



Glad Tidings

WEKIVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
211 WEKIVA SPRINGS LANE LONGWOOD, FL 32779-6123



CUBA MISSION TRIP - Travel, Medical Supplies, and Prayers



The WONDERS OF WORSHIP - Baptisms, Announcements, Palms, and Fine Music



What Comes Next?

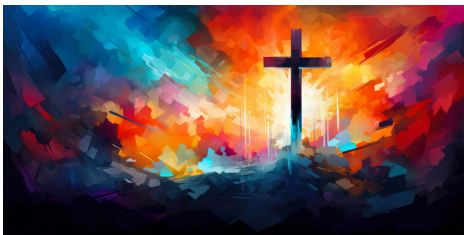
And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on them all. ~ Acts 4:33 (LEB)

Following Holy Week, I hope you feel refreshed and reminded of God's great power when He raised Jesus from the dead. What comes next? That is the question I try to answer every week in worship. What significance does Jesus' resurrection have personally and collectively? After the resurrection, we read in scripture that the early apostles were encouraged to share the story of Jesus's bodily resurrection, first in Jerusalem, and then throughout the known world. They felt empowered because the resurrection wasn't a set of assumptions they were endlessly arguing about, but an historical event. It happened, and they were experiencing some pretty amazing things because of the Spirit. Miracles were happening, people were giving to each other and meeting needs, and met regularly to hear the apostle's teaching and share meals. Lives were being changed by God's power as they left behind their old life and embraced the new life in Jesus with a new set of eyes to see the world and God's mission flourishing all around them.



Rev. Oscar Clavel
Pastor

I am grateful that God inspired Luke to write about the early church in Acts 4. All denominations and seasoned saints must reflect on it to be encouraged when they feel the weight of the world. The resurrection reminds us that suffering is part of life. The resurrection began with Jesus, but it will not be completed until His second coming. Therefore, there is ample opportunity to receive courage, hope, miracles, and spiritual gifts during this 'between time.' We read Acts 4 and often think, "*That was then, those things don't happen in our circles, denominations, or experiences,*" so we don't believe them. I can see how that thought pattern develops, but at our church miracles, new courage, and renewed hope are happening! Our temperament as Presbyterians makes it less public, but maybe that should change.



Our church has many people who have clung to Jesus through the hardships of life and have discovered what many have discovered throughout history: God's power is alive and working in us. The power in Acts 4 is still operating among us! There are new witnesses, the ones who testify afresh that God's resurrection is real and His great grace is upon them. As Christians, one of our jobs is to encourage and build up the saints. As resurrected people, who have come back to life in Jesus, we should never stop giving thanks to God and sharing with others what God has done. You never know who is listening or when your testimony might inspire someone else to say, "*If He did it for them, maybe He can do it for me too.*" Share your life with one another, share your story even with strangers, and live this gospel message, because nothing has changed in humanity since the resurrection. Many live not knowing the Resurrected Christ and many need courage, miracles, and hope for today.

Oscar

The deadline for the MAY 2024 GLAD TIDINGS is Thursday, April 25th.

Send your submissions to abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org

The Cuba Mission/Partnership Team thanks everyone for the generous contributions for the Remedios church. The nine of us took **14 suitcases** of over the counter medicines, Sunday School supplies, and sewing supplies. The Sunday School supplies will be used for the children of the church and the community that are invited to a lesson, fun and games, and lunch on Saturday mornings. The church has been able to restart their laundry program which in addition to washing clothes, also repairs them. The sewing supplies and portable sewing machines will also be used by the Church's Presbyterian Women's group for their craft projects. They would like someone to come and teach them how to quilt. The church keeps a record of people who regularly ask for over the counter medicines and will deliver some to their homes. The balance will be kept for emergency needs.



People tell us that things are worse in Cuba than they have been since 1960. Food is scarce and prices are high. One man said that inflation was 700%. Electrical blackouts happened every day, some lasting up to 12 hours. Fortunately, there seemed to always be a breeze at the church. Despite this, the people were happy and optimistic that things would get better. I estimated that there were over twice as many people in the Sunday Worship Service than at any Sunday that I have been there.

The Partnership Team invites everyone to join us for a **Cuban Lunch** after the Worship Service on **Sunday April 14**. We will show pictures and talk about our trip.

Thank you for supporting these fellow Christians who have kept their faith through some difficult times.

YOU'RE INVITED!
Church Picnic

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 AFTER SERVICE | Join us for a Hawaiian Luau featuring a meal and fellowship to celebrate the season! Bring your friends & loved ones.

EVENT WILL BE HELD IN BACK PARKING LOT

Sign up in Reception Hall.
Bring a dish to pass!

VBS 2024
June 3rd - 7th
9AM to 12:30PM

Register Now!
wekivapresbyterian.org/vbs
Pre-K thru 5th Grade

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To benefit Mission projects supported by the church. Donations drop off at the church on **April 26 from 9AM to 5PM.**

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help during the sale. Sign up on Sundays in Rec. Hall or contact the church.

We will not accept large box TVs, auto parts, specialty electronics, any hazardous materials, or firearms.

