Ech $\bigcap \bigcirc \bigcirc$ **Mexico Church of the Brethren** Mailing Address: P.O. Box 296 Mexico In 46958 Physical Address: 4460 N Mexico Rd Mexico In 46958 Church Phone & Fax: 765-985-2484 Church Email: ministry@mexicocob.org Church Website: www.mexicocob.org Pastor Matty's email: pastor@mexicocob.org 9:30 ann- Worship Service 10:45 ann—Sunday School RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS: Toin Us TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES VORSHIP **Secretary Office Hours:** D R **DEADLINE FOR** Wednesdays ETTER ARTICLES I 9:00 am- 1:00 pm 15th of every Month Mon: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Tues: 12-3:00 pm

Or by appointment



The Messages are on the webpage at www.mexicocob.org. However, we will make you a DVD upon request. See Dave Collins or Lorie Bowman.





Prayer Concerns:

Pray for peace within the church, help for each one of us to show the love of Christ.

Please pray for our Ministry Team and the Board as these members are working diligently for the Lord's will at our church.





Ministry Team: Adriene Clingaman, Kim Milburn, Gina Hattery, Kody Myers Glenn Conner, Steve Hostetler & Pastor Matty Myers Board Members: Brook Milburn, Dave Collins, Lorie Bowman, Dave Dawalt, Audrey Davis & Pastor Matty Myers

Please remember these groups and individuals in your daily prayers.

Helping Hands!

Helping Hands is in need of specific items from our church! In helping them we help our church family and neighbors. Our church is asked to collect items on the **3rd Sunday of each month!** Here is the list of items they request from us!



Canned Fruit, Cereal, Flour, Sugar, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Sanitary Napkins

Please remember this important ministry!



A: He gave her a ring!

Items needed by Open Arms

Baby diapers and wipes, Onesies 6 mo.-18 mo. Socks, Kid's underwear and undershirts, socks, kid's Vitamins kid's allergy and cold medicine

Women's socks, undergarments. allergy and cold medicines

<u>Kitchen Supplies-</u>Bread, butter, cake mixes, icing, canned fruit, canned veggies, spices (lemon pepper, salt, garlic powder, pepper, baking powder), Kitchen towels, kitchen utensils (tongs, spatulas), large frying pans.

<u>Cleaning Supplies</u>-toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, window cleaner, Lysol, Laundry soap.



Our community children spend approximately 45 hours per week with our area teachers and other employees at the North Miami School System. For that reason we ask that you add the following people to your daily prayers.

Every month throughout the school year you will see one teacher/faculty from the elementary and one from the high school listed per week. Each day that week please lift the designated employee in prayer. Praying for the adults who influence our children will enable us to indirectly pray for the unnamed students as well.

During the week we also encourage you to pray for the school system as a whole.

Week Of	Staff	Staff
February 3	Tammy Eisenmenger—HS Cook	Kendra Pitts—HS Cook
February 10	Terri Eisenmenger—HS Cook	Conchita Miller—HS Dishwasher
February 17	Shannon McGuire-Carr—HS Cook	Stephanie Owens—HS Head Cook/ Food Service Director
February 24	Dee Greer—HS Cashier	Ardath Townsend—HS Dishwasher





DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY February 3 - Please pray with us for the Arcadia COB and Northern Indiana District. February 10 - Please pray with us for the Bethel Center COB and Michigan District. February 17 - Please pray with us for the Buck Creek COB and Mid-Atlantic District. February 27 - Please pray with us for the Buffalo COB and Missouri and Arkansas District.

--Check the South/Central Indiana District Facebook page for specific prayer requests.--

Florida History

Florida had inhabitants as long ago as 14,000 years. They left behind artifacts and archeological evidence. Juan Ponce de Leon named the state in 1513 Pascual Florida,(festival of flowers).

Florida was under colonial rule by Spain, France, and Great Britain during the 18th and 19th century, before becoming a territory of the United States in 1821. Two decades later in 1845 Florida was admitted to the Union as the 27th U.S. State. The economy has developed over time, starting with natural resource exploitation in logging, mining, fishing, sponge diving, cattle ranching, farming, and citrus growing.

By civil war time 1860 Florida's population was 140,424 people of whom 44% we're enslaved. By 1900 African Americans numbered more than 200,000, again about 44% of the population.

By 1920 the great land boom began. Florida became a destination for vacationers and a southern land speculators paradise. Not until 1920 did Florida have a fencing bill to keep cattle off the highways.

Florida had no prison system until 1923. They had a convict leasing system. Following the pattern of the other southern states, counties leased prisoners to private contractors, such as operators of phosphate mines and turpentine camps. After 1923 it brought to an end the lash and sweat box punishments. In the 20's it took an automobile 2 weeks to get to Miami from the Midwest. In 1928 Miami and Tampa were joined by a 143 mile long (Tamiami Trail) U.S. 41 carved out of solid rock, that underlay the Everglades. It featured the longest dike, constructed outside of the Netherlands.

Florida is always subject to Hurricanes, of which the storm of 1926, 92 died in Miami, 300 drowned when water from the coastal water rushed into Lake Okeechobee and went over the dike. Two years later (1928) 2000 people drowned when the water blew out of the lake again. In the years that followed one of the CCC projects to put people back to work a substantial dike was built.

Railroads were a big part of the early development of Florida. That could be a separate history lesson on it's own.

By 1926 the Real Estate crash had taken over, well before the Stock Market crash of 1929.

By the 1940's the population increased 46%. Low taxes, warm climate made Florida a destination for many retirees from the Northeast, Midwest, and Canada.

Oranges have been grown and sold in Florida since 1872. Production dropped 59% from the 2008 season to the 2016 season. The decline was mostly due to canker, citrus greening and hurricane damage.

Development also followed with the construction of I-95 in east Florida and I-75 in west Florida. Northerners from the East Coast used I-95 and tended to settle along that route. People from the Midwest tended to use I-75, and settled along the west coast of Florida.

By 1950 Florida ranked 20th among the states in population. 50 years later it was 4th and 14 yrs. later it was number 3 passing New York, with 19 million people.

One segment I might have skipped over, in the years leading up to World War II, 100 ships were sank off the coast of Florida. More ships were sank after the country entered the war. Florida became a training center for the military. The Air Force alone occupied 70,000 hotel rooms on Miami Beach. Tens of thousands of the 2,122,100 men and women from other states who had trained in Florida, together with their sweethearts, wives, and families who had followed them and liked what they had seen. They came as tourists, and many remained to make Florida their home.

Along with the Interstate Highways the development of Air Conditioners were a big cog in the development of Florida.



Historian Glenn Conner





Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

- 1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
- 2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
- 3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
- 4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
- 5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect