

Open Door 2024

One anonymous writer said, "The Bible is not meant merely to inform but to transform." Throughout history, godly leaders have commended the transforming effects of meditation. Consider this beautiful description by Thomas Brooks, a seventeenth-century church leader:

"Remember that it is not hasty reading but serious meditation on holy and heavenly truths, that makes them prove sweet and profitable to the soul. It is not the mere touching of the flower by the bee that gathers the honey, but her abiding for a time on the flower that draws out the sweet. It is not he that reads most but he that meditates most that will prove to be the choicest, sweetest, wisest and strongest Christian."

In the Old Testament, two Hebrew words are translated "meditate." One suggests a low pitch muttering sound; the other means to be taken up or absorbed with something. Taken together, we get the idea of someone pondering a biblical text, quietly vocalizing it repeatedly.

The focus of meditation is on God, His glory and majesty, His ways and works in the world. Its intended effect is to shape one's inner life and outward behavior. Theologian J.I. Packer describes it this way:

"Meditation is the activity of calling to mind, and thinking over, and dwelling on, and applying to oneself, the various things that one knows about the works and ways and purposes and promises of God... It is an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communion with God."

May God guide us as we immerse ourselves in scripture and pay attention to God's goodness in us and around us.

Pastor Ray



- May 5 Diana Schmiedeke
- May 12 Abbey Ankenman
- May 19 John Lomax
- May 26 Tim Keith



Wear Red for Pentecost

May 19th





- May 5 Exclusively Inclusive
- May 12 Getting in God's Way
- May 19 The Spirit Brings Life
- May 26 Born Again



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Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer at 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday email each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

- May 1 I Peter 5
- May 8 No Kum Ba Zoom
- May 15 II Peter 1
- May 22 II Peter 2
- May 29 II Peter 3

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

- May 5 To Be Announced
- May 12 Revelation 9-10
- May 19 Revelation 11-12
- May 26 Revelation 13-14

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. We are currently serving 51 students by providing weekend “backpacks” of simple, nutritious food.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. From helping pack the backpacks, to their generous donations. With out you, we couldn't make this ministry what it is today. We have given **204 backpacks** since the beginning of the year.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on March 19, 2024. In Global Mission we gave a gift of \$300 to the World Central Kitchen. For the Local Misson we gave a gift of \$300 to the Teachers' Tool Box and \$200 to the Boys and Girls Club.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest as well as gifts from members. You can designate gifts to “Local Mission” or “Global Mission”.

The Deacons Shoe ministry has delivered **7** pairs of shoes in the year 2024.



The Food Pantry distribution average for last year (2023) was 54 bags/month. So far, in 2024, we have given out **210** bags of food. Your contributions of food and dollars makes a difference in many lives.

FPC Miami Ladies Luncheon Thursday, April 11 2024

As you can tell, the only serious aspect of this lunch was the food! We enjoyed many filipino delicacies! All the ladies had a great time of fellowship. Please join us next month for the fun and fellowship at the FPC Miami's Ladies Luncheon.



Servers in the Lord's House

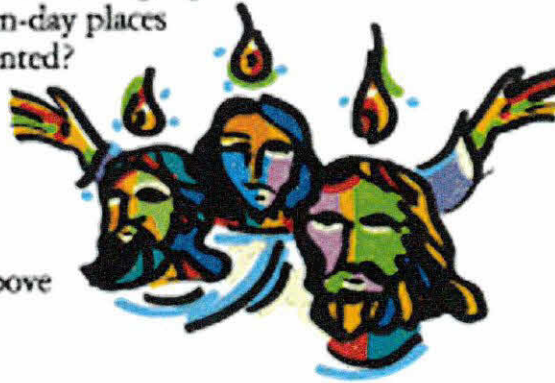
	Coffee Host	Backpack
May 5	Open	May 2 Cindy Holt Diana Schmiedeke
May 12	Open	May 9 Open
May 19	Open	
May 26	Open	

Please call the office or talk to Pastor Ray to sign up for server slots!

Bible Quiz

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?


- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answer: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	2 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4
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- Berkeley Ulrey.....5/7
- Isaac Rendel.....5/22
- Matt Whalen.....5/10
- Cindy Holt.....5/26
- Gayle Waylan.....5/12
- John P. Wilson.....5/29
- Carol Carden.....5/17
- Arlene Seybolt.....5/30
- Abbey Ankenman.....5/18

*Should your name be here?
Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!*