



Why we need kindness

Plant Kindnesses: Sow Seeds of Friendship and Gather a Harvest of Love

“Love your enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.” (Luke 6:35)

Kindness is a virtue and we as Christians must rediscover the power of kindness.

Kindness is a biblical way of living, of treating people who are mean and unloving.

It is also a “fruit of the spirit.” (Galatians 5)

It is evidence of the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives. Kindness is real. Kindness is authentic, and it is a path that will lead us to become more loving, more helpful to our neighbors, more genuine to our friends, more effective employees, stronger leaders, more honest in our personal relationships, faithful disciples and more personable in love to our families.

Kindness is living from a Christ-centered core that spills out into a life of kindness.

Kindness points people to the cross, where Jesus set the example when He prayed: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

It is evangelism in its essence. As we live in kindness, we bear witness for Christ.

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A Disciple’s Prayer

Lord God of the ages teach us how to love our fellow man!

Father God, we know that the Spirit of the world creeps into the body of Christ almost unaware sometimes, and before we know it, we can so easily be led astray and caught up in moments of worldly actions and activities – at times so subtly we don’t even recognize what has happened to us until the damage is done!

Lord, please have mercy on us!

Lord, in the name of Jesus, we pray that You would raise our consciousness so that we, Your people, will be more vigilant, more anchored in Your Word so that we can stay steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the Word of God.

Help us to stand for morality and the standards you have blessed us with!

Lord, we desperately need you! Thank You, Lord, for keeping us from ourselves.

We give You thanks and praise, dear Father, for You alone are worthy of all praise.

We know that beyond a shadow of a doubt, You, our Father, are in control.

AMEN-AMEN-AMEN

Positive Thoughts

Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?

-Abraham Lincoln

If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you’ll never have time to enjoy the sunshine.

-Morris West

When you make positive changes in your life...you become a better you.

-Sarah Hall

Our lives are shaped by what’s in our mind. You are what you think.

-Buddha

A man’s best friend is a good wife.

-Thomas A. Edison

Birthday Shout Outs

Happy belated birthday wishes to Annie Mae Porter (July 27).

Prayer Focus

Please keep these friends in your prayers: Ron King, Wayne and Margaret Thompson, Bill and Maggie Gunter, Neut Demps, Charles Brooks, Annie Mae Porter of Apopka, Carl and Mary Alice Williams and the William and Jessie Alexander family.

In Bereavement

Please keep these families and friends in your thoughts and prayers for the loss of their loved ones: the Manning/Chester families and the Glee/Demps families (in the loss of Hassie Glee of Madison, the mother of Lueva Demps of Perry).

Revival, ‘soul-winning seminar’ announced

Local residents are invited to join Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Madison for revival services planned Friday, Aug. 5, through Sunday, Aug. 7.

David Burton of Jacksonville will be the guest evangelist.

Services will begin at

6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Burton will also be conducting a “soul-winning and personal evangelism seminar” on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the church.

“Please take advantage of this very practical

and spiritually-profitable opportunity for training, encouragement and fellowship. Bring your leaders, workers and any interested members to this session,” organizers said.

Pine Grove Church is located at 4084 NE Rocky Ford Road in Madison.

Obituaries

Eutah Knowles King Wood

Eutah Knowles King Wood, 95, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022, in Madison.

She was born on March 17, 1927, in Taylor County to Elmer and Lilly Mae Knowles.

She worked at the Metal Production plant for 34 years before she retired, and she was an active member of Sirmans Missionary Baptist Church for many years.

Eutah is survived by: her loving husband of 34 years, Joe Wood; daughters, Patsy (Bo) Weatherly and Barbara Kiser, all of Shady Grove; son, Glen (Lynne) King of Madison; grandchildren, Frankie Cruce, Kirk (Michelle) Cruce, Shawn King, Travis

(Jackie) King and Jessica (Charles) Dedge; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by: her former husband, Robert Lee King; son, Bart King; parents, Elmer and Lilly Mae Knowles; grandson, Danny Tyson; son-in-law, Lee Kiser; and brothers, J.C. Knowles, Eldon Knowles, Hardee Knowles, Mack Knowles and Elsie B. Knowles.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 28, at 11 a.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison with burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service, from 10-11 a.m., at Beggs Funeral Homes

of Madison is assisting the family with the arrangements, 850-973-2258.

You may send your condolences to the family by visiting our website at beggsfuneral.com.

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5th Sunday sing planned at Calvary this Sunday, July 31

Calvary Baptist Church will host a fifth Sunday Sing this Sunday, July 31, starting at 6 p.m.

“We hope you will join us as we sing traditional hymns and your ‘red book’

favorites. Gospel singer Brian Norris will join us as a special guest for performances with the Bishop Trio. You will not want to miss this special time!” organizers said.

LEGALS

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8/27/2020. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 9:30 AM, before the Honorable Gregory Parker, at the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson St., Perry, FL, for an ADVISORY HEARING.

*****FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERE TO.*****WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Perry, Taylor County, Florida, on this 29th day of July, 2022.

Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Leandra Borkland
Deputy Clerk
Special Accommodations “In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Carrina Cooper, Court Administration, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055, Telephone (386) 758-2163, adamaill@jud3.flcourts.org at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call 711.”

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Taylor County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting bids for THE LEASING OF 296+ ACRES

FOR THE HARVESTING OF SAW PALMETTO BERRIES IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. BIDS WILL BE FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE GROSS SALE OF HARVESTED BERRIES.

Qualified firms or individuals desiring to provide the requested services must submit their bid package in an envelope or similar package marked: Sealed bids for “THE LEASING OF 296+ ACRES FOR THE HARVESTING OF SAW PALMETTO BERRIES IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA” to the Clerk of Court, 1st Floor Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida 32347 to arrive no later than 4:00pm, local time, on August 12, 2022. All bids MUST have name and mailing address clearly shown on the outside of the envelope or package when submitted. Bids will be opened and respondents announced at 9:00am local time, or as soon thereafter as practical, on August 16, 2022 at the Taylor County Administrative Complex, 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347. The County reserves the right, in its sole absolute discretion, to reject any or all bids, to cancel or withdraw this bid at any time or waive any irregularities in the bid process. The County reserves the right to award any contract(s) to the bidder/respondent which it deems to offer the best overall service, therefore, the County is not bound to award any contract(s) based on the quoted price. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to waive minor defects in the process and to accept the bid deemed to be in the County’s best interest. The County, in its sole and absolute discretion, also reserves the right to assign a local business preference in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price. NO FAXED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. For additional information and a bid package contact: LaWanda Pemberton, 201 E. Green Street, Perry, FL 32347 (850) 838-3500 Ext 6 lpemberton@taylorcountygov.com

FIELD ASSISTANT POSITION OPEN

Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District is seeking a Field Assistant. This is a part-time salaried position of 25 hours per week.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a valid Florida Drivers license with a clean record. Applicants must be willing to pursue water operator training. To review the complete job description you may visit our website at <https://tcwsd.org/applications/> or request a copy of the job description and application by contacting the District Office located at 18820 Beach Road, Perry, Florida.

Please direct any questions to the District Office at 850-578-3043 or email us at tcwsd@fairpoint.net. Applications will be accepted until Monday, August 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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