



# Newsletter



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## **From the Pastor**

**by Pastor Mark Schulz**

### **Kee-mo-sab-bee**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9

A favorite television program of the fifties was *The Lone Ranger*. The Lone Ranger would always save the day, riding into town at just the right time and riding out immediately afterwards. He was accompanied by an American Indian friend named Tonto, who rode a beautiful spotted pony. Tonto often referred to the Lone Ranger as Kee-mo-sab-bee, a word meaning "faithful friend". No matter what they encountered, the Lone Ranger and Tonto were faithful friends, friends who never left each other's side.

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded that God is such a friend! God reminds Joshua of that truth just before He asks Joshua to lead Israel across the Jordan and into the Promised Land. In essence, God is saying, "I'm your friend. It may seem like an awesome responsibility to lead these thousands of people, but I'll be with you. Be assured of it!"

Remember the challenge placed on the disciples when Jesus commissioned them to "make disciples of all nations?" (Matthew 28:20) The task must have

seemed overwhelming for 11 disciples. They were assured and comforted, however, with the promise, "And surely I am with you." (Matthew 28:20)

God says the same to us. "I'm with you." He's our Kee-mo-sab-bee, our "faithful friend". Scripture says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) That's exactly what Jesus did. He laid down His life for us to pay for our sins and to make us friends with God. Friends for life! Friends for eternity!

## **President's Message**

There are a couple of television programs that I have grown to enjoy over the past few years. They both share something in common. Most of the participants are quite talented and/or have been blessed by God in some special way.

The shows are America's Got Talent and Little Big Shots. I will admit that AGT has some acts or performances that leave a great deal to be desired but there are also some very impressive performers. My personal favorite is Little Big Shots where some incredibly talented/gifted youngsters perform each week the show is aired. They vary in age, but all possess in some way shape or form the fact that they are quite special. We may not possess the ability these youngsters demonstrate but each of us is special in our own way. Please consider the following unique article

entitled I'M SPECIAL.

I'm special. In all the world, there's nobody like me.

Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like me. Nobody has my smile. Nobody has my eyes, my nose, my hands, my voice. I'm special.

None can be found who has my handwriting. Nobody anywhere has my taste-for food or music or art. No one sees things just as I do.

In all of time, there's been no one who laughs like me, no one who cries like me. And what makes me laugh and cry will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anybody else, ever. No one reacts to any situation just as I would react. I'm special.

I'm the only one in all creation who has my special set of abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things I'm good at, but no one in the universe can reach the quality of my combination of talents, ideas, abilities and feelings.

Through all of eternity, no one will ever look, talk, walk, think or do like me. I'm special. I'm rare. And, in all rarity, there is great value.

Because of my great rare value, I need not attempt to imitate others. I will accept-yes, celebrate-my differences. I'm special. And, I'm beginning to realize it's no accident that I'm special. I'm beginning to see that God made me special for a very special purpose. He must have a job for me that no one else can do as well as I. Out of all the billions of applicants, only one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes.

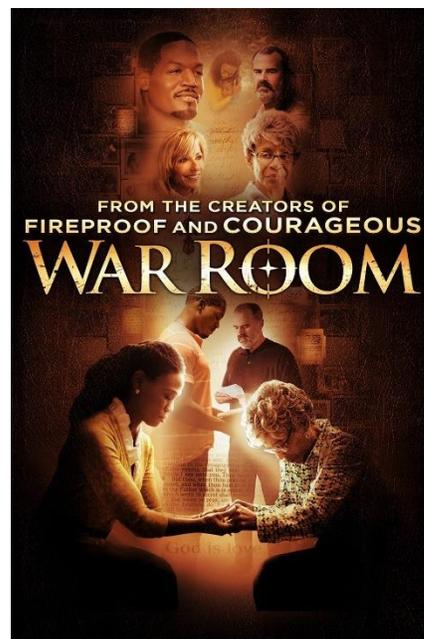
That one is me. Because ... I'm Special. Every Christian can rest assured that they are considered special in God's eyes, not just because of some talent or ability but because they have been chosen to be a member of His family.

The Bible says that God calls us in spite of how truly undeserving we are. He chose us to show just how merciful and forgiving he is. We can only marvel knowing we have been chosen. Because of what Jesus willingly did for us, we will be with Him forever. One can only imagine how special and great it will be when God welcomes us into His eternal home. Thanks be to God.

