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Dear Church,

The past 14 months have surely been different from any time we have experienced in our lives. A seemingly short 6 weeks turned into over 12 months, and we still aren't what we would consider, back. This global pandemic has had a lasting impact on our church and our lives. The way and manner in which we interact have changed drastically. We have become slightly more cautious. We have become more isolated.

It is easy to imagine Jesus' disciples huddled up in a house in Jerusalem. Worried, anxious, nervous, and even scared. Jesus has been crucified, resurrected, and now ascended to the right hand of God and they have been told to wait. To wait for the Holy Spirit. There in their isolation, they were not alone. God saw them and cared for them. Just as He sees you, just as He sees our church.

On the day of Pentecost, 50 days after the Lord's resurrection, the Holy Spirit descends and fills each of them. The Church is born! With all the fervor and excitement, Peter rushes to the street to proclaim Christ, and thousands come forward having heard the good news and receiving the Spirit. The Apostles tell them to repent and be baptized! The Church is born, becoming the place where we go to be with God. The Spirit carries them through and still to this day.

Pentecost is a natural time to celebrate the local church's birthday. For us at First Christian Church of the Beaches that is 76 years. In those 76 years, there have been seasons of feasting and seasons of famine. Yet through it, all God, in His Spirit has always been with us. As we have huddled up for the past 14 months wondering when it all will end, it is appropriate in this season of Pentecost that we rush into the street proclaiming Christ and trusting in His faithfulness and His promises.

We can trust the Christ will always take care of His bride, the church. And by extension, he is mindful of each one of us. Take heart and go forth in praise and prayer for He has sustained us, cared for us, and now energizes us onto the streets to lift high the name of Jesus.



Yours in Christ, Pastor Nathan by Nancy Barrett

Graduation

Graduation is a very important time in a person's life. When my grandson was young his school had a graduation ceremony from his kindergarten class. He even had a cap and gown. That's the end of being a little child and the beginning of looking forward to being a student. When I was a young girl, I graduated from eighth grade in a cap and gown ceremony that recognized leaving behind the carefree elementary school years and looking forward to the years as a teenager. The years go quickly, and that teenager is soon ready to put on a cap and gown and graduate from high school. The pressure is on as everyone wants to know what is next in your life. Will it be more education? Will it be going to work? Will it be getting married? Will it be leaving your family and friends behind as you go out on your own?

The Bible has advice that will help the graduate as he or she makes decisions that lead to adulthood:

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Proverbs 19:20-21 Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

Congratulations Graduates! As our former Pastor Mahlon often said, "Lift your head up high, believe that you are somebody and that you belong to something important, because you are and you do! You are a child of God and a member of His kingdom! There is no higher status in this life!

- 1. Think about things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable think about anything that is excellent or praiseworthy the best, not the worse. (Philippians 4:8)
- 2. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced. (Psalm 105:5)
- 3. Be mentally alert, focused, and self-disciplined. (1 Peter 1:13)
- 4. Cultivate a Christ-like attitude. (Ephesians 4:23)
- 5. Meditate on God's Word. (Joshua 1:8; Psalms 1:2)

Why does it matter what we think? We aren't hurting anyone else, are we? It matters. Jesus Himself said that we are to love God with our entire mind. (Matthew 22:37). Do we love Him with our entire mind when we engage in sinful thoughts? Jesus also answers the question regarding our thoughts hurting someone else. In Matthew 15:19, He points out that all evil actions originate in the mind. Our negative thoughts may not always lead to words or action, but do we really want to risk it?

When we catch ourselves thinking in ways that we shouldn't, we can put the above Scriptures into practice. For example, another way to phrase the first two is "count your blessings". This is a cliché, but I find that it truly works. Thanking God for His salvation, mercy, and grace; my wonderful family and friends; our incredible church; my health – all the abundance with which He has blessed me – empties my mind of unworthy thoughts. Being alert to "wrong-headedness" and trying to imagine how Jesus would deal with the situation, changes my attitude. Meditating on God's Word always comforts, strengthens, and guides. We can pray with the psalmist, "May the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

Stewardship

by John Campbell

The Privilege of Giving

We could all learn from the Macedonian Christians of Paul's day. Despite their own poverty, these believers begged for the privilege of giving to the needs of the Jerusalem church (2 Corinthians 8:4). They apparently saw the weekly offering the way God does, not as a separate event from the worship service but as an essential part of following Jesus.

