



The Good News of... Brandon Christian Church



Welcome Rev. Blinder

Join us in welcoming Rev Steven Blinder, who has answered the call to be our settled minister. He will begin his ministry with us in April and Steve's first Worship Service with us will be on April 7. We hope you will join us in welcoming Steve and be ready to move forward as we minister and worship together.

Dear Florida Disciples Family,

Please pray for the people of Haiti as they face a time of turmoil and uncertainty. Our Haitian congregations are an important part of our regional family and we know that many may have family members who are impacted by the political upheaval. Vy Nguyen, Executive Director of Week of Compassion, reports they are continuing to work with Church World Service partners to complete projects already underway in other parts of Haiti, but at this time Church World Service is not able to provide support in Port au Prince because of the chaos and violence. They estimate some 5.5 million Haitians are likely in need of food aid.

I have asked our Regional Support Pastor for Haitian Ministries, Merline Pierre, to check with our congregations about specific needs of families in Haiti. In the meantime I invite us all to be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

God of grace, may your everlasting peace prevail. Hear our prayers for your children in Haiti. We pray for those whose lives are forever marked by trauma. We pray for parents who struggle to find food for their children. We pray for first responders and helpers as they seek to provide aid. We pray for those who are fleeing the country that they may find relief. May you surround all of them with your grace in this time of upheaval. May you grant wisdom and strength to leaders within the country and leaders around the world. May you enter into the hearts of those engaged in violence that they may find other paths. May you open possibilities for help to get to those most in need, and reinforce our will to be peacemakers and instruments of reconciliation. Most of all, we give thanks that in all the times that are, you are present with us.

Blessings and peace,
Sandy Messick, Regional Minister

Church Staff

Senior Minister - Rev. Steven Blinder
Director of Music - Rick Barclay
Administrative Assistant - Shawn Tubaugh



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Family Promise

It is not too early to start planning for our next opportunity to serve Family Promise by providing meals the week of April 21st - April 27th. Meals are prepared and delivered to the day center at 201 E Morgan Street, Brandon, FL 33510.

Please remember two or three people can join together to provide a meal, it does not need to be just one person. I will receive updated family numbers as the dates get closer. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table next to Fellowship Hall soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Henkel at 813-477-0690 or johenkel2018@gmail.com.

Feeding Tampa Bay

The first Monday of each month, BCC volunteers from 12:00 - 3:00 pm at Feeding Tampa Bay's warehouse. Our next date is **April 1st**.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let MaryAnn know so she can send you the registration link and put you on the "reminder" email list. You may reach her via email or phone.

magoodrum@verizon.net
813-431-2420

BCC Book Club

Hello Reading Friends!

Here's info for our next BCC Book Discussion. We are reading: *And the Shofar Blew* by Francine Rivers

Story about a pastor - his success at a new struggling church and his wife's realizing something was not right.

We will meet by Google Meet on April 14, 2024 at 2pm.
<https://meet.google.com/vkf-ofki-ehj>

Any questions, you can contact Mareda Kennedy at 813-957-0702. All are welcome even if you have not had time to read the book!

"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." C.S. Lewis

Mareda Kennedy

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Book Club

Elders - Sun, April 14th
5:00pm, Zoom

Finance - Thurs, April 11th
7:00pm, Zoom

Board - Sun, April 21st
5:00pm, Zoom

April 1st - Feeding Tampa Bay @ 12p

April 6th - Praise Team @ 4p; Sanctuary

April 11th - Finance Meeting @ 7p; Zoom

April 14th - Book Club @ 2p; Google Meets

April 14th - Elders Meeting @ 5p; Zoom

Save The Date

April 21st - SWIFT @ 1p; Latin Grill

April 21st - Board Meeting @ 5p; Zoom

April 21st thru 27th - Family Promise

Look Ahead

May 2nd thru 4th - Regional Assembly

May 6th - Feeding Tampa Bay @ 12p

May 9th - Finance Meeting @ 7p; Zoom

May 11th - BCC Flea Market

May 12 - Mother's Day/Blanket Sunday

May 12th - Book Club @ 2p; Google Meets

May 12th - Elders Meeting @ 5p; Zoom

May 18th - Praise Team @ 10a; Sanctuary

News From The Region



SATURDAY
6 APRIL 2024 - 8AM TO 4PM

WORKDAY @ THE RETREAT

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- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Clear weeds
- ✓ Trim Bushes
- ✓ Prepare for Summer Camp

Coffee and Donuts at 8am
Lunch at Noon

For food count, please register!
If staying Friday night registration
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<https://fldisciples.org/work-day-at-the-retreat/>



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2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES



Linked By Love



- UNO CAMP (K-2NDW/ LOVING ADULT) JUNE 7-9
- JUNIOR CAMP (3RD-5TH) JUNE 11-15
- HIGH SCHOOL CAMP (9TH-12TH) JUNE 16-22
- CHI-RHO CAMP (6TH-8TH) JUNE 25-30
- HIGH SCHOOL CANOE (9TH-12TH) JULY 7-13
- MS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE (6TH-8TH) JULY 15-20
- * GRAD CAMP (CLASS OF 2020-2023) JULY 24-27
- * FAMILY CAMP (ALL AGES) AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 2



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2024 Florida Disciples Regional Assembly

Welcoming Pentecost:
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As God Loves



Where Great Things Happen!!!
Believe in Your Power to Make a Difference!!!