All God's Blessings,

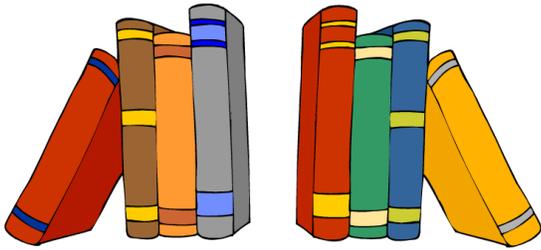
Greg Wendorf

## Golf Cart/Lawn Chair Movie Night at Open Bible



Our October Movie Night will feature: "The War Room" The movie will be shown on our big screen outside and inside on October 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:45pm. Hot freshly popped popcorn and cold soda and

water will be available. Invite your friends for a fun evening. We will spray (fog) the grounds for bugs.



## Open Bible Library

Now that the library is up and running we would like to focus a little on some of the materials that are available to borrow. We will be sharing some quick notes about things that caught our eye while cataloging.

The first items I wanted to mention are 2 DVDs. They are ACTS: A Dramatic Presentation of the Birth of Christianity, Parts 1 and 2. The films features Dean Jones as Luke, James Brolin as Peter and Jennifer O'Neill as Lydia. The film is taken word for word from the text of the NIV translation of the Bible. It is filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco and South Africa.

The DVD is searchable by either event or chapter. It concludes with biographies. Each DVD is about 180 minutes (3 Hours) long. For someone who is a visual learner it is a great way to experience ACTS. Check it out.

People who would like to share a brief, about 50 words, review of a book in the library, please write it up and put it in Peggi Carrier's mailbox to be included the library recommendations.

If you have questions, please contact Peggi Carrier. Her phone number is 906-753-4930.



## LWMS NEWS

### LWMS United to Serve Jesus

October is going to be an exciting and busy month for LWMS particularly at Open Bible. The North Florida Circuit Fall Rally, October 20<sup>th</sup>, is being hosted by our church. Our ladies in the WINGS group are organizing all the various aspects of hosting but, need the members, men and women, to help with carrying out our responsibilities as the host church.

We were originally assigned the Spring rally, but the circuit board asked us to switch with the church originally to host because they were without a pastor. We agreed to help them out. Since many of our people who are snowbirds are not back yet, we are really in need of people to assist. Please look in the sign-up area for sheets outlining where we can use help. We need ladies to make a casserole, recipe provided, or bring a dessert of your choice. Servers for the meal, men or women, are needed. We could use some men to help Roger Otto set up tables in the fellowship hall. Ushers are needed to take up the collection, as well as counters for the offering. We are expecting a good turnout from our fellow circuit churches. Because the opportunity to attend a Rally at our church only occurs about every 8 years we hope you will take the opportunity to attend to find out about LWMS and all the ways we can Unite to Serve Jesus.

The main speaker for the rally is Dawn Schultz. The theme of her presentation is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:18. "Give Thanks in all Circumstances: For this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Dawn will be sharing her experiences and the truths she has learned from God's Word over the past 20 years as a missionary partner in Toronto, Canada and now Delray Beach in South Florida. She will share how to "give thanks in all circumstances" and what that means for a missionary.

A group of ladies have been working on the pencil cases for the children at the Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti. Take a minute to look at the display in the fellowship hall Sandy Pawlowski has set up. There is information about the schools and the pencil case project for Christmas gifts for the children. There is still a need for more pencil cases so if you haven't gotten involved in the group sewing sessions, talk to Sandy for a copy of the pattern if you think you might be interested in sewing some at home. We also have the fabric and notions needed. Also, if you are interested in making a donation toward the cost of shipping them to Minneapolis or toward the cost of the supplies to fill the pencil cases just mark it on your offering envelope as WINGS mission project Haiti. Any amount will help as we work together to accomplish this. We need to send out the pencil cases in early November.

Last the pill bottle project is on hold until such time as I am notified that CAMM medical staff have a need again. They have very little storage room, so we will wait to ship. The CAMM staff face some very sad health situations as they make their visits, but they must try to keep smiling. Please pray for them to be able to remain positive and be able to

continue to show Christ's love to the people who come to the clinics.

