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When 'A Little While' Feels like Forever

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I own a book with hundreds of Bible promises. Promises to bless, prosper, comfort, deliver, and save. But there's one promise they missed: "In the world you will have tribulation" ([John 16:33](#)).

Jesus made that promise, and I've yet to see it fail.

How can we find peace in troubled times? It's a perennial question—not abstract but urgent. In [John 16](#), Jesus tells his disciples, "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me" (v. 16). The disciples ask, "What does he mean by 'a little while'?" (v. 18). That phrase "a little while" shows up seven times in four verses. Jesus is talking about just three days, but to the disciples it must've felt like forever.

What do you do when "a little while" feels unending?

Time Slows Down

Jesus's death didn't feel like "a little while" when the disciples were experiencing it. As they watched Jesus arrested, beaten, crucified, and buried, surely it felt like an eternity. "A little while" feels like forever when you're in it.

Time moves slower when you're stressed or depressed. **Studies confirm** you perceive time moving more slowly. For example, if you show people a short film and ask how long it was, depressed people estimate longer. "Time flies when you're having fun," the old truism goes, but the inverse is also true. **AS one author put it**, "The more the world [stinks], the slower it goes."

We know this is true. Things slow down when you're in the hospital waiting room, crying out, **God, why aren't you fixing this?** If you're single and don't want to be, praying, **God, I thought I'd be married by now.** When another national tragedy hits and you think, **I know you have the whole world in your hands, Lord, but it doesn't seem so right now.**

Like the disciples, we tell Jesus, *You said 'a little while,' but we must be using different measuring systems. This feels like forever.*

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But you can find peace when you know joy is coming. So Jesus tells his disciples, “Your sorrow will turn into joy” ([John 16:20](#)), and he compares what they’re about to endure to childbirth: “When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world” (v. 21).

The disciples are the woman giving birth. Their pain will be real! But it’s the beginning of the story, not the end. When they encounter Jesus alive, they’ll be “overjoyed” ([John 20:20](#), NIV).

Similarly, the New Testament uses birth as an image for Jesus’s resurrection. He is the “firstborn from among the dead” ([Col. 1:18](#), NIV), for God “loosed [him from] the birth pangs of death” ([Acts 2:24](#)). That Greek word for “birth pangs” (*odin*) refers figuratively to the pain necessary to open up something new. Jesus’s death has opened up something new.

I knew my wife, Holly, was strong, but I didn’t realize *how* strong until she birthed our first child. She went into labor on September 8, 2009. I realized if she could just hold that baby in one day longer—for “a little while”—our daughter would have the auspicious birthday of 09/09/09. I shared this amazing idea with her. She didn’t share my enthusiasm. She wanted that baby out now! When our little girl arrived, she was filled with joy—a joy so great the pain seemed like a distant memory.

Jesus says resurrection brings a joy so great we’ll “no longer remember” the anguish ([John 16:21](#); cf. [Rom. 8:18](#)). I don’t think this means we’ll forget but that our memories will be transformed, overwhelmed by joy. We’ll be like laughing mothers recounting birth stories once so painful.

Peace doesn’t come when you pretend what you’re enduring isn’t hard but rather when you compare it with the age to come. Your future joy will exceed your present sorrow. So when a little feels long, **lift your eyes and look toward resurrection.**

Pregnant Faith

We have a pregnant faith, waiting for delivery to come. Jesus wants his disciples to know that peace is found in him ([John 16:33](#)), even in tribulation. He’s talking not only about the three days between his crucifixion and resurrection but also about the 2,000-plus years between his ascension and second coming. In other words, “a little while” is for us too.

We’re still awaiting resurrection. We’re in the womb of the old world, waiting to be born. “The whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth,” the apostle observes ([Rom. 8:22](#)), with “eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God” (v. 19). We look ahead through the vale and see Jesus, our older brother, who has emerged before us into the light of new creation.

