



The Good News of... Brandon Christian Church



Friends,

Many of you have asked about my upcoming travels. I am walking 110 miles of the Camino Portugués route of the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) the second half of this month. The Camino de Santiago is a network of pilgrimage paths that lead to the shrine of St. James in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

The route I'm traveling is centuries old and pilgrims have walked this route throughout history. Legend says the remains of the Apostle James are buried in the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral.

I will be joining other pilgrims with the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. We will be sharing meals together, lodging together, and building a sense of community along the way. While each pilgrim has different reasons for pilgrimage, we will pray together and experience a variety of spiritual practices each day.

We will walk 110 miles of the Camino Portugués in seven days and arrive in Santiago de Compostela in time for the Feast of St James. I am looking forward to sharing this experience with you. I covet your prayers as the Shalem group leans into the meaning of pilgrimage.

Blessings,

Rev. Steve



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Mark your calendars to join us in Memphis July 12-15, 2025, for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Memphis, mission projects, and the sacred work of the church for children, youth, young adults, and adults across the life of the church.

The General Assembly is a four-day gathering in response to God's covenant of love that calls us to come together to go BEYOND. It is a time for us to step into the vastness of God's imagination across the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Family Promise

BCC will be hosting Family Promise at the Sister Jackie's House beginning July 13th through July 19th. Be on the look out for a meal sign up sheet soon. In the past we provided two adults to sleep over with the families when they stayed in our facility. If you are interested in sleeping over one night at the Sister Jackie House, please reach out to Jo (831-477-0690) or you may reach out to Edwina at 813-681-6170.

Family Promise Fundraising Events:

December 5th - 7th: Annual Christmas Cookie sale event. Also looking for sponsors for this event!

Special Fellowship Time on July 6th

On July 6th, the congregation is invited to Any & Scott's home after the service for Fellowship Time and lunch. Feel free to come to worship already dressed in your cookout attire.

If you would like to car pool, please see Diane or Jo.

Hope to see you there!

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

Mondays Mornings:

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

Wednesday Nights:

Gospel of Mark
Zoom; 7:00 pm

**Elders - Sun, July 13th
5:00pm, Zoom**

**Finance - Thurs, July 10th
7:00pm, Zoom**

**Board - Sun, July 22nd
5:00pm, Zoom**

Save The Date

July 2nd - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; #4

July 2nd - Bible Study @ 7p; Zoom

July 3rd - Haitian Ministry @ 9p; Sanctuary

July 4th - Independence Day

July 5th - Haitian Ministry @ 8a; Sanctuary

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

July 7th - Feeding Tampa Bay @ 12p; FTBW

July 7th - Haitian Ministry Food Bank @ 1p; Outside

July 9th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; #4

July 9th - Bible Study @ 7p; Zoom

July 10th - BCC Finance Meeting @ 7p; Zoom

July 10th - Haitian Ministry @ 9p; Sanctuary

July 11th - FF Food Pantry @ 2p; #3

July 12th - Haitian Ministry @ 8a; Sanctuary

July 13th - BCC Elder Meeting @ 5p; Zoom

July 13th-19th - Family Promise

July 14th - Haitian Ministry Food Bank @ 1p; Outside

July 16th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; #4

July 17th - Haitian Ministry @ 9p; Sanctuary

July 18th - FF Food Pantry @ 2p; #3

July 19th - Haitian Ministry @ 8a; Sanctuary

July 20th - SMART @ 1p; Latin Grill

July 20th - BCC Board Meeting @ 5p; Zoom

July 21st - Haitian Ministry Food Bank @ 1p; Outside

July 23rd - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; #4

July 24 - Haitian Ministry @ 9p; Sanctuary

July 25th - FF Food Pantry @ 2p; #3

July 26th - FF Food Pantry @ 10a; #3, Outside

July 26th - Auditorio @ 2; Sanctuary

July 26th - Haitian Ministry @ 8a; Sanctuary

July 28th - Haitian Ministry Food Bank @ 1p; Outside

July 30th - Haitian Ministry @ 7p; #4

July 31 - Haitian Ministry @ 9p; Sanctuary

S.M.A.R.T.

The "Single & Married Adults Rejoicing Together" or SMART will be meeting at 1:00 pm Sunday, July 20th, at Latin Grill located at 3318 John Moore Road in Brandon.

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

Feeding Tampa Bay

This month, BCC will be volunteering on July 7th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm at Feeding Tampa Bay's warehouse.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let MaryAnn know.

magoodrum@verizon.net
813-431-2420

BCC Women's Ministries

The BCC Women's Ministry is still collecting hygiene items that will be packaged into kits and be given to our local homeless community and our Haitian families. Small or travel sizes are best. Suggested items include:

Toothbrush, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, tissues, protein bars, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, wet ones, bottles water, socks, underwear

They are also still collecting items to help our Regional Men's Service Project with Clean Up Buckets. Items needed are listed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

The next gathering of the group will be August 9th. Stay tuned for more information.



