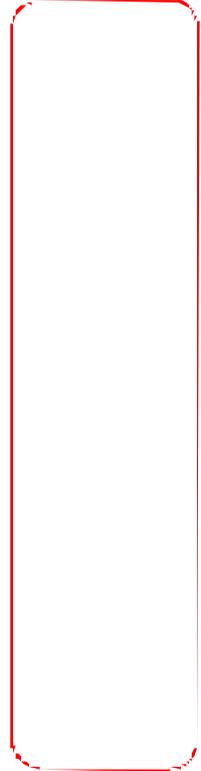


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Dear Church Family,

We are on the move again!

Last summer's Sanctuary renovation was a success. So many things were replaced and updated and it is beautiful.

Now it is time to keep our promise to redo the bathrooms. We are also going to replace the ceiling tiles throughout the hallways. The work begins the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>. That means we will be worshipping in Memorial Hall beginning June 18<sup>th</sup> until the work is completed.

We will continue to have all three services, 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00. The infant nursery will be set up in the Parlor. We will still have coffee and donuts between services.

Again, I want to thank you for your support of this project. Because of your generous giving to this project last year and your faithful giving year round, we DO NOT need to ask for any money to complete this project. Praise God!

So as we worship in Memorial Hall again this summer, let's give the Lord the praise and thanks He deserves how He is moving in and through our congregation.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Mike*



*High School*

- Noah Blevins*
- Grace Evans*
- Cassidy Everett*
- Gabrielle Guarino*
- Lucy Hudson*
- Anna Dompierre*
- Morgan Outerbridge*
- Evan Post*
- Ashley Rowan*
- Eric Shrader*
- Kenny Thuleweit*

*College & University*

- Brian Eidelbus, FSU*  
*BS in Finance/Risk Mgmt*
- Mac Hudson, FSU*  
*BA in Finance*
- Andrew Micciche, USF*  
*BS (Summa Cum Laude)*  
*in Microbiology*

# Congratulations

The following students are this year's recipients of the Christ UMC Scholarship GRANTS:



**GRACE EVANS** plans to attend State College of Florida for two years and then transfer to a Christian College where she will complete her major in Education and minor in Youth Ministry. Her senior year at Venice Christian School, she participated in an internship program where she worked part of the day as a teacher assistant for the school's fifth grade class. Grace has been active in many avenues: rower for the Sarasota Scullers, team manager for the VHS JV soccer team, our Missions Conference, Youth Group, High School Girls Bible Study. Miss Evans adds "if you elect to invest in me, I will be eternally grateful and incredibly motivated to reach my goal of becoming a teacher filled with passion for our Christian faith."

**GABRIELLE GUARINO** will be attending State College of Florida. Her interests are in the Dental Hygienist field. She feels that "there will be opportunities to help others with their dental health and also their character by following a code of ethics and by spreading God's love and joy" through the way she acts in the work place. Gabrielle has been an active member at Christ UMC through a number of leadership and volunteer opportunities, such as going on a mission trip to Guatemala and West Virginia. Miss Guarino is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club at Venice High School, and participated in numerous Bible studies including those offered by Beth Moore and Priscilla Shirer. She has been the student leader of the High School Girls Bible Study since 2015.

**LUCY HUDSON** will be entering Florida Southern College in Lakeland in the fall. Lucy plans on studying Communications and Youth Ministry. After earning her B.S. Degree, she plans on working at a church as a full time youth director. Miss Hudson explains that "youth group continues to be a place where God has an incredible impact on my life" as well as others. Lucy led the Youth Worship Team last year and it developed her leadership skills that will, some day, help with conducting a youth group. Miss Hudson helped to lead a Bible Study at the local Venice Middle School and was a volunteer for VBS and with Children's Ministry's Easter egg hunt. She has a passion for young children and teens and says that "God has blessed me with many amazing opportunities to serve Him."

