

# SLU Ready To Welcome New, Returning Students

## New Courses, Programs And Sports

Saint Leo University will welcome close to 700 freshmen and transfer students at its annual move-in day on Aug. 17. Classes begin on Aug. 22.

Most incoming students will pursue bachelor's degrees in biology with an emphasis on biomedical and health sciences with 91 incoming students declaring that major. Business, criminal justice, sport business, computer science, elementary education, management and psychology are among the most popular majors with the new class. Some students – 57 – have not decided on a major.

University faculty and staff are busy preparing for the new year. Saint Leo's Week of Welcome begins with Bio-Boot Camp students moving into their residence halls on Saturday. The program is designed for incoming students who plan to major in biology to prepare them for the rigorous classwork and labs.

International students as well as those enrolled in the Honors Program and the Emerging Mathematics and Computer Science Scholars cohort, will move in on Tuesday.

The big move-in day begins at 8 a.m., Aug. 17, when new students living on campus are welcomed to their new home away from home. Students and their families will



Student volunteers help unload a car for a fellow Lion on move-in day.

find plenty of help to unload their vehicles as faculty, staff, orientation leaders and student-athletes carry the gear to their rooms.

A student leadership fair will be held at 3 p.m. in the Marion Bowman Activities Center gymnasium for the incoming class to learn about organizations and activities. At 3:50 p.m., Dr. William J. Lennox Jr., university president, will welcome the Class of 2021. Parents will say their goodbyes from 4:15 to 4:30 p.m.

The Week of Welcome will continue with on-campus activities and academic advising as well as trips to the movies and Busch Gardens.

Preparing the incoming students

to succeed is the objective of the university and the Office of First Year Experience.

"The goal and mission of First Year Experience is to engage and educate students in the vast opportunities the campus has to offer," said Matthew Battista, director of First Year Experience. "We also want to help students make long-lasting connections – ones they will have for years to come."

Battista's advice for incoming students: Ask questions. "Ask your orientation leaders, ask any of us," he said. "We always want students to come out to the programs and stay active. Don't skip on anything with

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## Karate Student Earns Green Belt



Caspian Bondari of Dade City recently achieved his green belt after two years of training at Spivey Karate. The green belt is the half-way point in Caspian's journey to his Black Belt. 'Caspian is a very smart young man with unbelievable natural sparring skills. His strategies, combinations, angles, distance control make him look like a professional fighter. And he always has perfect control,' said instructor William Spivey. The anticipated date of his future Black Belt test in September of 2020. Call Spivey Karate at (352) 518-9409 for information on classes and the Aug. 19 open house. Photo Provided

# Three East Pasco Schools Need More Work In Reading

by Max Zimmerman

The Pasco County School District will be eliminating extended day programs this year in an effort to save more than \$500,000.

But four schools must keep their extra hour of reading time because of their poor scores from last year; three of them are local – West Zephyrhills Elementary, and Rodney B. Cox and Pasco elementaries in Dade City.

The proposal to cut out extended day programs was tentatively approved during the Pasco County School

Board's regular meeting on July 25.

The four elementaries are identified by state educators as being among the 300 lowest-performing schools when it comes to reading and are thus mandated to provide the "intensive" instruction to improve scores.

All district elementary students already receive the required 900 hours of reading instruction.

For the affected schools, Kindergarten through third-grade students are required to have 900 extra hours of reading instruction, and fourth and fifth

graders will receive an extra 1,080 hours. In order to achieve improvements, the district will need to adjust the schedules of 4th and 5th graders at the affected schools.

The school district is looking for ways to save extra money and favors the elimination of all other extended day programs in an effort to save \$600,000. The district reportedly needs to trim another \$150,000 to achieve its 2017-2018 budget target. Final approval of the budget should come during the next school board meeting on Sept. 12.

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# Pasco Tax Collector's Staff Raise Over \$9,700 For County Schools

During the month of July, the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office accepted donations from the public to purchase backpacks and school supplies for students in need. Because of the hard work of staff and the generosity of a giving community, Tax Collector Mike Fasano's office was able to raise \$9,739.50.

Most of the funds were used to purchase back-to-school supplies. A smaller portion of the donations collected were used to assist in the purchasing of classroom supplies for teachers.

