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TIDAL WAVE

First Christian Church of the Beaches

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STUDENT MINISTRY KICK-OFF

On August 13th the Kids Group, grades K-5th, and Youth Group, grades 6th-12th, will have their fall kick off event. Pastor John is preparing for an incredible day of fun and fellowship as school starts back up. This will be a chance, as you race down water slides, eat hamburgers, and snow cones, to connect with other kids, students, and families.

Mike's Musings

by Mike Amos

The Gospel of Matthew ends with the following verses in Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Most of us have heard these verses numerous times. Jesus appears to the eleven remaining apostles after the resurrection and gives them this directive. Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you. This directive is for all Christians today. To make a disciple, we should probably know what it means to be a disciple. The definition of disciple is a follower or student of a teacher, leader or philosopher. Who do you think of when you hear the word disciple? Many of us would say a pastor, Sunday school teacher, or a famous theologian, but what about you and me? Are we disciples of Jesus? Are we a follower or a student of Jesus?

We should examine our daily lives to determine the answer to that question. Does your time with God consist of an hour at church on the occasional Sunday? The average Christian attends church 2.5x a month. If that is the case, the average Christian spends 21 hours a year in church. Even if you went to church every Sunday, it is only 52 hours out of 8,760 hours in a year or 0.59% of your time. Recent data shows that the average person spends 3 hours and 15 minutes on their phone per day. This equates to 1,185 hours a year or 13.5%. If you are married, how well would you know your spouse if you only spent one hour a week with them? Probably not very well. How can you know God if you don't spend time with him?

The apostles had it good, as they got to live life with Jesus 24/7 for 3 years. We don't have access to the physical manifestation of Jesus on Earth; However, they didn't have the benefit of the New Testament and the Holy Spirit. We have access to numerous translations of the Bible in print or on our phones. Plus, there are thousands of reference materials and devotionals to help us study the Word of God to get to know Him better. We can also pray whenever and wherever we want. We have access to Bible studies, Christian books, sermons online from all sorts of preachers. Plus, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Why is it important to study the Bible? As Christians, we should all be disciples or students of Jesus. By studying the Word, we get to know Him better and when we study the Word, we learn to discern when someone is not preaching from it. Finally, how can we teach or disciple others about "observing everything Jesus has commanded us" if we don't know what He commanded us to do. In his sermon on June 16th, Pastor Nathan shared that a Christian that reads the Bible four times a week or more is 230% more likely to share their faith with someone and 400% more likely to memorize Scripture. To be a teacher or make disciples, you do have to know enough about the subject to teach it. If you asked me to teach you how to play the drums, you would not learn much because I have no training to play the drums. The good news is that you don't have to be an expert in the Bible to teach people about Jesus, but you do need to know Him and know what the Word says.

Jesus tells us to go and make disciples of all nations! Before we ask ourselves if we are making disciples, we need to ask ourselves, "Are we disciples of Jesus?"

Be Blessed

Mission Moment

by Barbara Lynn, Mission Team Leader

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

FCCB is a mission minded fellowship of believers. The list of ministries to which 10% of our monthly undesignated tithes and offerings are given was the focus of March's Mission Moment. It is Biblical to share our material wealth, but it is also our responsibility to put feet, hands, and voice to our giving. Many of the entities to which our Missions money goes are local and volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Listed below are the local agencies FCCB currently supports and a contact source. Prayerfully consider giving your time and talent to one or more of them on a regular or occasional basis. You will be blessed and so will they.

Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) www.jaxbeam.org

Beaches Healthcare-Sulzbacher Center 904-224-3550

Mission House www.missionhousejax.org 904-241-6767

Beaches Community Kitchen MJ.Brown@BeachesCommunityKitchen.org 904-233-3959

First Coast Women's Services Kernan Center 909-246-7378

Seniors on a Mission www.seniorsonamission.org 904-509-4784

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Duval County gchapman@fca.org 770-842-7690

Anchor Academy Pantry barbaraclynn@gmail.com 904-307-0344

Suggestions for new Mission ministry partners are always welcome. Please contact me with your suggestions.

Dear God, Guide our paths, our decisions, and our hearts as we seek to serve You. Amen

FIRST SUNDAY

Prayer & Praise

AUGUST 6TH | 5:30PM

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BEACHES SANCTUARY

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Stewardship

by Bill Gowen

1. **Faithfulness** The broadest responsibility of a steward who manages another person's possessions is faithfulness (1 Cor. 4:2). God tests our faithfulness in little things before He places us in charge of larger things (Matt. 25:21). Our faithfulness in managing what God has entrusted to us is a determinative factor in the responsibilities and rewards of our earthly and heavenly lives (Luke 12:40-44; 16:10-12; 1 Cor. 4:1-5).

2. **Diligence** God requires us to work for our living so that we will be able to provide for our own and share with others (Eph. 4:28; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; 2 Thess. 3:10). We are to be diligent in our work (Prov. 10:4-5; 12:24; 14:23), and not marked by slothfulness or procrastination (Prov. 19:15).

