



**SOUTH LAKE**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**MAY 2023**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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Dear fellow members of our church family,

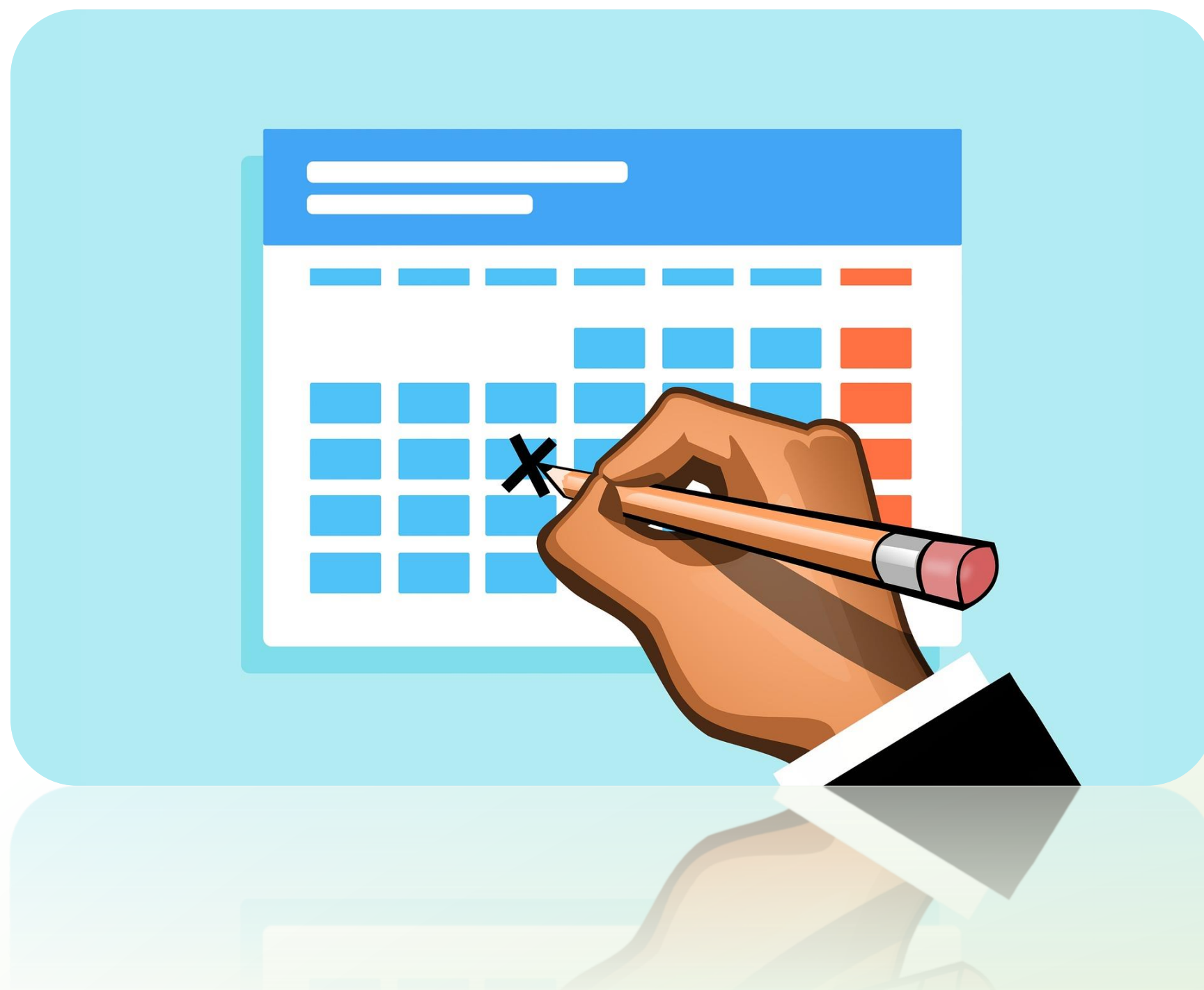
We're thrilled to announce that we kicked off our new series on Sunday mornings last week! The series focuses on the different encounters that people had with Jesus during his ministry, and how these encounters can help us grow in our faith and positively impact those around us.

