



# The Good News of... Brandon Christian Church



Loved ones,

Happy July! I recently received a "Christmas in July" party invitation. It made me think about how wonderful a reminder the invitation is. You see, we are Christmas people!

Following in the Way of Jesus makes everyday Christmas. We wake anew — to God's wonder, and we bless each other when we see the world through the lenses of hope, joy, peace, and love.

Christmas people remember that God gifted humanity with the Redeemer, whose anointing we get to experience when authentic community grows. We are a growing, authentic community, living in the Way of Jesus.

July is a good time to remember to wake-up — new every morning — with the same enthusiasm and excitement young children wake-up with on Christmas morning. Be as excited as a young child receiving Jesus' extravagant love today and everyday.

Merry Christmas,

Rev. Steve

## Backpack! Hero Day

While summer is just getting started, it is already time to start planning for the start of the next school year.

BCC is supporting ECHO in collecting school supplies for the BP School Supplies program. School supplies are on sale at most local stores this time of year.

Our goal was to supply 15 stocked backpacks, however we have already received a donation of 24 backpacks. They are here at the church and ready to be stocked.

There are flyers in the narthex with the specific items requested by ECHO. Please pick up a flyer and add a couple of supplies to your shopping list. We are asking that all donations be dropped off in the boxes marked BP School Supplies by Sunday, July 21st so we have time to fill the backpacks and return them to ECHO by the due date (July 27th).

There is a sign up sheet to indicate which items you plan to bring so we can avoid being overloaded with the same items and short on others.

Thank you for helping our local children get ready to go back to school!

### 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 July 21st - July 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.

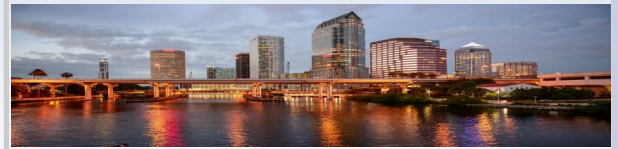
If you have any questions, please contact Jo Henkel at 813-477-0690 or [johenkel2018@gmail.com](mailto:johenkel2018@gmail.com).

### Feeding Tampa Bay

The first Monday of each month, BCC volunteers from 12:00 - 3:00 pm at Feeding Tampa Bay's warehouse.

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](mailto:magoodrum@verizon.net)  
813-431-2420**



### BCC Book Club

Hello Reading Friends!

We are reading: *Fatty Fatty Boom Boom* by Rabia Chaudry

This fascinating memoir explores the American immigrant experience, the futile weight loss journey, family in all its complications, and the food at the heart of Pakistani culture.

**We will meet by Google Meet on July 14, 2024  
at 2pm.**

**<https://meet.google.com/vkf-ofki-ejh>**

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!

"Some books leave us free and some books make us free." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mareda

**I ♥  
Book Club**

**Elders - Sun, July 14th  
5:00pm, Zoom**

**Finance - Thurs, July 11th  
7:00pm, Zoom**

**Board - Sun, July 21st  
5:00pm, Zoom**

July 1st - Feeding Tampa Bay @ 12p; FTB Warehouse

July 3rd - Lunch & Learn Bible Study @ 12:30p; #2

July 4th - Independence Day - Office Closed

July 10th - Lunch & Learn Bible Study @ 12:30p; #2

July 11th - Finance Committee @ 7p; Zoom

### Save The Date

July 14th - BCC Book Club @ 2p; Google Meets  
July 14th - Elders @ 5p; Zoom

July 15th thru July 19th - GCC VBS

July 17th - Lunch & Learn Bible Study @ 12:30p; #2

July 21st - SWIFT @ 1p; Latin Grill

July 21st - Board Meeting @ 5p; Zoom

July 21st - Last day to drop off backpack supplies

July 21st thru July 27th - Family Promise

July 24th - Lunch & Learn Bible Study @ 12:30p; #2

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

The "Single & Married Adults Rejoicing Together" or SMART will be meeting at 1:00 pm Sunday, July 21st at the Latin Grill located at 3318 John Moore Road in Brandon.

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

### 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.

### FREE

Free to a good home... spinet piano. Come pick it up and it is yours! Contact Dee Smith at (863)430 - 3927.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

12th - Louise Lynch  
12th - Sean Lake  
14th - Art Konnerth  
25th - Kathy Madill  
27th - Joseph Denton  
29th - Sherri Locke

2nd - Lonnie & Marcia Drayer  
6th - Sean & Monica Lake  
10th - Brian & Cindy Sears



### July 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>

Meeting ID: 821 838 128  
Password: 520491

**Elder's Meeting - July 14th at 5:00 pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558679653?pwd=eVZZZVFMQINvOEhOSisOQOk3Nnd5UT09>

Meeting ID: 865 5867 9653  
Passcode: 649268

**Finance Meeting - July 11th at 7:00 pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDdua0t3NzNFT3QxTVJQUT09>

Meeting ID: 833 6900 3456  
Passcode: 463268

**Board Meeting - July 21st at 5:00 pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84472046896?pwd=UUI4SXUwSUs3M0dla0xOV3cxVUZWdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 7204 6896  
Passcode: 547902

**Book Discussion Group -  
July 14th at 2:00pm**  
Google Meets link  
<https://meet.google.com/vkf-ofki-ehj>

## Church Historian

Do you enjoy history? Do you like organizing? Do you like scrapbooking? If you said yes to any of these questions, you would be an excellent help to BCC. We are in need a someone or several someone's to maintain our church's history. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact the church office for more details.