2nd - Lonnie & Marcia
10th - Brian & Cindy

12th - Louise
14th - Art
25th - Kathy
27th - Joseph
29th - Sherri



July 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?pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09>

Meeting ID: 821 838 128

Elder's Meeting - July 13th at 5:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558679653?pwd=eVZZZVFMQINvOEh0Sis0Q0k3Nnd5UT09>

Meeting ID: 865 5867 9653

Passcode: 649268

Finance Meeting - July 10th at 7:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDdua0t3NzNFT3QxTVJQUT09>

Meeting ID: 833 6900 3456

Passcode: 463268

Board Meeting - July 20th at 5:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84734106811?pwd=Rq3NWscuGV9QHao9uKtNHcuS5Lw1Z.1>

Meeting ID: 847 3410 6811

Passcode: 674614

Gosperl of Mark - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81621707284?pwd=aGmn32aaENttlAk5qtyKIYEIV7ajr5.1>

Meeting ID: 816 2170 7284

Passcode: 553772

"LIGHTS, SOUND, ACTION!!"

Do you or do you know someone that has an interest in running sound and slides?

We are in need of a few volunteers to help us run our multi-media department on Sunday mornings.

Responsibilities include running sound, slides and other media aspects through Pro Presenter, moving the camera for different views, and running the live internet feed through Facebook and Youtube.

See Rick or Art for more information.



Florida Disciples Regional Church
Outdoor Ministry Program
Camp Dates for
2025



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

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

In Chronological Order:

Winter Family Camp		January 17 – 20, 2025
High School Camp	Grades 9 - 12	June 8 – 14
Junior Camp	Grades 3 - 5	June 17 - 21
Middle School Camp	Grades 6 - 8	June 23 - 28
High School Canoe Camp	Grades 9 – 12	June 22 - 28
Middle Sch Outdoor Adventure Camp	Grades 6 – 8	July 6 - 11
	NOTE: General Assembly is July 12 – 15 in Memphis, TN	
UNO Camp <i>(with a loving adult)</i>	Grades K - 2	July 18 - 20
Young Adult Camp (beginning year after CYF/HS)		July 20 - 23
Getaway Camp for Adults		August 1-3 with option of July 31
Family Camp	For the whole family	August 30 – Sept 1 With option to add Aug 29
Winter Family Camp	For the whole family	January 16 – 19, 2026

Women's/Men's Fall Retreat

A new and different kind of retreat is in the works this fall for Florida Disciples Men and Florida Disciples Women. The 2025 Fall Men's/Women's Retreat will combine the best of both retreat events into one inspiring experience.

Our keynote speakers will be Rev. Cassie Sexton - Riggs and Rev. Michael Riggs. Rev. Cassie is a Timothy of Bethany Christian Church in Lakeland, now serving as Associate Regional Minister in the Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin Region. Rev. Michael serves as Senior Minister at First Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Happenings at The Retreat At Silver Springs



Thank You For Serving

Elders
God's Faithful Shepherds

July 6th - Erin
July 13th - Brian
July 20th - Jo
July 27th - MaryAnn

DACONS
Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

July 6th
Open/Close - Dave
Communion/Greeter - Karen

July 13th
Open/Close - Dave
Communion/Greeter - Karen

July 20th
Open/Close - Dave
Communion/Greeter - Brenda
Board Meeting - Dave & Karen

July 27th
Open/Close - Scott
Communion/Greeter - Brenda

**KEEP CALM
I'm
THE
LITURGIST**

July 6th - Terry
July 13th - Cammie
July 20th - Don
July 27th - Joan

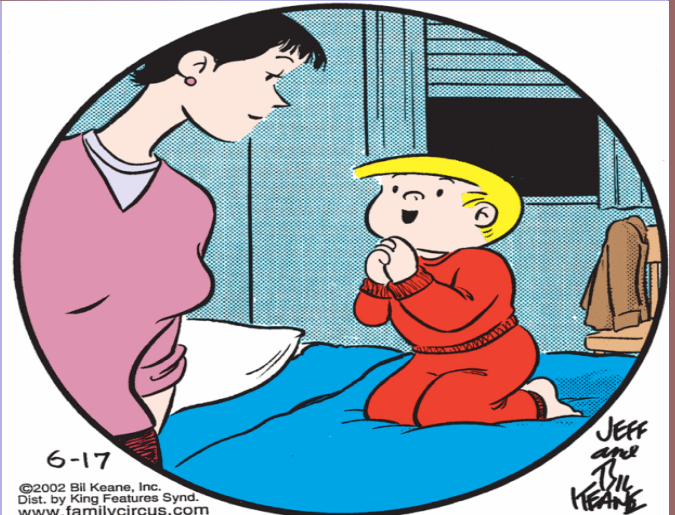


July 6th - Diane & Andrea
July 13th - Diane & Dan
July 20th - MaryAnn & Dan
July 27th - Don & Karen

Fellowship Time

After Sunday Morning Worship

July 6th - Amy & Scott (at their home for lunch)
July 13th - Diane & Andrea
July 20th - MaryAnn
July 27th - Joan



"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."