Many Christians, unfortunately tend to view giving as a responsibility or duty, not as a privilege. This perspective falls in to following a legalistic checklist of dos and don'ts. This is exactly what our Savior Jesus was so repulsed about in his day.

Instead, giving is actually a privilege of expressing our gratitude to God's Son, Jesus. His death on the cross and resurrection was a gift that provides all believers with the privilege of eternal salvation. What a delightful privilege that is indeed!

Notes from Nancy

by Nancy Barrett

May was a busy month with our cantata and Memorial weekend! A special thank you to Ian Bula who took care of the music in the 9am service while our organist, Barbara Sartin, was attending a family wedding. June 6th we will have the opportunity to be blessed by special music from Gene Nordan. Many of us have enjoyed hearing Gene through the years in various venues.

There will be only one service June 20th and plans include Deb and Ian leading the music.

Library News

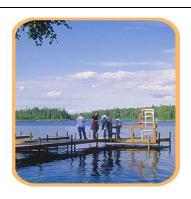
by Geno Valet

The Church needs an Assistant Librarian. Duties are light; serving church needs is always a blessing. Linda White has moved to the Carolinas, so currently the biggest need is a "computerista" to make the spine-lables for new additions. Please email me at **JazzValet@icloud.com** if interested. I'm happy to answer any questions about maintaining the library in general.

Mission Moment

by Barbara Lynn

Mission Team Chair



We're Going to Alaska!!

FCCB is the faith partner with BEAM and Joseph Finegan Elementary School for the monthly Finegan Pantry. Volunteers from our church family, the school, and the community work together during each Pantry to serve our neighbors. Through this shared ministry right here at the beach we are partnering with the daughter of one of our community volunteers who is going to be a summer missionary at Solid Rock Bible Camp in Soldotna, Alaska. Only God could have brought us together!

Meet Pilar Walker, the young adult we are helping support through our Mission dollars from the annual disbursement from the Endowment Fund. Pilar has a heart for the Lord and is taking a leave of absence from her job this summer to be a camp counselor at Solid Rock. She says, "I will have the privilege of leading kids in new activities, fun games, and most importantly teaching them about the Gospel and the love of Christ. At Solid Rock, the goal is to encourage kids to grow in Christ and His abundant love, meet their spiritual needs, and foster mindfulness of God, their Creator.

Camps can have a big impact on the way kids choose to engage with the Gospel. As a child growing up, I would attend camp every summer, and during that time not only did I have a blast, but I learned some fundamental truths about my relationship with God that I will never forget. I was 12 years old and at camp the first time I realized that Christ died for EVERYONE. My eyes were opened to my calling as a Christian to not only know God but to make Him known. The grace of the Lord and the positive leadership I experienced in those days as a camper heavily influenced who I am today. Because of this, I want to give my summer to be that positive influence on our youth."

Pray for Pilar, the other counselors, and campers at Solid Rock Bible Camp. Enjoy being a part of kids in Alaska knowing and growing in Christ this summer!

God will direct your steps. Proverbs 16:9

Search Committee: Associate Pastor of Administration/Executive Pastor

by Barbara Lynn

Search Committee Chair

The Search Committee is meeting regularly to review the resumes received by those interested in this ministry position. In addition to being posted on the Disciples' Office of Christian Vocations' website, the Job Description is also available on a variety of other sites to facilitate good exposure. We have received a number of resumes from a diverse group of individuals. Even as we continue to review those already received, new ones continue to arrive. Your committee is in the Discernment Stage of the search process as we each prayerfully evaluate the information contained and then reach consensus as a group concerning individual candidates.

Be assured that individually and as a group your committee is committed to being:

- prayerful, seeking God's leadership and wisdom as we review and discuss each resume';
- protective of the confidentiality of the candidates' names and the information shared on their resumes; and
- patient as we move forward.

