



# The Good News of... Brandon Christian Church



**The 2026 Florida Regional Assembly  
will be held at First Christian, Haines City  
April 24-25, 2026.**

The planning team is meeting to create a meaningful and hope filled gathering around the theme of Living Hope and the scripture from Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Through the two days we will focus around three sub-themes: Hope Awakens, Hope Unites, Hope in Action.



## Regional Assembly Schedule

### FRIDAY - APRIL 24TH

- 10:00am - Registration Opens
- 12:00pm - Clergy Luncheon:  
Sponsored by the Pension Fund
- 2:00pm - Workshop presented by  
the Pension Fund
- 4:00pm - Registration open for new  
arrivals and Displays open
- 6:00pm - Regional Assembly opens with dinner
- 7:15pm - Pre-worship celebration:  
A celebration of Regional Ministries
- 7:30pm - Opening Worship
- 8:50pm - After Sessions (to be announced)

### SATURDAY - APRIL 25TH

**Note:** Breakfast on your own.

- 8:00am - Displays open Registration open
- 9:00am - Morning Devotions
- 9:30am - State of the Region: Rev. Sandy Messick
- 10:00am - Comprehensive Campaign Launch
- 10:45am - Break
- 11:00am - Morning Workshops
- 12:00am - Lunch (sponsored by TBA)
- 1:30pm - Afternoon Workshops
- 2:30pm - Pre-worship celebration:  
A celebration o Regional Ministries
- 2:45pm - Closing Worship with communion

### Church Staff

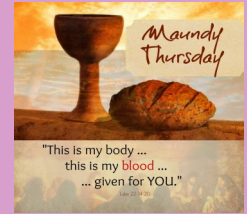
Senior Minister - Rev. Steven Blinder, EdD  
Director of Music - Rick Barclay  
Administrative Assistant - Shawn Tubaugh



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## Mark Your Calendar For These Special Lenten Services

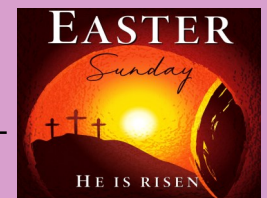
**April 2nd is Maundy Thursday** and we will have a service at 4:30 pm. After the service, all are invited to join us for food and fellowship at O'Brien's Irish Pub & Grill which is located at 701 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon, FL 33511.



**April 3rd is Good Friday.** The church sanctuary will be open from 12:00 - 1:00 pm for those wanting a time of quiet reflection and prayer.



**April 5th is Easter (Resurrection Sunday).** We will have a Sunrise Service at 6:45 am. This will be a little different than in the past. We will start our service out in the sanctuary and then head outside for the sunrise and communion. After this service, we will have a continental breakfast. We will also have an Easter service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.



### Family Promise

It's never too early to start planning for our next opportunity to serve Family Promise. We will be providing meals the week of April 19th through April 25th. More information regarding family sizes, allergies, etc. will be provided as the dates get closer.

Please remember two or three people can join together to provide a meal, it does not need to be just one person.

If you are able to provide a meal one evening during this time or have any questions, please contact Jo.

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johenkel2018@gmail.com.

**Elders - Tues, April 12th  
7:00pm, Zoom**

**Finance - Thurs, April 9th  
7:00pm, Zoom**

**Board - Sun, April 19th  
5:00pm, Zoom**

April 1st - Book of Acts Study @ 7p; Zoom

April 2nd - Book of Acts Study @ 1:15p; FH, Zoom  
April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Service @ 4:30p; Sanct.  
April 2nd - BCC Dinner at O'Brien's @ 5:30p

April 3rd - Good Friday/sanctuary open 12:00 to 1:00p  
April 4th - Jani King

April 5th - Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day  
April 5th - Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:45a; Sanct/Outside  
April 5th - BCC Continental Breakfast @ 7:30p; FH  
April 5th - BCC Easter Worship @ 11a; Sanctuary  
April 5th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; Sanctuary

April 6th - Bible Study @ 7a; Just Love Coffee Café

April 8th - Book of Acts Study @ 7p; Zoom

April 9th - Book of Acts Study @ 1:15p; FH, Zoom  
April 9th - Finance Meeting @ 7p; Zoom

