

Connecting Point Vero Beach

November

2023

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Operation Christmas
Child Information**

Mark Your Calendars to Celebrate Christmas

December is almost here and many things are planned.

The major event for The Vero Beach Gathering is our Annual Christmas Program on Saturday, December 2nd.

We will enjoy the beautiful singing about our Lord's birth.

The location of the program is at Pathway Church. The church is located at 1105 58th Avenue, Vero Beach. It is in the Pathway Youth Building.

There will be no Vero Beach Gathering on December 23rd and 30th.

The program will start at 4:00pm, but those in the play need to be there by 2:00pm!

We will have prepackaged Christmas cookies and a beverage after the program. We ask that you not bring any food.



*To the World,
Joy
the Lord is come!*



Happy Birthday JESUS Party

December 16th Vero Beach

Cost is \$7 per person

Remember in Prayer

◆Continued prayers for Liza Robbins' strength and healing.

◆Praise for Michelle Demarais' move

◆Pray for Christmas Programs and their preparations

◆Pray for peace in Jerusalem



Thankful for His Good Gifts



Most Gracious and all wise
God;
Before whose face the
generations rise and fall;
Thou in whom we live, and
move, and have our being.
We thank thee [*for*] all of thy
good and gracious gifts, for
life and for health;
for food and for raiment;
for the beauties of nature and
the love of human nature.

—*Martin Luther King Jr.*

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• 4:00pm **Island Choir** at 165 Grove St Merritt Island

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• 2:30pm **Vero Choir**
• 3:30pm **Vero Gathering**
1105 58th Avenue



5 • 8:15am-**Melbourne Choir** at 2700 Sarno Road
• 9:30am-**Melbourne Gathering** at 2700 Sarno
• 10:00am-**Island Gathering** at 65 Needle Blvd
• 2:00pm-**Titusville Choir** at 1355 HWY 50
• 3:00pm-**Titusville Gathering** at 1355 Hwy 50

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5:30pm Every Tuesday
Promise Bible Study All are Welcome

For **Titusville** or **Melbourne** Chapels, call Jennifer at 321-632-0130

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• **No Vero Choir**
• **No Vero Gathering**
• St Helen's Festival

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For **Island** Chapels, call Lynn at 321-501-6955

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For **Vero** Chapels, call Rebekah at 772-770-1011

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Titusville Bowling Call 321 264-5105

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24 4:00pm **Island Choir** at 165 Grove St Merritt Island

Vero Bowling Fridays call 772-321-6025

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• 3:30pm **Vero Gathering**
1105 58th Avenue



Merritt Island Bowling Sat. Call 321 213-1884 for dates

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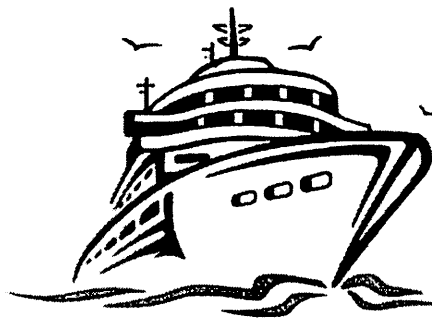
9:00am Newsletter Ministry

Dec 1st Island Christmas Program



Dec 2nd Vero Beach Christmas Program

The Free Cruise



Part 3

by
Linda G.
Howard

(Marie and her friend, Lois, are on a free one-day cruise. Lois wants to borrow money from Marie.)

Marie and Lois sat looking at the ocean. Lois is crying, "I need money to pay my rent. Please, lend me a few dollars. I'll win if I can play again."

Marie wanted to tell her friend, "No." She only had enough money to pay her rent and buy groceries. Then Lois began to pray out loud. "Lord, please help Marie see she can lend me a few dollars."

Marie knew she could not tell her friend no now. It would be like telling Lois that God didn't love her. "I'll give

you money for the smallest bet," she told Lois. Then Lois stopped crying. She grabbed Marie's hand. They ran to the cashier to get more chips.

Lois didn't win. Marie knew she should not give her more money but she bought her more chips and then more chips. Soon Marie had spent all her grocery money.

Again, Lois was crying and asking for money. Marie loved Lois as a friend but Marie felt that she couldn't give Lois her rent money.