Speed is not the goal. Discerning God's person for our Associate Pastor of Administration/Executive Pastor is our desire, and we know you agree. Please pray for us and for the person God has for us, asking God to lead us together to glorify and serve Him at FCCB.

Prayer Ministry

by Rita Vernon

Prayer Ministry Team Lead

Calling all Prayer Warriors!! The Prayer Ministry continues to work on the technology end of our upcoming Online Prayer Service. We will be having a final practice in the near future and would like to include you. If you have not let us know if you are interested in being an online prayer room host and praying for individuals, please let us know as soon as possible. You can contact Rita Vernon at ritavern@gmail.com or call at 904-386-7888.

We have Sweet Sleep Pillowcases ready for anyone in need of a prayed over pillowcase. If you have someone who you think would appreciate one of these pillowcases, please contact any member of the Prayer Ministry Team. Our team members are Rita Vernon, Betty Mills, Debbie Claytor, Murray Trotta and John Campbell.

If you would like to join our prayer ministry team, please contact any of the above or let the church office know. Only a willing heart is required.

Scout News

by Barre Barrett

Upcoming Events - Troop 40 BSA Scouts

Troop 40 BSA Scouts

- Troop 40 did a campout service project at Hanna Park
- On June 12 Troop 40 will conduct a Flag Retirement service on the Church Oceanfront lawn area at 5 PM. Anyone with an old or tattered American Flag can bring it to the Church office for the retirement or come early on June 12 and bring it.
- July 10-17 Troop 40 scouts are attending a Summer Camp at Camp Daniel Boone in North Carolina.
- There are no regular meetings of Troop 40 this summer except for the annual leadership planning meeting on July 27

Pack 40 Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 40 is not meeting during summer months - will resume in late August when school starts again.

Campus Activities

Stretching and Toning Classes start back June 1 at 10:15am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own mat or use one of the churches chairs. All are welcome! We will not meet the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Other News

There are always church members who make a difference as they worship and serve. Donna Bailey is an outstanding example of that kind of member. Donna is the person we all go to when something needs doing, when we can't find something, when we need a creative idea, or just when we need to share with a friend.

She has been teaching at UNF, serving as Director of Communications and Missions at FCCB, helping with our youth, taking care of her mother, partnering in buying and flipping houses, and who knows what all else. She will be continuing with full-time teaching as a UNF professor, so she decided to resign from her job at FCCB.

The choir hopes she will have time to sing with us. We enjoy her singing and her fun personality in the choir, and it just wouldn't be the same without her. We'll keep her choir robe handy when she gets time to come to rehearsals and sing with us.

We all wish her well. Her spiked heel shoes will be hard to fill as Communications Director. Good luck Donna and May God bless you in all that you do.

Love to you, Nancy

Youth Summer Calendar 2021

Listed below is the tentative scheduled events for this summer. Events are subject to change so check with Luke before arriving. These events are for students rising into grades 6-12. Guests are welcome at any event.

Thursday June 3 LAST DAY Duval County Schools

Sunday June 6 Youth on the Beach, 5:30-7:30. Dinner, followed by organized games and a

short lesson. This will be the last night of our Youth Challenge series and will

involve intense yoga. Dress appropriately.

Sunday June 13 Dinner and a Movie. Details to follow.

Sunday June 20 (Father's Day) Luke is preaching so be sure to come to church and support him.

There will be no other youth activity that day.

Sunday June 27 Jumbo Shrimp Game. Meet at church at 5:00 pm. Ticket is covered. Bring \$ for

dinner/snacks. Expected return time 10 pm.

Sunday July 4 No Youth Activity

Sunday July 11 MOSH - Meet at church at noon. Bring \$ for a fast-food lunch. MOSH Ticket is

covered. We will return at 4pm.

Note: Luke is preaching that morning. Be sure to come support.

Sunday July 18 Adventure Landing Water Park. Meet at church at 10am (we encourage you to

come to the 9am service first). You are responsible for your ticket. We will

cover lunch inside the park. Expected return time is 2:30.

Sunday July 25 Dinner and a movie. Details to follow.

Sunday August 1 Youth on the Beach. 5:30-7:30. Dinner followed by games and a short lesson.