**ERIC SHRADER** will be a freshman at Central Alabama Community College, Alexander City, AL, on a baseball scholarship. He plans on earning his A.A. Degree in Science and then transfer to a University and major in Kinesiology. Eric's goal is to serve God by helping people who are less fortunate, by involving himself "in a Christian Medical Missions Team, offering physical therapy services." Eric has been involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in VHS. This organization brought him closer to God by sharing his testimony with others. He has volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity, at the Venice Regional Medical Center, and worked with the Loveland Barbecue. Eric praises his "incredible family and Christ United Methodist Church" for all they have done for him.

Please consider celebrating a birthday or anniversary by "gifting" the Christ Venice Scholarship Fund with a \$2.00 or more donation!



Montalvo, Jacque	6/1	Stalnaker, Betty	6/16
Schoff, Richard	6/1	Woodburn, June	6/16
Sheets, Paul	6/1	High, Marilyn	6/17
Skaggs, William	6/1	Bruns, Harry	6/18
Gardner, Todd	6/2	Forden, Roger	6/19
Norris, Richard	6/2	Montano, Rob	6/19
Norris, Peggy	6/3	Skaggs, Charlotte	6/19
Gardner, Zachary	6/4	Berg, Skip	6/20
Johnson, Paul	6/5	Carman, Mort	6/20
Ratcliffe, Ruby	6/5	Hunt, Pat	6/20
Pfost, Bonnie	6/7	Reich, June	6/20
Senior, Don	6/7	Usher, Abigail	6/21
Peters, Roger	6/8	Wardell, Donna	6/22
Damon, Pat	6/9	McConaghy, Charles	6/23
Draime, Carole	6/9	Waters, John	6/23
Saul, Carole	6/9	Davis, Howard	6/24
Deto, Lynne	6/10	Luckey, Evelyn	6/25
Hinckley, Kathleen	6/10	McCluskey, Steven	6/25
Reese, Hannah	6/10	Reeves, Janie	6/26
Sandilands, Sally	6/10	Vanderploeg, Mary	6/26
Costello, Jake	6/11	Dolemba, Susan	6/27
Costello, Ryan	6/11	Waters, Carol	6/27
Disler, Kristen	6/11	Kem, Rebecca	6/28
Adams, Dorothy	6/12	Myers, Kristen	6/28
James, Jerry	6/12	Grim, Rosemary	6/29
Miller, Connie	6/12	Freeland, Pamela	6/30
Garron, Val	6/15	Mandt, Mike	6/30
Monk, Sharon	6/15	Spence, Jean	6/30
Rodgers, Janet	6/15	Weidman, Deborah	6/30
Ratcliffe, Ken	6/16		
		Marshall, Dick & Gerry	6/2
		Downing, Ron & Rachel	6/3
		Jones, Bob & Barbara	6/3
		Oakley, Bud & Melva	6/3
		Kell, Paul & Kay	6/5
		Talbott, Buck & Carolyn	6/5
		Weaver, Benny & Marsha	6/6
		Hadsall, Mike & Trish	6/7
		Hoffman, Wil & Donnabelle	6/8
		Lashway, Glenn & Charlotte	6/8
		Pfleeger, Gary & Marcia	6/8
		Barrett, Wayne & Carol	6/9
		Peters, Roger & Carol	6/14
		Jankowski, Jerome & Jean	6/16
		McClellan, George & Shirlene	6/17
		Chesmore, Chip & Carol	6/18
		Eaton, Ted & Cindy	6/18
		Johnson, Paul & Caryn	6/18
		McCluskey, Steve & Ginny	6/18
		Bergl, Dallas & Mona	6/19
		Rowe, Richard & Beverly	6/19
		Breitwieser, Fred & Doris	6/20
		Cierny, Gary & Barbara	6/20
		Flora, Curt & Sue	6/20
		Forden, Roger & Carol	6/20
		Usher, Brian & Terri	6/20
		Beaman, Daryl & Joan	6/21
		Monk, Lester & Sharon	6/21
		Olliff, Larry & Bonita	6/22
		Thompson, Jerry & Harriet	6/22
		Fierce, Roland & Shirley	6/24
		Geekie, Charles & Mary	6/25
		Skaggs, William & Charlotte	6/26
		Brower, John & Jennette	6/27
		Gaites, Carl & Alice	6/27
		James, Jerry & Billye	6/27
		Klaus, Anne & Stephen	6/29
		Whipple, Frank & JoEllen	6/30