The Pasco Tax Collector's Office has five branches in the county. Each office chose one school close to that office with a large percentage of children in need. On Aug. 3 and 4, staff members from each office delivered the backpacks and school supplies to the following schools: Centennial Elementary in Dade City; Fox Hollow Elementary in New Port Richey; Marlowe Elementary in New Port Richey; Lake Myrtle Elementary in Land O' Lakes; and Quail Hollow Elementary in Wesley Chapel.

"Each year students are expected to



Five of the 50 backpacks donated to Centennial Elementary School through money raised by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office in Dade City.

purchase an ever-growing list of supplies to bring with them on the first day of school," Fasano said. "Gone are the days when a notebook, a pencil and some book covers, often made of old shopping

bags, were what most kids needed. For families struggling to make ends meet the back-to-school supply list can be a great burden.

"Our staff was honored to deliver 50

completely full backpacks to each of the five schools identified, for a total of 250 backpacks. Each school will determine which students can most benefit from the donated items. Supplies for the classrooms such as paper towels, sanitary wipes and Ziploc bags were delivered as well. It is our hope that through the efforts of our hardworking staff and a very generous community that our efforts will make the burden lighter for as many families and students as possible."

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office supports local charitable organizations that assist residents of Pasco County, including other back-to-school drives. This is the first year the office has held its own charitable promotion for the sole purpose of assisting students who live and go to school near each office.

Visit [www.pascotaxes.com](http://www.pascotaxes.com) or call Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector at (727) 847-8179 for more information about the charitable giving programs and other services at the Pasco Tax Collector's Office.

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orientation. We hope to have students feel connected to the community and the campus, and enjoy their college career."

Students also take a one-credit course, known as SLU 101, which introduces students to the history and culture of Saint Leo University as well as its various departments, resources, and services. It also encourages the development of good decision making by using critical thinking skills and the university's core values.

### New Programs

Students will be offered a number of new learning opportunities this year, including: Associate of Arts degree in cybersecurity; Master of Business Administration, data analytics concentration (online program); Master

of Science in Emergency and Disaster Management – specialization in Fire Science Administration

### New Courses

New courses offered at Saint Leo this year include: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Service and Therapy Animals and History of the American West.

### New Projects

Tutor Zones are being created in first-year residence halls so students have help before midterm and final exams. "In-house" tutoring will be available to conveniently provide important resources and to help students better understand the tutoring resources available to them.

Other programs to begin in the fall are:

- Humans of Saint Leo (mimicking the "Humans of New York" social media campaign);
- What's Your Step Count? (encouraging fitness and healthy living); and,
- Can-Struction (a building competition connected to a canned food donation drive).

### New Sports

Saint Leo University will add beach volleyball to its intercollegiate athletics program, with competition to begin in Spring 2018. One of the fastest growing sports among NCAA institutions, beach volleyball will be Saint Leo's 20th intercollegiate sport and its 11th offering in women's athletics.

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# Pottery Shop Celebrates Four Decades



San Antonio Pottery, located at 11903 Curley St., held its 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday. Visitors were greeted with music and explanations of the various pottery offerings. Students of the shop owners showed off their creations and mingled with guests. Jack Boyle and Deborah Gillars first opened the pottery studio in 1977, after the two moved to San Antonio from St. Petersburg. On a trip with friends, Boyle discovered the building, along with plenty of pottery equipment for sale, and knew that it had to be his. Since then it has become a San Antonio staple, and local residents were happy to celebrate with them.



Bob Landry of Traveler's Rest is a student at San Antonio Pottery and showed off one of his creations.



Sue Kingman of Zephyrhills shows off her pottery creations while wearing a philosophical t-shirt.

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Joe Donahue, Bill Reynolds and Steve Cox, of the group Steve and the Two Other Guys provided music for the 40th Anniversary of San Antonio Pottery on Saturday.