Tuesday August 10th - Duval students report to school :(

FCCB Meeting Summary – Body of Trustees

Meeting 05/26/21 - Oceanfront Classroom, 10:00 am

Members Present: Mike Snyder, Kristin Jewell, Ed Washburn, Bob Meador, Nathan Loewen

Opening Prayer: Mike Snyder

- Motion made by Bob and seconded by Ed, to accept last meeting's minutes; all were in favor.
- Chairman Mike announced that the PPP Loan has officially been forgiven. He also updated us on the search for a Youth Director and Executive Pastor. Both searches are moving along and there are many quality candidates.
- Mike also noted Nancy Barrett asked if the Tuesday morning Stretching and Toning Class could resume starting June 1st, we all agreed.
- Building & Grounds: Ed gave an update on building and grounds. The fencing and gate have been repaired. A church workday is in the planning. He interviewed Steve Brubaker for the part time maintenance position and plans to make him an offer. Ed mentioned that Mel Purdue noticed our southside parking lines are faded, and as a gift to the church is going to repaint them.
- Seniors on a Mission has asked if they can park their 40' RV in our front parking lot on either June 4th or the 11th (as a rain day) and it was agreed by all if the church calendar days were open.
- Leadership Council asked us to consider the idea of securing our front parking lot and the Board
 of Trustees determined that this is a community relations issue and will pass it along to the Elders
 to consider.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Nathan Loewen

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am

Holy Land 2021

March 12 - 21



Are you interested in journeying to the Holy Land?

Pastor Nathan will lead this tour group in 2022

Brochures are in the church office or you can find information and sign up online using the link below.

Holy Land Tour Information Link

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www.fc2b.org

Live Worship Service on Sunday Submit Tithes & Prayer Requests

- www.fc2b.org/giving
- www.fc2b.org/prayer-request

Worship Resources Information

- Announcements
- Tidal Wave

Facebook

Live Worship Streaming on Sundays

YouTube

Sunday Sermon-only Replay

We're LIVE on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary and online!



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Church Communication

Contact the church office to be added to our email or phone list, or to update your contact information.

Email Church information, weekly e-bulletin and announcements

Phone Tree Weekly announcements and important notification messages by phone

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June Birthdays

- 04 Geno Valet
- 05 Kay Park
- **06** Gordon Rulong
- 08 Don Lynn
- 09 Donna Bailey
- 15 Dona Gibson
- 21 Lana Suarez
- 25 Mike Sarles
- 30 Thom Gibson

June Anniversaries

- 05 Clyde and Gloria Bulter
- 07 Don and Barbara Lynn



June Prayers

OUR MEMBERS Al-Banna Family Aley, Mark Н Bailey, Mary Н H Bassett, Wes Bennett, Bud & Barbara Brown, Don Η Casino, Joy Н Choate, Maurine H Claytor, Jim Claytor & Grace Family Donnell, Jean Н Н Grader, Madeline Gonzales, Corliss Н Hall, Dan Н Harman Family Hibbard, Brandy Н Husk, Clo Jackson, Polly Н Jones, Laurie H,J Lain, Diana Η Lim, Dolly Н G Martin Family Meess, Mary Margaret H Miller, Kenyon Peau Family H Pinner, Alice Ranier, Vicki Robbins, Paul Н Ross, Jon Schoonover, Carol Н Setters, Paola H Shimp, Marcella Stevenson, Barry Н Stiehl, Paul Terrell, Sarah Н Thompson, John Paul H H VanDusen, George & Gloria Walker, Chuck Н Williams, Billy & Evelyn Н Williams, Beth U Williams, Beverly Н Williams, LouAnn

RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Astaire (Carla Tracy's daughter)	Н
Arbaugh, Noland	Н
(Jim & Val Peau's grandson) Beal, Amanda (Paul & Ruth Stiehl's granddaughter)	Н
Bush, Jennie	Н
(Brenda Brown's sister-in-law) Chiocca, McKenzi (Joseph Chiocca's daughter)	R
Clark, Marilyn	Н
(Devin Clark's wife) Connor, Jimmy (Betty & George Mills great	Н
nephew) Dufrene, Justin & Armand	U
(Carla Tracy's grandsons) Garnett, Dawn (Jack Garnett's cousin)	Н
Green, Scott (Shirlee & Wally Green)	Н