United Together to Serve Jesus,  
Peggi Carrier  
*LWMS Reporter for Open Bible*



Mornings with Mommy: We will be continuing our Mornings with Mommy group for children 1 – 5 years old. This will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. There is registration on our website and you can go to our Facebook page and check it out too! This is a chance for Moms and Dads to come and have fun with their children, learn about God and meet other parents. There is storytelling, singing, crafts, and different centers for growth. The group meets from 9:40a.m.- 11a.m. Please tell any families that you know that this is available and is free of charge! Register online today at: [www.openbiblelutheran church.com](http://www.openbiblelutheran church.com) (right side of home page) or Call 352-753-9038. The next group sessions are Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Any questions contact Jane Valley.



## Who's Who at Open Bible



Gerry and Bo Hughes were both born in TN, different towns and then Gerry was raised in Gainesville, GA and

Bo in Birmingham, AL. People on just hearing the names might confuse them. Bo is Mrs. Hughes and Gerry in Mr. Hughes. Bo attended her first year of college at Brenau University in Gerry's hometown of Gainesville, GA. Bo's roommate introduced her to Gerry. And for them the rest is history, they married in March 1977 at Our Savior Lutheran (WELS) in Mountain Brook, AL and it has continued for 41 years. They have lived in several states, AL, TN, VA and TX before coming to the Villages in Florida.

The Hughes have 2 children, a son, single, is a physicist in Glasgow, Scotland. They also have a daughter who is married and has 1 child. She is a Vice President of Public Affairs and Web Communication for the University of Oklahoma. Her husband is a pharmacist in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Bo and Gerry both graduated from Auburn University. Bo worked as a medical technologist, and Gerry's early work was in design, engineering, product development investing and finance. The last 20 plus years they both worked for AAL/ Thrivent. Bo was a Financial Associate and Gerry is a Certified Financial Planner, Wealth Advisor. He is still employed with Thrivent.

In their spare time Bo enjoys reading fiction while Gerry likes nonfiction in the areas of finance, economics, tax and legal matters. Gerry is actively involved with sports like golf, pickle ball and racquet ball. In the past he was an active

bowler for 10 years and in younger years was a tournament level Foosball player.

During fellowship after church take a little time to introduce yourself to these two new members at Open Bible and help them feel welcome.

## Small Group Ministry

### Happy Hearts, Happy Hands Handiwork



Facilitator is Sandy Pawlowski  
This group creates quilts for those in need in our community. Also, does knitting, crochet, and embroidery. So, if you have a craft project you are

working on, bring it along and work on it while enjoying fellowship with others.

The meetings normally will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 9:00 – noon. Next meeting October 26<sup>th</sup> (Date was changed because of the LWMS Rally on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>!)

### Journey with Jesus Bible Study

Led by: Judy Hainen



Journey with Jesus Bible Study will meet Mondays, beginning in October (TBD). 9:15am – 10:30am.  
The topic:

“Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply”, by Deb Burma. Here’s a little description from the back of the book:

The idea of a coffee break is enticing, isn't it? Even if coffee isn't your beverage of choice, you look forward to down time, especially if it is spent with a friend who wants your company.

Jesus is such a friend. The Lord wants our company. He invites us to meet with Him in His Word...Time spent in Bible study will fill you to the brim and beyond with God's Good News. Sip, savor and drink deeply from His Word. Contact Judy Hainen, 750-5320 or [organjudy@juno.com](mailto:organjudy@juno.com), if you are interested.

### **WinGS:** Women in God's Service



**WINGS**  
WOMEN IN GODS SERVICE

Led by: Jane Valley  
Our first meeting of the year will be October 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be talking about the Fall LWMS

Rally that will be held at our church October 20, 2018. We will need lots of help to make this a successful event, please look at the signup sheets. Men are welcome to help and encouraged so our women can hear what is happening in the group. I know the other congregations are looking forward to coming to our church just from the group of board members. Some of the WinGS trips include a trip in January to the Spice and Tea Exchange in Brownwood (The Villages), Lakeridge Winery in November and more. Our Vice-President, Mary Helen Schultz is a very good activity planner.

### **North Country Group**

Facilitator: Alan Johnson  
This Bible Study will be on Sundays, from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The North Country Bible Study Group will continue its study of People's Bible book of Acts on October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6 p.m. at the home of Alan and Pam Johnson. All are welcome, particularly those in the Ocala area!

### **Ladies Tuesday Bible Study**

Led by Pam Johnson  
The Ladies Bible study will continue on

Tuesday's at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Open Bible.

