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I'm very excited as we welcome Bishop Tom Berlin on May 19th. He serves as the resident Bishop of The Florida Conference.. The Gathering Place (the western expansion of our church) and Community United Methodist from Daytona will also attend this special service. We've all been using Bishop Berlin's book, "The Third Day," to celebrate the Resurrection, mak-

ing his visit even more meaningful.

There will be one service at 10 a.m. Mark it on your calendars. You don't want to miss this Sunday. Bishop Berlin is an excellent communicator and preacher. I haven't always said that about some other Bishops, but this guy is good.

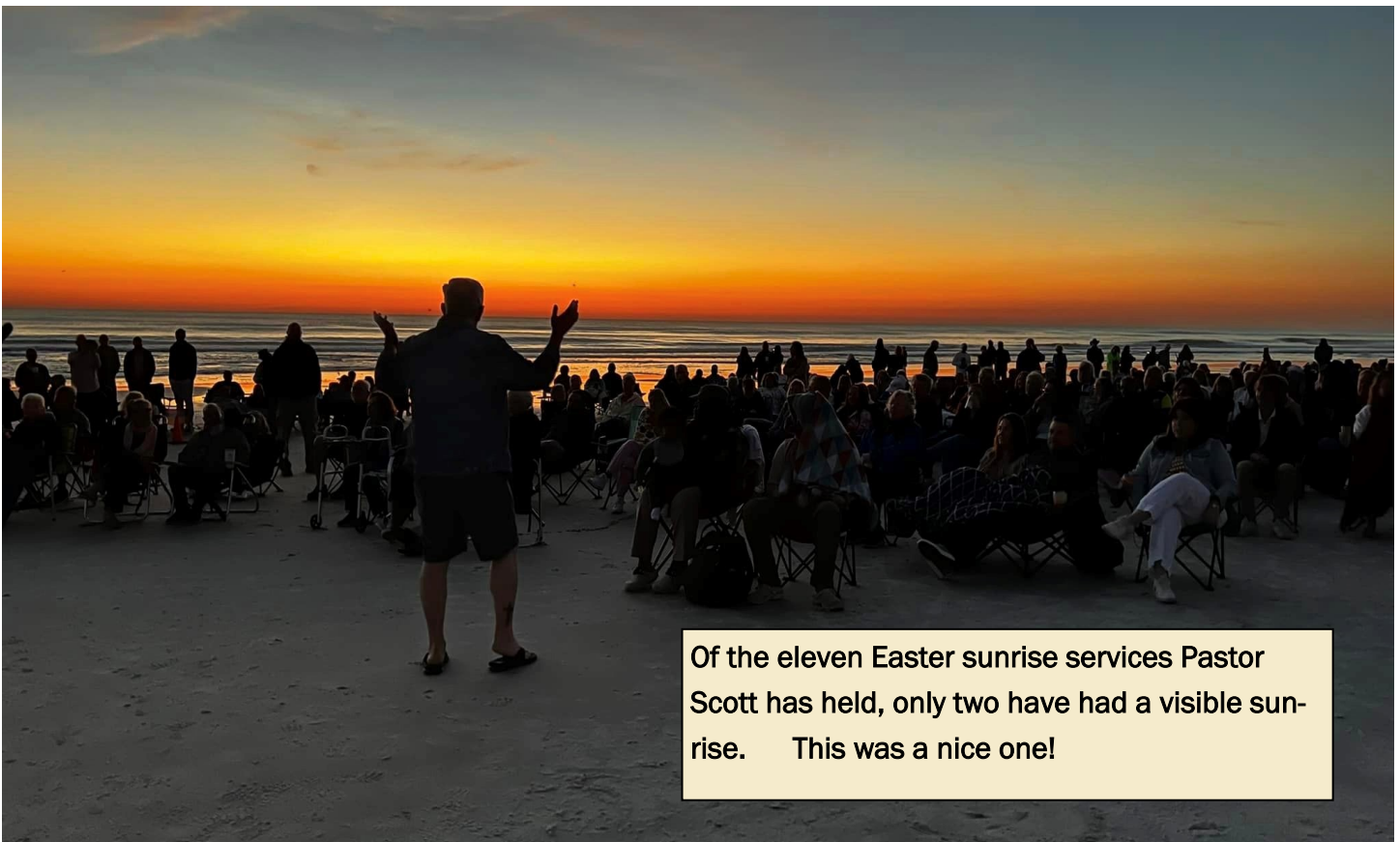
Following the service, we will have refreshments and light snacks in the multi-purpose room. Bishop Berlin will take a few questions about the General Conference and the UMC at that time.