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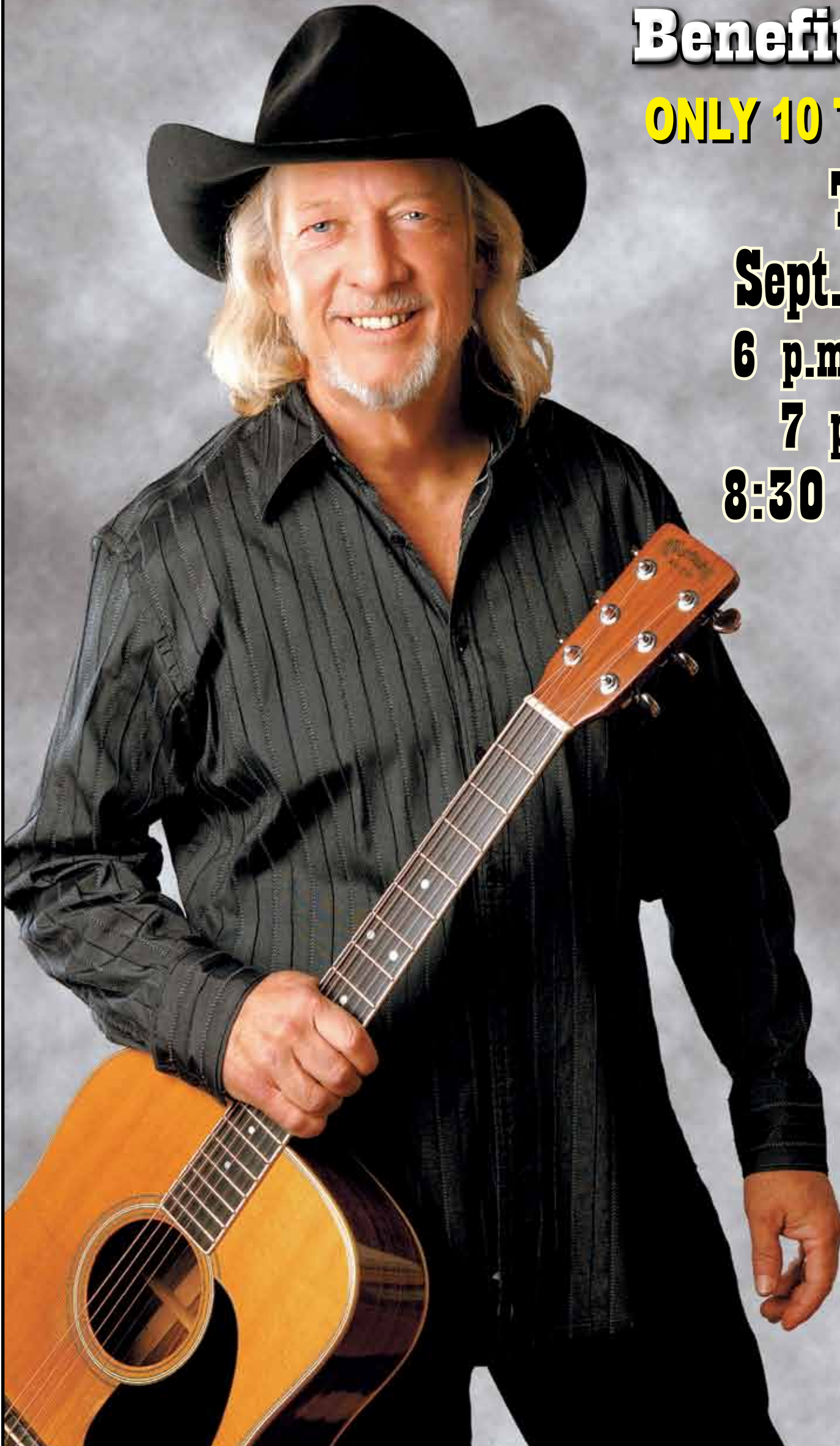
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# Church News

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**Ridge Manor Community United Methodist Church** – Regular services are held at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday at 34350 Cortez Blvd. in Ridge Manor. Call (352) 583-3770 for information.

**Temple Baptist Church** – Pastor Woodard will continue the study of the book of Luke in Sunday’s 11 a.m. worship service. He is presenting messages from the book of Jude at prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Temple Baptist is located at 37253 Clinton Ave. in Dade City.

**First Baptist Church of Dade City** – Worship services are on Sundays at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. and children’s services at 9:15 a.m. Nursery is available. A Spanish service is held at 1 p.m. Sunday and youth activities are at 5 p.m.

