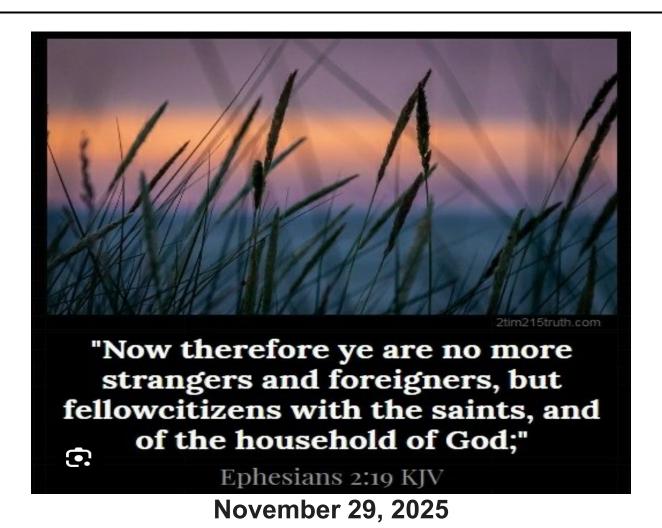
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Gary L. Norris, ervant

Dear Joseph,

I had the privilege of teaching Hal Merritt's adult Sunday School class this week. I really enjoyed the opportunity and taught on the "Powerful Word of God". Pastor Keith preached the a.m. service and pastor Jesse Maxwell, Bible Baptist Church, Bartow, FL preached the p.m. service. Both men did a great job with messages to challenge our thankfulness.

We had our mid-week service on Tuesday night instead of Wednesday. It was so good seeing the Family Life Center filled to the brim . We certainly ate well and after the meal Pastor Carringer preached a great message. After the message, Pastor gave his vision on what he would love to see the Lord do at Buford Grove Baptist Church in 2026. He reminded us that last year when he gave his vision and goals ... God did over, above and beyond anything we could imagine.

Thanksgiving week was a little more laid back. I was able to go to Mrs. Shirley Ann Judd's and enjoy a wonderful day of food, friends and fellowship.

Pastor Mike and I still made our weekly Winn/Dixie runs etc. I also did a counseling session with a couple.

I'm sitting in my office today working on my Saturday Eve Barna-Post. I love keeping up with my readers and I continue to appreciate those who respond. Let us continue

to pray on

one for another.



The Special Thanksgiving Service Held On Tuesday
Night Was Wonderful It Is Always A Blessing To
Plan And Then Have to set Up More Tables And
Chairs than you planned for .



Pastor Carringer Gave A Great Message. Pastor Also Encouraged Us With The Plans And Goals He Would Like To See The Lord Accomplish At Buford Grove Baptist Church In 2026



I Was A Guest At The Hone of Mrs. Shirley Ann Judd's On Thanksgiving. This Is Pastor Mike Pruitte's Mother In Law.



"Thoughts To Ponder"
"SOJOURNERS"

"Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

In my lifetime, I have been in six out of seven continents. I have lived for extended periods in some of them. Being the foreigner can be a little bit uncomfortable. The language is always the biggest barrier plus the culture and a mixture of strange customs, values, traditions etc. No matter how many times I have traveled out of the

United States of America it was always a relief to return home and live among the people whose language and customs were familiar.

I've only known Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior for 38 years. As time has passed, however, I have become increasingly sad and aware that the customs, traditions, language, and moral values of the United States of America, (which I was taught), are rapidly changing. (English author L. P. Hartley, wrote, "The past is a foreign country. They do things differently there,") As I endeavor to remember and live in the values and customs of the past here in the United States of America, (again that I was brought up with), I once again feel like a foreigner. Folks I'm talking about here in my own country, the good ole USA.

On September 2, 1987, at 9 o'clock in the morning when I responded in faith and called out to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I again was experienced with a new

life as a foreigner. Praise the Lord, I will continue to be a pilgrim and sojourner till He takes me to my eternal home.

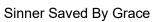
2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Over the last 38 years, awkward, difficult, and trying times have occurred in this new foreign life that I'm living, However, my new life has been rewarded with a life of joy, peace and victory unmatched by any other citizenship anyone could ever imagine. Jesus Himself was a foreign in His own land, and He lived with misunderstanding and hostility, still, Jesus told Paul. 2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. God's grace is always sufficient!

May we all strive to be faithful foreigners in the land, where God has placed us.



Your Barnabas, Brother Gary L. Norris



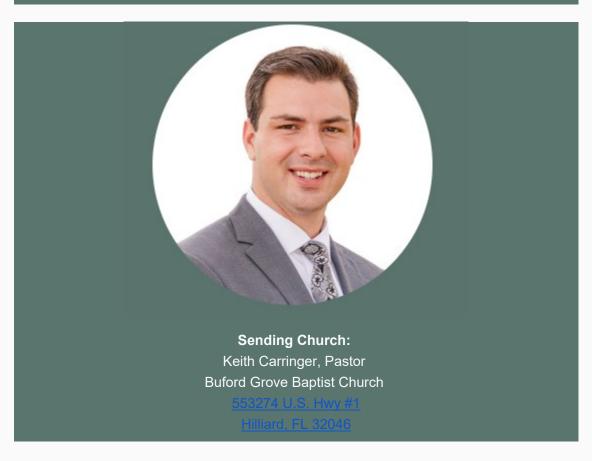


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