Speaking of the General Conference it is from April 23 to May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and serves as the governing body of the United Methodist Church. There are several key issues the delegates will deliberate and decide on during the General Conference. For all the

information, go to [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org). This website is the best place to find the correct information. There may be other reports and news media outlets, but I would go to [flumc.org](http://flumc.org)

We have beach baptisms on May 5. and I'd love to make space for you. Perhaps you've been baptized but want to reaffirm your decision to follow Jesus. This is a great day to do this. Give me a call or send me an email, and we will get you on the list. If you don't feel called to be baptized or reaffirmed, join us for the celebration at the Cardinal Approach following the 11 o'clock service that day.

Grace and Peace,  
*Scott*



Of the eleven Easter sunrise services Pastor Scott has held, only two have had a visible sunrise. This was a nice one!

Nearly 50 students and 10 adults tackled the tricky angles and hazards of Pirates Cove Mini Golf course in Ormond Beach for their 2nd annual Mini Masters event!



**Leadership Changes  
in the church:**

Pete Jasanis is the new Treasurer.  
Tim Smith is joining the Guide Team.

Dea Wilkins will be on the Staff, Pastor, Relations Committee  
Representing The Gathering Place is Joe Raga on the Guide Team and Jan Pittard on the Staff, Pastor, Re-

lations Committee.  
**Please congratulate them on their new positions.**



**THE  
EIGHT DECADES CLUB**

We are highlighting those wonderful seniors in our church that have reached that young age of 80 or over. Send them a card, or if you see them, wish them a Happy Birthday.

- May 1—Troy Brookshire—340 Chelsea Place Ave, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 3—Jo Traywick—270 Melrose Ave, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 4—Betty French—7 Pebble Beach Dr, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 5—Gale Lemerand—810 Fentress Ct, Ste 130, Daytona Beach FL 32117-5118
- May 9—Gayleen Snead—2900 N Atlantic Ave, Apt 202, Daytona Beach FL 32118
- May 10—Pat Johnson—4 Water Oak Cir, Ormond Beach FL 32176
- May 10—Jerry Traywick—270 Melrose Ave, Ormond Beach FL 32174

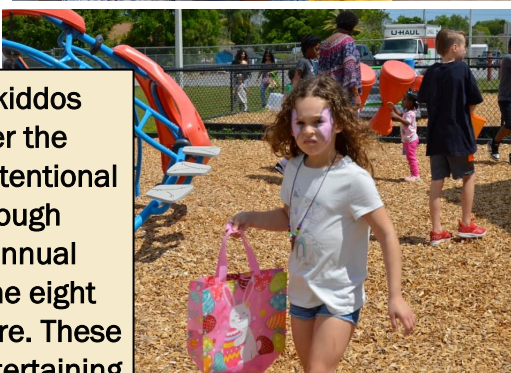
- May 11—Judy Garrett—29 Old Canyon Ln, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 11—Jan Snyder—225 Chippewa Cir, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 16—Ron Campbell—2 Green Forest Dr, Ormond Beach FL 32174-5966
- May 18—Ellen Detter—9 Katrinas Dr, Ormond Beach FL 32174-9111
- May 18—Baerbel Pearson—529 Andrews Dr, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 26—Elizabeth Priestly—99 Riverview Dr, Ormond Beach FL 32174-7056
- May 28—Bonnie Maguire—1204 Asheville Springs Cir, Asheville NC 28806
- May 29—Gef Frick III—101 Clyde Morris Dr, Apt 254, Ormond Beach FL 32174
- May 29—Jim Rosser—
- May 30—Lynellen Bueter—425 Wingspan Dr, Ormond Beach FL 32174-1038