-YARD-SALE

Sat., April 27th
8am -2pm

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice and Peace, and Build Community

A Great Gifts of Women Sunday! On March 16 and 17, PW held their Gifts of Women celebration. The Rev. Cecelia "CeCe" Armstrong from St. James Presbyterian Church on James Island in Charleston, SC, was our guest preacher. She came with nine "sisters" on their bus driven by Keith. Saturday night 46 women and Keith shared an Irish potato soup dinner and then CeCe told us about the colors of the Bible as we colored our hidden pictures. On Sunday, Rev. CeCe spoke of *"The Five Attributes of Women Who Stood."* Joy Keeley presented the 2024 Honorary Life Membership Award to Betty Allen.



Betty and David Allen with Rev. Clavel and Rev. Armstrong.

Betty received the Honorary Life Membership Award for many years of service.



PW donated 10 blankets to Project Linus

Birthday Luncheon on April 21, 2024

PW will have the Annual Birthday Luncheon after the morning service on **April 21st**. We will celebrate the birthday and accomplishments of PW Churchwide and share our love of the missions with our offerings. The 2024-2025 PW officers will be sworn in and the new budget approved.

Spring Plant Sale – May 5, 2024

Just in time for Mother's Day, PW will be having the Annual Plant Sale on **May 5th**. Please let Martha Newhart know if you have a special plant request.





Voices of Appalachia Summer Concert Tour

May 10, 2024, 7 - 8pm

Wekiva Presbyterian Church

Join us for an evening of music as we welcome the Voices of Appalachia from Alice Lloyd College to our church on Friday

evening, May 10th at 7pm. The Worship Committee is sponsoring this **free** concert. The program will consist of a blend of sharing the unique story of Alice Lloyd combined with sacred anthems, spirituals, Appalachian folk tunes, and some light pop music all done a cappella. The last time we hosted this college choir was in 2004. We hosted them when Barbara McEntire was Director of Music here, as she was an alum of the school. It is a small group traveling this summer...5 guys and 6 girls.

We have been asked to provide host homes for the students to spend the night following the concert. If you would be willing or interested in sharing an evening with two of these students and provide them with breakfast on Saturday morning, please contact Betsy Bone. [betsy@wekivapresbyterian.org] We just need four more host homes.

WPC Movie Night sponsored by the CNC April 19th, 7:00 pm, in Crosswalk

Featuring: ***Tender Mercies***, rated PG, 1983, drama/music

Starring:

Ellen Barkin, Robert Duvall, Lenny von Dohlen,
Tess Harper, Rick Murray, Bruce Beresford,
Michael Crabtree, Horton Foote, Betty Buckley,
Andrew Scott Hollon, & Wilford Brimley

Description: Down-on-his-luck country singer Mac Sledge (Robert Duvall) has nowhere to turn when he wakes up in a motel, short on cash. So he takes a job from Rosa Lee (Tess Harper), the kindly widow who runs the place. Mac begins to fall for Rosa, who helps him confront his drinking, and also finds an unexpected bond with Rosa's young son (Allan Hubbard). When the opportunity for a career comeback surfaces, Mac must choose between his new life and the life he let slip through his hands.

Contact **Kim Freeman** for more info.



**Mon Apr 1, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
Where: South Transept Room

Tue Apr 2, 2024

9am - 12pm Moms 4 Moms Event
Where: Reception Hall, Rooms 107, (Nursery 1),
 (Nursery 2)
 9am - 10am Outreach Team
Where: North Transept

Wed Apr 3, 2024

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study
Where: Reception Hall
 1pm - 2pm Book Club
Where: Reception Hall
 1:30pm - 2:30pm Staff Meeting
Where: Reception Hall
 3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club
Where: Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,
 Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest
 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal
Where: Choir Room
 7pm - 8pm CE Committee Meeting
Where: via ZOOM
 7pm - 8:30pm Deacon's Meeting
Where: Reformation Room + Zoom

Thu Apr 4, 2024

6:30pm - 7:30pm HR Committee
Where: Pastor's Office
 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Where: Sanctuary

Sun Apr 7, 2024

8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group
Where: Wekiva Heritage Room
 8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group
Where: Reformation Room + Zoom
 8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group
Where: Pioneers in Faith + Zoom
 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade
Where: Crow's Nest
 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade
Where: Room 110
 10am - 11am Children's Worship
Where: Room 107
 10am - 11am Worship Service
Where: Sanctuary
 11:15am - 1:15pm Church Picnic - Hawaiian Theme
Where: Back Parking Lot
 3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group
Where: Education Hall, Crow's Nest

Mon Apr 8, 2024

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
Where: South Transept Room

Tue Apr 9, 2024

9am - 10am Outreach Team
Where: North Transept
 10am - 11:30am PW CT MEETING
Where: Reception Hall
 6:30pm - 7:30pm Communication Committee Meeting
Where: North Transept

Tue Apr 9, 2024 cont.