Bible studies are available Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.. For the children and youth: AWANA for age 4 through fifth grade and middle and high school activities are offered. Visit [www.fbcdadecity.org](http://www.fbcdadecity.org) or call (352) 567-3265 for information.

**Redeeming Grace Family Baptist Church** – Sunday services are at 4 p.m. with a fellowship meal following. Located at 37412 Church Ave. in the fellowship hall. We are a Christ-centered, family focused church. Contact (352) 424-4064 or [pastorjeremyrgfbc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeremyrgfbc@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page for more information.

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church** – Established in 1883, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a parish community with a rich history and a great future. Located at 32832 St. Anthony Way in San Antonio. Our pastor, Fr. Garry Welsh, as well as our entire parish community, invite you to come and worship with us.

Daily mass is offered Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and on Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. Our Saturday vigil mass is at 5:30 p.m. and our Sunday masses are offered at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (contemporary band). Confessions are Saturday from 10-11 a.m. or by appointment.

Connect with us on Facebook @ [stanthonyofpaduasantonio](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyofpaduasantonio) or visit [www.saopccfl.org](http://www.saopccfl.org) for more information.

**Fort Dade Baptist Church** – Waterpaloosa will be held Aug. 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. Come for a fun back to school bash with the children. All sorts of water games will be featured and a hot dog lunch will be provided. Be sure to bring a towel.

Regular services are every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school for children and adults worship is at 11 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. and midweek Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Ladies Bible Study is held Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. The church is located at 14231 Old Mission Road. Call (352) 567-6183 for information.

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church** – Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is located at 37015 Orange Valley Lane in Dade City, on the corner of Ft. King Road and Clinton Avenue. Call (352) 567-8424 or visit [www.shephillslc.org](http://www.shephillslc.org) for information.

Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable items to our food pantry, which is open on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon.

**New Jerusalem Church of God** – Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. Prayer and Bible study is held Tuesday and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Daily prayer is held Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. A free food and clothing ministry goes year-round – call Pastor May Ross at (352) 567-9775 for information. All are welcome. The church is located at 38442 Tuskegee Ave.

**Heart of Worship** – Heart of Worship is a family friendly non-denominational church located at 10628 U.S. 301 (at the Market Hill Shopping Center) between Zephyrhills and Dade City. Pastor Tony Disano is committed to his faith in God and preaching the Bible.

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. You are welcome to come early for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Bible study class is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We have a praise team and great music. Family fun night is the last Sunday of the month with activities for children and adults. There are graded school rooms for the children and teens as well as a nursery. All are welcome to attend. Visit [www.thehowchurch.org](http://www.thehowchurch.org) for information.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church** – Father Krzysztof invites you to worship with us. We have our Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m., and Sunday masses are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bring the children and the entire family to break open the word of God and celebrate the Eucharist.

Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. Our church and early childhood center are located at 32145 Saint Joe Road. Visit [www.sacredheartdadecity.org](http://www.sacredheartdadecity.org) and download the latest bulletin for information.

**Pasadena Baptist Church** – Located at 35845 Clinton Ave. in Dade City. Our regular worship times on Sundays: Sunday school at 10 a.m.; worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Wednesday prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. We also have 5th Sunday Singspiration, followed by food and fellowship.

Movie night is the last Friday of each month. Everyone is invited, no charge, bring a snack and cold drink if you like. Movies are shown in the fellowship hall.

Also, our Pasadena Outreach is available for anyone who may need a

little extra help. We offer, clothing, food, and household items. Pasadena Outreach is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for clothing and household items and Saturdays from 8-10:30 a.m. for food.

**Darby Community Church** – Join us every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. for church service led by Pastor Chris Conti. Childcare is available for children ages six and under. Darby Community Church is located at 14745 Bellamy Brothers Blvd. in Dade City. Contact us at (352) 588-2440.

**Living Waters United Church** – The church is located at 15034 Hill Road. Regular Sunday worship is held at 10 a.m. Visit the Living Waters United Church Facebook page for information.

**First Presbyterian Church** – The historic First Presbyterian Church, located at 37412 Church Ave., worships every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Call (352) 567-2591 or [firstpresdadecity@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdadecity@gmail.com) for information.

**Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church** – Join us for Sunday services at the following times: Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening worship service at 5 p.m.; and Wednesday evening prayer/worship service at 7 p.m. The food bank is open from 5-7 p.m. every third Wednesday. The church is located on Kersey Road (just off Coit Road) in Laccochee.

**Lifestyle Church of God** – You are cordially invited to attend Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. at Lifestyle Church of God, 21345 Sanderson Road, Laccochee. A Wednesday service is also held at 7 p.m. with a meal preceding at 6 p.m. Call lead pastors Paul

or Melissa Kilcrease at (352) 583-3354 or like us on Facebook for more information.

**Laccochee Cowboy Ministries** – Service times are 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Laccochee Cowboy Ministries is located at 39650 Coit Road in Dade City. “Where the spirit of the Lord is there is Freedom.”

**Cornerstone Community Church** – Service times are Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; children’s church at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Saturday Night Life at 6 p.m.

Worship with us at 8527 Old Lakeland Hwy. in Zephyrhills. Call Pastor John Faughnan at (352) 567-6494 or visit [www.mycornerstonecc.com](http://www.mycornerstonecc.com) for information.

**Celebrate Recovery** – A new, 12-step recovery program and ministry designed for anyone struggling with life. If you have ever had a hurt, if you have ever had a hang-up in life, or perhaps you have struggled with an addiction, then this ministry is for you. Celebrate Recovery is currently offered in 30,000 churches worldwide. An estimated 1.5 million people have completed the 12 steps. It is offered every Monday night at 7 p.m. year round at First Baptist Church of Dade City, 37511 Church Avenue. Call (352) 567-3265 for information.

**Prophetic Light Gathering Place** – We are a Spirit led gathering place where people can worship God without a spirit of religiosity following a scripted form. We’re a Spirit-filled and powerful ministry freely exercising the spiritual gifts God has given His church. Our service time is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Come worship at our historic church at 36134 Clinton Ave. in Dade City.

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# Community & Club News

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## East Pasco Networking Group

The next meeting will be held Aug. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at The Village Inn, 5214 Gall Blvd. in Zephyrhills, and will feature Pasco County Commissioner Mike Wells Jr., District 4. Contact Nils Lenz at (813) 782-9491 or [nilslenz@gmail.com](mailto:nilslenz@gmail.com), or Vicky Jones at (813) 431-1149 or [donlvicl@yahoo.com](mailto:donlvicl@yahoo.com) or [manager@palmtreehnp.com](mailto:manager@palmtreehnp.com) for information or suggested topics or speakers you would like to hear. If you would like to speak, contact us now as there are only a few open dates.

## East Pasco Democratic Club

The next meeting will be Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the American House, 38130 Pretty Pond Road in Zephyrhills. The guest speaker will be Kelly Smith, candidate for Pasco County Commissioner, District 2. All Democrats and friends of the Democratic Party are invited. Refreshments will be served at 6:45 p.m. Call Allan Ardis at (813) 383-8315 for information.

## Pet Loss Support Group

Gulfside Hospice's team of bereavement counselors are offering a monthly pet loss support group, held the last Thursday of the month at the Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills, 5760 Dean Dairy Road. The next meetings are Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Call (727) 845-5707 for information.

## East Pasco Amateur Radio Society

Monthly exams for all levels of amateur radio licenses are available on the third Tuesday of every month. The test sessions are held at Saint Leo University, 33701 S.R. 52, at 5:30 p.m. Email [k4ex@arrl.net](mailto:k4ex@arrl.net) or visit [eparsonline.org](http://eparsonline.org) to schedule a test please or for more information.

## Centennial Eagles #4399

Activities open to members and guests: Sundays: Bar Bingo at 12 p.m.; Music with Karl Sapp from 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays: Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Nickel Bingo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays: Bar Bingo at 7 p.m. Saturdays: Nickel Bingo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Aerie meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The Auxiliary meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Club located at 15924 U.S. 301 in Dade City. Call (352) 567-9755 for information.

## Kiwanis Club of Dade City

This service organization meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion Hall, located at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Lunch is followed by a speaker on current topics of interest to the club. Kiwanis is a worldwide organization whose focus is on the children of the world. The Dade City club's primary focus is on helping the children of east Pasco County. Guests are welcome to come to

a meeting and learn more about how we support children in our community.

## Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City

Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City meets on Thursdays at the Hampton Inn, on U.S. 301 in Dade City, at 7 a.m. We are seeking potential new members that can bring fresh ideas to the club, serve the community and help eradicate polio. Come and join us for breakfast.

## Community Cycling Ride

Ride leaves from the parking lot next to 14112 Eighth St. in Dade City at 8 a.m. every Saturday and is approximately two hours long with a varying pace depending on skill levels. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Josh or Kaleigh Thornton at [wickedawesomeracing@gmail.com](mailto:wickedawesomeracing@gmail.com) for information.

## American Legion Post #15

Join Dade City Post #15 every Saturday night for Karaoke with Rick starting at 6 p.m. Saturday dinners are available from 5-7 p.m. Sing along, laugh and meet old friends. Music jams are every Wednesday night, but when the snowbirds go home, as many of our jammers are from the north, we will have to practice Karaoke for those who want to try new songs, just watch, or sing Karaoke for the first time in a friendly environment. Refreshments available for purchase along with a full-service bar.

Regular business meetings are conducted on the second Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend.

We are located in beautiful downtown Dade City at 37745 Church Ave. Join us in support of all veterans and hometown heroes. Call (352) 518-0021 for information.

## Chess Club

The Hugh Embry Library Chess Club meets Wednesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. every week. We have the boards and pieces so bring your winning attitude and chess clock if you prefer to use one. Meetings are held at the Hugh Embry Library Meeting Room, 14215 Fourth St. in Dade City. Contact Glen Thompson at [bookbollar@icloud.com](mailto:bookbollar@icloud.com) or call (352) 567-7449 for information.

## Zumba for College Scholarships

Every Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Come dance for \$3 per class at La Onda Dance Club, 37518 Lock St. in Dade City. All proceeds go to graduating seniors college scholarships. Email [griveras@mail.usf.edu](mailto:griveras@mail.usf.edu) for information.

## Zephyrhills Lions Club

On the first Thursday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. applications are accepted from Pasco County residents for basic eye care through our Sight Program.

To qualify please see a list of required documents by visiting [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills) or by contacting our clubhouse at (813) 788-1441. Clubhouse hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The clubhouse is located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road.

Come join our Tuesday and Friday night Bingo, the largest Bingo in East Pasco. Doors open at 3 p.m., first Bingo session begins at 6 p.m., second session begins at 8 p.m. so come for one session or stay all night. Our kitchen opens at 4 p.m. with a delicious array of freshly prepared foods and desserts. Daily specials, when available, are \$5.

## Overeaters Anonymous

Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 7333 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome.

## Al-Anon Support Group

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. There are local day and evening groups throughout the area that meet weekly. Call (352) 697-0497 or visit [www.nfldistrict5.com](http://www.nfldistrict5.com) for meeting locations/times and more information.

## Narcotics Anonymous

Information about various Narcotics Anonymous meetings that are held several days a week in East Pasco may be obtained by calling (813) 527-3853. Narcotics Anonymous can help those who have drug problems and who are willing to participate in the program. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the places at which its meetings are held.

## Tools to Quit

This program gives people support as they seek to break their tobacco addiction. It is a two hour session to guide the group members toward a successful quit attempt. Learn about Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and receive free NRT. Call (813) 929-1000 for information on free tobacco cessation classes.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have, or even think you may have, a problem with alcohol, call (813) 933-9123 (24 hours) for a local meeting or just someone to talk with.

## Military Order of the Purple Heart

Chapter #705 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is calling all combat wounded veterans to join us promoting patriotism, history, fraternalism and assistance. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at

AMVETS Post #550, 4645 Airport Road, Zephyrhills. Life membership is available for all combat wounded veterans, their dependents and survivors, for \$50, payable in two convenient payments of \$25 each. Call Earl McMillan at (813) 782-3425 or email [emcmillan1@verizon.net](mailto:emcmillan1@verizon.net), or contact Guy Patterson at (864) 561-6644 for information.

## Senior Golf Group

Our senior golf group plays rotating courses each Wednesday in Pasco and Hillsborough counties year round. Meet new golfing friends and get a group rate. Call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211 for information.