#### Save The Date

April 12th - BCC Sunday School @ 9:30a; #4  
April 12th - BCC Worship @ 11a; Sanctuary  
April 12th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; Sanctuary

April 13th - Elder's Meeting @ 5p; Zoom  
April 13th - Bible Study @ 7a; Just Love Coffee Café  
April 13th - Feeding Tampa Bay @ 12p; FTB Warehouse

April 15th - Book of Acts Study @ 7p; Zoom  
April 16th - Book of Acts Study @ 1:15p; FH, Zoom

April 18th - Jani King  
April 18th - BCC Women's Ministry @ 11a; FH

April 19th - BCC Sunday School @ 9:30a; #4  
April 19th - BCC Worship @ 11a; Sanctuary  
April 19th - SMART @ 1p; Beef O Brady's  
April 19th - Board Meeting @ 5p; Zoom  
April 19th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; Sanctuary

April 19th - 25th - Family Promise

April 20th - Bible Study @ 7a; Just Love Coffee Café

April 22nd - Book of Acts Study @ 7p; Zoom  
April 22nd - Admin. Appreciation Day

April 23rd - Book of Acts Study @ 1:15p; FH, Zoom

April 25th - Haitian Ministries @ 7a; Sanctuary  
April 25th - FF Food Pantry @ 9; Outside

April 26th - BCC Sunday School @ 9:30a; #4  
April 26th - BCC Worship @ 11a; Sanctuary  
April 26th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; Sanctuary

April 27th - Bible Study @ 7a; Just Love Coffee Café

April 29th - Book of Acts Study @ 7p; Zoom

April 30th - Book of Acts Study @ 1:15p; FH, Zoom

## LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER

*"The Bible is shallow enough for a child not to drown, yet deep enough for an elephant to swim." Augustine of Hippo*

**Join us and invite your friends:**

### Sundays:

Adult Sunday School  
Zoom & Education Wing Room 2

### Monday Mornings:

In-person at Just Love Coffee Cafe  
2020 W Brandon Blvd Suite 105  
Brandon, FL 33511  
7:00 AM - 8 AM

### Wednesday Evenings:

Book of Acts Study  
Zoom @ 7:00 PM

### Thursday Afternoons:

Book of Acts Study  
In-person & Zoom  
Fellowship Hall @ 1:15 PM

## S.M.A.R.T.

The "Single & Married Adults Rejoicing Together" or SMART will be meeting at 1:00 pm Sunday, April 19th at Beef O Brady's located at 889 E. Bloomingdale Ave, Brandon.

Come join us as we enjoy great fun, wonderful fellowship, and fantastic food.

## BCC Women's Ministry

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 11am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Hope to see you there.



### April Birthdays

8th - Brett Powell

### April Anniversary's

None



## April Meeting Codes

Here are the links for this month's Zoom and Google Meets meetings:

### **BCC Sunday School at 9:30 am**

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09)  
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Meeting ID: 821 838 128

Password: 520491

### **Elder's Meeting - April 12th at 7:00 pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558679653?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558679653?pwd=eVZZZVFMQINvOEhOSisOQ0k3Nnd5UT09)  
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Meeting ID: 865 5867 9653

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### **Finance Meeting - April 9th at 7:00 pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDdua0t3NzNFT3QxTVJQUT09)  
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Meeting ID: 833 6900 3456

Passcode: 463268

### **Board Meeting – April 19th at 5:00 pm**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84734106811?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84734106811?pwd=Rq3NWscauGV9QHao9uKtNHcuS5Lw1Z.1)  
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Meeting ID: 847 3410 6811

Passcode: 674614

### **Book of Acts - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81621707284?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81621707284?pwd=aGmn32aaENttIAk5qyKIYEV7ajr5.1)  
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Meeting ID: 816 2170 7284

Passcode: 553772

### **Book of Acts - Thursdays at 1:15 pm**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/launch/edl?](https://us06web.zoom.us/launch/edl?muid=847ae48f-741b-46a8-aa09-ac9c9ecd4094)  
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Meeting ID: 876 6593 9554

Passcode: 446106

## Feeding Tampa Bay

BCC will be volunteering on April 13th from 12:00 - 2:30 pm at Feeding Tampa Bay's warehouse. If you are interested in volunteering, please let MaryAnn know.