## Sunday Worship Schedule

7:30 & 11:00am  
Traditional

9:00am  
Contemporary

## ChristVenice STAFF

### LEAD PASTOR

Rev. Michael Hudson

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Denvil Farley

### ASSISTANT PASTOR

Robert Haley

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Cheryl Smith

### ADULT MINISTRY

Nancy Kinney

### FAMILY MINISTRY

Jeff Dunn-Rankin

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Jonetta Halpin  
Marcia Schaberg

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Becky Diefenbach

### MEDIA MANAGER & CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Will Sledge

### TREASURER

JoEllen Whipple

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Michele Morley

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CTR

Anita Burton

## Nancy's Note

When I think of me as being in the image of God, I realize the largeness of that truth and it scares me sometimes!

What an honor and yet how difficult it is to be consistently in His image in this "worldly place" we live in. Yet, the One we have as our "mentor" in this life is Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:15 tells us "*He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.*"

Love you,

Nancy

PS: Happy Father's Day!

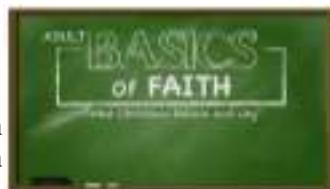
## THANK YOU GLENN!

After twelve years of teaching the Kingdom Sunday School Class, Glen Lashway says it is time to stop. Many of you have expressed how much you enjoy Glen's teaching over the years and I will bet Glenn would also say how much he has enjoyed having you in his class. Thank you Glenn! The best part is that Char and Glenn will be able to take a weekend away to enjoy some time together!

Special thanks to Kendall Reeves who will be leading the Kingdom Class so it can continue, same time and place.

## NEW BASICS CLASSES

New BASICS classes started last month on Wednesday evenings, 6:45pm in Memorial Hall, Room 22. Val Garron will be leading the classes and she is very excited to be teaching them. They will be repeated throughout the year and will be available for anyone wanting to learn about the basics of what Christians believe and why. The series focuses upon the BASICS of Faith and THE BIBLE.



**CHARLOTTE COUCH** will be returning to Sante Fe College, Gainesville, as a junior. Her educational goal is to earn a B.S. in Multimedia and Video Production. Charlotte's vision is to work for a film production business, or travel the world with a mission trip group, or own a wedding videography business. With this degree in photography and videography she says, "I would be able to reach out to people of all ages and capture lives that are full of the love of Jesus."

**ELIZABETH HALEY** will continue her studies at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, where she will be a senior. Elizabeth is pursuing a B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She intends to work with stroke victims in a hospital or rehabilitation center, which, she feels, will provide "opportunities to share God's peace with patients and families during difficult times." Currently, Elizabeth is taking American Sign Language courses and witnesses the Deaf Ministry that is offered at Conway UMC where she attends.

**ELIZABETH KRESSE** will be attending State College of Florida, Bradenton, where she will be studying Occupational Therapy. Elizabeth thinks that this field is right for her because "it is a tangible reflection of my faith." God has transformed Miss Kresse this year by giving her the opportunity to take courses through the American Christian College program called "Summit Semester" in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Elizabeth thanks Christ UMC for "all you have provided for me growing up. I believe with your continued assistance I can make my future a reality."

**ZACHARY REINTSEMA** is continuing his education at the University of South Florida where he will be a sophomore. He is pursuing a degree in Computer Science while taking classes in Marine Studies. Zachary plans to create and write new programs that "improve the security and well-being of others" and to learn more about the world that God has given us. He is an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ and attends the High School Guys Bible Study.

Each High School graduate has been awarded \$1500. The College/University students have been awarded \$1000 each. Our continued prayers go with them as they pursue their visions.

The Scholarship Team thanks each of you here at Christ UMC who have contributed to our Scholarship Fund this year. This fund is regenerated by your generous donations. You may "gift" us when it is your birthday or anniversary or just because you want to be a part of the lives of these remarkable, hardworking, young people who attend and participate in our wonderful church! Just use the pink pew envelopes and mark "Scholarship Fund".