## East Pasco Writers Forum

The forum meets in the clubhouse of Country Aire Manor, located at 10249 U.S. 98 in Dade City every second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Meetings are divided into three sections: 1) for critiques of original works brought by members and visitors, 2) for critiques of the voluntary monthly writing assignment, and 3) a lesson designed to help members and visitors improve their craft. Meetings last two to three hours. Lynn Merrell, a published writer and editor, leads the group. Call Merrell at (352) 583-0041 for more information or directions to the clubhouse.

## Bariatric Support Group

Bayfront Health Dade City's bariatric support group meets every other Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the hospital's Medical Plaza I, classroom 108, 13100 Fort King Road. Contact Dina Erickson at (352) 521-1170 or [Dina.Erickson@BayfrontHealth.com](mailto:Dina.Erickson@BayfrontHealth.com) for information.

## Support Group for Grieving Adults

Adults who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome to participate in an ongoing grief support group, offered at no charge by HPH Hospice. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 2-3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 38710 Fifth Ave. in Zephyrhills. Meetings are held in the library of the religious education building. No registration is required. An HPH bereavement counselor facilitates the group and one can attend as often as they'd like. Call HPH at (800) 486-8784 for information.

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# Obituaries

**Chadwick William Gartin**

GARTIN, Chadwick William, 27, of Dade City, passed away Aug. 3, 2017. He was born June 23, 1990. His parents, Rodney and Diane Bowman, survive along with his grandmother, Sara Gartin; five brothers, Daniel Huff, John Bowman, Derrick Bowman, Wayne Bowman and Rodney Bowman Jr.; as well as one niece, Maygan Bowman. His grandfather, Kenneth William Gartin, preceded Chad in death. The family received friends on Aug. 6 at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54, Zephyrhills.



Florida. Jim also attended the Christian School of Clown Ministry, bringing his clown ministry to many neighboring churches in New York, and taught the "good news" to many special children enrolled in Summer Camps for the Wyoming Methodist Conference. Jim then graduated from the State University of New York at Cortland with a degree in education. He also had a two-year degree from SUNY in Youth Education and Counseling, and studied art and sign language at Broome Community College in New York. After moving to Roanoke Rapids, N.C., he taught elementary school, and during his teaching tenure there, was nominated as the "Disney Teacher of the Year." Jim returned to the ministry and moved to Dade City, where he was ordained in 2005 to serve as the pastor of the First Community Church of Dade City. He also served on the board of the Cornerstone Center for Women of Dade City. His former wife, Joyce Zeveney of Nanticoke, Pa., survives along with his sons, LeRoy J. (Robin) Harvey of Falls Church, Va. and Phillip J. Harvey of Long

Island, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his devoted friends, Judy Owens and Salvatore Mecca, both of Dade City; and beloved family of Binghamton, N.Y. His parents and his dear friend, Peter Mecca, preceded him in death. Services to celebrate his life are planned in both Binghamton and Dade City for later this year. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Community Church of Dade City, 37420 Beauchamp Ave., Dade City, FL 33523; the World Wildlife Fund; or Cornerstone Center for Women, 37522 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, FL 33525. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

*Obituaries are provided as a public service free of charge on a space available basis. If you would like an obituary included in the Dade City News please email jpotter@pasconewspubs.com or call (813) 783-1300. Obituaries may also be viewed online in the community section at www.pasconewspublications.com.*

**James Emmett (Jim) Harvey**

HARVEY, James Emmett (Jim), 70, of Dade City, went to be with the Lord on July 25, 2017, while traveling to visit family in Binghamton, N.Y. and Nanticoke, Pa. Jim was born in Binghamton on Dec. 5, 1946, to the Rev. LeRoy C. Harvey and Joyce (Brundage) Harvey. Jim moved with his parents to West Newton, Pa., and graduated from West Newton High in 1967. As a third-generation minister, Jim grew up in the church and was saved in 1967. He began his ministry in 1970 as a student pastor and then graduated from Transylvania Bible School (now the Biblical Life Institute) of Freeport, Pa., with a degree in theology in 1972. He was ordained in 1975 and served in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New York and



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