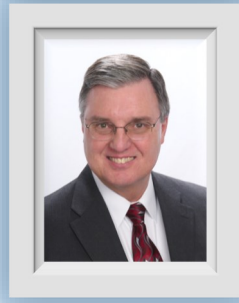


SEBRING NAZ NEWS



November 2020

A Word From Pastor Mark



"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our LORD Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, NIV)

Val and I can echo these words of thanksgiving from the Apostle Paul to the people of the ancient church at Thessalonica as we received your many expressions of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation Month in October. We are overwhelmed and grateful for your generosity in the gifts you gave us.

I am personally grateful that we all also had one last opportunity to worship and fellowship with Marvin Thomas and his precious wife, Donna two Sundays ago before he passed on to his heavenly reward. The way you are surrounding Donna with support and prayers during her time of loss and grief is indeed beautiful—just like Jesus.

Marvin's passing was used of God to move me to visit my mother and sister in southern Illinois that week during my Monday-Saturday week of vacation I had set aside to complete my Fall 2020 term with Asbury. It had been over two years since my last visit to my old "stomping grounds". I am grateful for the time away, safe travel, sweet fellowship of God and family, and recovery from an infectious bite on my leg from a tick (stowed away from Illinois). My doctor caught it in time with antibiotics before it became serious.

Rev. Lynda Boardman delivered a clear, rich message from God last Sunday in morning worship as she fulfilled a recorded preaching assignment for her course of study class with Nazarene Bible College. I am grateful for her courageous obedience to Christ and your support for her, particularly the dozen who completed evaluations and helped with the technical aspects.

Lynda and her husband, James (recently retired as the pastor of the Avon Park Church of the Nazarene) will join our local church through transfer on November 1, at which time Lynda will begin her duties as our new associate minister. She will be involved in supporting the equipping ministries (especially in our children's department). We welcome Lynda and James to our church membership and work of Sebring Nazarene church.

A dream first conceived by the church board in 2014 was realized last month as House of Hope became a separate non-profit organization, after being approved in July by the Southern Florida District and authorized by the Global Ministries Center as a regional Nazarene Compassion Ministry Center for the Heartland of Florida.

As our church continues to support it with our generosity and volunteer hours, House of Hope will now be released to receive funding from local benefactors as well as Nazarene churches around the world, to do so much more for immediate emergency needs of the broke and broken (including hurricane disaster relief) and long-term community development.

As we count our blessings as Thanksgiving Day approaches, let's remember to give generously toward World Evangelism.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- November 1—International Day of Prayer
- November 5—HENN Fellowship Dinner/Equipping Mtg—6:00pm
- November 7—Men's Breakfast—8:00am—Broken Egg Diner
- November 9—Church Board Meeting—6:00pm
- November 11—Veterans Day
- November 15—Thanksgiving Dinner—Fellowship Hall—12:00pm
- November 22—Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund

AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER...

In-person Sunday morning worship.....	46
Sunday Livestreamed Worship.....	118
House of Hope Celebration	24
Total Worship	188
Sunday Connect Groups	30
Weekday Connect Groups (closed temporarily).....	0

TOTAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER...

\$9,083.27 (unofficial)

Needed for Budget tracking **\$10,800**



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Happy Birthday

- 4—Kira Ross
- 10—Jolene Martinez
- 10—Faye Shumate
- 13—Ray Houck
- 25—Joshua Santos
- 26—Elizabeth Wortman
- 30—Mike Suttles



21—Robert & Stacey Sellers

Praise the Lord
and give thanks to

Last Month Highlight...



Women's Ministry first luncheon and Secret Sister meeting. If you missed out and want to participate in a Bible Study on Ruth, contact Charolette Scott.

ALABASTER OFFERING

\$421.17



Children giving to Alabaster



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