### 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  
Hybrid, Education Wing Room 2

Wednesdays: The Gospel of John  
In-person, Education Wing Room 2  
12:30 PM - 2 PM

### COMING SOON

Mondays: The Gospel of Matthew  
In-person at Just Love Coffee Cafe located at  
2020 W Brandon Blvd Suite 105, Brandon, FL 33511  
7:00 AM - 8 AM

**Beginning Monday, August 12th**

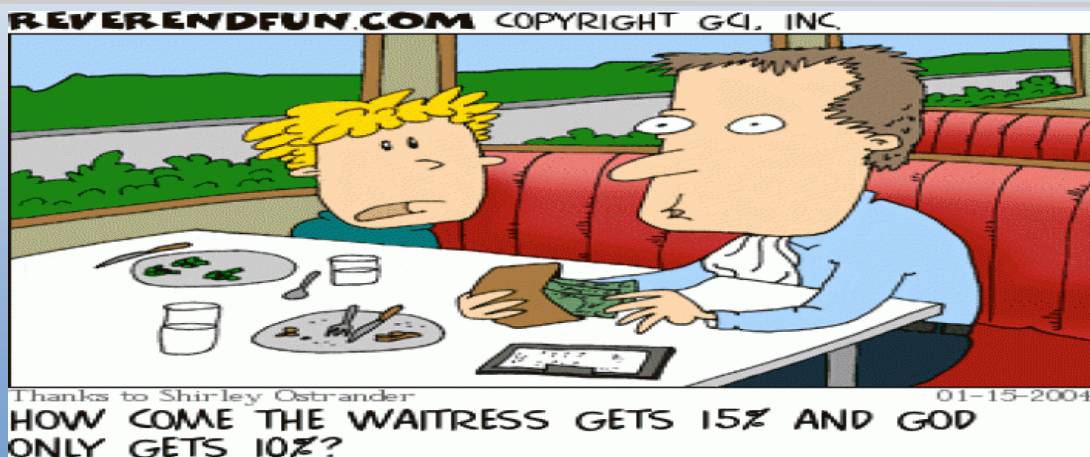
Tuesdays: Song of Songs [This is a four week study]  
Online  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd**

Wednesdays: Revelation  
Hybrid, Education Wing Room 2 & online  
12:30 PM - 2 PM

In addition to your Bible, you should have a copy of *What does Revelation Reveal?: Unlocking the Mystery* by Warren Carter. You can purchase this on [Amazon by clicking here](#).

**Beginning Wednesday, September 11th**



# News From the Region

## Emergency Clean-up Bucket

The Florida Disciples Men's Ministries is partnering with Church World Service to pack and provide EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKETS for use locally and/or globally. These kits are used to help families, churches, and other groups with immediate clean up from storms, floods, and wildfires so they can return to their homes as quickly as possible. Follow this link to find instructions for packing your buckets: <http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/kits/emergency-clean-up-buckets.html>

Our hope is to encourage Youth Groups, Bible study Groups and Sunday School classes, Women's and Men's Groups, and others in Disciples Churches all over Florida to fill buckets to have them available in your local area. If any disaster or need arises near you, you will have EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKETS on hand for immediate distribution to those in need. Also, if a need arises elsewhere, you can contact us at FDMM and we will transport your buckets to where they are needed most.

Please contact Brad Beyer at [campstuff101@yahoo.com](mailto:campstuff101@yahoo.com) or Ken Weidman at [kwdminflorida@aol.com](mailto:kwdminflorida@aol.com) for more information.



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## Breaking News

JOIN US FOR

### SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Theme** - Celebrating the Small(er) Church: Resourcing for Ministry in the Current Age.

TENTATIVE  
DATE  
**OCTOBER**  
2024

Proposed  
Location

The Retreat at  
Silver Springs

**In Person and Online**

Stay Tuned for  
more News



**FOCUS:** Resources and tools for a smaller church to help them use the assets they have to assess and focus their ministries around the needs of their neighbors.

**TOPICS:** Asset Mapping, Technology - post-Covid; Getting to know your neighbors; Church Growth - Spiritual, discipleship making, etc; Panel Discussion .

# Thank You For Serving

## Elders

God's Faithful Shepherds  
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July 7th - Brian Sears  
July 14th - Amy Witherow  
July 21st - Karlita Konnerth  
July 28th - Erin Dunnavant-Paulson

## DACONS

*Following to Lead | Leading to Serve*

July 7th:

Open/Close - Dave Whitfield  
Communion - Karen Whitfield  
Greeter - Judy Eckdahl  
Serving - Karen Whitfield, Terry Kerr  
Backup Server - Judy Eckdahl

July 14th:

Open/Close - Dave Whitfield  
Communion - Joan Solomon  
Greeter - Terry Kerr  
Serving - Joan Solomon, Terry Kerr  
Backup Server - Karen Whitfield

July 21st:

Open/Close - Dave Whitfield  
Communion - Terry Kerr  
Greeter - Karen Whitfield  
Serving - Joan Solomon, Judy Eckdahl  
Backup Server - Terry Kerr  
Board Meeting - Dave & Karen Whitfield

July 28th:

Open/Close - Dave Whitfield  
Communion - Judy Eckdahl  
Greeter - Joan Solomon  
Serving - Terry Kerr, Judy Eckdahl  
Backup Server - Karen Whitfield

**KEEP  
CALM  
I'm  
THE  
LITURGIST**

July 7th - Brian Sears  
July 14th Amy Witherow  
July 21st - Don Sherman  
July 28th - Erin Dunnavant-Paulson



July 7th - Don Sherman/Dan Henkel  
July 14th - Karlita Konnerth/Karen Whitfield  
July 21st - Dee Smith/Andrea McMillon  
July 28th - Britt Failes/Dan Henkel

