



The Messenger

"Faith is the capacity to trust God while not being able to make sense out of everything." ~ James Kok

I have met a number of people who quote Proverbs 3:5 as their favorite Bible passage: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*

I was thinking about this passage recently. How do I gain "understanding" of the world around me? The obvious answer is: with my brain processing the information collected through my five senses.

However, how many times have my eyes deceived me?

Or when I thought I smelled a certain scent, but it turned out to be something completely different?

Or tasted something that I thought was terrible, but others thought it tasted fine?

Or when I misheard the lyrics of a popular song?

Or touched something that I thought was going to be "creepy," but ended up being benign?

Or thought that God doesn't see the trouble I am facing.

Can I really fully trust One I cannot see? Or touch?

Isn't this when faith kicks in? When we don't see any "visible means of support," and, yet, we appear to be doing alright.

God's work through the Good Samaritan Mission is a lot like that. We fully depend on His provision through members of His Body. From friends like you.

As we begin another year of ministering to our neighbors, bringing them the message of the Gospel, and encouraging them to live healthier, godlier lives, we invite you to unite with us on this "faith walk." You can support us financially. You can volunteer your God-given skills and nurture someone else. Better yet, join us as we "walk by faith and not by sight!"

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»» UPCOMING EVENTS



June 5 - July 28- Summer Enrichment Programming for Children

November 4 - GSM Farmers Market/Crafts Sale

December 2 - GSM Christmas Farmers Market

August 5 - Back to School Outreach Event

November 9 - Harvest Blessings Benefit Dinner

December 9 - Christmas Blessings Outreach Event

Making it YOUR Mission



Christmas Blessings Event-2016

Thank you so much to all who contributed to our Christmas Blessings Event. We appreciate all who donated and collected toys, volunteered at the event, and supported us financially. Special thanks to the following churches and businesses who donated and/or collected toys: Redeemer Lutheran Church (Sun City Center), Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Krewe of Pair O'Dice, Bell Shoals Baptist Academy Second Grade Class, Church Women United in Central Pinellas, Anona United Methodist Women, Grace Community United Methodist Church (Lithia), Crossfit Rikr, Valrico Spine and Rehab Center, Bell Shoals Baptist Church (Apollo Beach Campus), Balm Baptist Church, Church of the Palms (Sarasota), ServiceMaster, Tampa Kiwanis Foundation, Super Q 1300 Radio, and

In Memoriam or Honor

- Melody Lynn Hanusch, from Larry & Ruth Hanusch
- Al & Elma Ratz, from Mark and Nancy Viets Family Fund
- Jeanne Scruggs, from Harry & Brenda Carter
- Anne Madden, from Phyllis Whildin

several generous individual donors. Thanks as well to the students of Agape Christian School (Sarasota), members of Girl Scout Troop 405, and our talented photographer Cindy Showalter for all of their help.

Summer Enrichment Program

During the summer there are many children in our community left home alone while their parents are working. These children are in need of healthy alternatives and you can help! Sign up your church or youth group to teach for one week through this summer. Through this "tag-team event" elementary-aged children are purposefully engaged in healthy activities for the entire summer.

What will you group do during their week of service? Maybe a Christian sports clinic, or recycle the VBS program your church presented earlier in the summer. All programs must be submitted for approval by May 1st. Dates must be reserved no later than April 15th. By the time this goes to print, the following weeks are available: June 12-16, July 17-21, and July 24-28. A typical day runs from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Please call **(813) 634-7136** to reserve your spot.

