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#### THIS WEEK

## **TUESDAY**

Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 - Church Office Worship Team Practice Immediately following Bible Study Both held in Church Office

> Community Group 6:30 with Gene & Kim Call Gene for location

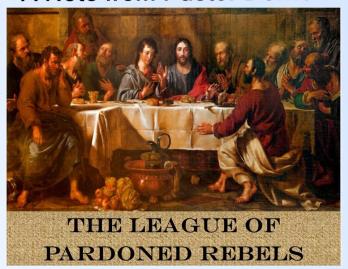
WEDNESDAY 6:30 Youth Group 1276 44th Avenue Vero Beach



Services held at Imagine School 6000 4th Street Vero Beach 32966

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## A Note from Pastor Derrick

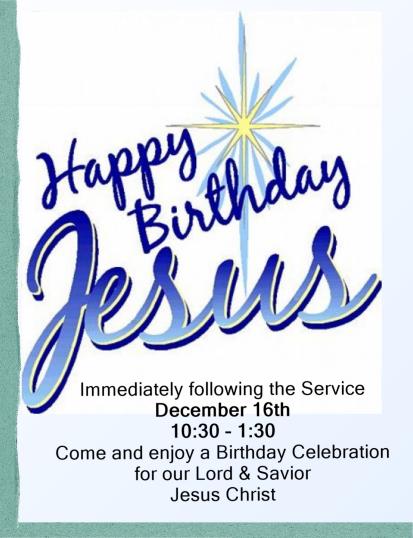


PART VII: THE VILEST OFFENDER WHO TRULY BELIEVED: MATTHEW (LEVI)

I love the disciple named Matthew (Levi) because his name means "gift of God." One problem though: when we first meet him in the Gospels, he's hardly a gift. He's the vilest of offenders. But, when Jesus met him where he was in the lowest of his lows - the tax collector's booth - he pardoned him. Then, Jesus made the worst the first.

There's a reason his Gospel is first in your New Testament. Here's a hint: It has less to do with Matthew and more to do with the power of God's unmerited favor. Matthew's life just may be like yours and mine more than you think.





# What's. Happening

Please remember that there will be a meeting immediately following the service next Sunday, December 2nd to approve the 2019 Budget.

And, your 2019 Offering Envelopes will be available for pickup.

### One More Thing -

I have always been glad that the Psalmist said to God that some things were hard. There is no mistake about it; there are hard things in life.

Some beautiful pink flowers were given me this summer, and as I took them I said, "What are they?" And the answer came, "They are rock flowers; they grow and bloom only on rocks where you can see no soil." Then I thought of God's flowers growing in hard places; and I feel, somehow, that He may have a peculiar tenderness for His "rock flowers" that He may not have for His lilies and roses.

-- Margaret Bottome