In this Bible Study you will learn to follow through on our commitments despite your feelings and embrace the grace of refinement rather than the relief of release. "A Woman That Doesn't Quit." Lessons from the book of Ruth by Nicki Koziarz. Please contact Pam Johnson if you are interested. You can find your own copy on Amazon. ([lambteach@cox.net](mailto:lambteach@cox.net))

**466A Group Bible Study:** The group is led by Pastor Rodger Dale. The group will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

### **TOPIC: Heirs Together of God's Gracious Gift of Life**

This study begins gives healthy emphasis to the often forgotten shared blessings and responsibilities men and women have in serving Christ. All the lessons are meant to provide opportunities for men and women to discuss what Scripture says about their interdependence and the unique applications of unchanging principles for different ministry settings. The study looks at our unique callings as male and female by defining head, helper and calling, and then applying these relationships in marriage, church and the unbelieving world.

October 9<sup>th</sup>: Headship as We Work Together in God's Church at the home of Tom and Betty DeWitz

October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Challenging Issues in Applying the Principle of Head and Helper in Church and the World at the home of Jim and Eva Orcutt

**Choir:** Open Bible Choir begins practice October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:15 pm, following Pastor's Bible Study. There is a special unity when a group of singers practice and minister together. We like to practice four anthems ahead, so we are well prepared. Contact Judy Hainen if you are interested.



**Men of Leisure**—Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group: Led by Dennis Duessler This October meeting will be on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Meeting will be at the Bob Evans Restaurant on CR466 in The Villages.



**Saturday Duffers Golfing** outside The Villages. Join a group of golfers at different Golf courses on Saturdays. This group will start up again in mid-October. If interested, please contact Joe Malec: [MalecJoe@gmail.com](mailto:MalecJoe@gmail.com)



**Sunrise Saturday Morning Golfers:** This group is for those of you that would like to golf at The Villages executive golf courses in the morning. This group's coordinator is Leslie Nelson. Leslie will be back in the fall to resume as coordinator.

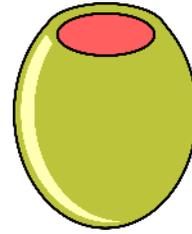


**The Defenders** Led by: Bill Sigurdson & Jim Johnson. The Defenders will meet Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (?). Meet at Wolfy's in Ocala, at 11:30am for lunch, then on to R & D Tactical in Ocala for a little target practice.



**Fellowship Group**  
Led by: Dan & Karen Pearson,

Joe & Paula Malec. Our next adventure will be to tour "The Olive Groves" located in Brooksville. Our tour begins at 11:00am on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool from church about 9:30am. We will have the opportunity to sample different varieties of olives, taste olive tea and attend a workshop where we will infuse herbs into spices and olive oil. We will be able to take our bottles home. The cost will be \$20.00 and if you'd like to eat lunch, please bring a sack lunch. The fellowship group will provide water. Please sign-up before October 7<sup>th</sup>! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Pearson.



**Friday Fore-Giving Golfers** Facilitator is Sandy Fehlhaber This group meets once a week on Friday afternoons to golf the Executive courses in The Villages. Teams are determined by the Sunday prior to the golf date. Each golfer is equipped with a small plastic bag with extra-long tees and a business card from Open Bible to hand out to unchurched golfers. Contact Sandy at [jim.fehlhaber@gmail.com](mailto:jim.fehlhaber@gmail.com)



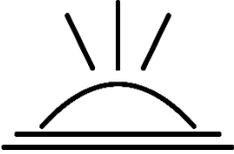
**Care for the Caregivers:** Pastor Rodger Dale is the facilitator of this group. This is a support group for individuals dealing with being the care-givers of their spouses. Alzheimer's, dementia, handicapped, etc. need a support group for sharing. Meets Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Open Bible.

## **Golf Cart Ministry:**

If you are interested in driving the golf cart to pick-up people from the surrounding Independent Living Facilities and bring them to Open Bible services.



**Sonshine Committee:** This group serves our members in helping with calls, cards, visits, meals to those that are homebound, sick or in the hospital. Contact Vanita McCurnin if you are interested.



**Altar Guild:** Leader: Mary Burel  
Small group of ladies responsible for maintaining the Altar each week. Preparing the communion bread and wine, arrangement of Altar flowers, etc.

**SPLASH:** Single People Loving and Serving Him, Led by: Pastor Rodger Dale. SPLASH will meet on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm at Open Bible.