## VBS Registration is Open Now

This summer's VBS program is "Maker's Fun Factory—Created by God, Built for a Purpose". It will be held in Memorial Hall Monday, July 10—Friday, July 14, 9am til noon. Registration for children age 3 - completed 5th grade. You can sign up by clicking the link on the Children's Ministry page of the church website.



## We need YOU!

It takes a team to meet the needs of our children – do you have one hour or even ½ hour a week, once a month or every other week?! We need YOU to be a part of our team. There are many ways you can jump in and help the Children's Ministry to be the best it can be. All we need is YOU!

One of our ministries is loving on our children with special needs – from watching them on the playground to sitting with them during a Bible story. This ministry is called Sunday Buddies. We have a specific and urgent need for playground helpers from 9:30-10:00am. If you can help, please call or email Becky ([becky@christvenice.com](mailto:becky@christvenice.com)) to get plugged in.

There are many opportunities to invest in the lives of our young ones. Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Matthew 18:5) Take the challenge and say "Yes" to Jesus in this way. It is an investment that will provide great returns in the kingdom of God!

## WinShape Day Camp, June 19-23

**Who?** completed 1st-9th grade

**What?** Daycamp in Sarasota combines sports, recreation, arts, Bible study, and worship into one incredible week!

**When?** Monday - Thursday (7:45am-5:00pm), Friday Chick-fil-A Family Fun Day (7:45am-1:15pm)

**How much?** \$209 per camper (\$50 deposit)

**How do I sign up?** Register for WinShape Day Camp at Sarasota Christian School [through their website](#).



## A Tribute to Elmer Kilbourne

Well, the Sunday Bulletin announced the passing of Elmer Kilbourne and many people who are new to CUMC may have wondered who is he? I, along with so many others, feel so blessed to have had this Christian "Giant" among us. Our lives were touched to have had the privilege to know him. There is a book in the library, Mission Maverick – Elmer Kilbourne with Ed Erny and Foreword by Franklin Graham.

Franklin Graham summed up Elmer's life in the preface to the book saying it "documents an exciting story of what God has done around the world through faithful servants, like Elmer, who heard God's call and obeyed the path set forth by the One we serve."

The back of the book reads as follows: Elmer Kilbourne is the grandson of Ernest and Julia Kilbourne, cofounders of OMS (One Mission Society) International Born in Japan (1920 – he and Ernest, his twin brother), Elmer grew up in Korea and China. After graduating from Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, Elmer and his wife, Ella Ruth sailed for China. Within a year, they were forced to flee from the armies of Mao Tse Tung. They relocated in Korea, and the next year, 1950, they were again forced to flee the Communist armies flooding down from the North. Elmer's heroic efforts on behalf of millions of Korean War victims are one of the greatest missionary sagas of the twentieth century. Elmer was given many honors including The Korean Order of the Wild Flower – the only American to ever receive this medal from the Department of Health and Social Welfare.

Among the ministries Elmer had was baptizing servicemen, evangelistic services for the military, ordaining chaplains, Korean School for the blind, ship relief and preaching to island people, ministry to a leper colony. His work to feed and clothe the refugee children, after Seoul was leveled, led to opening orphanages. He was involved in establishing a Bible School in Thailand. After he was retired, he served in India.

For several years, I urged Elmer to participate in the Missions Festival so people could get to know him. He did not want the attention. He served faithfully and now felt we should concentrate our efforts and support for the active missionaries.

I encourage you to read Missionary Maverick (in our church library) and be blessed as the story unfolds of what Elmer accomplished all to the glory of God. The neat thing is that God is still looking for "giants" who will commit their lives to Him and to the spreading of the Gospel. We support giants like these with our missionary giving. And who knows, there may be another one among us who will answer this call.

*Submitted by Esther Baxendale*

## Center of Hope Update and Big Thank you!

The Center of Hope of South County continues to see their numbers increasing and their need is great. Janice, the office manager says they are experiencing an influx of new clients – of all ages – several of which are elderly. Many needing financial assistance to stay in their homes and keep electricity and water on. They have some elderly that have recently become homeless (and some on the brink of homelessness). Then those newly separated/divorced that are left on their own with no idea how to make it. The situations are diverse. And of course, there are those who are homeless by choice and harder to help. Counselors see some of the biggest smiles from working people needing transportation to get to work who are blessed by a donated bicycle to help get them there.