My friends Jake and Lexi have had a year of great trials. Lexi’s water broke at 22 weeks; their son Asher was born six weeks later at 2.5 pounds. They were told he wouldn’t survive. He’d need surgery to close a hole in his heart and a tracheostomy to cut a hole in his neck. The doctors gave interventions to prevent blindness and a breathing machine to keep him alive. This family lived in the hospital for nearly a year.

It felt like forever. But Jake has found peace for one reason: he knows joy is coming. Here’s what he told me:

Will my ultimate joy come in this life? Or will it come in the next? What do I really believe? Is my hope only that things will get better? Or is my hope that one day I'll watch King Jesus tear down this hospital brick by brick because we won't need hospitals ever again?

I know I will hold my son—whether now or in the resurrection. I will see my child longer than I've cried for him. I will stand and hug Asher as we laugh about how there used to be a day when we worried at all. As we see Satan, sin, sickness, and death become nothing but a footstool for the King as he wipes away our tears.

Jesus is bringing a life-giving joy **bigger than our earthly trials**. His healing will be so deep, so powerful, that these “momentary troubles” will be overwhelmed and transformed with an “eternal glory that far outweighs them all” (2 Cor. 4:17, NIV).

When a little while feels long, we can find peace in resurrection joy. It's coming.

Mike's Musings

In Matthew 6:19-21 & 24, Jesus tells us the following: “Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Where is your heart today? Who do you serve? God or money? We need money to pay our bills, buy food, and live. Money isn't bad unless we put it before God. If we let money become the ruler of our lives, we put money ahead of God.

Tithing isn't a new concept. It starts with Abram in Genesis 14. As thanks to God, Abram gave him a tenth of everything. When God gave Moses the law, God refined tithing to the first fruits and the livestock without blemish.

One of the key ideas that we need to comprehend when it comes to tithing is that God gives us everything that we have. Everything is from Him. Does he need our tithes? No. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. He asks us to be obedient to him and give a small portion of what he has given us, back to him. In 1 Samuel 15:22, Samuel tells us that God would rather have our obedience than our sacrifice.

In Mark 12:41-44, Mark tells us that Jesus was sitting across from the temple treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two tiny coins worth very little. Summoning his disciples, he said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. For they all gave out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had – all she had to live on.”

Compare the widow to the rich young ruler. Pastor John & Pastor Nathan both mentioned the rich young ruler in their sermons this summer. The young man said he might have been able to comply if Jesus had only asked him to sell half of everything he owned, but the widow trusted God and gave it all.

By giving all that she had, the widow gave her tithe and an offering. She *tithed* the first 10% and *gave* the other 90%. We are called to tithe *and* to be generous. A tithe is the first 10% or the first fruits. An offering is what we give over and above the tithe. Do you support a Christian radio station, a mission organization, tip generously or some designated ministry in the church? That is giving. Your tithe should be to your church, and anything above that is considered an offering. If you are giving to the youth building fund, that is not your tithe; it is considered an offering.

One of my favorite books is [The Blessed Life](#) by Robert Morris, and it happens to be about tithing, giving and generosity with God. Morris is the lead pastor of Gateway Church in Dallas. In his book, Morris talks about several times when God asked him to give away his house and his vehicles. Morris obeyed, and God provided for his family and blessed him abundantly. That seems extreme to most of us. We ask ourselves why God would ask that and what we would do if God asked us to give that generously. I would like to think I would obey, but truthfully, it would be a big leap!

Morris' point is that you can't out-give God. He doesn't need our money, but He wants our obedience – our hearts. He wants our hearts to know that HE is the treasure we seek in this world. His blessings are not contingent on our tithes or our offerings, but anything we give Him will pale in comparison to His love for us. As if His gift of Jesus weren't enough, He provides everything for us, from our daily bread to the very faith and hope we have in Him. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Morris' wife is often asked why her husband is so generous and she always says, "Oh, that's easy. He has never gotten over what Jesus did for him!" What would it look like to have a church full of folks who have never gotten over what Jesus did for us? We would enjoy the riches of Heaven on earth because we would know the Source.

