah Andreu for reminders. Also, please continue to pray for:

Christopher Barnhart, Tim Davis, Ryan Downs, Matthew Gundlach, Steven Sohn, Victoria Clements' dad

Griffin Road Youth Program

Thank you to our participants of our Boomers event. Thank you for your involvement and interest in our program. Please remember that this Wednesday night is our family fun night. This event is intended for the entire family of teens in the youth program. Please come and join us 6:30pm. Family time is often hard to come by, so please invest in this for your families.

Get ready for our summer calendar which will be coming out soon. Please let me know if you plan on attending Teen Week at CFBC this summer. I need to know what our interest level is first before committing to a week of camp. For all of those who have not sent in applications for our week of camp this summer please do so as soon as possible. The age requirement has been lowered to 6th graders. You can download an application online at cfbiblecamp.org.

Thank You

Brad Poyet

Future Events Here and There

May 31: Golf tournament for CFBC, Mt. Dora, FL

June 7: Hope Golf Tournament, to benefit Christian Homes for Children of Hialeah.

June 12-14: Tentative dates for VBS at GRCC for ages pre K through teens. Sign up lists available.

June 22-28: Central Florida Bible Camp week

July 10-19: Tentative dates for Peru Trip

July 13-19: Teen Week @ CGBC

July 24-27: Spiritual Growth Workshop

July 31-August 1: K-5th Grade Camp

Camp Info

On our week (June 22-28) we have changed the minimum age for attending this year! Now, if your child is (or should be) going in 6th Grade, he/she can go to camp! I hope you as parents will encourage your child to go. They will have a wonderful opportunity to bond with kids from our own youth group, as well as other kids from sister congregations. There are many very good friendships that began at camp and last into adulthood. See Brad for applications or go to the CFBC website and download one.

Baptism!

Michelle Concalves was baptized into Christ last Sunday near the end of our second service! She is Mark Fleischer's girlfriend and has attended Griffin Road for a few years, now. Her address is: 1500 N 12 Ct., Apt 3A, Hollywood, FL 33019 954-920-3525 (Home) 954-600-9434 (Cell)

The Record

For the week of May 11, 2008

	2007	2008
1st Service	66	N/A
2nd Service	152	120
3rd Service	54	59
Total	<u>272</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Sunday Class	120	102
Mid Week Class	80	124
Contribution		\$3827

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Our Mission

To make disciples by:

Loving God and our neighbors...

Seeking and saving the lost...

Serving others....

Our Vision

The Griffin Road Church of Christ shall be a multi-cultural family of loving ambassadors all wholly committed to spiritual maturity and joyful service.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Bible Class

10:30 am Worship

12:00 pm Spanish Worship

6:00 pm Worship

Tuesday

9:30 am Ladies' Bible Class

6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Class (Spanish)

Wednesday

7:15 pm Bible Study

Other Activities

Prayer Meetings, 9:00 am each 1st Saturday

Leadership team meets, 4:30 pm each 2nd

Sunday

Family Fun Night for Youth & Parents, 6:30 pm

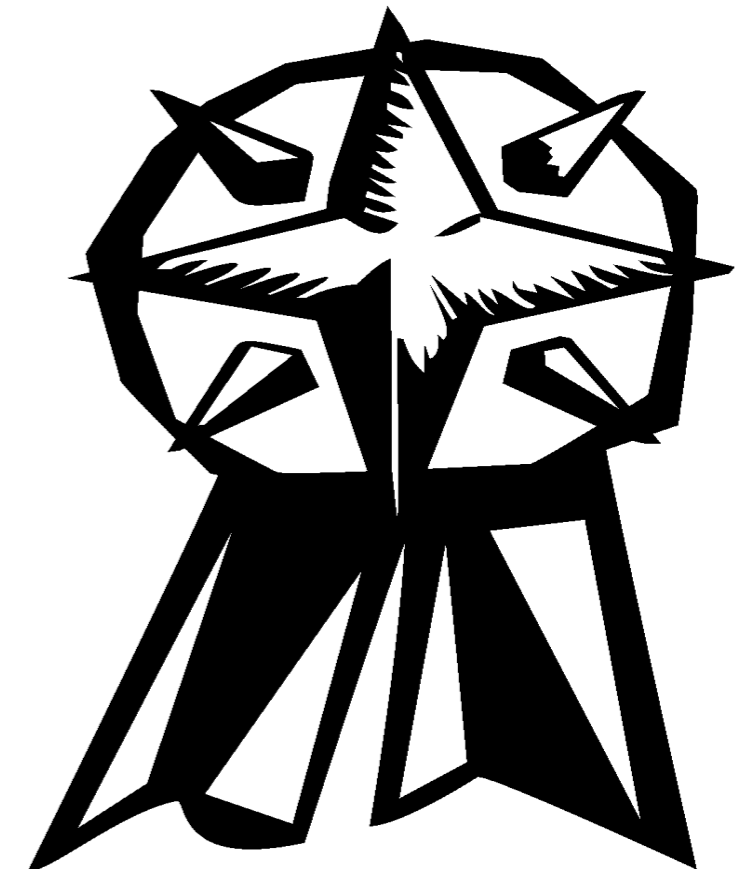
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Weekly Bulletin

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“Honor your
father and
your mother...”

Exodus 20:12