



WE GIVE THANKS at Estero Church

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
Psalm 9:1*

A FEW WAYS GOD HAS USED ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND ME RECENTLY



- Jesus was proclaimed through **five beach baptisms** where people professed their faith in Him.
- **18 - 24 children** are faithfully taught in their Estero Kids classes on Sunday mornings
- Persistent prayer for loved ones and friends through our weekly prayer meetings on Wednesday mornings with **10-20 requests each week prayed over immediately.**
- New people coming to Estero Church each week who are greeted and cared for in ways that demonstrate the love of Christ
- **A vibrant Latino Campus** with many Spanish-speaking nations represented resumed mid-week prayer service, **9 volunteers teaching in Kids Ministry on Sundays** this Summer, supported **5 families who obtained work permits and 2 families completed the citizenship process.**
- Hosted a job fair resulting in **4 direct hires and 11 interviews** scheduled.
- Started a new GriefShare Support Group which is led by Tommy & Rita Duncan with **10 people attending** each week
- Hired a new receptionist in the Front Office, Jamie Fitzgerald
- **A robust team of volunteers** who faithfully serve each week as the hands and feet of Jesus
- **100 families attended the annual Easter Together** outreach on the Southwest Lawn, many coming from our surrounding neighborhoods
- Consistently have **12-20 middle and high school students** gathering on Wednesday nights to grow in their faith and fellowship together.
- **8 kids plus 1 leader** attended church camp
- **40 - 50 cards are sent each month** which include those who have lost a loved one, those with health issues, and shut-ins,
- Started the process to install a Loop System for those who wear hearing aids or are hard of hearing. The device connects to our sound system.





- **40 volunteers packed 250 backpacks** with school supplies to help students and families in Southwest Florida via our community partners
- **Financially supported the Haiti School of Nursing** which allowed 12 students to graduate.
- Over **100 people faithfully participated** in a small group or growth group each week.
- Installed new speakers in the balcony
- Honored **four graduating high school seniors**
- **16 new members** committing to be part of the Estero Church family to connect, grow, and serve alongside this body of believers
- **Sent Yady & Cesar to Cuba** to encourage and strengthen church leaders on the island with **400 pounds of goods and funding** for essential supplies to assist and equip Cuban households.
- Funded **35 congregations in Cuba** to operate the Sunday Food Program for the remainder of 2024.

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

- Pray for an increased desire to grow close to the Lord through prayer and recognize that he hears us and desires to have a relationship with us.
- Pray for the new families who have recently joined our church and for those who have visited since our Easter outreach event. Help them to feel connected to us and welcomed to be part of our family.
- Pray for an awareness of new opportunities to love others and reach beyond the walls of Estero Church, especially helping those in our surrounding community.
- Pray for our Youth and for their discipleship curriculum to provide the foundation for them to grow into the next generation of church leaders.
- Pray for wisdom among the staff team while making decisions on new studies, programs and software.
- Pray for our discernment during our search for our new Assistant Pastor.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES AT ESTERO CHURCH

- **Volunteers //** We are looking for individuals and families to serve in the following areas:
 - **Congregational Care** – To visit and call people
 - **Youth Ministry** – To care for and disciple students on Wednesday nights
 - **Estero Kids** – To assist with our Toddlers or in the Nursery Room on Sundays.
 - **Worship Ministry** – To assist the Sunday morning Tech Team helpers; to join the worship band musicians & singers; individuals willing to share special music or a special ensembles
- **Faith Works //** Donations of diapers, wipes, & other hygiene products that are not typically available in food pantries

Estero Church and its staff would like to thank the congregation for your continued giving and recognize your faithfulness to support all the ministries of our church. God is at work in and through Estero Church. He has utilized your generosity to accomplish miraculous things in our church, community, and throughout the world. We are so grateful for you!

MEET THE ESTERO CHURCH STAFF TEAM



Grace Brooks

Senior Pastor



Jeff Brann

Youth Director



Lorenzo Cresibene

Videographer



Drew DiRoma

Worship Director



Jamie Fitzgerald

Receptionist



Cesar & Yady Galano

Pastors of Latino Outreach



Linda Horne

Congregational Care



Mary Huron

Business Manager



LeAnne Kelly

Communications Director



Steve Mattis

Hospitality Coordinator



Tricia Principato

Estero Kids Director &
Executive Assistant



Sharon Pronovost

Bookkeeper



Jeff Robison

Technical Director

ESTERO CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Finance Team: Roy Hathcock (chair), Diane Ellis, Tommy Duncan

Trustees: Ron Holt (chair), Jerry Bacon, Brooks Swanson

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Jeff Rhodes, Sharon Rowland

Lay Leader: Edna Brumfield