Marie walked back outside. She stood by the railing, looking at the ocean. Sometimes, God spoke to Marie.

He talked to her in her thoughts. Marie knew God was speaking to her if a thought was smarter than she was.

As Marie looked at the ocean, a question came into her mind. *Would you ask a good friend to spend her rent money to gamble?* Marie answered out loud, "No!" Then Marie knew what to do.

She knew God had spoken to her. She went to Lois and took her hand. "Lois, I can't give you any more money but I can pray for you" And she did. As soon as the ship docked, Marie decided this was her last free cruise. Marie smiled and thought, *They cost too much money.*



Let's Look at Luke

This is a study from the gospel of Luke in the Bible's New Testament. Let us study Luke 2:28 to Luke 2:33.

28Simeon took the baby (Jesus) in his arms and thanked God:

29"Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant, die in peace as you said.

30With my own eyes I have seen your salvation

31which you prepared before all people.

32 It is a light for the non-Jewish people and an honor for your people, the Israelites."

33Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him.

First, read the verses. As you read, look for the answers to the questions. Circle the best answer.

Vs 28 Who did Simeon thank for being able to hold baby Jesus?

- (a) He thanked his lucky stars.
- (b) He thanked his mother.
- (c) He thanked God.

Vs 29 Why was Simeon at peace?

- (a) He saw the Savior, Baby Jesus.
- (b) He ate a big lunch
- (c) He had a good night sleep.

Vs 30-31 For whom is God's salvation?

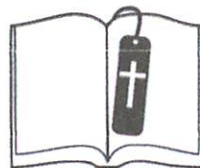
- (a) The Amazon delivery driver
- (b) My neighbor
- (c) People in Alaska
- (d) For everyone (all of the above included)

Vs 32 Jesus is darkness to the Jewish people.

- (a) True
- (b) False

Bonus Vs 33

We should all be amazed by Jesus, our Savior, and all that He is for us.



APD Works to Keep Critical Funding in the Pockets of Floridians with Unique Abilities

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), in partnership with the Florida Legislature, memorialized the increase of Personal Needs Allowance (PNA), which is essential funding that promotes community living for those with unique abilities. The Framework for Freedom Budget for Florida Fiscal Year 2023-24 includes funding to advance quality care to help ensure that Florida's long term care profession can continue meeting the needs of the state's vulnerable seniors and people with unique disabilities.

“Florida is leading the way, especially when it comes to prioritizing those with unique abilities and their families,” said **APD Director Taylor Hatch**. “We are incredibly appreciative of the Governor and First Lady for their leadership and our partnership with the Florida Legislature to ensure the individuals we serve have every opportunity to thrive.”

Effective on August 17th eligible individuals residing in an APD licensed group home and receiving a social security benefit will receive a minimum monthly benefit of \$164.52 a month, compared to the federal rate of \$30.00 No additional action is required on behalf of the eligible individual to receive this increase. The PNA is used to help pay any additional costs the individual may have, such as haircuts, clothing, and toiletries.

“This is a major victory for Floridians with unique abilities,” said **Senator Jason Brodeur**. “This measure empowers eligible individuals with unique abilities to keep more of the money they deserve in their pockets.”

"Extra money feels very good and I feel blessed," said George W., and APD client " For additional information please call toll-free

1-866-APD-CARES (1-866-273-2273).

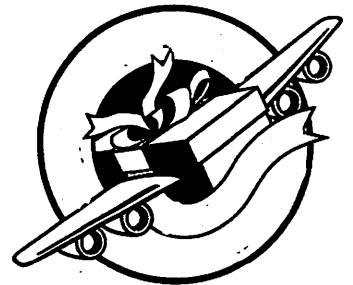
Vero Beach Gathering
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Free Matter
for the Blind
and Physically
Handicapped

Return service requested

Mailed from zip code 32926

Operation Christmas Child
Help Brevard & Vero Beach Gathering
reach our goal to fill 75 shoeboxes.



- **November 4th & 5th:** Boxes will be handed out at Chapel.
- **November 18th & 19th:** Deadline to return boxes to Chapel.
- **Family and Staff:** Call 321-258-3874 to order a box or for more information.
- Fill your box with either **Girl** or **Boy** items and **choose an age group: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.**

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