Last Sunday, we looked at the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, which is a powerful reminder of Jesus' compassion, provision, and power. It's a story that speaks to the limitless nature of God's grace, and the ways in which we can trust Him to provide for our needs.

This Sunday, we'll be exploring another powerful encounter that Jesus had, and we can't wait to share it with you. Through this series, we hope to deepen our understanding of Jesus and his teachings, as well as inspire and equip each other to live out our faith more authentically and purposefully.

So, we invite you to join us this Sunday, and every Sunday, as we explore these encounters together. We believe that this series will not only help us grow in our faith but also strengthen our community and relationships with one another.

**ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK SERVICE

**THURSDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**  
WORSHIP PRACTICE (OPEN TO ALL ADULTS)

**FRIDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM**  
BRO'S BREAKFAST at the  
CLERMONT CRACKER BARREL

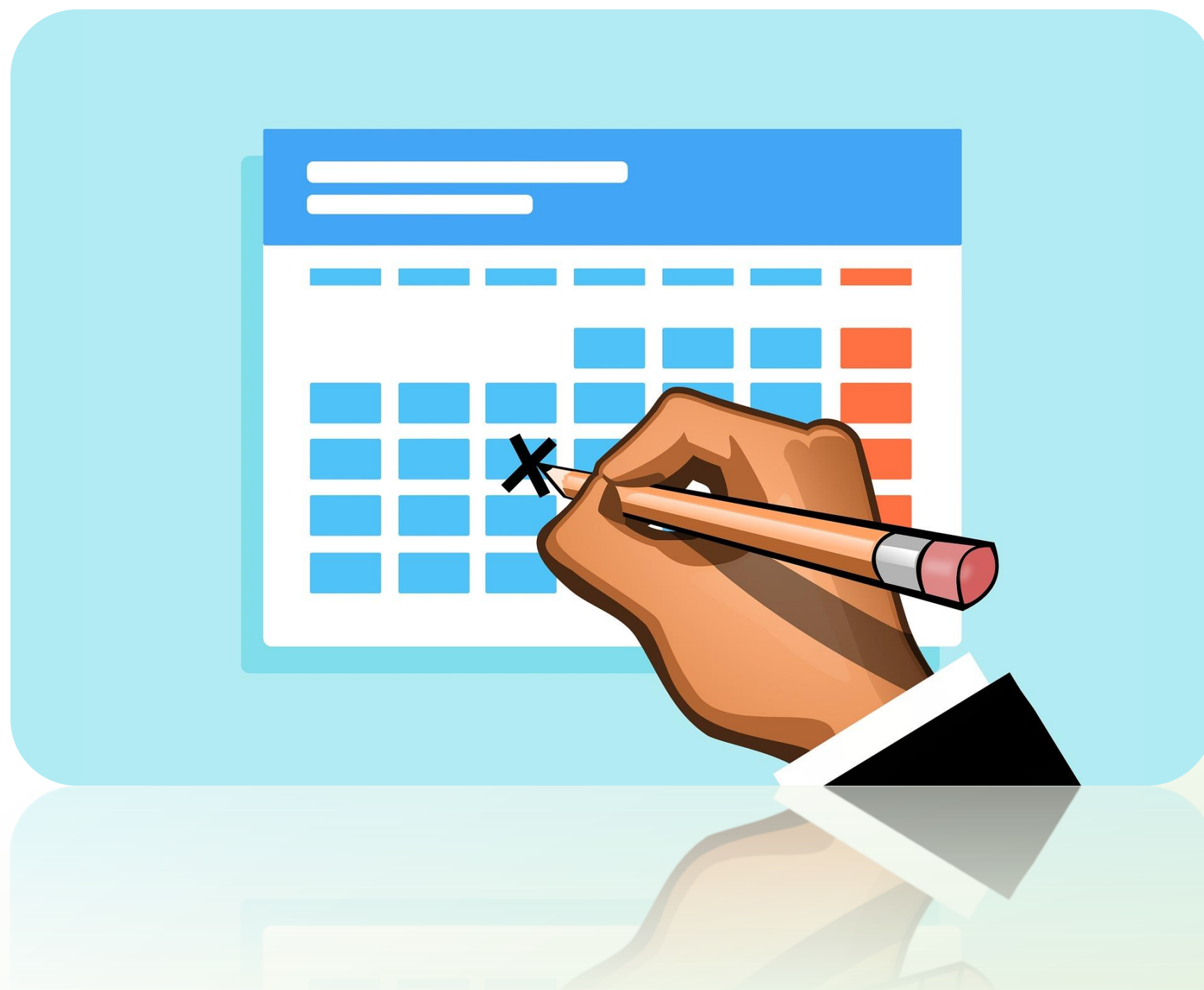
**SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
WARRIORS IN TRAINING (TEEN CLASS)

**SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM**  
SMALL GROUP LEADERS TRAINING

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
WOMEN'S MIDWEEK SERVICE

**THURSDAY, MAY 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**  
WORSHIP PRACTICE (OPEN TO ALL ADULTS)

**SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**  
MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK SERVICE

**THURSDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**  
WORSHIP PRACTICE (OPEN TO ALL ADULTS)

**FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
REAL TALK (TEEN DEVOTIONAL)

**SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM**  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
WARRIORS IN TRAINING (TEEN CLASS)

**SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM**  
SUNDAY SERVICE TEAM LEADER MEETING VIA ZOOM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK SERVICE

**THURSDAY, MAY 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**  
WORSHIP PRACTICE (OPEN TO ALL ADULTS)

**MONDAY, MAY 29<sup>th</sup>**  
MEMORIAL DAY

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM**  
CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK SERVICE



# BECOME A SMALL GROUP LEADER

We are excited to invite you to our Small Group Leadership Training session, designed for anyone who is willing and wanting to learn about leading or facilitating a small group. This is our second session, and we believe it will be a great opportunity for you to grow and develop your leadership skills.

The session will cover various aspects of leading a small group, including group dynamics, communication, conflict resolution, and more. You will have the chance to learn from experienced small group leaders and interact with other participants in the training.

To prepare for the session, we encourage you to check out the follow-up from our last session. The follow-up includes a summary of the previous session, a video recording, and a short questionnaire that will help you reflect on your own leadership style. You can access the follow-up by clicking on this link: [SGLT 101 RECAP LINK](#).

If you are interested in attending the Small Group Leadership Training, please register on our church app or church calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

# FLORENDA YOUTH & TEEN CAMP

## JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> – JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

REGISTER

### 2023 Florida Teen and Youth Camps

Florida Teen and Youth Camps will be taking place this year from **June 25 - July 1, 2023**. We are planning a great time of fun, fellowship and spirituality for your campers and we can't wait to see them!

#### Here's what you need to know:

Youth Camp is for incoming **4th - 6th grade** students. We will have limited spots available for 4th grade campers, so please register early!