ACTIVITIES

Clergy Dinner | "In Their Own Languages" All
Assembly Dinner | Workshops | Worship |
Fellowship Meals | Activities for Children & Youth |
Regional Life Celebrations

A SAMPLING OF THE WORKSHOPS TOPICS

- Church Tech on a Shoestring
- Week of Compassion
- Deliberative Dialogue - Asking 'Hard' Questions in the Church

WHEN:

May 2 - 4, 2024

WHERE:

Parkway Christian Church
1200 South Flamingo Road
Davie, Florida 33325

A Note From Shawn

Dear Easter Bunny,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! It has been so exciting coming to work on Monday mornings and finding the special treats left for me in the little



Easter Basket on my desk. I have enjoyed them all so very much. Wherever (whoever) you are, please know I appreciate you!

S.W.I.F.T.

If you are a single lady looking for great fun, wonderful fellowship, and delicious food...look no further. Come to S.W.I.F.T on April 21st. We will be meeting at the Latin Grill after worship (around 1:00 pm).

Have you noticed the Church Bank in our sanctuary? Do you know its purpose?

It has been a while since we've talked about the Church Bank located at the front of the Sanctuary. The purpose of the bank is to assist those individuals who call or come to the church office seeking immediate assistance.

When we began the Church Bank, it was suggested that we donate as we celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions, by making a donation to the Church Bank. It is also a way to honor our friends and family by donating to it on their behalf.

The office keeps a log of who receives assistance, makes a copy of their ID and limits the assistance to \$50 per year.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

April Birthdays
8th - Brett Powell

April Zoom Meeting Codes

Here are the codes for this month's Zoom meetings:
(Links provided are clickable when viewed on computers)

BCC Sunday School: Sunday's at 9:30 am
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?
pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09)

Meeting ID: 821 838 128
Password: 520491

Elder's Meeting - April 14th at 5:00 pm
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558679653?
pwd=eVZZZVFMQINvOEhOSisOQOk3Nnd5UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558679653?pwd=eVZZZVFMQINvOEhOSisOQOk3Nnd5UT09)

Meeting ID: 865 5867 9653
Passcode: 649268

Finance Meeting - April 11th at 7:00 pm
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?
pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDdua0t3NzNFT3QxTVJQUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDdua0t3NzNFT3QxTVJQUT09)

Meeting ID: 833 6900 3456
Passcode: 463268

Board Meeting - April 21st at 5:00 pm
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84472046896?
pwd=UUI4SXUwSUs3M0dla0xOV3cxVUZWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84472046896?pwd=UUI4SXUwSUs3M0dla0xOV3cxVUZWdz09)

Meeting ID: 844 7204 6896
Passcode: 547902

**Book Discussion Group -
April 21st at 2:00pm**
Google Meets link
<https://meet.google.com/vkf-ofki-ehj>

Thank You For Serving

Elders

God's Faithful Shepherds
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April 7th - Jo Henkel
April 14th - Brian Sears
Elder on Call - Jo Henkel
April 21st - Amy Witherow
April 28th - Karlita Konnerth

DACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

April 7th:

Open/Close - Gary Cain
Communion - Pat Lynch
Greeter - Lonnie Drayer
Serving - Gary Cain, Pat Lynch
Backup Server - Sean Lake

April 14th:

Open/Close - Gary Cain
Communion - Pat Lynch
Greeter - Betty Powell
Serving - Gary Cain, Pat Lynch
Backup Server - Sean Lake

April 21st:

Open/Close - Brett Powell
Communion - Betty Powell
Greeter - Pat Lynch
Serving - Brett Powell, Lonnie Drayer
Backup Server - Sean Lake
Board Meeting - Sean Lake, Lonnie Drayer

April 28th:

Open/Close - Brett Powell
Communion - Betty Powell
Greeter - Gary Cain
Serving - Brett Powell, Lonnie Drayer
Backup Server - Sean Lake


**KEEP
CALM
I'm
THE
LITURGIST**

April 7th - Karen Whitfield
April 14th - Jo Henkel
April 21st - Dave Whitfield
April 28th - Andrea McMillon



April 7th - MaryAnn Goodrum-Booth/Britt Failes
April 14th - Dee Smith/Dan Henkel
April 21st - Karlita Konnerth/Andrea McMillon
April 28th - Britt Failes/Karen Whitfield