As you bring your tithes and offerings to Him, be blessed!

Elder's Corner

By Barre Barrett

I've always had an affinity for the month of October or Winterfylleth, as the early Anglo-Saxons called it.

First off, my birthday is in October. Growing up in mid Missouri, October always meant that apples and nuts were ripe and forest leaves turned to yellows, gold, and orange colors. October was when the weather turned cooler with maybe frost, and football season started, and, of course, the celebration of Halloween. October retained its name (originally from Latin and Greek *ôctō* meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar.

Winterfylleth is the Anglo-Saxon or Old English name for the month of October. The year was divided into two parts, Summer, and Winter. The beginning of Winter was marked by the first full moon in October. This day was called Samhain which translates to "the end of summer". It is one of the oldest festivals of humankind. Evil spirits and supernatural beings were involved in the Celtic festival approximately 2,000 years ago. The celebration was given a new meaning with the Catholic Church in Europe in an attempt to influence the pagan Celts. The Irish immigrants brought it to the USA in the early 20th century as scary costumes, pranks, and the Irish legend of jack-o-lanterns increased in popularity. The tradition of "trick or treat" and bats and black cats is all credited to the Celtic tradition of appeasing the supernatural beings.

How did we go from honoring the dead, to the way most Americans celebrate Halloween? According to the internet, next to Christmas, more money is spent on Halloween decorations and novelties than on any other holiday.

Today many churches recognize Halloween as a time to remember the dead, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians. In the New Testament our Christian attitude toward the death of martyrs is recorded after the beheading of St. John the Baptist and the stoning of Stephen. Some churches today encourage members to use Halloween as a time to visit the burial places of family and friends

Our Christian Liturgy does not focus on one particular attribute of Christ but views the ministry of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for each of us to be a follower of Christ instead of worrying about the monsters and creatures of our imaginations. As Christians we shouldn't focus too much on the dark side of this season but instead, we should be remembering and celebrating the lives of all the Christian Saints and the special harvests of this time of year.

Mission Moment

by Barbara Lynn, Mission Team Leader

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...”
2 Corinthians 9:11A



- ♥ **Operation Christmas Child boxes** and suggested items to include will soon be available in the hallway between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Fill the box only with items from the [Shoebox Gift Ideas](#) or the [separate suggested list for boys 10-14, the most underserved children.](#)
- ♥ Enclose a Christmas card with a person note and a family photo to the recipient of the box.
- ♥ Pray for the child who will receive your box.
- ♥ Include your \$10 donation (CHECKS payable to Samaritan's Purse ONLY with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line, NO CASH, PLEASE.) If you are preparing multiple boxes, please make one combined donation.
- ♥ Give online using a credit card or e-check. If you are preparing multiple boxes, please make one combined donation.
- ♥ The Gospel is clearly presented to shoebox recipients. They learn about God's greatest gift, His Son, Jesus the Christ as the Gospel message is presented in *The Greatest Journey* which is placed in each box by Samaritan's Purse.
- ♥ **Place completed boxes on the stage in Fellowship Hall no later than Wednesday, November 16**, as we must deliver our boxes to the local collection point the week of November 14 for transport to Samaritan's Purse for shipping to children in over 100 countries
- ♥ **Boxes will be blessed during worship on Sunday, November 13.**
or
- ♥ **Bless a child without leaving home through Build A Shoebox Online.**
Go to
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>
to build your box. The \$25.00 cost includes items in the box plus the \$10.00 shipping cost.

Notes from Nancy

by Nancy Barrett

Do you realize we have an international choir? We have members personally born in Puerto Rico, Samoa, and the Netherlands. We have members who have parents and/or grandparents who are Native American Choctaw, Slovakian, Italian, English, Scottish, Irish, and Polish. We even have one who somewhat seriously claims to be about 1% Neanderthal.

Our Choir family is pretty amazing, and we always welcome members who want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

We plan our special music months in advance, but things can often happen so those plans may change. In October we look forward to singing a couple of our favorite anthems, "Love Is" with Heather Whitacre playing flute, "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name", and "He Touched Me".