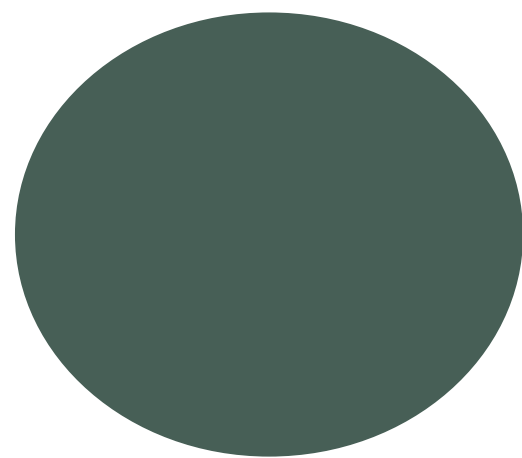
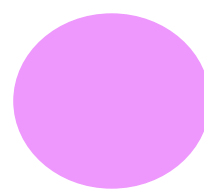
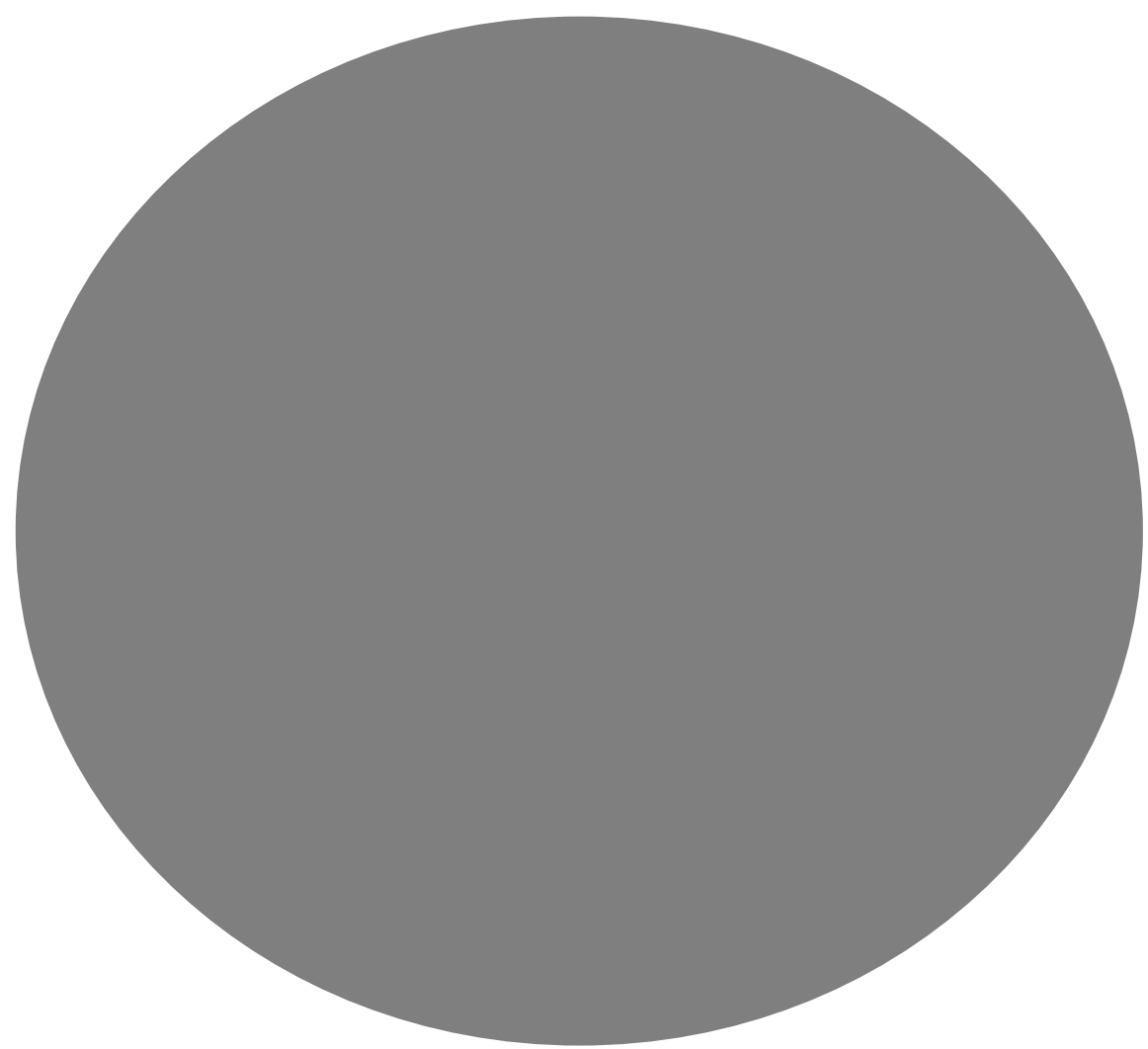
Teen Camp is for incoming **7th - 12th grade** students. The cost for Camp will be **\$550** per child.