Griffin, Eddie	Н
(Judy Griffin Fryrear's brother) Hibbard, Lisa	Н
(Brandy's sister-in-law)	•
Jim Peau's Sister	Н
(Jim Peau) Jones, Rick	Н
(Rita Vernon's cousin)	• • •
Kalahear, Cathy	Н
(Charlie Setters aunt)	
Kirkley, Jay & Lila (Marge Medina's grandchildren) H
Kirkley, Laura	'H
(Marge Medina's daughter)	
Long, Jeanne	Н
(Paul Stiehl's sister) Mangine, Steven	Н
(Bill Mangine's brother)	•
Meess, Ronald "Rocky"	Н
(Mary Margaret Meess' father) Millien, Matthew	J
(Lana Suarez' grandson)	J
Moon, Teari	Н
(Charlie Setters' aunt)	
Morgan, Buddy (Jim & Rita Vernon's son-in-law	Ή
Mullins, Tasha	') H
(Pam Mangine's niece)	
Rasco, Suzanne	Н
(Ruth Stiehl's sister-in-law) Shellenberger, Margaret & Bob	Н
(John Campbell)	' '
Swindell, Halee	Н
(Betty Smith's great	
granddaughter) Wallman, Jill	Н
(Sue Wallman's daughter)	• •

FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Adkinson, Adam (Mel Perdue)	U
Amato, Paul & Family	Н
(Mel Perdue) Anderson, Desire	Н
(Mel Perdue)	
Brumbly, Don	Н
(Stacy & Breanna Simmons) Clark, Tommy	U
(Mel Perdue)	Ū
Caleb, Melissa & Tommy	U
(Sherry Boatman-Burris) Christy & Scott	Н
(Sherry Boatman-Burris)	
Cobb, Mike & Phyllis (Don & Barbara Lynn)	Н
Crawford, Karen	U
(Sherry Bevis)	
Davis, Daniel & Angela (Francesca Davis)	H,R
Elliott, Robert	Н
(John <i>Campbell</i>)	Н
Feather, Hal (Don Brown)	П
Joe S.	Н
(Paul Robbins) Johnston, Jessie	Н
(Betty Smith)	

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RELOCATED MEMBERS

Frost, Sallie H Weber, Sherron H

CHURCH FRIENDS

Brown, Billy	Н
Browning, Donny	Н
Cain, Vivian	U
Coleman-Hayes, Candy	U
Crockett, Lyn & Helen	Н
Davila, Arionna	Н
Humphrey, Peggy & Family	Н
Metts, Levi & Robert	U
Pennell Family	G

Rappold, Jane & Linda	Н
Sabastian Summerville	Н
Sullivan, Micah, Luke & Spring	Н
Sumner, Robbie	Н
Viola, Helen	Н
West, Laurie	Н

PASTORS / MISSIONARIES

Loewen, Nathan & Family
Fox, Luke & Family
Hopkins, Chris & Family
Richards, Robin
Collins Family
Goehrig Family
Israel, Jeremy
(Bama Israel's son)
Martell, José & Elizabeth
(Cuba)
Phillips, Scott & Jenny
(Indonesia)
Permenter, Ayla
(Brandy Hibbard)
Sink Family & Saul to Paul Ministry

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
- Assoc. Pastor Search Committee

Prayer Codes

G GriefJ Job

H Health Issues

P Prison

Injury

R Relationships

Γ Travel

U Unspoken

Member relationships are shown in parentheses

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Sundays

5:30 PM TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Middle School & High School Students

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

6 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

13 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

Happy Father's Day
20 9:00 AM COMBINED WORSHIP
In the Sanctuary / Live Online

27 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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JUNE ELDERS & DEACONS

ELDERS

Betty Mills Ruth Stiehl

Jim & Rita Vernon

DEACONS

Lana Suarez
Carol Ann Womble
Richard & Karen
Blackwell

Worship Time Change

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

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

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