The Center of Hope is so appreciative of the food, toiletries, and other things you, our CUMC congregation, provide for them. They are also most appreciative of the egg cartons you donate. They receive up to 25 dozen eggs per week not in cartons. The cartons allow them to give the eggs out to individuals and families safely. Eggs, as we all know, are a great source of protein and the clients cannot afford the ever-increasing price of food.

The many volunteers at Center of Hope are so passionate about what they do! Your donations to the Center of Hope and missions makes such a difference in the lives of so many. The Center of Hope thanks you for your ongoing support!

## CDC (formerly referred to as the Day Care) Update

Christ United Methodist's Child Development Center is an outreach organization that gathers in our church daily to help meet the needs of young families in our community. We provide the rooms and the childcare staff provides the love! Did you know that they are busy every day loving, teaching and nurturing the lives of up to 40 children and their families? What a great and practical way to help growing families to build a strong Christian foundation for them to build their lives on!

What can you do? Well, let me tell you...each teacher is making a wish list with items they would like to have in their classroom to help it be an exciting and interesting place to grow and learn. This summer all the classrooms will be emptied, cleaned and put back together with as many of those items as possible. Together we can accomplish great things for the Kingdom and for our Daycare Center! Please contact Anita Burton at 941-497-5563 or [Anita@ChristVenice.com](mailto:Anita@ChristVenice.com) to help make this dream a reality!

We are excited to announce that we raised \$5,657 at our 2017 Golf Tournament! We sincerely thank all of you who participated in the tournament or gave your support—our golfers, donors, hole sponsors, and other contributors—for your time, love and generosity. Special thanks go also to those who organized and helped execute this event: Chris Eaton, Leighton Quinn, Gary Pflieger, Ted Eaton, JoEllen Whipple; and volunteers Alyson Hudson, Brittany Coleman, the student missionaries, and leaders.

And finally, congratulations to the winning teams: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Brent Pinkerton, Lamont Andrews, Justin Dorsey, and Zeek Sigmon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chad Drobisch, Gavin Drobisch, Ted Eaton, and Chris Eaton.

Your support means so much to the students and leaders you are sending to Orlando Outreach this summer! Please pray for our team as we prepare our hearts and minds to share Jesus with this community, and pray also for the people we will serve. -Jonetta Halpin, Youth Ministry Director

## Celebration of Life for Bob Smith

There will be a Memorial Service for Bob Smith on Thursday, June 1 at 10:00am here in the Christ UMC Sanctuary. All friends are invited to attend.

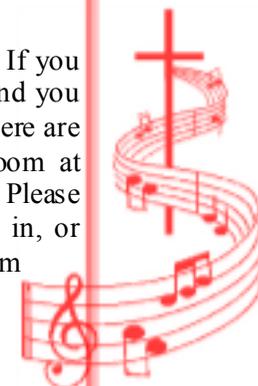
## Music Ministry Notes

### Summer Choir is Coming!!!

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, CUMC summer choir will begin once again. If you have always wanted to sing in a choir but never had the opportunity and you love to praise the Lord, you are invited to sing in our summer choir. There are NO weekly rehearsals for summer choir. Just come to the choir room at 10:30AM on Sunday morning to run through the anthem for that day. Please contact Cheryl Smith, Music Ministry Director, if you are interested in, or would like more information, 941-493-7504 or [Cheryl@ChristVenice.com](mailto:Cheryl@ChristVenice.com)

## Faith Promise to Missions

Have you turned in your Faith Promise card yet? How much will you agree to share with our missionaries for this year. The needs are so great. Can't find your card? Just ask in the church office for a new one. The need for pledged giving: \$90,000.