Save your spot by completing your registration and making a **\$50 non-refundable deposit**. You can make payments online at any time. Your remaining balance will be due by **Sunday, June 25** when you arrive at camp.

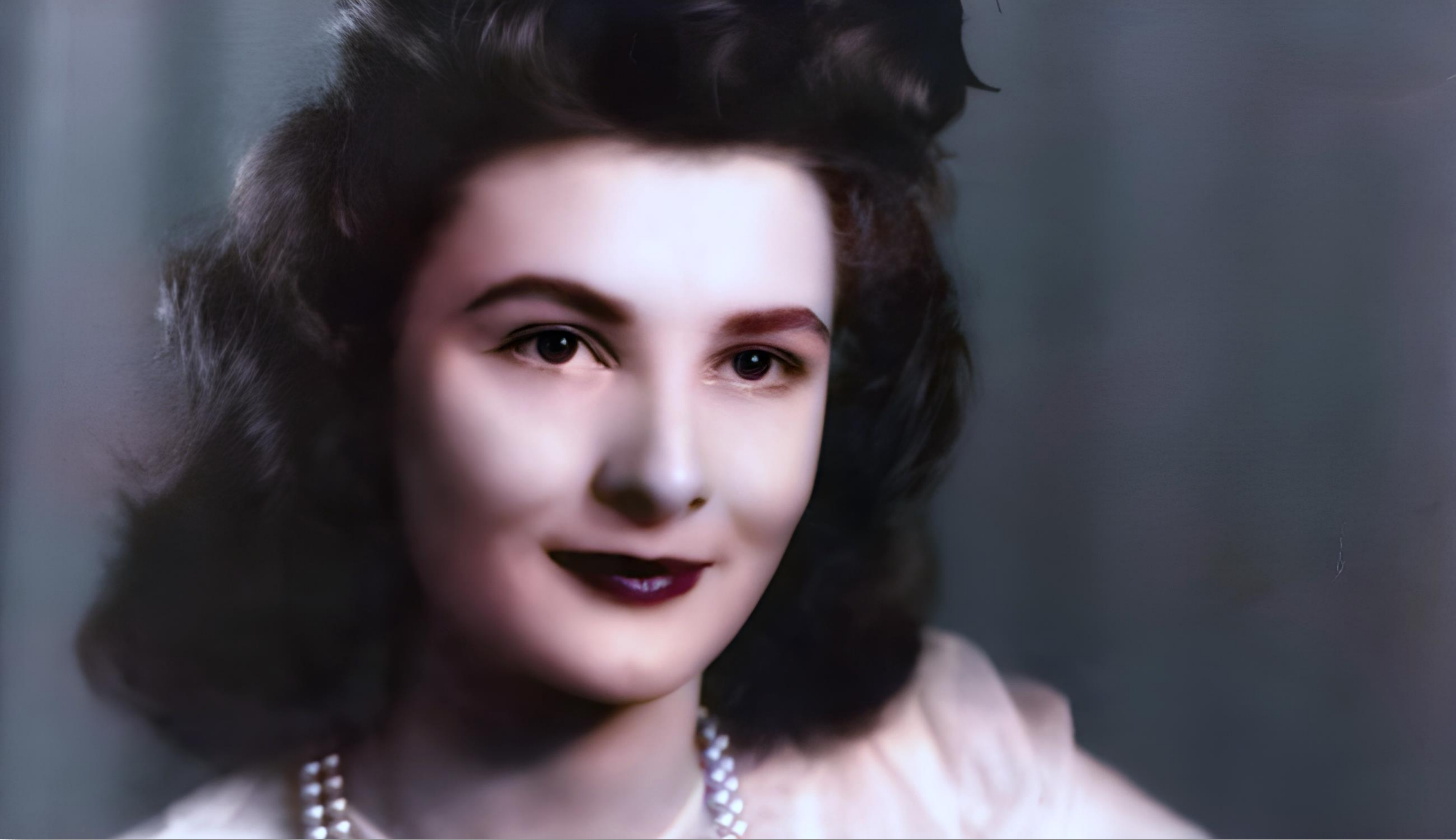
Campers will receive two t-shirts as part of their registration. If you would like to purchase additional t-shirts, they are available as Add-ons. You may also pre-purchase concession cards in \$5 increments. The cost for these Add-ons must be paid when you register.

