



# GENEVA METHODIST CHURCH MAY NEWSLETTER

May  
WHEN ONE FLOWER  
BLOOMS, SPRINGS  
AWAKENS EVERYWHERE

**Pastor Joseph's Corner**



MY SERMON THEMES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!

May 5th 2024:  
'God Fights Oppression'

May 12 2024  
'God's Lordship'

May 19 2024:  
'Your Spiritual Birthday'

May 25 2024: Taylor Marini



**HAPPENING THIS MONTH!**

**FAITH CIRCLE**

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** May 10th-12th

**Mothers Day Lunch** May 11th Noon

**Tickets \$10 Call Dianne 615-584-8906**



## Weekly 'BIBLE CLASSES and MEETINGS

- Men's Study on the book of Romans Mondays 7pm Pastor Okello
- Virtual Prayer Meeting Tuesdays 7pm Zoom ID: 249 7664742 Pastor Okello
- Teaching Service Wednesdays 6pm Pastor Okello
- Choir Practice Wednesdays 7pm
- Men & Women Bible Study Thursdays 7pm Wes Miller
- The Great Disappearance Thursdays 7pm David Brokaw
- Women's Study Fridays 10am Sophie Okello
- Faith Circle 2nd Saturday of month at 11:30am Dianne Holland
- Barnabas Ongoing Marilee Ker
- Grief Share Anonymous Last Sunday of month after service June Powell
- Media Group Meeting First Sunday of month every 2months after service June Powell
- Small Groups Meeting 4th Thursday of month 6pm David Yutzy

**A PERSON'S THOUGHTS!**

A friend was being considered for a pastoral position at a church I pass frequently in my travels. So as I drove by one day, I said a quick prayer for him and for the church. That's when it dawned on me: What if I prayed for every church I pass?





## END OF SCHOOL YEAR

This month we see the end of another school year! Time goes by so quickly!

We wish all our children a happy, safe summer and that they will feel refreshed for the new school year in August.

We also thank our Sunday School teachers for their service and dedication!



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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF GENEVA, FLORIDA  
Organized Nov. 17, 1877. The first minister was  
Selwin D. Smith. The first trustees were Steven D.  
Williams, Andrew A. Moran, Sr. and J. Franklin Jones.



CHANCEL of the FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
OF GENEVA, FLORIDA

## Church History

At the Flower Festival there will be a Church History Table. Please visit that as we go through past events/photographs at Geneva Methodist Church!

# So what is a Flower Festival?



Flower Festivals are held all over the world to celebrate the arrival of Spring, the beauty of nature and the divine blessing these flowers represent. Usually a theme is created and the arrangements are then built around a topic associated within that theme

As an example in Columbia the Flower Festival was created to honor the growing floral industry in there and similar reasons are given in other countries around the world. England is especially famous for their Flower Festival which are held on a yearly basis

Flower Arrangements are sometimes bought at the end of the Festival by arrangement with the arranger

## 4 REASONS TO VISIT A FLOWER FESTIVAL!

There can be nothing better than visiting a Flower Festival Here are four reasons why you should visit one

### 1. ITS FREE, BUT ...

Flower Festivals are also staged to raise money. These funds might be needed to contribute towards the upkeep of the church or for a cause that they hold dear.

### 2. YOU'LL COME AWAY INSPIRED

You don't necessarily need to be a flower arranger to enjoy the flowers – although it is an added benefit. Each flower festival will have its own theme. It's really interesting to see how the exhibitors interpret their brief. You can let this wash over you, or really peer into the exhibits to work out how the mechanics hold up the arrangement and get ideas for new techniques, flower varieties and color combinations you might like to try out for yourself. You'll find something for everybody. Quite often there are exhibits by children which will attract your little ones' attention and something bold and unusual to fly in the face of the more sceptic members of your family – which will prove a greater conversation piece!

### 3. TIME TO TALK

Enjoy the light refreshments and in this Flower Festival in particular you have the added bonus of a Mother's Day Lunch amidst the beautiful arrangements !

### 4. IT'S AN INEXPENSIVE OUTING FOR THE FAMILY

Flower festivals are such good fun, not only because of the flowers and flower arranging, but also because it's an inexpensive outing. ..Donations will be accepted however!