

Connecting Point

March

2025



Retreat Joy 

**Bring a Packed Lunch or
Eat Lunch**

Before You Come

Get Ready for Fun!

Retreat Joy's Two Weeks are:

WEEK 1: Friday, April 4th- Sunday, April 6th

WEEK 2: Friday, April 11th-Sunday, April 13th

Here are some important notes:

1. You will need to bring a bagged lunch **OR** eat lunch before you come. No food will be

served until dinner. We will bowl on Friday afternoon and there is expensive food at the bowling alley.

2. Dinner will be served on Friday, and so will all the rest of the meals.

3. Please remember to pack a good attitude when you come to Retreat Joy. We all want to have a good time.

Retreat Packing Rules : Bring only one suitcase. **DO NOT** use any bags to pack. You may use a cardboard box instead of a suitcase. You will **NOT** need a sleeping bag.

Week 1 Transportation

Pickup Friday, April 4th

12:00 noon Rockledge BAC

1845 Cogswell St

1:00pm Titusville, Park Ave

Baptist Retreat Center 2600 Park Ave

Drop off Sunday, April 6th

4:00pm Melbourne Andretti Thrill

Park 3690 S. Babcock

4:30pm Rockledge, BAC

5:00pm Titusville, Park Ave Baptist

Week 2 Transportation

Pickup Friday, April 11th

11:00am Vero Beach: Pathway Church

1105 58th Ave

12:00 noon Melbourne: Bowe Gardens

Baptist Church 2700 Sarno Rd

1:00pm Titusville: Park Ave Baptist

Drop off Sunday, April 13th

4:00pm Melbourne: Andretti Thrill Park

5:00pm Titusville Park Ave Retreat Cen

5:00pm Vero Beach Pathway Church

Remember in Prayer

- ◆ Andrew Quinn's healing
- ◆ Liza Robinson's continued healing
- ◆ Bill Stimson's move
- ◆ The Borieos
- ◆ Retreat Joy 2025



March Prayer

You chose a people for your own,
to lavish love upon,
raise up prophets, priests and kings,
to be the nation through which
the Messiah would be revealed to the
world,
and through whom your kingdom would
come.

You chose this people gathered here
to be your children,
loved and blessed, forgiven
through the one who knew no sin,
the King of Glory whose crown was
made of thorns,
and whose name we raise in worship.

-Amen



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Rules at Retreat Joy

1. Men's and Ladies bedroom areas are segregated at all times.
Men may not enter the lady's area.
Ladies may not enter the men's area.
2. No rough housing. You will be charged for any repairs.
3. No smoking, vaping, alcohol, unauthorized medications.
4. No food or drink to be eaten or consumed in bedrooms.
5. Any rule that Jennifer Stabler thinks may be a rule is a rule. We reserve the right to dismiss anyone without refund for inappropriate behavior. Profanity, fighting, and other behaviors of this nature will not be tolerated.
6. Only those who arrive in a car can leave in a car.
7. This is a Christian retreat. All persons are expected to act in a Christ-like manner.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Retreat Activities & Events


- Chapel: Praise, Worship, and Pastor's Message
- Arts and Crafts
- Bowling on Friday
- Basketball
- Bingo
- Ladder Toss
- Throwing Game
- Zumba
- Board Games
- Corn-Hole
- Dance With Joy Saturday night
- Andretti Thrill Park on Sunday
- Snack Shack
- Karaoke
- Table Pong
- Croquet



What To Bring To Retreat Joy

The retreat nurse requests that everyone bring a water bottle.

Welcome to Retreat Joy! Here is a list of items you will need for the retreat:

- ♦ 3 changes of clothing
- ♦ **Closed-Toe Shoes-Required** for Andretti Thrill Park 
- ♦ A Good Attitude
- ♦ 2 Large plastic garbage bags
- ♦ Pajamas
- ♦ **COPY of State ID:** Do not bring original
- ♦ Toiletry Articles: This includes toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving items, shampoo, soap and deodorant.

Please remember to mark all items with participant's name.

Other items that might be needed :

- ♦ Bug Spray
- ♦ Sunscreen
- ♦ Sweatshirt or sweater

A Note About Moderate Supervision Medications



ALL Medications **must be in the original containers**

with the medication name, person's name and the dosage marked.

These containers should be placed in a Ziploc bag with the name of the person clearly marked on the outside. All medications of person's with moderate supervision will be checked into the nurse's station.

The nurse will likely contact you ahead of time to make arrangements to pick up your medications.

We are in motel-type rooms so do not pack sleeping bags or sheets.



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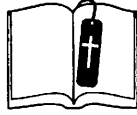








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RSVP: Jennifer Stabler (321) 632-0130 Extension 1

We would love to see you at the dances!