We will hear special music from the very talented Bula family, and we hope to hear a special from our newly formed Gospel men. We'll begin November with an all-time favorite, Amazing Grace.

Beach Barn Steering Committee



Pay Off the Beach Barn!

At the Youth House Steering Committee's direction, we started a capital campaign in our church to raise the funds to pay off the debt on Patriot's Day last month. We currently have over 100 folks that give regularly to the church, so if we could get 100 of our givers to give an extra \$1,480 over the next 18-24 months, we can get this debt paid off. This amounts to an extra \$62/month for the next 24 months if we get 100 people/families to pledge to getting this debt paid off.

This capital campaign should not come from your tithe. We use the tithe to operate the church and we need to continue pay bills and serving people. **This is a gift over your tithe for a short period of time to get this debt paid off.** Pledge letters are available at the office or outside the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give to get this debt paid off.

Amazon Smiles

Amazon has a program called Amazon Smiles. You can google it and use your amazon login and password. Then you need to pick The First Christian Church of the Beaches Inc. as the entity where you want to send your gifts. When you select the church, it will be your "go to" charity. Every time you buy something on amazon smiles, the church receives 0.5% of your purchases and costs you nothing. If you use Amazon, you should switch to Amazon Smiles, as it helps your church!

Be blessed, Pastor Mike

Prayer Ministry

by Susan Amos

What a wonderful time it was to pray and praise together as a church family at our prayer and healing service! Many thanks to those of you who came on Sunday and to those who prayed for the service.

Our elders led us through James 6:13-15, and the Father graciously showed us verse 16! The Lord is faithful, and He met us right where we were. He brought healing and peace, and He loved on us as we loved on each other. What a gift it is to belong to a body of Christ that gathers to pray!

The Lord promises us that the enemy is defeated by His blood and by our testimonies, and boy, did we have some great ones! Many thanks to Barbara Lynn, Leslie Williams and Ruth Stiehl for your courage and vulnerability in sharing for the advancement of the Kingdom. You ladies are heroes of the faith!

If you weren't able to come, you missed a treat, but don't worry – we are going to do it again! Watch for the date and time of our next service here in the Tidal Wave, on social media and in the announcements. You may not have to wait that long to find out, though, because we are so excited, we will probably tell you before then!

Thank you for trusting the Lord in prayer with us,
Murray, Rita, Betty, Gary, Deb, John, and Susan

Library News

by Jerri Derlikowski

Quote:

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

Jane Goodall, Feb 23, 2019.

Featured Book Section:

Our Church Library has a section on Parenting. Here one can find books on raising boys, raising girls, raising teens, emotional and spiritual health of children, items for single mothers, marriage enrichment, grandparents, and eldercare. Although this is not a large section compared to our other topics, there are several well-known authors included such as T. Berry Brazelton, David Elkin, John Eldridge, and James Dobson.

The library door is always unlocked, and it is available whenever the Church is open. It is located off Fellowship Hall at the end opposite the stage.

Blessings,
Jerri Derlikowski
Carole Moore

Campus Activities

FCCB Students, grades 6-12, meet on **Sunday nights, 5:30-7:00pm** (dinner provided).

Stretching and Toning Class, Tuesdays at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study with Don Lynn, Tuesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday Night Dinners, 5:30pm / Choir Practice, Bible Study, Kids grades K-5th, 6:30pm

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

Open AA Meetings held at FCCB on Tue, Thu, Fri & Sat. Nights

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

Saturday 5:30pm-8:00pm "Young People Group" downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Combined Worship Services (where there is only one service)