## GriefShare is Coming

GriefShare has helped thousands, who have lost loved ones, journey through the grieving process, moving from mourning to joy. GriefShare is a thirteen week group that includes teaching from grief experts, small group sharing, and a personal workbook. It is an open group so you can join at anytime. There will be an orientation meeting on June 1 at 1:00pm in Memorial Hall Room 22. First class will be Thursdays at 1:00pm beginning June 8. If interested, contact Eleanor Montano 941-408-0239.

## SAFE

SAFE is a ministry of Support and Addiction Family Education that meets every Monday evening at 6:00 at Christ UMC in Memorial Hall, room 24. Child care is available upon request. SAFE meetings are strictly confidential and are geared to offer those with addicted loved ones a time of sharing and support, brief educational discussion, prayer, and good Christian fellowship with others who understand because they too are in similar situations. For more information, visit [www.christvenice.com/SAFE](http://www.christvenice.com/SAFE), email [SAFE@christvenice.com](mailto:SAFE@christvenice.com), or call Allen at 941-451-0964.

## SAFE'S next "Joyful Outing" is June 14

The SAFE ministry's "Joyful Outings" are proving to be a joyful experience -- not only for the SAFE group, but for others who come along with us. They are a time when we relax, enjoy new places, new friends, and good fellowship. We hope you'll join us for the June outing on Wednesday June 14th, when we will go for a Myakka River State Park Canopy Walk. Transportation and bottled water will be provided-- all you need to bring is a sack lunch. All outings begin with registration and prayer at 9:00am at the Memorial Hall front entrance. Everyone is invited to join us, and please mark your calendar for the July outing, a Venice Art Center tour and lunch (Dutch treat) on July 18th. For more information, or to register for an outing, please call Barb at 941-485-2616 or email [SAFE@christvenice.com](mailto:SAFE@christvenice.com).

## Stephen Ministry

The world we live in can be a frightening place. There are times we encounter life altering situations from which it seems we can never recover. But with God's help and that of family and friends we can recover. However, if family and friends are not always available you might ask for a Stephen Minister to walk beside you while God's healing takes place. We will be there for you offering encouragement, support and Christian caring with private, confidential meetings. For more information about our ministry you may speak with any Stephen Minister with a blue name badge, or call a Stephen Leader, Don Paull 497-5597 or Jane Watkins 989 858-0712.

Our people are prepared to bring Holy Communion to you if you are unable to attend church. Ask any Stephen Minister or call the church office, 493-7504.

## If you are going north . . .

For the summer, please check for Christ UMC Library items in your home and return them before you leave. If you discover items that you have accidentally taken with you, please drop a note to the church with title and author information so we know. Bring it with you when you return and enjoy a good read over the summer!

## Reviews from Leighton & Karen Quinn

### Peter & Paul (DVD)

This older movie covers the Book of Acts through its two main characters, Peter (Robert Foxworth) and Paul (Anthony Hopkins). A bit long (194 mins) but well done and very biblical. The difficulty of starting a new religion under Rome's watchful eye and the angry resentment of the Jews is excellently portrayed - a top notch Hollywood movie.

### Proof of Heaven by Eben Alexander, MD

This is a fascinating read about a neurosurgeon who has a 7 day "NDE" (near death experience) while in a coma he wasn't expected to survive. While at times it is difficult to understand (trying to explain something incomprehensible to a rational world), this book is definitely an interesting look at a near death experience. I recommend it if you have a curious mind and are open to a different view.

## EMMAUS SUMMER FUN!

Catch up with some Emmaus friends at Community potluck Gatherings. The third Saturday of every month the Suncoast Emmaus Community hosts a community gathering at various Emmaus active churches. Potluck dinner, so bring your favorite dish to share. Gatherings start at 5PM, casual time with music, food, renewed friendships from past Walks and always an inspiring 4th Day talk. Gathering information always available by checking the website at [Suncoastemmaus.com](http://Suncoastemmaus.com).

June Gathering is set for Saturday, June 16th at Englewood U.M.C. (7005 S. Dearborn, St.). Englewood is one of the more active churches supporting Emmaus. Since they are our neighbor, it would be fun getting to know them better. The July Gathering will be Saturday, July 15th at Pine Level U.M.C. in Arcadia. Get a car full and check a Gathering out.

