

Connecting Point

March

2024

Retreat Joy Application
Deadline is
Friday, March 15th

Who Do You Call?

Communication is very important. The Brevard and Vero Gathering has updated their phone services to make communication easier for staff, members, families and supporters. See below for updated phone numbers.



- **321-632-0130** is the main phone number for **Island, Melbourne and Titusville Gatherings**. You may reach the staff by entering their extension number after you dial this main number.
You can also send text messages to this number.
- **772-770-1011** is the main phone number for the **Vero Gathering**. You may reach staff by entering their extension number after you dial this main number.
You can also send text messages to this number.
- If you have questions or need to cancel a ride for the **Vero Gathering**, call **Rebekah Robbins** at 772-770-1011 Extension 2.
- If you have questions or need to cancel a ride for the **Melbourne or Titusville Gathering**, call **Jennifer Stabler** at 321-632-0130 Extension 1.
- If you have a question or need to cancel a ride for the **Island Gathering**, call **Lynn Gerard** at 321-632-0130 Extension 3.
- If you have a general questions, call **Mary Meyer** in the office at 321-632-0130 Extension 4.

Remember in Prayer



- ◆ Craig for cancer treatment
- ◆ Kip for healing from knee replacement surgeries
- ◆ Andrew Quinn
- ◆ Jodi for adjustment to new living arrangements
- ◆ Liza Robbins
- ◆ Branda's father
- ◆ Pam Gillespie for successful medical treatments
- ◆ Healing for Jennifer Stabler and gratitude for her transportation friends
- ◆ Mary Meyer's family as her father passed away
- ◆ George English's Mother

Easter Prayer



Dear Lord,

In this glorious Easter season, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the hope and new life that Easter brings.

May we live in the light of His victory over death.

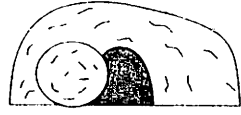











Amen

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>March 2024</p>  <p>Easter is March 31st</p>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Vero Chapel Call Rebekah 772-770-1011 Extension 2 </div>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Vero Choir 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	4	<p>5</p> <p>5:30pm Every Tuesday Promise Bible Study All are Welcome</p>	9	<p>10</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Island Chapel Call Lynn 321-632-0130 Extension 3 </div>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Vero Choir  No Vero Gathering Firefighter's Fair
<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir at Rock Church  9:30am-Melbourne Gathering at 2700 Sarno 11:00am-Island & Titusville Gathering Breakfast at 65 Needle Blvd Merritt Island  11:00am Titusville Joins Island Breakfast No Services in Titusville Today 	11	12	13	14	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retreat Joy Registration Deadline 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30pm Vero Choir 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir at Islander Alliance  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 	18	<p>19</p>  <p>Titusville Bowling Tues. 321-264-5105</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am  Newsletter Ministry at 65 Needle Blvd MI</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village  Vero Bowling Fridays call 772-321-6025 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Vero Choir 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
<p>24 & 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am-Melbourne Choir March 24th NO Melbourne Choir on Easter March 31st 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 	<p>25</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p>For calendar updates, visit www.BrevardGathering.com</p> </div>	<p>26</p>	27	<p>28</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Titusville or Melbourne Chapels Call Jennifer 321-632-0130 Extension 1 </div>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village  Good Friday 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Vero Choir 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue <p>Merritt Island Bowling Saturdays call 321-213-1884 for dates </p>

Medical Care Rights

Medical care is a basic right that should never be denied, but people with disabilities often face discrimination when trying to access health care. Right now, the government is updating rules that address discrimination against people with disabilities in government-funded health care programs.

The new rule aims to:

- Ensure that medical treatment decisions are not based on biases or stereotypes about people with disabilities.
- Prohibit the use of tools that place a lower value on the lives of people with disabilities and can limit access to benefits and services.
- Ensure diagnostic medical equipment at doctors' offices is accessible to people using wheelchairs or mobility aids.
- Ensure websites, mobile apps, self-serve kiosks, and other technology used in health care settings can be used by all patients.
- Strengthen protections so that child welfare activities do not discriminate against children, parents, caregivers, foster parents, and prospective parents with disabilities.
- Support people to not be institutionalized by ensuring services are provided in the most integrated setting appropriate.