Sun. November 20, 9:00am Harvest Communion / 10:00am Sunday School

Sun. December 11, 11:00am Choir Cantata / 10:00am Sunday School

Sun. December 25, 11:00am Merry Christmas, East Lawn / NO Sunday School

Scout News

by Barre Barrett, Scout's Liaison

Pack 40 Cub Scouts

Meet on Tuesday nights in the Fellowship Hall from 6pm-7pm

Troop 40 BSA Scouts

Meet on Tuesday nights in the Youth Beach Barn from 7pm-8:30pm

Upcoming Events – Troop 40 Boy Scouts of America

Oct. 04 – Meeting Merit Badge 1 – Family Life

Oct. 11 – Meeting *TBD*

Oct. 14 – 16 Camp Joy, Cardboard Regatta and Knots

Oct. 18 – Meeting Merit Badge 2 – Citizenship in Society

Oct. 25 – Meeting Merit Badge 2 – Citizenship in Society

Nov 01 – Meeting Merit Badge 2 – Citizenship in Society

Nov 18 – 20 Camp *TBD* Florida Caverns or General Coffee – Finish Wilderness Survival

Dec 13 – Meeting, Christmas Party

Dec 17 – Wreaths Across America / *TBD* Activity

Dec 20 – No Meeting – Christmas

Dec 27 – No Meeting – New Years

Other News

- ❖ **Church Photo Directory:** Please send in a digital picture of yourself or family to the church email, office@fc2b.org Also, let us know if your contact info has changed.
- ❖ **Church Office is open Monday-Thursday, 8am-3:30pm. And closed on Fridays.**
- ❖ **CALLING FCCB ARTISTS**
We have an Art Wall in Small Fellowship Hall, please contact Barre Barrett at 904-566-4210
- ❖ **We are starting an acolyte ministry in our 9am service.** We hope to have our young people involved in bringing in the light of Christ to begin our service as we light the candles on our communion table.
The light of Christ will be carried out of the service to the waiting world as we close our service. **If you have a son or daughter or grandchild interested in taking part of this acolyte ministry, please contact Nancy Barrett** by email nancyvannbarrett@bellsouth.net or at church.
- ❖ **HARVEST COMMUNION TABLE COVER**
You are invited to contribute a fabric square 6"x6" to be added to the Harvest Communion table cover. Especially new families/members, that would not have donated before. The swatch of cloth should have some special significance for you or your family or somehow represent you or your family. Place it in the collection basket in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 13th. The table cover will continue to grow as we add new fabric each year. If you miss the deadline, you can still participate next year.
- ❖ **Reaching Out**
If you know someone who is homebound, and would like to have communion brought to them, or in need of prayers either by phone or at their home, please call the church office with their information. 904-246-2010

FCCB Meeting Summary – Body of Trustees

Meeting Minutes / Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Present: Bob Meador, Scott Kelly, Carolyn Jones, David MacInnes, Nathan Loewen, Mike Amos

Meeting called to order at 9:55am by Nathan Loewen, Moderator

Opening Prayer: Mike Amos

Review of prior meeting minutes: Moderator called the question of approval of August 17, 2022, minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- John Jolly was absent but had previously provided a financial information report via email. Note: Outdoor Worship Space line item has been changed from Marked Donations to active accounts in the Excel spreadsheet.
- Mike Amos will be taking over as Church Treasurer October 1st.
- Campaign to pay off the Youth House loan has received \$8127 so far, and additional pledges of \$16,778.

Building & Grounds:

- Projects list and status were provided and will be included with the minutes of this meeting.
- Volunteer Workday will be October 22nd. Cleaning of flower beds, adding mulch, and general sprucing up of the grounds will be the focus.

VyStar Update:

- Account balances were reported as of this date.
- Overdraft Protection has been added to our checking account in the event of a bookkeeping error. Funds from the MMA will be transferred to Checking if needed. There is no fee for this.

Outdoor Worship Space:

- Greg Nelson, a Building Contractor, has volunteered to complete the project at his expense. He will pull permits and The Outdoor Worship Space Committee will have oversight of his work. Any change orders in the project will be paid for by the church.

Sanctuary Video Equipment:

- It will cost \$4500 to replace projectors, but currently the projectors are working, with a need to replace a bulb and filter packs. Scott recommended waiting until 2024 to replace with new projectors.

