



*Dean Road*  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## Welcome Guests!

We are honored that you are with us this morning!  
Please fill out a white or green card and place it in  
the collection plate when it is passed around.  
We invite you to stick around after the assembly,  
so we can get a chance to know you!

## Wall of Encouragement

August 2, 2020

### 10:30 Worship

Scripture Reading  
[Luke 12:13-21](#)

[“The Self-serving Fool”](#)

Damien Barber

At a retreat one time, our youth minister had us work together as a youth group to get every member of the group (from the smallest to the biggest and from the strongest to the weakest) over a wall. Some people got over the wall easily without much help at all, but there were three people who had much difficulty getting over the wall. Two people especially had a hard time getting over the wall, and they were saying, “I can’t do it; I give up.” They wanted to give up, but the youth group wouldn’t let them give up. The other members of the youth group were encouraging them saying, “You can do it; Justin and Margaret (who were at the top of the wall to help people up) will help you get over this; they won’t drop you; you’re going to be okay, and you are going to make it.”

Then it came to the last girl. She was crying and saying, “It’s no use; I can’t do it; I’m too weak; I give up.” She wanted to give up, but the youth group continued to encourage her and cheer her on saying, “You can do it; we’re all going to help you get over this obstacle; you’re going to make it over, and, when you do, you are going to feel so good that you made it over.” So, she decided to give it one more try. The entire youth group worked together to help get her over the wall, and all the time they were saying, “You’ll be okay,” and, “You can do it.” And, she made it over. She was ready to give up, but because the youth group encouraged her to give it one more try, saying, “You can do it,” she gave it one more try and she made it over the obstacle.

I would like to use this story as a metaphor for our lives. The wall represents the obstacles in our lives that we have to get over. Sometimes these obstacles can seem huge and impossible to get over. The people on top of the wall represent God who is reaching out saying, “Take My hand; I won’t let you fall; I can help you get over this.” God can help us get over any obstacle if we put our faith in Him. However, sometimes these obstacles seem too big to get over, and we begin to lose hope and to lose faith. This is where the people at the bottom of the wall come in. The members of the youth group at the bottom of the wall represent the church or your Christian friends.

As Christians, we need to be there for one another to encourage one another all the time, and especially when someone is going through troubles.

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## Calendar of Events

### August:

- 12-16 Personal Evangelism Seminar  
@ St. Mary's Church of Christ (GA)
- 15 Men's Business Meeting
- 29 Men's Area-Wide Fellowship Breakfast  
Location TBD

Congratulations to Bella Hope Myers who graduated from Englewood High School on Monday, July 27th, 2020. Bella participated in many things throughout her high school career including bowling, soccer, chorus, band and JROTC. Bella plans to attend FSCJ in the Fall. Please keep her in your prayers as she enters this new phase in her life.

### Encouragement (continued from front page)

We need to be there to remind each other that God is there for us through the good times and the bad, and that He can and will help us get over all the tough obstacles in our lives, if we put our faith in Him. Likewise, we need to go to our Christian friends when we are experiencing troubles in our lives that seem too big to get over. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to "Encourage one another and build up one another."

Furthermore, Hebrews 10:23-25 states, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (ESV).

### Gerrit Dekker's Address

3333 Philips Highway Jacksonville, FL 32207

## August Birthdays

- 8 George Brooks
- 8 Will Salisbury
- 28 Nancy Godwin
- 31 Teresa Golleher

## August Anniversaries

- 14 Dutch & Georgana Dekker

## Pantry Item of the Month:

This month's items is paper towel rolls. Our goal is 30 rolls.



We greatly appreciate those who continue to support this effort!

## VISION 20/20

*Looking Through Christ's Eyes*

### This Quarter's Focus: Looking For Service Opportunities

**Memory Passage for the Quarter**  
"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

~Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

