



FCCB

TIDAL WAVE

First Christian Church of the Beaches

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FIRST FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY KICKS OFF SEPT 6TH

We are excited to have the whole church gather on Wednesday September 6th for our First Wednesday Fellowship of the fall. Dinner is served between 5:30pm-6:30pm. Followed by the most riveting game of trivia ever played at FCCB! Form a team or come as a free agent and put your knowledge to the test. Laughter is guaranteed.



MEET OUR KID'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Joanne Beepot

Joanne Beepot is a passionate and dedicated Sunday school teacher who is excited and honored to have the opportunity to teach our amazing children. Alongside this fulfilling role, she is also a Florida Real Estate Broker with a wealth of experience helping buyers, sellers, and investors achieve their real estate goals.

Prior to embarking on a successful career in real estate, Joanne Beepot worked for IBM, Digital Equipment, and Hewlett Packard. She is a proud graduate of Harvard University where she received a Bachelors Degree, Cum Laude in Economics.

When it comes to teaching Sunday school, Joanne brings her passion for education, and her interest in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for the children. Her true passion lies in spreading the love of God and helping children develop a deep spiritual relationship. With every lesson, her goals are to instill a love for God and His Words, creating a place where students can grow spiritually and explore their faith, a place where children can ask questions, share experiences, and develop their own unique spiritual relationship. She believes that by providing a strong spiritual foundation, students can navigate life's challenges with faith and resilience.

Elder's Corner

by Betty Chinnis

While walking my dog one morning, I began thinking about the Holy Spirit, and how He works in our lives. I thought about how life could be compared to driving a car down the road, and likened the Holy Spirit to the traffic signals and road signs.

The traffic lights are probably the most important. Red tells us to stop, as it would be dangerous to continue. Green tells us it is safe to proceed. Yellow advises caution. And yet, if we did not look up, we would not see the light at all.

There are many other signs along the road. One shows the speed limit. The limit was established for our protection. Exceeding it can result in injury or loss of life to ourselves or others. Have you ever felt like you were rushing through life? - that in your anxiety to get somewhere or complete a project, you cut a conversation with someone short and failed to hear what they were trying to tell you, leaving them feeling that they don't really matter? Have you been in such a hurry that you were missing the scenery (and getting ulcers, instead)?

Sometimes there is a sign that says, "Caution – Children Playing". Are you careful in how you spend your time? Are you sometimes so occupied with other things that you neglect spending quality time with your family? Sometimes the road, itself, is narrow or dark or filled with potholes. You may not want to go down that road, but once you reach the end, you realize it was necessary in order to reach the desired destination.

Occasionally there is a sign that says "Detour". Do you react with impatience because it will take longer to reach your goal? A road detour occurs when necessary repairs or widened lanes or other improvements are being made to your accustomed route. There is always a reason for it. Perhaps there is always a reason when we don't achieve our goals as quickly as we'd like. Perhaps we should take a closer look at what we perceive as inconveniences. Could they be opportunities? Could the Holy Spirit be trying to gain our attention?

Another sign says "Do Not Enter". Ignoring this sign can lead to disaster. A similar sign says "One Way Only".

When you stop to think about it, traffic signals and road signs truly work to make our lives safer and easier. In order for this to happen, though, we need to be alert as we are driving, and pay attention to all the signs along the way. The same is true of the Holy Spirit. He is always there for us, but we need to be constantly aware of His Presence, and look for and obey His directions.

Mission Moment

by Tom Trotta

THE GIDEONS

The Gideons are an association of business and professional men and their member wives. We were organized in 1899, after two commercial travelers met in a hotel in Boscobel Wisconsin. Their initial goal was to band Christian traveling salesmen together to strengthen their walk for Christ. From the beginning Gideons were known for witnessing.

In 1908 they began placing Bibles in hotels. Today, we are organized in 200 countries, territories and possessions and distribute Scriptures in over 100 languages with just one objective: to win men and women, boys and girls to a saving knowledge of Jesus. We place God's Word in designated traffic lanes of life: hotels/motels, schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, jails and the military.

Locally, we go to our schools annually, periodically inspect Bibles in our motel rooms, and are preparing to send 500 Navy camo New Testaments to the sailors on the ships at Mayport. Our two hospitals have Scriptures and the Jacksonville Gideons have a presence at the Duval County Jail.

All Gideons believe the Bible is God's inspired, infallible, inerrant Word.

We must be members of a protestant, evangelical church or assembly and have our pastor's recommendation. We visit churches annually to tell them how God is using the seeds we are sowing. Since the beginning, Gideons have placed over 2.5 billion Scriptures around the world! The local Gideons are grateful to be included in the missions giving of our church.



FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER AND PRAISE

Sunday Sept 3 | 5:30pm | Sanctuary

From the Study of Pastor Nathan

Studies on Bible reading in America indicate a range of findings regarding the frequency and depth of engagement with the Bible. Here are some key insights from recent surveys and studies:

- 1. Declining Bible Reading:** Several studies have shown a decline in the regular reading of the Bible among Americans. The American Bible Society's "State of the Bible" report in 2020 found that the percentage of Americans who read the Bible at least three to four times a year dropped from 45% in 2019 to 31% in 2020.
- 2. Generation Gap:** There is a noticeable generational gap in Bible reading habits. Younger generations tend to read the Bible less frequently than older generations. The same American Bible Society report revealed that only 15% of Millennials reported reading the Bible weekly, compared to 28% of Boomers.
- 3. Varied Motivations:** Studies have explored the motivations behind Bible reading. The Barna Group's research found that among Bible readers, the top motivations included personal spiritual growth, seeking answers to life's questions, and gaining a better understanding of God. However, motivations varied across individuals, indicating diverse reasons for engaging with the Bible.
- 4. Bible Engagement Patterns:** While the frequency of Bible reading may have declined, there are other forms of Bible engagement that have gained popularity. This includes the use of Bible apps, listening to audio Bibles, participating in Bible studies or small groups, and engaging with Scripture through online platforms or social media.
- 5. Limited Biblical Knowledge:** Studies consistently show a decline in biblical literacy and knowledge among Americans. The Pew Research Center's Religious Knowledge Survey in 2019 found that only about one-third of American adults could correctly identify the four Gospels, and less than half could identify the first book of the Bible.
- 6. Digital Bible Access:** The rise of digital technology has impacted Bible reading habits. The American Bible Society's "State of the Bible" report in 2020 indicated that 54% of Bible readers reported using a digital device to access the Bible. The convenience and accessibility of digital platforms have made it easier for individuals to engage with Scripture.

It is important to note that while these studies provide valuable insights into Bible reading habits in America, the landscape of religious beliefs and practices is diverse, and individual experiences with the Bible can vary significantly. These findings highlight the need for ongoing efforts to promote biblical literacy, encourage engagement with the Bible, and provide resources and support for individuals to deepen their understanding of Scripture.



More Active Faith

Shares faith with others | 228%

Disciples others | 231%

Memorizes scripture | 407%

Gives financially to church | 416%

Gives financially other than to church | 218%



Fewer Struggles

Thinks destructively about self or others -32%

Thinks unkindly about others -18%

Feels spiritually stagnant -60%

Feels can't please God -44%

Experiences loneliness -30%

Feels bitter -40%

Has difficulty forgiving others -31%

Has difficulty forgiving him/herself -26%

Feels like has to hide -32%

Feels discouraged -31%

Experiences fear or anxiety -14%



Overeats or mishandles food -20%

Gambles -45%

Has sex outside marriage -59%

Views pornography -59%

Neglects family -26%

Lies -28%

Lashes out in anger -31%

Drinks to excess -62%

Gossips -28%

Overspends or mishandles money -20%

Stewardship

by Bill Gowen

Ownership God is the owner of all things. "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it" (Ps. 24:1). We come into the world with nothing and leave it with nothing (Job 1:21; 1 Tim. 6:7), but God says, "every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine" (Ps. 50:10-11). Everything we have, therefore, comes from Him (John 3:27; Jas. 1:17). There is no such thing as a "self-made man"--"What do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" (1 Cor. 4:7). We may believe this truth in theory but deny it in practice. When this happens, we slip into the rebellious attitude that "My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth" (Deut. 8:17). Instead, we must come to grips with the fact that everything we have in this world belongs to God and is only "on loan" to us. This includes not only our money and possessions, but also our families, careers, and plans for the future. If we can get straight on the principle of 100% ownership, we will be ready for the principle of 100% stewardship. Some areas of our lives are harder to yield to God than others. For many Christians, the financial area is one of the hardest.

Notes from Nancy

by Nancy Barrett

We hope everyone had a good summer month in July. Thank you to the Gospel Celebration Quartet (Bryan Stewart, Daniel Bula, Owen Harman, David Macinnes), Ian Bula, Susan Amos, Gene Nordan, Deb Johnston, and always a special thank you to Barbara Sartin for bringing special music to our 9:00 service. Thank you to Carla Tracy for sharing her story at our July dinner party. We look forward to being back in rehearsal Aug. 2 and in the choir loft August 6. We also want to thank our acolytes, and their parents/grandparents who bring them

each week, who each Sunday bring in the light of Jesus to our communion table. Thank you Brett Heal, Michael Wagner, Lilly Wagner, Ellis Loewen.

Campus Activities

Sunday nights FCCB Kids, grades K-5, Beginning 9-10-2023

Sunday nights FCCB Students, grades 6-12, meet 5:30-7:00 (dinner provided) at the Beach Barn

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER AND PRAISE, from 5:30pm-6:00pm Sept 3rd

Tuesday Night Bible Study with Don Lynn, 6:30-7:30 (starts back in the Fall)

First Wednesday Fellowship

September 6, 2023

5:30pm Meal

6:30pm All Church Fellowship (Trivia Night)

Christian Women's Fellowship meets on the 4th Tuesday each month at 10:00am in the Ocean Front classroom upstairs. All the ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

Women's Christian Book Study, started Tuesday, May 23rd 6:30pm-8:00pm, upstairs room 203 and is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

AA Meetings held at FCCB on Mon, Tue, & Thu. Nights

Monday 7:00pm-8:00pm "Hooked on Sobriety" Mens' Group upstairs

Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm "I Am Responsible Group" upstairs

Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm "7-11 Meditation Group" upstairs

Thursday 8:00pm-9:30pm "Young People Group" downstairs in Fellowship Hall



September Prayers

MEMBERS

Al-Banna Family H
 Bennett, Bud/Barbara H
 Casino Family G
 Claytor, Jim H
 Cooper, Geri H
 Hernandez, Pat H
 Horn, Cathy H
 Lain, Diana H
 Lim, Dolly H
 Mangine, Bill/Pam H
 Mangine, Steve H
 Marcum, Bobbie/John H
 Meador Family G
 Moran Sr, Bryan U
 Robbins, Paul H
 Schoonover, Carol H
 Smith, Betty H
 Speevack, Peachie H
 Stiehl, Paul H
 Taylor, Jessie H
 Terrell, Terry H
 VanDusen, George/Gloria H
 Walker, Chuck/Phyllis O
 Pastors and Missionaries

MEMBER RELATIVES

Arbaugh, Noland H
(Jim/Val Peau)
 Beal, Amanda H
(Paul/Ruth Stiehl)
 Connor, Jimmy H
(Betty Mills)
 Dufrene, Armand U
(Carla Tracy)
 Edmonds, Beverly Cooper H
(Geri Cooper)
 Hill, Risa/Kevin H
(Clo Husk)
 Jensen, Donny H
(Carol Jensen)
 Johnnie H
(Ruth Forrest)
 Jones, Rick H
(Rita Vernon)
 Kalahear, Cathy H
(Charlie/Paula Setters)
 Kirkley, Jay/Lila H
(Marge Medina)
 Kirkley, Laura H
(Marge, Medina)
 Melcolm, Reed H
(Peachie Speevack)
 Mitchell, Jeff H
(Bill/Cher Mitchell)
 Morejo, Nick H
(Ruth Stiehl)
 Moon, Teari H
(Charlie Setters)
 Mullins, Tasha H
(Pam Mangine)
 Porotessano, Mema H
(Jim Peau)
 Rasco, Suzanne/Austin H
(Ruth Stiehl)
 Shellenberger Bob/Margaret H
(John Campbell)
 Terrell, Jay H
(Terry Terrell)

MEMBER FRIENDS

Baby Leo & Family H
(Nancy Broner)
 Caudle, Aubrey H
(Barbara/Don Lynn)
 Cobb, Mike/Phyllis H
(Don/Barbara Lynn)
 Crawford, Karen U
(Sherry Bevis)
 Dothard, Bernice H
(Church)
 Elliott, Robert H
(John Campbell)
 Geiger, Rhonda H
(Don Lynn)
 Joe S. H
(Paul Robbins)
 Johnston, Jessie H
(Betty Smith)
 Krieger, Bill/Phyllis H
(Chuck/Phyllis Walker)
 Mackee, Ann H
(Paul/Ruth Stiehl)
 McCoy, Cameron U
(Sherry Bevis)
 Nay, David H
(Don Peters)
 O'Brien, Sherry U
(Marti Miller)
 Oglesbee, Diane U
(Marti Miller)
 Schultz, Logan H
(Barbara Lynn)
 Treadwell, Theresa H
(Tracy Antzaklis)

PERSONAL PRAYERS

OTHERS

- Medical Staff & Medical Support Personnel
- Assisted Living & Nursing Home residents & staff
- First Coast Women's Services
- Educational System
- BEAM / Mission House
- Iglesias Evangelical Bethel
- Police, First Responders and their families
- Military & their families
- War in Ukraine
- AA Meetings at our Church
- Atlantic Beach Classical Conversations Homeschool Co-op

FRIENDS IN NEED

Prayer Codes

- G** Grief
- J** Job
- H** Health Issues
- P** Prison
- I** Injury
- R** Relationships
- T** Travel
- U** Unspoken

Member relationships are shown in parenthesis

Wednesday Nights Are Changing! Introducing First Wednesday Fellowships!!

This Fall we are changing how and when we fellowship together. The Pastors and Fellowship Ministry got together and decided to change to the First Wednesday of every month with our fellowship meal for \$7 followed by an all church fellowship event. The goal is to increase fellowship participation from the whole congregation. The first meal and event will be Wednesday Sept. 6th. Everyone is invited to come eat, and fellowship together and see who leaves as the TRIVIA CHAMPION of FCCB!

Don Peter's Bible Study will now meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm upstairs in the Coggin Building. This also means there are no meals the other Wednesdays of the month. So don't miss out on this opportunity to come together and flex your trivia muscle while eating a delicious meatloaf meal!!



**WEDNESDAY
SEPT 6**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
STARTING SEPTEMBER
THIS FALL**

**MEAL AT 5:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT : 6:30 PM**

COME AND ENJOY A MEAL (\$7) AND THEN STAY FOR TRIVIA NIGHT!!! PICK YOUR TEAM OF 8 AND SHOW UP TOGETHER OR JOIN A FREE AGENT TEAM AND BE ASSIGNED YOUR TEAMMATES. THE WINNING TEAM GETS TRIVIA BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR FCCB!