Update/reminders from Mike Snyder (in his absence):

- Bookkeeping/Accounting functions moving in-house on October 1.
- Remember the budget call from the Leadership Council.
- Mike to be replaced as an outgoing Trustee. One name was mentioned as a possible candidate.

Old Business:

- Bob Meador presented for approval the modified/updated Appendix 8 to the Policies and Procedures Manual. This details the Supervisor for each employee, and for whom the Supervisor will perform evaluations. Kelly moved approval. Jones-Popp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bob Meador requested authority to make necessary changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual required by approval of Appendix 8. Kelly moved approval. Jones-Popp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Discussion of indemnification documentation needed from companies not currently covered under our current policy Bob Meador will bring a list and suggestions to the October meeting to discuss.
- The church van is 10 years old and a recommendation from Mike Amos that it be sold, and John Madison be asked to facilitate the sale. The van has several mechanical issues mechanics are not able to identify and/or repair. Funds from the sale will be marked for future youth transportation. Jones-Popp moved the recommendation. Meador seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- A local Girl Scout Troop would like to use a room in the Coggin Building on Fridays from 6-7pm. We would not be the chartering organization, so a fee of \$25 will be required. Kelly moved approval. Jones-Popp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:57am, with prayer by David MacInnes

Serving opportunities are coming your way!



Speaking of serving we have lots of opportunities with the kids and the youth. We are also needing help with our Sunday Teams. If you are a behind the scenes person, you can help with set up and tear down at the 8am service or as a server in the 9am and 11am services. If you are a people person, we need greeters at all three services on Sunday. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Mike. mike.amos@fc2b.org

FC2B

Sunday Team

Volunteer Description

Greeters

Need: 2 people for all three services. Looking for out-going people who like to smile and have never met a stranger.

Purpose: To be the first smile that people encounter as they visit our church. We are hosting people in our church, so we want to be welcoming and accommodating.

Duties Include:

- Check to make sure there are enough cards and envelopes in the pews.
- Greet visitors and pass out bulletins.
- Direct people with questions to the Pastors or Elders.

Communion Prep/Ushers

Need: 2 people for both the 9am and 11am services. Looking for people who will want to work behind the scenes and will get things done the right way.

Purpose: Handle most of the aspects of communion on Sundays.

Duties Include:

- Ensure that the candles are full of oil and are lit.
- Prepare the communion trays for the worship service including the tray for the worship team at 11am.
- Place them on the communion table at the front of the church before services start.
- Release people for communion.
- Clean up communion cups after service and other trash left behind.

Set-up Crew

Need: 2 people for the 8am service if we are outside. Looking for people who can lift a little weight and can function in the morning.

Purpose: Help set up and tear down the sound equipment for the 8am outside worship service.

Duties Include:

- Set up and tear down the sound equipment and help set it up for the 8am outside service.
- Stow the gear in the worship closet.
- Be available at 7:15am for set up.

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Celebrations

October Birthdays

03 Debra Sanders
03 Diane Stevenson
04 Barre Barrett
05 Kelly Russell
07 Keith Romine
09 Diana Lain
10 Fritz Horn
11 Bill Popp
12 Penny Kamish
13 Steven Cox
14 Sharon Reimann
14 Chuck Duran
14 Michael Mele
16 Joy Casino
16 Alice Pinner
18 Vicki Fitzgerald
18 Leslie Williams
21 Ann Brown
21 Barbara DuVal
22 Shelley Guthrie
23 Mahlon Dixon
23 Melissa Stout
24 Adrienne Hibbard
27 Susan Collins
28 Doug McIntosh
29 Pam Mangine
29 Avenlee Loewen
31 Sarah Bledsoe
31 Ruth Stiehl
31 Phil Martin

October Anniversaries

16 Jim and Sarah Bledsoe
17 Marianne and Jeff Lee
21 Mark and Anna Silliman
21 Richard and Karen Blackwell
23 Bill Jones and Carolyn Jones Popp