-This is from The Arc of the United States, and published on their social media in 2023

No Time for Tears

Part 1

By L Gresham

Margaret looked away from her brother toward the sink. She was sure that he could do a better job washing the cabinets; but she did not want to nag him again.

Peter dried his hands. His smile showed the missing tooth in front. "Marg," Peter said, using his pet name for her. "I wiped the stove and the cabinet. Are you proud of me?"

"Sure," Margaret said, running her hands through his dusty brown hair. Since their mother died, she had become more protective of her younger brother, who looked so much like her.

At that moment, Aunt Marge walked into the kitchen and opened the refrigerator

door. "You both need to hurry and get ready for bed." She turned and left the kitchen.

Margaret saw Peter's smile turn to a frown. He stuck his tongue out at her. Margaret chose to ignore him. While she did not want him to be disrespectful, she felt exactly the same way.

Instead, she said, "It is time to get your bath."

Peter scraped his shoe against the floor. "Can't I skip tonight? I didn't get dirty or sweaty."

"No," Margaret said, turning off the light as she left the room. "Start the water. I'll come soon."

"No," Peter said, putting his hands on his hips. "If I have to take a bath, I'll do it. I don't need no girl."

Marge shrugged and turned from her 5 year old brother.

In an hour, Peter was lying in bed. Margaret went to his room to pray with him. "God bless Mom and Dad and Margaret. I love you, Jesus." Peter said his rout prayer. Margaret was too tired to insist he pray correctly.

As she headed for her room, she was tired and close to tears. She closed the door and threw herself on the bed. "Oh, God," she moaned. How could it be that she and Peter were orphans. Margaret wiped a single tear that had wet her cheek and reached over to grab her book. She had homework. She did not have time for tears.



Let's Look at Luke

This is a study from Luke's Gospel in the Bible's New Testament. Let us study Luke 2:34 to Luke 2:38.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "God has chosen this child to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many will be made known. And the things that will happen will make your heart sad, too."

³⁶ There was a prophetess, Anna, from the family of Phanuel in the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. ³⁷ Then her husband died, and she was a widow for eighty-four years. Anna never left the Temple but worshiped God, going without food and praying day and night. ³⁸ Standing there at that time, she thanked God and spoke about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem. — *Lk 2:34-38*

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

Review of the last lesson: God promised Simeon that he would see Christ before dying. Simeon is now with baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Vs 34 God chose Jesus to cause the fall and rise of people where?

- (a) Alaska
- (b) Ethiopia
- (c) Israel

Vs 35 Simeon said that some of the things that will happen with Jesus will make your heart what?

- (a) Sad
- (b) Hungry

Vs 36 What is the name of the prophetess?

- (a) Joyce
- (b) Beyonce
- (c) Anna

Vs 37 Anna was an old widow. When did she worship God?

- (a) Morning
- (b) Afternoon
- (c) Night time
- (d) All of the above

Vs 38 Anna thanked God and told everyone about whom?

- (a) The President
- (b) Jesus
- (c) Sam

Special Art Program

Wednesday 2/28, 3/13

12:00-1:00



Come join us for an hour of art!

**Designed for adults with varying needs,
but all are welcome to come.**

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any class or event due to a disability may arrange for accommodations by contacting the location at which the event is held at least seven days prior to the event. This flyer is intended to be ephemeral in nature, as a result if you need 508 compliant information contact the location and it can be provided.

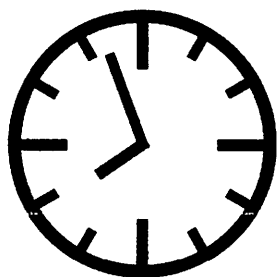
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Titusville and Island Breakfast

Chapel Sunday, March 10th!



The daylight saving time change is on Sunday, March 10 (early in the morning). We lose an hour of sleep. This is the plan - we will start an hour later at Island Gathering and serve breakfast. We will start about 4 hours early in Titusville and bring members to the Island Gathering to share breakfast. What fun!

11:00am Island Gathering Breakfast

11:00am Titusville Gathering joins Island for Breakfast

-No Choir or Gathering Service in Titusville on Sunday afternoon

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