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
March 2025 						1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30pm Vero Choir • 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15am-Melbourne Choir at 2700 Sarno Road • 9:30am-Melbourne Gathering at 2700 Sarno <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Island Gathering at Cocoa Assembly of God at 3757 N Cocoa Blvd • 2:00pm Titusville Choir at 1355 HWY 50 • 3:00pm Titusville Gathering at 1355 HWY 50 	3	4 		6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Vero Chapels Call Rebekah 772-770-1011 Extension 2 </div>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30pm Vero Choir • 3:30pm Vero Gathering 1105 58th Avenue Daylight Savings Tonight
9  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15am-Melbourne Choir at 2700 Sarno Road • 9:30am-Melbourne Gathering at 2700 Sarno <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-Island Gathering at 65 Needle Blvd • 2:00pm-Titusville Choir at 1355 HWY 50 • 3:00pm-Titusville Gathering at 1355 Hwy 50 	10	11 5:30pm Every Tuesday Promise Bible Study All are Welcome		13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Island Chapels Call Lynn 321-632-0130 Extension 3 </div>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00pm Island Choir at 750 Brevard Ave Cocoa Village 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Vero Choir or Gathering • Firefighter's Fair
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30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Melbourne Choir • 9:30am-Melbourne Gathering at 2700 Sarno <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-Island Gathering at 2540 N Courtenay • 2:00pm-Titusville Choir at 1355 HWY 50 • 3:00pm-Titusville Gathering at 1355 Hwy 50 	31  For calendar updates, visit www.BrevardGathering.com		Titusville or Melbourne Chapels Call Jennifer 321-632-0130 Extension 1		 Vero Bowling Fridays Call 772-321-6025	 Merritt Island Bowling Saturdays call 321-213-1884 for dates

No Time for Sally (Part 1)

-by Linda Howard

Sally pulled at her socks. She was cold. Sally listened for the heater to come on. Could she put on another jacket? Sally wondered if she could wait another day to buy her mother's birthday gift. It was too cold to go outside or go shopping.

Sally heard her roommate Joan moving in her sleep. Joan was Sally's best friend but she hoped Joan would stay in bed for a least another hour. Sally needed some time alone.

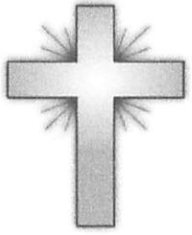
Sally crept into the living room. Maybe she could pray and do her Bible lesson before Joan woke up and began talking. Sally's job at the diner didn't begin until 11:00AM. That gave her time to get all her home chores done but Joan wanted to talk to Sally all the time.

Sally sat in her chair and reached for her Bible and study pad. Sally had wanted to be in the Bible class with her friends and she knew it was a lot of work. Their teacher, Miss Robin, was strict and Sally liked that; unless she could not get the work finished.

Sally's mind wondered from the first question on the Bible study page. She really did need to get her mother's birthday gift. Maybe Joan would help her look for a gift before her Mom's birthday.

Sally reached for her prayer list. Pastor Thomas had been teaching on prayer. Sally took a few minutes to think about how wonderful God was to her and thank Him for His blessings.

Just then she heard Joan's alarm clock. Where had the time gone? Sally never had enough time. How could she finish her prayer and Bible study while Joan was talking to her. No one told Sally living in her own apartment would be this hard.



Let's Look at Luke

This is a study from the gospel of Luke in the Bible's New Testament. Let us study Luke 3:21 to Luke 3:26.

21 When all the people were being baptized by John, Jesus also was baptized. While Jesus was praying, heaven opened 22 and the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with you."

23 When Jesus began his ministry, he was about thirty years old. People thought that Jesus was Joseph's son. Joseph was the son of Heli. 24 Heli was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi. Levi was the son of Melki. Melki was the son of Jannai. Jannai was the son of Joseph. 25 Joseph was the son of Matthias. Matthias was the son of Amos. Amos was the son of Nahum. Nahum was the son of Esli. Esli was the son of Naggai. 26 Naggai was the son of Maath. Maath was the son of Mattathias. Mattathias was the son of Semein. Semein was the son of Josech. Josech was the son of Joda.-

—Luke 3:21-26

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

Vs 21 Who was baptizing all the people?

- (a) Joseph
- (b) John
- (c) Jacob

Vs 21 John baptized Jesus and what did heaven do?

- (a) It opened up
- (b) It snowed
- (c) It rained cats and dogs.

Vs 22 The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus in what form?

- (a) A dinosaur
- (b) A turkey
- (c) A dove

Vs 22 When Jesus was being baptized, God said, "This is my Son, whom I love, and I am not very pleased with you."

- (a) True
- (b) False

Vs 23 Jesus began his ministry at what age?

- (a) 30
- (b) 2
- (c) 44

Vs 23 Jesus' was raised by Joseph but his true Father is God in heaven.

- (a) True
- (b) False

2023 Florida Statutes 393.13 THE BILL OF RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

(3) These rights shall apply to all persons with developmental disabilities whether or not such persons are clients of the agency.

(c) Persons with developmental disabilities shall receive services, within available sources, which protect the personal liberty of the individual and which are provided in the least restrictive conditions necessary to achieve the purpose of treatment.

***Services** means assistance, or work done for or with someone.*

***Within available sources** means that funding or money is available. **Protect** means to guard. **Personal liberty** means the ability of a person to act using their free will. **Least restrictive conditions** mean the lowest possible amount of limits necessary.*

***To achieve the purpose of treatment** means to reach the goal.*

(d) Persons with developmental disabilities shall have a right to participate in an appropriate program of quality education and training services, within available resources, regardless of chronological age or degree of disability. Such persons may be provided with instruction in sex education, marriage and family planning. ***Appropriate Program** means a suitable structured plan to follow to meet a long-term goal. **Regardless of Chronological Age** means no matter how young or how old. **Degree of Disability** means the level of physical or mental ability. **Instruction in Sex Education** means teaching about reproduction or physical characteristics. **Marriage** means religious and legal commitment to live as man and wife. **Family Planning** means an intentional program to limit the size of the family (the number of children)*

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