Welcome New Members

Rick and Urszula Moore
Kelly Russell and Steven Cox



October Prayers

OUR MEMBERS

Al-Banna Family	H
Bassett, Wes	H
Bennett, Bud & Barbara	H
Brown, Don	H
Casino, Joy & Family	H, G
Claytor, Jim	H
Galloway Family	G
Gonzales, Corliss	H
Grader, Madeline	H
Green, Wally & Shirlee	H
Hernandez, Pat	H
Jones, Laurie	H, J
Lain, Diana	H
Lim, Dolly	H
Mangine, Bill & Pam	H
Meess, Mary Margaret	H
Moran Sr., Bryan	U
Pinner, Alice	H
Robbins, Paul	H
Schoonover, Carol	H
Speevack, Peachie	H
Stevenson, Barry	H
Stiehl, Paul	H
Strickland, Reggie & Kay	H
Taylor, Jessie	H
Terrell, Jerry	H
Thompson, John Paul	H
VanDusen, Gloria	H
Walker, Chuck & Phyllis	H
Williams, Beth	U

RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Astaire	H
(Carla Tracy)	
Arbaugh, Noland	H
(Jim & Val Peau)	
Beal, Amanda	H
(Paul & Ruth Stiehl)	
Clark, Marilyn	H
(Devin Clark)	
Connor, Jimmy	H
(Betty Mills)	
Dufrene, Armand	U
(Carla Tracy)	
Green, Scott	H
(Shirlee & Wally Green)	
Griffin, Eddie	H
(Judy Griffin Fryrear)	
Memi	H
(Jim Peau)	
Johnnie	H
(Ruth Forrest)	
Jones, Rick	H
(Rita Vernon)	
Kalahear, Cathy	H
(Charlie Setters)	
Kelly, Pam	H
(Scott Kelly)	
Kirkley, Jay & Lila	H
(Marge Medina)	
Kirkley, Laura	H
(Marge Medina)	
Mangine, Steven	H
(Bill Mangine)	
Meador, Geof	H
(Bob & Mellanie Meador)	
Meess, Ronald "Rocky"	H
(Mary Margaret Meess))	

Melcolm, Reed	H
(Peachie Speevack)	
Moon, Teari	H
(Charlie Setters)	
Morgan, Buddy	H
(Jim & Rita Vernon)	
Mullins, Tasha	H
(Pam Mangine)	
Ping, Sufang	H
(Ping Kuca)	
Rasco, Suzanne & Austin	H
(Ruth Stiehl)	
Shellenberger, Margaret & Bob	H
(John Campbell)	
Daughter of	H
(Sherise Mills)	
Swindell, Halee	H
(Betty Smith)	
Terrell, Jay	H
(Jerry Terrell)	
Wahlert, Melodie	H
(Ashlee Loewen)	
Walker, Judy	H
(Andy Walker)	
Wallman, Jill	H
(Sue Wallman)	

FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Adkinson, Adam	U
(Mel Perdue)	
Caleb, Melissa & Tommy	U
(Sherry Boatman-Burriss)	
Christy & Scott	H
(Sherry Boatman-Burriss)	
Clark, Tommy	U
(Mel Perdue)	
Cobb, Mike & Phyllis	H
(Don & Barbara Lynn)	
Crawford, Karen	U
(Sherry Bevis)	
Davis, Daniel & Angela	H, R
(Francesca Davis)	
Dehm, Officer Denzel	H
(Chief Ricky Pike)	
Donahue, Linda	H
(Rita Vernon)	
Dothard, Bernice	H
Elliott, Robert	H
(John Campbell)	
Feather, Hal	H
(Don Brown)	
Joe S.	H
(Paul Robbins)	
Johnston, Jessie	H
(Betty Smith)	
Judge, Jimmy	H
(Barry & Diane Stevenson)	
Julian	U
(Cani Hahn)	
Joyce & Amy	H
(Jan Wheeler)	
Krieger, Bill & Phylis	H
(Chuck & Phyllis Walker)	
Lani & Family	U
(Cani Hahn)	
Lexi	U
(Billy Howell)	
Mackee, Ann	H
(Paul & Ruth Stiehl)	
Mary Ellen	H
(Billy Howell)	