There will be a Bible Study and social activity planning meeting.

**Grief Share:** 13 week video-based small group to help those who have lost a loved one in death. Thursdays for 1:00—2:30pm. Meets when the need arises.

**BOB Breakfast:** Band of Brothers

A Saturday morning breakfast at Open Bible followed by a Bible study. The group will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month starting in October at

8:30 A.M. Breakfast and fellowship for 45 minutes, followed by a 45-minute Bible class discussion. The group coordinator is Richard Raine. Please sign-up so the proper amount of breakfast items can be purchased. A \$3.00 offering will offset this cost.



**Topic:** October 6<sup>th</sup>: Global Warming: How Concerned (and how green) should we be?

**HANDBELLS:** Handbells meet for rehearsals every Tuesday at 4:00pm. All interested in playing hand bells please join us. Reading music is not necessary, keeping time and watching for your turn to ring is all that is needed. Contact Pam Johnson if interested.



## **Early Bird Bible Study**



**Agents of Grace: The People in David's Life and In Yours**

David was the greatest king of God's Old Testament people, the Israelites. Throughout David's life, God used many people to mold him into the man and leader he came to be. This Bible study looks closely at those people. During this course you will review the life of David, learn about the people whom the Lord brought into his life, see how the Lord used those people as his tools to shape David's spiritual growth, and focus on the people God brings into our lives for the same purposes.

Nine Sessions:

*October 7<sup>th</sup>: Abigail---*The Friend Who Saved David From Himself

*October 14<sup>th</sup>: Uriah---*The Friend David

Murdered

October 21<sup>st</sup>: Nathan—David's Pastor  
October 28<sup>th</sup>: Absalom—God's Tool for Chastening

**Sewing For Haiti:** All are welcome to



join Sandy Pawlowski and friends in helping to sew a few more pencil cases for Christmas

gifts to the children at the Branch Lutheran School in Haiti. Sandy can provide you with the pattern/instructions.



**Wednesday in the Word Bible Study:**

**End Times: Jesus Is Coming Soon**

This Bible study is a thorough examination of what Scripture teaches about the topic of eschatology, which means "the end times. There is a lot of misunderstanding in our world today about the rapture and millennialism. TV evangelists promote their false teachings that have only been around a little over 100 years. Be able to defend what the Bible actually teaches to those who have been misled. October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Millennialism  
October 10<sup>th</sup>: Dispensationalism  
October 17<sup>th</sup>: The Present Life in Light of Jesus' Future Coming

October 24<sup>th</sup> – November 21<sup>st</sup> we will study the Book of Ecclesiastes

**Did You Know?**



**Can Collection:** Bring your "crushed" & "rinsed" cans to church on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Put your cans in the back of the red car parked out in front of church. Thank you from the Women of Open Bible.

**Food Pantry Collection:** Please bring non-perishable food items on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. A collection bin is located by the front doors. Jim & Eva Orcutt will take the items to the donation site for the Wildwood Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen.

**The 2018 Flower Calendar** is located on the bulletin board near the water fountain. The cost is \$35.00 per arrangement or \$70.00 for both. Please indicate on your envelope payment is for "flowers". Two families may sign up for a Sunday and share the cost. If you have questions, please call Carol Stauske at 352-292-3079.

**Coffee Hour Help:** Open Bible is in need of men and women to help in the kitchen on Sundays for our Fellowship hour. Especially since all our seasonal members have gone back north! Help is needed after the 9:30am Worship Service. Men are welcome to help! Please sign-up today!

## Happy Anniversary

- Mike & Gloria Butzow – 3
- Dave & Dianne Bliss – 8
- Ron & Christina Moellring – 8
- Huns & Linda Gustrowsky – 9
- Les & Carol Stauske – 11
- Jim & Pam (PJ) Johnson – 12

Dennis & Pat Knack – 21  
Bill & Mary Whitford - 26  
Duane & Judy Anderson – 28

Sandy Fehlhaber – 17  
Dennis Duessler – 17  
Richard Mason - 20  
Corinne Mahoney - 23  
Dave Buss – 26  
Herb Schaefer – 29

## Happy Birthday

Bette McConkey – 4  
Matthew Hand - 13  
Carol Beetch - 13

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Sundays 11:05 – 11:30am

**Personal Hearing Assistance Devices** are available during services at Open Bible. "The Hearing Loop System" is also installed. Please turn your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" (Telephone.)



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