3. **Integrity** As Christians, our work and financial policies must be examples of integrity and honesty. Biblical ethics are absolute, not relative, and we must resist the temptation to get ahead by using shady business practices just because others are using them (Exod. 23:8; Prov. 10:2; 11:1; 20:10,23; 22:16; Zech. 8:16-17; Rom. 13:9-10). Money can do many things, but it is possible to pay too high a price for it. Dishonesty reveals a lack of real dependence on God's ability to provide for our needs and displays an attitude that God will not find out or discipline us. The Lord will not bless what we gain through dishonesty or get-rich-quick schemes. "Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel" (Prov. 20:17; cf. 13:11; 15:6,27; 16:8; 20:21; 21:6; 28:6,20,22).

Seniors on a Mission

by Allen Wankat

Seniors on a Mission brought their mobile training facility to First Christian Church of the Beaches on Tuesday, July 25. Ten Seniors from the Beaches area enjoyed individual technical training sessions, learning more about their mobile phones and tablets. Volunteer "teachers" worked with the Seniors, to help master and understand their

personal devices. The individual sessions each lasted from 45 minutes to over an hour.

During August, SoAM will need 30 volunteers on Wednesday, August 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Coast Women's Services, 3475 Kernan Boulevard South, Jacksonville, 32224. Seniors will be handling a big mailing for this worthy nonprofit organization – 6500 pieces. SoAM no longer is able to offer bus transportation, but FCWS is at Beach and Hodges, which is not too far. Please leave a message at 904-599-4784 if able to attend. Lunch normally is served to all the volunteers.

These efforts help Seniors on a Mission fulfill the organization's reason to exist: honor, love, and encourage independent senior adults, inspiring them to live integrated lives filled with purpose and grace.

Library News

by Jerry Derlikowski

In July, Pastor Nathan shared a message based on Colossians 3:16.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

As he noted, for the message of Christ to dwell among you richly, you must read it on your own. It can be difficult to pick up a Bible and start reading without direction or a guide. Please consider the church library as a resource to support your daily Bible reading. A religious book from the church library can suggest an organization for your reading and provide scripture references about your subject of choice. We have materials in the library for those relatively new to in-home Bible study and also for those of you who are advanced in study. Starter home study suggestions:

- *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Levine-- Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings.
- *Servanthood as Worship* by Palmer--offers Christians a biblical understanding of their

calling to serve in the local church, motivated by our grace in the gospel.

- Max Lucado's books are presented as Bible studies. They are easy reading for everyday Christians with a wealth of Bible verses suggested for your further study. We have a section of his books for general Christian living. They are located under the window.

Advanced home study suggestions:

- *The Trustworthiness of the New Testament: The Significance of Recent Discoveries* by Ramsay--a faith builder for us and an apologetic tool to share with skeptics and those who may have begun to doubt.
- *Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible* by Bird—The book presents a clear and understandable evangelical account of the Bible's inspiration, canonization, significance, and relevance in a reconciling and compelling way.

The library also has many versions of the Bible, including the King James Version, the English Standard Version, and The Message. These alternate versions are helpful for both deep engagement in the reading and for gaining understanding when the wording of a verse or section is challenging.

We hope you will find these resources helpful in your faith walk. If you have questions about what you read, contact the church office and we will find someone to assist you.

Blessings

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.

Christian Women's Fellowship

by Betty Chinnis

Christian Women's Fellowship met on July 25, 2023 with an inspiring devotion by Isabella Bartilucci. Included in it was the following from an unknown author:

THE BUILDERS

I saw them tearing a building down,
A group of men in a busy town,
With hefty blow and lusty yell,
They swung with zest,
And a side wall fell. Asked of the foreman,
"Are these men skilled?"
He looked at me, and laughed, "No, indeed!
Unskilled labor is all I need.
Why, they can wreck in a day or two,
What it has taken builders years to do."
I asked myself, as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder with rule and square,
Measuring and constructing with skill and care
Or am I the wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the business of tearing down?

UPCOMING EVENT: We'll be hosting the Pablo Towers Birthday Party on Saturday August 12th at 1:00. Contact Barbara Lynn at (904) 504-7154 if you would like to help.

We'll begin our new study, "The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream at our August 29th meeting. All women of the church are invited to join us at 10:00 a.m. in the second floor Ocean Front room. Come, and bring a friend.

Art Wall

GINO VALET

This exhibit is a mix of photos made by me over many years, going far back into the Fujifilm & Kodak Tri-X days when I lived in N. California. I learned photography from my father - the late Henry Wieliczko-Valet - who was trained by the Army Air Corp during WW II. He was stationed at an Allied Forces base on Ceylon and did aerial recon photography from a B25 bomber over Tibet & China. Some of his works are housed at the WWII National Museum in New Orleans. I've include one of his off-duty shots taken in INDIA in this show. I spent many hours working with him in our basement darkroom as a child in the 1950's, but didn't become an avid shooter myself until my first trip to Europe in 1970, when he let me take his 35mm Pentax SLR film camera. More of my work, including shots made on Susan's & my recent 3-months living in Italy, can be seen on [STOCK.ADOBE.COM](https://stock.adobe.com) [On that home page enter **54439177** & hit return (do not click the search icon): an ORANGE BLOSSOM photo will pop up and there will be a link "VALETFOTO" under that title: click on that link and the whole portfolio should come up (individually downloadable).] Enjoy!

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Campus Activities

Sunday nights FCCB Kids, grades K-5,
(kickoff 8-13-2023)

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**

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)

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm Choir Practice Starting Aug 2

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

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!!



Trivia
Night

**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!