Meriyah & Children	U
(Cani Hahn)	
McCoy, Cameron	U
(Sherry Bevis)	
Nay, David	H
(Don Peters)	
Nelson, Lisa	U
(Billy Howell)	
O'Brien, Sherry	U
(Marti Miller)	
Oglesbee, Diane	U
(Marti Miller)	
Schultz, Logan	H
(Barbara Lynn)	
Treadwell, Theresa	H
(Tracy Antzaklis)	
Vanessa & Paul	H
(John Campbell)	
Wald, Robert	H
(Mary Margaret Meess)	

RELOCATED MEMBERS

Donnell & Spears Families	H
Nussmeyer Family	G
Weber, Sherron	H
Williams, Beverly	H
Williams, LouAnn	H

CHURCH FRIENDS

Aley, Mark	H
Bailey, Mary	H
Brown, Billy	H
Browning, Donny	H
Brumbly, Don	H
Cain, Vivian	U
Choate, Maurine	U
Coleman-Hayes, Candy	H
Davila, Arionna	H
Freeman, Janey DuRocher	H
Humphrey, Peggy & Family	H
Jackson, Polly	H
Metts, Levi & Robert	U
Mitzie, sister of Steve Leshner	H
Ross, Jon	H
Summerville, Sabastian	H
Sullivan, Luke	H
Stanford, Tom & son, David	H
Sumner, Robbie	H
Tromley, Linda	H
Viola, Helen	H
West, Laurie	H

PASTORS / MISSIONARIES

Loewen, Nathan & Family	
Amos, Mike, Susan & Family	
Madison, John & Family	
Cooper, Michael & Family	
Fox, Luke & Family	
Hopkins, Chris & Family	
Smaga, Robin & Family	
Collins, Susan & Family	
Goehrig, Betsy & Family	
Israel, Jeremy	
(Bama Israel)	
Martell, José, Elizabeth & Family	
(Cuba)	

Phillips, Scott, Jennie & Family	
(Indonesia)	
Messick, Sandy & Family	
Heyward, Elizabeth	
(Africa)	

OTHERS

- Medical staff & Medical support personnel
- Supply chain providers and all related workers
- Assisted living & Nursing home residents & staff
- First Coast Women's Services
- Educational System
- BEAM / Mission House
- Iglesia Evangelica Bethel
- Bethany Christian Church
- Police, First Responders and their families
- Youth & Gang Violence
- Military & their families
- Persecuted Christians
- Racial Reconciliation
- Disaster Victims
- Isolation of Individuals
- End All Shootings
- Youth Building
- Long Range Planning
- War in Ukraine
- Atlantic Beach Classical Conversations Homeschool Co-op

Prayer Codes

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

Member relationships are shown in parentheses

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP

Middle School & High School Students

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nursery is provided for infants-5 years. Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Children K-5th will be released during the service.

- 02** 8:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** (weather permitting)
On the East Lawn - Bring your own chairs
9:00 AM **WORSHIP** – In the Sanctuary / Live Online
10:00 AM Bible Study Classes
11:00 AM **WORSHIP** – In the Sanctuary / Live Online
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- 09** 8:00 AM **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** (weather permitting)
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MONTH OF OCTOBER

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OCTOBER ELDERS & DEACONS

ELDERS

Rita Vernon
Diane Stevenson
Bill Gowen
Daniel Bula
Tom Trotta

DEACONS

Brenda Snyder
Mike Snyder
Aimee Lopiano
Mark Lopiano
Wanda Banks
Wendy Davis

Worship
Times

8:00 am

Outside – East Lawn
(Weather permitting)

9:00 & 11:00 am

In the Sanctuary
& Live online

Join us for Sunday worship
no matter where you are

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Sunday morning to
Celebrate the Gospel,
share God's word,
take Communion and
sing songs of praise
and worship!

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