



WELCOME TO OUR  
**Monthly Newsletter**

*we're so glad you're here!*

## 🍁 Harvesting Abundance in October 🍁

A SEASON OF ABUNDANT HARVEST AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to grace the landscapes across Central Florida, we find ourselves immersed in a season that beautifully mirrors the message in Matthew 9:35-38.

**"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"**  
(Matthew 9:35-38, ESV)

Central Florida, with its lush landscapes and abundant farms, serves as a reminder of the bountiful harvests both in nature and in our spiritual lives. Just as farmers cultivate their fields, we too are called to cultivate the hearts of those around us, sharing the good news of the kingdom and extending a helping hand to those in need.

As the leaves begin to fall, let us embrace the changing season with a sense of gratitude and spiritual upliftment. The gentle rustling of leaves in the breeze reminds us of God's grace, which continues to shower upon us abundantly.

This October, let's come together as a community, ready to be the laborers in God's harvest, spreading love, compassion, and hope to all. As we gather for worship, fellowship, and service, may our hearts be as warm as the Florida sun and as rich as the fertile soil beneath our feet.

May this season of harvest be a time of spiritual growth, where we sow seeds of faith and reap a bountiful harvest of love and unity in our church family.

# Celebrating Fellowship: Small Groups Kickoff!

Dear Church Family,

What an incredible Sunday Service it was as we kicked off our small groups with a spirit of joy and unity! The warmth of fellowship enveloped our church, creating lasting connections and strengthening the bonds that make us a close-knit family.

As we embark on this exciting journey, mark your calendars for the second week of October—our first small group meetups! This is where the real magic happens, where friendships deepen, and faith flourishes.

Small groups are more than just meetings; they're a shared adventure, a place where we grow together in faith, support one another, and discover the incredible strength found in community. This is your invitation to join in—whether you're a long-time member or someone exploring, there's a place for you.

Let's be in prayer for our small groups, that they may be wellsprings of inspiration, learning, and mutual encouragement. These gatherings are an opportunity to share life, celebrate victories, and lift each other up during challenges.

If you're unsure about which group is the right fit for you or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [smallgroups@southlakecoc.org](mailto:smallgroups@southlakecoc.org). We're here to help guide you on this enriching journey.

Looking forward to the amazing stories and growth that will unfold as we come together in small groups. Get ready for a season of deepening connections, shared laughter, and spiritual discovery!

Blessings,

*M. Candefario*  
Small Groups Ministry






# Upcoming Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Small Group</b> <b>Kick Off</b>  <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Congregational</b> <b>Midweek Service</b> Church Bldg. 7:30pm  <b>4</b>		<b>Bro Breakfast 7am</b>  <b>REAL TALK</b> Teen Devotional 7:30 PM  <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Pedro Garcia from</b> <b>HOPE Worldwide</b>  <b>Small Group</b> Leaders Meeting at 7pm via Zoom <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b> by Small Groups  <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Worship Service</b> Teen Class  <b>Service Team</b> Meeting via Zoom 7pm  <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b> by Small Groups <b>Last Day for 2024</b> <b>Board of Trustee</b> <b>Nominations</b>  <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>MISSION SUNDAY</b> <b>Worship Service</b>    <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Midweek Service</b> by Small Groups  <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>"Bring Your</b> <b>Neighbor Day"</b> <b>Worship Service</b> Teen Class  <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Congregational</b> <b>Midweek Service</b> <b>"Annual Meeting of</b> <b>the Members &amp;</b> <b>Board Election"</b> Church Bldg. 7:30pm <b>1</b>			

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# MISSION

## 2023

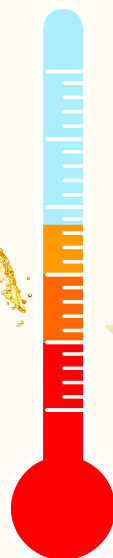
Hey Church Fam! 🙌 Big news: Our annual Special Missions Collection is back and we're "Fueling The Mission" 🚀 with a goal to raise \$30,000! This collection doesn't just go overseas—part of it will be used for vital upgrades and maintenance right here at our church facility 🛠️🏠. As we grow, it's super important to keep our home base strong and welcoming. After all, Hebrews 10:25 encourages us not to neglect meeting together, and that starts with having a well-maintained space!

Your generous contributions will not only support sister churches through the South American and Caribbean Missions Societies 🌍, but also empower our local church community and potential church plantings in our area. A little goes a long way! Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Want to contribute but not sure how? Consider organizing a small fundraiser like a car wash 🚗💧 or bake sale 🍪, or even setting aside your morning coffee money ☕ for a week!

Let's come together to make a difference. Contribute to our Special Missions Giving here: [Fueling The Mission](#). Together, let's fuel this mission, y'all! 🙌🔥🏰 #FuelingTheMission #SpreadTheGospel

Given YTD \$13,172.54

(Year to Date)



Missions Sunday  
October 22nd

# JOIN THE JOURNEY: NOMINATE AND ELECT OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES!

Dear South Lake Church of Christ Family,

Get ready for an exciting opportunity to shape the future of our church! We're gearing up for the nomination and election process for our Board of Trustees, and we want YOU to be a part of it.

## Why Does it Matter?

Our Board of Trustees plays a crucial role in steering the course of our church. They are decision-makers with good communication skills, understanding of business and financial practices, and a heart dedicated to the mission of our church. Each role, from President to Trustee, contributes to the vibrant tapestry of our church's leadership.

## Nominate Now – Be a Decision Maker!

Are you the right fit for one of these vital roles? Nominate yourself if you have the values and qualifications outlined in our bylaws. The nomination process is simple, yet impactful:

Fill out our Digital Nomination Form  by **Sunday, October 15th**.

If nominated, you will be asked to share a brief resume or summary of qualifications (a digital form will be provided).

## What's in it for You?

Being on the Board of Trustees is not just a responsibility; it's an opportunity to make a lasting impact. Imagine contributing to the growth and financial stewardship of our church family. Your voice matters!

## Save the Dates:

October 15th: Nomination process concludes.

November 1st: Election Day during the Annual Meeting of the Members.

December: Transition to new board members.

## Questions or Unsure?

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us at [admin@southlakecoc.org](mailto:admin@southlakecoc.org). We're here to guide you through this exciting journey.

Let's Shape Our Future Together!

Join us in prayer for the nominations and elections, that God guides us in selecting leaders who will lead with wisdom and grace. Together, let's make our church an even brighter beacon of love and faith.

Blessings,

South Lake Church of Christ Board of Trustees

P.S. Don't miss your chance to be a part of something extraordinary. Nominate today! Digital Nomination Form



# DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

## Marriage Mentoring

In partnership with Love & Respect



Embark on a transformative journey with Brian and Ellen Royer, certified mentors in the groundbreaking "Dare To Be Different" Marriage Mentoring program, in partnership with Love & Respect.

### ✦ What Sets Us Apart?

Discover the secrets to a thriving marriage as Brian and Ellen bring a unique blend of wisdom, experience, and the renowned Love & Respect principles. Their certification in the "Dare To Be Different" program ensures you're guided by experts committed to your relationship's success.

### ♥ Why Choose "Dare To Be Different"?

- **Personalized Mentoring:** Benefit from one-on-one sessions tailored to your unique relationship dynamics.
- **Time-Tested Principles:** Leverage the powerful insights of Love & Respect, a proven framework for lasting marital success.
- **Real-Life Experience:** Brian and Ellen, certified in the "Dare To Be Different" program, guide you with authenticity and relatability.



### 🚀 How to Get Started:

Ready to revitalize your marriage? Connect with Brian and Ellen Royer today:

