

Connecting Point Vero Beach

October

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VeroBeachGathering.com

NEW: Remind Messages for Non-Emergency Texts

As you might recall, **Remind Emergency** text messages are the way Vero Beach Gathering keeps in touch with our members and volunteers. It is used to text about urgent news, event reminders, updates, emergencies and cancellations.

We are introducing the new **Remind Occasional Text**. It is a non-emergency message system that sends words of encouragement, prayers during storms, and even a weekly joke. A soft rollout has been going on the last two months and we are now ready for others to sign up for this. A special thank you goes to our volunteers who assisted during our learning process.

A great feature of **Remind Messaging** is that you can either read the message or you can listen to it being read aloud by pressing the link provided.

Another advantage of **Remind**

Occasional Messaging is that no one can see your phone number or your replies back to the Vero Beach Gathering. You also cannot see anyone else's replies, so there is no long thread of never ending text messages.

You must opt in to receive these text messages, though. You may ask a staff member to join or follow these instructions:

How to join Remind Occasional Texts on your cell phone:

- 1)Text: @ISLANDOC
- 2)To: 81010
- 3)Press "Send" Button

Save (415) 481-3951
into your contact list as
Special Gathering Remind.

Remember in Prayer

- ◆ Michele Demaree at mother's death
- ◆ The family of Elissa Davis
- ◆ David Ordway's recovery
- ◆ Aaron Summers
- ◆ Liza Robbins' health concerns



Why Do We Have this Page?

Do you ever wonder why we have this page and who gets to have their articles and poems put here? Page 2 in *Connecting Point* is the Members' Page. People who give written information to us are able to have their drawings, articles and poems published.

If you would like to see your article printed on this page, please give any article to your local coordinator or supervisor. As with all serious publications, your articles may be corrected or edited.

Our Vero Coordinator is Rebekah Robbins and Brevard Coordinator is Jennifer Stabler. The Island Supervisor is Lynn Gerard and the Vero Beach Supervisor is Carol Shagen,



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- **No Melbourne Choir** at 2700 Sarno Road
 - 9:30am-**Melbourne Gathering** at 2700 Sarno
 - 10:00am-**Island Gathering** at 65 Needle Blvd
 - 2:00pm-**Titusville Choir** at 1355 HWY 50
 - 3:00pm-**Titusville Gathering** at 1355 Hwy 50

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5:30pm Every Tuesday
Promise Bible Study All are Welcome

For Vero Chapels, call Rebekah at 772-770-1011

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- 4:00pm **Island Choir** at 165 Grove St Merritt Island

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- 2:30pm **Vero Choir**
- 3:30pm **Vero Gathering** 1105 58th Avenue

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- 8:15am-**Melbourne Choir** at 2700 Sarno Road
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For Titusville or Melbourne Chapels, call Jennifer at 321-632-0130

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Titusville Bowling Tuesdays Call 321-264-5105

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9:00am Newsletter Ministry

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- 4:00pm **Island Choir** at 165 Grove St Merritt Island

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- 2:30pm **Vero Choir**
- 3:30pm **Vero Gathering** 1105 58th Avenue

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- **Oct 22:** 8:15am **Melbourne Choir** 2700 Sarno Rd
 - **Oct 29:** No Melbourne Choir
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For calendar updates, visit TheSpecialGathering.com

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For Island Chapels, call Lynn at 321-501-6955

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- 4:00pm **Island Choir** at 165 Grove St Merritt Island



Vero Bowling Fridays call 772-321-6025

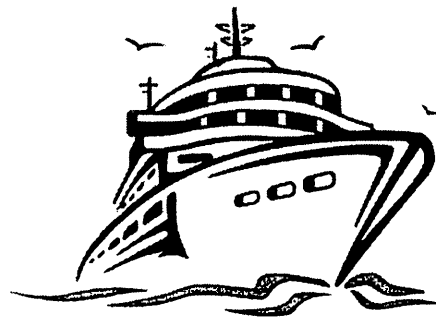
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- 3:30pm **Vero Gathering** 1105 58th Avenue



Merritt Island Bowling Saturdays call 321-213-1884 for dates

The Free Cruise



Part 2

by
Linda G.
Howard

(Marie and her friend, Lois have been going on the free one-day cruises. They love all the free things they are given.)

Marie and Lois climbed out of the free bus and headed toward the ship. They were both giggling and wondered what they would eat for lunch. "I can't wait to get my free Dr Pepper," Lois said. Marie agreed.

Marie wondered how the cruise lines could give away all this free stuff. Lois explained, "They think we will lose a lot of money by playing the games."

Marie laughed, "Don't tell them how much money they lose with us. They can't make

money from what we spend. I only wish I could win more often."

Lois agreed. "We'll hit it big one day and then we can share what we win with each other." Marie liked that idea. She was giving money to Lois but Lois never had enough to give to her. Marie thought sharing was fair.

That day, Marie spent more money than she planned. But she kept remembering what Lois said, "We'll hit it big one day." Marie even prayed that today was that day.

At lunch, Lois excused herself and Marie was sitting alone looking at the ocean. It was beautiful. Except for los-

ing so much money, Marie felt wonderful. She prayed, "Thank you, Lord, for all this free stuff. You are so very good to me." Then Lois came back. She started to cry. Lois said, "I didn't want to tell you but I was hoping that I'd win a lot of money today. I don't have enough money to pay my rent. I used the last money I had to make that big bet."

Marie was shocked. "Let's don't play anymore. We can sit here and enjoy the ocean."

Lois' face got real sad. "I think if I could make one more bet, I would win. Could you give me a few dollars?"



Let's Look at Luke

This is a study from the gospel of Luke in the Bible's New Testament. Let us study Luke 2:25 to Luke 2:28

25In Jerusalem lived a man named Simeon who was a good man and godly. He was waiting for the time when God would take away Israel's sorrow, and the Holy Spirit was in him.

26Simeon had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord. 27The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do, 28Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

Luke 2:25-28

First, read the verses. As you read, look for the answers to the questions. Circle the best answer.

Vs 25 Which man is described as good and godly?

- (a) Harry
- (b) Simeon
- (c) Eric

Vs 25 Simeon was waiting for what to happen?

- (a) The end of the world
- (b) The football game to start
- (c) God to remove Israel's sorrow

Vs 26 The Holy Spirit told Simeon he would see the Christ when?

- (a) Before he (Simeon) died
- (b) Never

Vs 27 Where did the Spirit lead Simeon?

- (a) To Magic Kingdom
- (b) To the Temple
- (c) To the park

Vs 27 Who did Simeon see?

- (a) Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus
- (b) Moses
- (c) Noah

Vs 28 Why did Simeon thank God?

- (a) He saw Jesus
- (b) He loved God
- (c) He is filled with the Holy Spirit
- (d) All the above

What are my Rights?

Question: *Do other people have the right to come into my room without asking me first?*

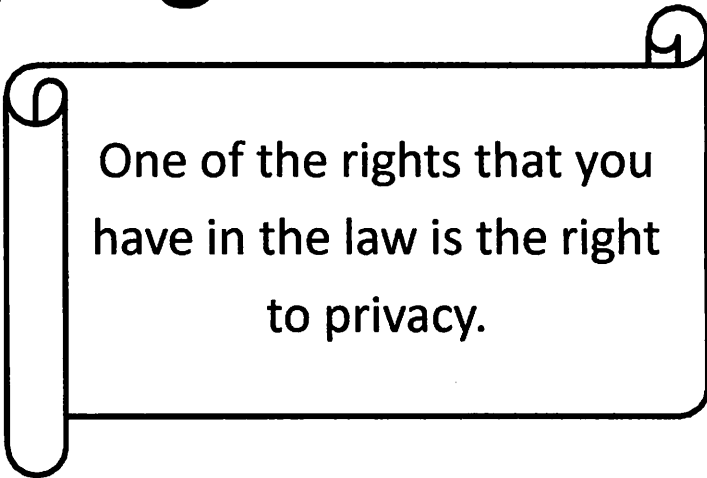
No. One of the rights that you have in the law is called the right to privacy. That means that you can tell other people that you want to be alone.

As we know, there are times that we need to do personal and private things. At those times, we have the right to be alone.

If you live in a group home, you have a right to close your door. If you have a roommate, he or she must be allowed to come into the room. But you can ask others to stay out.

However, there may be rules at the home where you live which tell you that you must let others in your room during certain times. These may be times for safety and health checks.

If you live with your parents, you should politely let them know



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that you want to be alone sometimes. They will probably understand. In fact, they also may want to be alone.

Question: *My roommate wants to borrow my things all the time. Do I have to give them to him?*

No. Your personal things are yours. We are told that we should share but we need to also know that we should protect our things. There may be some things that you will want to share. But that is your choice. You do not have to give or lend your personal belongings to anyone, even your roommate.

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