**You must complete our Online Waivers for your child's registration to be complete.** The waivers will be available to you at the end of your registration and also in your confirmation email.

Registration closes at midnight on **June 4, 2023**.



*“Spring into action with  
Chronicles this May and  
watch your faith flourish!”*



### **Anna Maria Jarvis (May 1, 1864 – November 24, 1948)**

As Christians, we know that motherhood is a calling from God, and that a mother's love is a reflection of His love for us. That's why Mother's Day is such an important day for us, as it gives us a chance to honor and celebrate the mothers in our lives, and the many ways that they reflect God's love.

One woman who knew the power of a mother's love was Anna Jarvis. When Anna lost her mother, Ann, she was devastated by the loss, but inspired by her mother's love and compassion to honor all mothers. She campaigned tirelessly for years to establish Mother's Day as an official holiday in the United States, and her hard work paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation recognizing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

But Anna's story is about more than just the establishment of a holiday. It's about the power of a mother's love to inspire and motivate us, and the importance of honoring and cherishing our mothers, not just on Mother's Day, but every day of the year.

As Christians, we are called to love and honor our mothers, just as God loves and honors us. We can do this by showing them gratitude and respect, by spending time with them and listening to their wisdom, and by modeling their love and compassion in our own lives.

So, as we celebrate Mother's Day this year, let's remember the legacy of Anna Jarvis and the many ways that mothers reflect God's love in our lives. Let's honor and cherish the mothers in our lives, and let's strive to live out their example of selfless love and compassion every day.

# **MOTHER'S DAY**





**Jacklyn Harold "Jack" Lucas (February 14, 1928 – June 5, 2008)**

In 1945, a young American soldier named Jack Lucas was fighting in Iwo Jima during World War II. During the battle, Jack's unit came under attack, and he jumped on two grenades to protect his fellow soldiers. Miraculously, Jack survived the blast, but suffered extensive injuries that left him with lifelong physical and emotional scars.

Years later, on Memorial Day, Jack reflected on the sacrifice of his fellow soldiers who gave their lives for their country. He realized that his own survival was a testament to their bravery and sacrifice, and he dedicated the rest of his life to honoring and remembering them.

Jack became a speaker and advocate for veteran's causes, and he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his own heroic actions on the battlefield. He spent the rest of his life working to ensure that the sacrifices of his fellow soldiers were never forgotten.

Jack's story is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices that so many men and women have made to defend our country and protect our freedom. As Christians, we are called to honor and remember those who have given their lives for others, just as Jesus gave his life for us.

Memorial Day is not just a day off from work or a time to have a barbecue with friends and family. It's a time to reflect on the sacrifices of those who have given their lives for our country, and to remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

So, as we celebrate Memorial Day this year, let's take a moment to honor and remember the brave men and women who have given their lives for our freedom. Let's also remember Jesus, who gave his life for us, and let's strive to live our lives in a way that honors his sacrifice and the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

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SHIP  
Friend  
Sing  
Grace  
Pray  
Mercy  
Love  
Praise  
Jesus  
Grow  
Bible  
Heaven  
Rejoice  
Learn  
Spirit  
Bee

# KINGDOM KIDS

**CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY**

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear Brethren,

We would like to take a moment to encourage you to consider volunteering in our children's ministry. As you may know, our ministry is an incredibly important part of our church community, and it's vital that we all do our part to ensure its success.