If you know of a name that should be on the list, or if a correction is needed, please let Frank Johnston know at :

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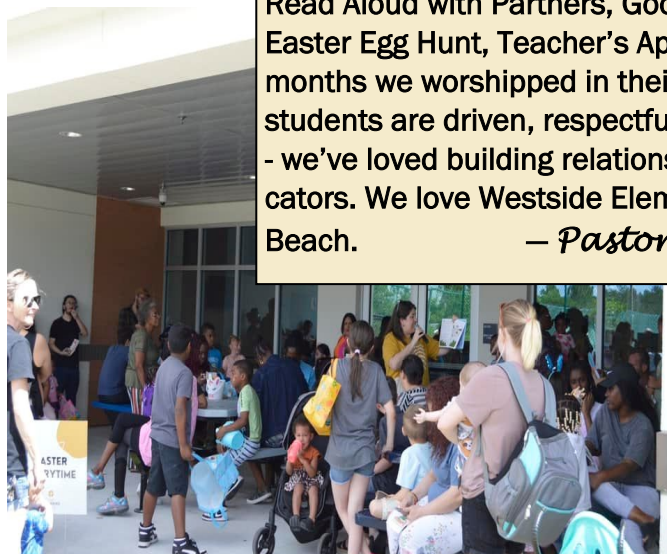


# Easter at The Gathering Place

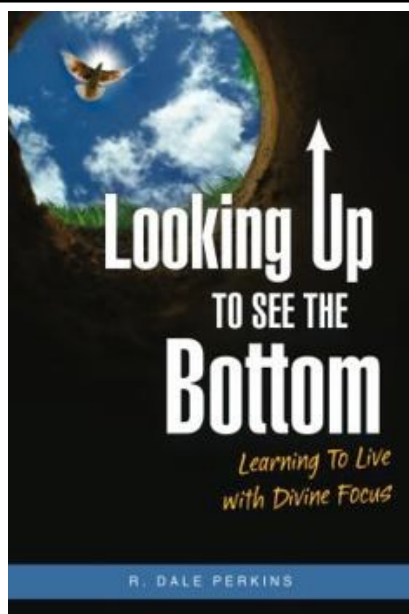


Nothing makes me happier than when Westside kiddos recognize me and shout, "Hey, Pastor Amy!!!" Over the last three years, The Gathering Place has been intentional about being on campus at our Partner School through Read Aloud with Partners, Good News Club, our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Teacher's Appreciation Week, the eight months we worshipped in their cafeteria, and more. These students are driven, respectful, and endlessly entertaining - we've loved building relationships with families and educators. We love Westside Elementary School in Daytona Beach.

*- Pastor Amy Armistead*







**Looking Up To See The Bottom**  
**(Learning to Live with Divine Focus)**

By R. Dale Perkins

Dale has done many mission projects in Central America, taught dis-

cipliship classes, and is involved with the Walk to Emmaus. He and his wife Sara joined our church a few months ago.

Dale first attended a church with his wife at the age of 37, feeling out of place as he knew very little about the Bible and the church. He wrote this book to help others facing that problem.

I read this inspirational book during lent, reading a chapter a day along with my daily devotionals. Each of the 32 chapters starts with scripture, is unique, and is only a few pages long.

I found many of the chapters went right along with Scott's sermons. Some of my favorites were "Faith Foundations: Forgiveness" and "What to Do When Suffering Comes."

The chapters are easy to read and understand, filled with stories from the Bible, God, Jesus, and the Apostles, plus Dale's own experiences with life and a bit of humor tossed in.

Dale is highly knowledgeable about the Bible and scripture and has done a lot of research and fact-finding, all of which helped me understand what it means to be a Christian.

If you haven't met Dale and Sara, please seek them out and introduce yourself to them. They are usually at the 9:00 service or in one of the church's many Bible Studies. I hope you will read this book and enjoy it as much as I did.

— *Marty*



**Third graders receive their personal Bibles during the Contemporary Service on April 14, 2024.**

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