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813-431-2420

# Happenings at The Retreat At Silver Springs & the Region



Florida Disciples Regional Church  
Outdoor Ministry Program  
**Camp Dates for 2026**



All camps will be held at The Retreat at Silver Springs,  
the conference center of the Florida Disciples Regional Church.

***In Chronological Order:***

**REMEMBER:** Camps start on either Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.  
*Check your calendar to confirm start dates.*

Winter Family Camp	For the whole family	February 14-16
Beyond High School Camp	Hs Graduates of 2020-2025	June 3-6th
High School CYF Camp	Grades 9-12	June 7-13th
Junior Camp	Grades 3-5	June 16-20th
Chi Rho Middle School	Grades 6-8	June 22-27th
High School Canoe Camp	Grades 9-12	June 28 - July 3rd
Outdoor Adventure Camp	Grades 7-10	July 5-10th
Camp Uno	Grades K-2 <i>(with a loving adult)</i>	July 10-12th
Family Camp	For the whole family	September 5-7 <i>(Sept 4, is optional)</i>
Adult Get Away Camp	Adults 21+	September 25-27

Check out this theme!



**Attention:**

There will be **No Paper Registrations** for 2026. Online Registration will begin in **January**. Check the Regions Website for the latest information!

## Summer Camps

Wilderness is a time or place where we encounter what is new, strange, scary, lonely, unknown or mysterious. The wilderness is a wild and beautiful time and place where we can discover the sacred within each person and all creation. The wilderness can inspire us and guide us, assuring us of God's constant presence. As the Spirit guides us through the wilderness, we find what we need to face our fears and the very real challenges that impact our world. The wilderness teaches us the importance of community and the ways we navigate challenges together. The wilderness reveals our strengths, growing edges, and potential as God equips us for the unknown still to come. The wilderness awaits us all, and God meets us there.

## Online General Assembly, July 10-11, 2026

Registration is now open for the 2026 General Assembly. The whole church across the United States and Canada is invited to join this meaningful online gathering July 10-11, 2026.

Rooted in Ephesians 3:14-21, our theme, *BEYOND: Love Surpassing, calls us to be grounded in the limitless love of God, a love that reaches beyond barriers, deepens our relationships, and expands our shared ministry. Together, we are invited to set a bigger table, one that reflects the fullness of who we are called to be as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).*

More than a series of meetings, General Assembly is a covenantal space for worship, learning, discussion, business, fellowship, and action. Gathering online allows more of us to participate, connect, and faithfully live into our call to be the church we say we are.

If you have never joined a General Assembly before, we extend a special invitation. There is a place for you at the table. Registration is \$30 per person. Plan to join us for this powerful time of connection, worship, and shared purpose.

Each congregation will be allowed 3 voting delegates. Congregations will be able to name their delegates through the ALEX reporting system starting in April. They are hoping that congregations within areas and districts will volunteer to host gatherings for delegates and participants from around their area so that people can experience a bit of what it's like to be in person together.

If your congregation is interested in being a host for this gathering, please contact Regional Minister, Sandy Messick, for more information.

# Thank You For Serving



April 2nd - Brian  
 April 5th - Brian  
 April 12th - MaryAnn  
 April 19th - Karlita  
 April 26th - Cammie Rolette



April 5th:  
 Open/Close - Alan F  
 Communion/Greeter - Shirley

April 12th:  
 Open/Close - Alan F  
 Communion/Greeter - Terry

April 19th:  
 Open/Close - Dave  
 Communion/Greeter - Brenda  
 Board Meeting - Art & Brenda

April 26th:  
 Open/Close - Dave  
 Communion/Greeter - Joan



April 5th - Brian  
 April 12th - MaryAnn  
 April 19th - Karlita  
 April 26th - Cammie



April 5th - Dee & Britt  
 April 12th - Britt & Dan  
 April 19th - Don & Andrea  
 April 26th - MaryAnn & Karen



## Fellowship Time

After Sunday Morning Worship

April 5th - Rev. Steve & Keith  
 Continental Breakfast after Easter Sunrise Service  
 No Fellowship after 11am Service  
 April 12th - Diane  
 April 19th - MaryAnn  
 April 26th - Joan

