We are living in a society where we are no longer safe in our place of worship

"There is no eligent way to protect the sheep from hungry wolfs"

Violent Incidents at Churches Are Rising Statistics from 2015 are the highest yet seen. Carl Chinn – June 7, 2016

"We prayed to our God and posted a guard . . ." Nehemiah 4:9

Antioch church minister, wife wounded by gunman WKRN : September 24, 2017

It is understood that the method of handling violent incidents in your place of worship is both a difficult decision and a heavy responsibility.

It is further understood, that there may be several, possibly many, members of your congregation who currently possess a Florida concealed carry license.

With that said, it should be recognized that Florida has some of the <u>most</u> **lenient** concealed carry license training requirements in the nation. It should be further recognized that a Florida concealed carry weapons license only permits a person to <u>carry</u> a deadly weapon in public.

The mere possession of <u>a Florida</u> <u>concealed carry license does **not** qualify</u> <u>one to carry a deadly weapon</u> in public, a weapon capable of taking someone's life, either intentionally or unintentionally.



We have literally trained well over a thousand Polk County residents in the safe ownership, handling, shooting and carrying of their firearm in public.

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It would be our honor to provide you, your pastoral staff or other members of your congregation in real-life, advanced, firearms (*concealed carry weapons*) training.

Our basic handgun/concealed carry qualification class encompasses approximately 5 hours of classroom instruction, followed by 1/2 hour minimum live-fire range training, firing a minimum of 50 rounds of defensive caliber ammunition. Successful completion of our basic handgun/concealed carry qualification class qualifies the participant for all our advanced level training courses:

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Why Quality Firearms Training Is Important Not Just A Concealed Carry Class . . .

Tennessee man accidentally shoots self, wife during church gun-violence chat

Reuters • November 17, 2017

An 81-year-old Tennessee man, who said he carried a gun everywhere, accidentally shot himself and his wife during a conversation in church about gun violence at houses of worship, a police chief said on Friday.

The shooting on Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Tellico Plains, about 45 miles (70 km) southwest of Knoxville, took place as church elders discussed a local sheriff's "weapons and worship" seminar, following the massacre of 26 people at a rural Texas church earlier this month.

"During their discussion of this, one of the gentlemen said, 'I carry a weapon with me everywhere'" and pulled a loaded Ruger .380-caliber pistol from his back pocket, Tellico Plains Police Chief Ross Parks said by telephone.

The man removed the magazine and cleared the chamber to show the pistol to the others. He then reloaded it, put a round in the chamber and put it back in his pocket, Parks said.

When another person asked to see the pistol, the man took it out of his pocket and his finger accidentally hit the trigger. The bullet struck his right hand and then went through his 80year-old wife's abdomen and right forearm, according to the police chief.

The bullet missed the woman's vital organs, and the couple was listed in stable condition at a hospital, he said.

Woman dies after freak Florida church shooting

Pastor's daughter struck as gun accidently goes off in Pinellas church

February 18, 2012

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Authorities say a Florida pastor's daughter who was accidentally shot in the head in a church died Saturday at a hospital.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office says 20-year-old Hannah Kelley was pronounced dead about 10:20 a.m. Saturday at Bayfront Medical Center. An autopsy is pending.

Kelley had been hospitalized since Feb. 12, when she was struck in the head by a bullet at Grace Connection Church in St. Petersburg, where her father, Tim Kelley, is pastor.

Investigators have said Moises Zambrana was showing his gun in a small closet to another church member interested in buying a firearm. The St. Petersburg Times reports that the other church member, Dustin Bueller, was Hannah Kelley's fiance.

Zambrana reportedly removed the magazine from the Ruger 9 mm weapon but did not know that a round was still in the chamber. The gun went off, firing a bullet through a wall. Kelley was struck in the head.

Man's gun goes off in church

FLOWOOD, MS -

It's a place of worship that turned scary for some Pinelake Church members on Sunday morning. It's the last place some expected to hear gunfire.

"They were actually having service and were singing hymnals," said Flowood Police Detective Sgt. Billy Tucker. "Mr. (Joseph Edgar) Ray had a 9MM in his front right pocket. When they got through singing he went to sit down and the gun accidentally discharged."

Flowood police were called to the church at 8:05 am about an accidental shooting. Where Ray and his handgun were taken into custody. He was later released.

Ray has a conceal carry permit, according to Flowood police. The permit would allow him to carry a gun inside a church. However, Pinelake prohibits guns on its property.