6:30pm - 7:30pm Property Committee
Where: Reception Hall
 7pm - 9:30pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
Where: Crow's Nest

Wed Apr 10, 2024

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study
Where: Reception Hall
 3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club
Where: Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,
 Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest
 5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal
Where: Choir Room
 7pm - 8pm Mission & Benevolence Committee
Where: Reformation Room
 7pm - 8pm Worship Committee Meeting
Where: Wekiva Heritage Room

Thu Apr 11, 2024

1pm - 2pm Cong Nurture Committee
Where: North Transept
 2pm - 3pm Caring Friends of Wekiva
Where: Reformation Room
 7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Where: Sanctuary

Sun Apr 14, 2024

8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group
Where: Wekiva Heritage Room
 8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group
Where: Reformation Room + Zoom
 8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group
Where: Pioneers in Faith + Zoom
 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade
Where: Crow's Nest
 9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade
Where: Room 110
 10am - 11am Children's Worship
Where: Room 107
 10am - 11am Worship Service
Where: Sanctuary
 11am - 1pm Cuba Team Luncheon
Where: Education Hall, Big Kitchen
 3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group
Where: Reception Hall, Crow's Nest

Mon Apr 15, 2024

6pm - 7:20pm Finance Committee
Where: Reformation Room
 7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal
Where: South Transept Room

Tue Apr 16, 2024

9am - 10am Outreach Team
Where: North Transept
 10am - 12:30pm PW Morning Circle
Where: Reception Hall + ZOOM
 1:30pm - 3:30pm PW Circle Meeting VOTG
Where: VOTG, Annex, Spiritual Life Center
 2pm - 4pm PW Afternoon Circle
Where: North Transept Room
 6:30pm - 8pm PW Evening Circle
Where: Reception Hall + Zoom



Wed Apr 17, 2024

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club

Where: Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

Where: Choir Room**Thu Apr 18, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Where: Sanctuary**Fri Apr 19, 2024**

7pm - 9:30pm CNC Movie Night

Where: Crosswalk**Sat Apr 20, 2024**

10am - 5pm Prep for PW Birthday Offering Luncheon

Where: Big Kitchen & Education Hall**Sun Apr 21, 2024**

11am - 2pm PW Birthday Offering Luncheon

Where: Big Kitchen and Education Hall

8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group

Where: Wekiva Heritage Room

8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group

Where: Reformation Room + Zoom

8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group

Where: Pioneers in Faith + Zoom

9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade

Where: Crow's Nest

9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade

Where: Room 110

10am - 11am Children's Worship

Where: Room 107

10am - 11am Kids Club Songs in Worship

Where: Sanctuary and Kids Choir Room10am - 11am Worship Service - *Carmen Torman* message**Where:** Sanctuary

3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

Where: Education Hall, Crow's Nest

4pm - 5pm Youth Committee

Where: Crosswalk**Mon Apr 22, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Where: South Transept Room**Tue Apr 23, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

Where: North Transept**Wed Apr 24, 2024**

3:30pm - 5:30pm Kids Club

Where: Sanctuary, Rec. Hall, Ed. Hall,
Aloma's Choir Room, Crow's Nest

5pm - 6:30pm Wekiva Current Rehearsal

Where: Choir Room

7pm - 9pm Session Meeting

Where: Reformation Room**Thu Apr 25, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Where: Sanctuary**Fri Apr 26, 2024**

9am - 5pm Yard Sale Prep/Drop Off

Where: Reception Hall, Parking Lot**Sat Apr 27, 2024**

8am - 2pm Yard Sale

Where: Reception Hall, Parking Lot**Sun Apr 28, 2024**

8am - 10am Donuts with Deacons

Where: Reception Hall

8:45am - 9:45am Foundations Group

Where: Wekiva Heritage Room

8:45am - 9:45am Joy Group

Where: Reformation Room + Zoom

8:45am - 9:45am Seeker's Group

Where: Pioneers in Faith + Zoom

9am - 10am Children's Sunday School 2nd-5th Grade

Where: Crow's Nest

9am - 10am Children's Sunday School K-1st Grade

Where: Room 110

10am - 11am Children's Worship

Where: Room 10710am - 11am Worship Service - *Vlad Kostorny* message**Where:** Sanctuary

11am - 12pm Donuts with Deacons

Where: Reception Hall

3:30pm - 5:30pm Middle School Youth Group

Where: Education Hall, Crow's Nest**Mon Apr 29, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm Grace Notes Rehearsal

Where: South Transept Room**Tue Apr 30, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

Where: North Transept**SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL 2024**

Apr 7 — Church Picnic

Apr 9 — PW CT Meeting

Apr 14 — Cuban Lunch hosted by Cuba Team

Apr 15 thru 29 — Pastor Oscar Vacation/out of office

Apr 16 — PW Circle Meetings

Apr 19 — CNC Movie Night

Apr 21 — Birthday Offering Luncheon

Apr 23 — Donuts with Deacons

Apr 26 — Yard Sale Drop Off/Prep

Apr 27 — Church Yard Sale

Note: This calendar shows WPC EVENTS; not any of the support groups, scouting groups, CCC, or other outside events that are part of our Master Schedule.

Go to:

www.wekivapresbyterian.org/calendar/
for all events



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Please join the Deacons to kick off the
Wekiva Presbyterian **Shepherd's Group Program**
on **April 28th** before and after Worship in Reception Hall.