In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Jesus Himself recognized the importance of ministering to children and ensuring that they have a safe and welcoming environment to learn about Him and grow in their faith.

Proverbs 22:6 also tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it." As volunteers in the children's ministry, we have the opportunity to help shape the faith of the next generation and instill in them a love for God that will last a lifetime.

In addition to the spiritual benefits, volunteering in the children's ministry can also be a rewarding experience. Getting to know the children in our church and watching them grow and develop in their faith can be incredibly fulfilling and can strengthen our own relationship with God. Another spiritual benefit is that when children see their own parents teaching, it helps them to see how important you believe the children's ministry is.

Currently, we have several teachers who volunteer in 2-3 of the 4 rotations per year. It would be great if we could have enough teachers so that everyone teaches 1 rotation per year and we can accomplish this if most of us join together to volunteer. So we encourage you to prayerfully consider volunteering in our children's ministry. It will make a real difference in the lives of our children.

Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless you as you serve Him.

Please contact Victoria Schulte, Children's Ministry Coordinator for any questions or concerns.



**AUDIO VISUAL  
TEAM  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

# AUDIO VISUAL TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As our church continues to grow and expand, we are excited to offer a fantastic opportunity for you to serve, learn, and contribute to our community in a meaningful way.

Our Audio-Visual team is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with various tasks during our worship services, special events, and other church activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is interested in learning new skills, developing their talents, and playing a crucial role in enhancing the worship experience for our congregation.

By joining our Audio-Visual team, you will have the chance to:

Learn new technical skills, such as operating sound and lighting equipment, video production, and multimedia presentations.

Develop teamwork and communication skills while working closely with our dedicated team.

Enhance the worship experience for our congregation by ensuring high-quality sound, visuals, and broadcasts.

Make a significant impact on our church's growth by supporting our mission to share God's love and message with others.

No prior experience is necessary, as we will provide comprehensive training to ensure you feel confident and prepared to contribute effectively to our team. All that we ask is for a willingness to learn, a heart for service, and a commitment to helping our church family grow.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about this opportunity, please reach out to Junior Miranda at 813-850-6853 or [jan0202@icloud.com](mailto:jan0202@icloud.com). We look forward to welcoming you to our team and sharing this rewarding experience with you.

May God continue to bless you and our church family.



**FUEL THE  
MISSION**

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# Fueling Our Mission: Your Generous Offerings Make a Difference

We would like to share with you the importance of giving offerings to the church and how your generosity enables us to fulfill the vital mission that God has entrusted to us.

As we continue to work towards spreading the love of Christ and fostering spiritual growth within our community, it is essential to remember that our mission is fueled by the offerings of our faithful church members. Your generosity empowers us to reach more people, nurture disciples, and make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV), "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." It is with this spirit of cheerful giving that we ask you to consider making an offering to support our church's mission.

When you give, you are not only supporting the work of our church, but you are also investing in God's kingdom, helping to create lasting change in the lives of countless individuals and families. Your offering helps us to:

- Share the love of Christ with our local community and beyond.

- Support various ministries and outreach programs that impact the lives of many.

- Provide resources and opportunities for spiritual growth and development.

We understand that each member's financial situation is unique, and we encourage you to prayerfully consider what you can give to support our mission. No matter the amount, every offering is a testament to our collective faith and commitment to spreading the love of Christ.

Please join us in this mission by giving cheerfully and generously to support the work of our church. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those around us and glorify God through our service.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and faithfulness.



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**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."**

**- Proverbs 3:5-6**

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