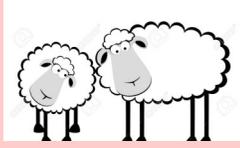


July 12, 2020



Brandon Christian Church



Flock Talk

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost brandonchristianchurch.org

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: **Scott Witherow**
Psalm: Psalm 119:105-112
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Senior Minister—**Rev. Day Broers-Case**
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 2:1-10
Sermon: "Forgiveness"

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Steve Blinder, Don Sherman
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Tom Smiley

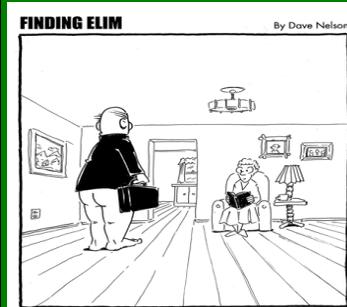
In essentials, unity.
In non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, love!

Praise Reports

The Sherman's continue to enjoy time with two of their grandchildren, who have generously donated their time to help pull weeds and clean up the outside of the church.

Steve Blinder reports that virtual church camp is going very well!

God is Great, All the Time!!



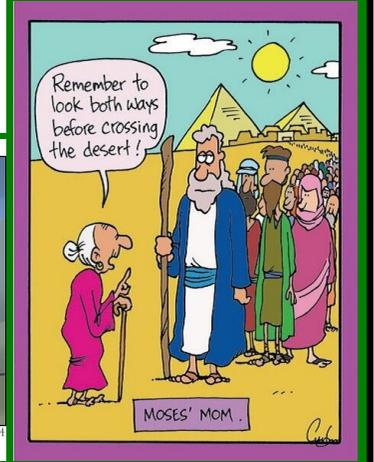
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See Acts 7:30-34 03-24-2014

Sunday Funnies:

To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring light-hearted church humor. Hopefully we can bring you a chuckle.



Equal exchange/Fair Trade has been held up by Corona virus! We have not been able to sell because we are not together in fellowship. We do not want our stock to get old, so we are offering it free or for a small donation to anyone who would like it. If you are at church, pick up some coffee, chocolate or hot cocoa mix. We will be donating whatever is left over to ECHO the first of September. If you would like something delivered to you, let Linda Sherman know, phone, 787-4582. Depending on demand, we will re-order for sales when we are able to gather for fellowship! May God bless and keep you!

Our Identity

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Disciples of Christ Identity Statement

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Prayer Needs...



BURDICK, Family of Ronald++
SMITH, Dee (Sherman)++

BARCLAY, Family
BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)
BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)
BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)
BUTTERWECK, Chris
CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers
CABRERA, Paquita
CAIN, Gail
COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)
DENTON, Bill
DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)
ECKDAHL, Kathy
FAILES FAMILY
FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)
GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)

GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)
GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan
HALL, Lori (Jean U.)
HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)
McCLAIN, Family of Elijah
McKINLEY, Sarah Lynn (Denton)
MCMILLON, Florence (Andrea's Mother)
MCMILLON, Andrea
MICHAEL, (Jo H.)
MILLER, Brooke (Blinder)
MOJICA, Nelda (Betty C.'s Mom)
MOJICA, Ruthie (Betty C's Sister)
MONDAY, Alicia (P. Lynch)
PAULSON, Diane
PETERSON, John (JP)
RIENSCH, Nancy
RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)

SKASKO, Family
SMITH, Tim
STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)
UPTON, Dallas (Jean)
VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)
WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)
WATSON, Sandy
WATSON, Tom
WHITFIELD, Bob

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Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.

During this time of unprecedented civil unrest across the nation, please pray for peace, understanding, and unity in America and around the

One Shepherd's Thoughts...

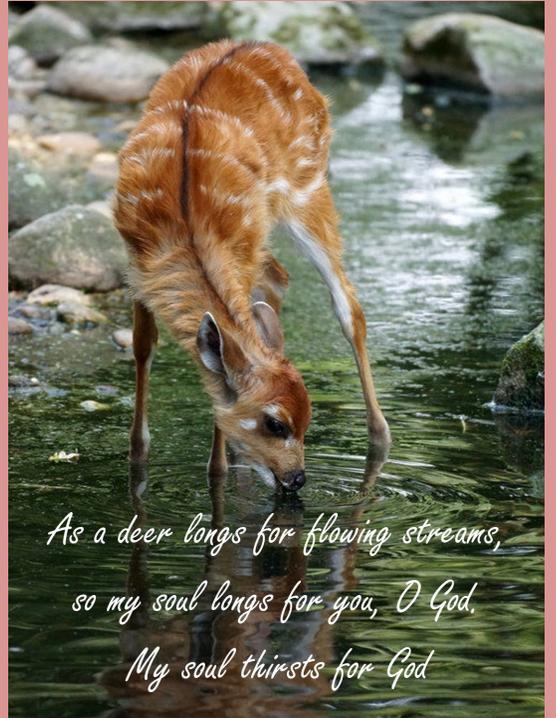


Reading the Psalms and thinking:

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." Psalms 42: 1-2a

Mighty God, we give thanks to your holy name. We praise and honor who you are in our lives. We understand that without you we cannot succeed on our own. We recognize the power of your Holy Spirit that empowers us to live in this moment.

Lord, as the deer longs for flowing waters, so do our souls yearn for you. Give your people an ear to hear you clearly in the chaos and confusion in our society. In a world of social distancing, keep us spiritually connected to the flowing streams of your righteousness. O God, as we shelter in place, dwell within our temples that the living waters flow to refresh our communities to an everlasting thirst for you. Despite the pandemic that our country is facing, our souls' thirst for you. O come and quench our thirst—fill our cups and let it overflow! Let us not be distracted by the authorities in this world, but keep our eyes lifted to you who has all authority on earth and in heaven. We humble ourselves before you. Humble this nation. Make us to know that we need you, our living God: One who responds to the cries of God's people and wipes their tears away; One who will deliver the righteous from the snares of the pestilence and rescue them from pandemics. You are a living God who is familiar with our infirmities yet full of compassion.



As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you. We want to be where you are. We long to be in your presence where there is fullness of joy! In our distress we thirst for the true and living God! Quench our thirst.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God is with us,

Rev Day



HOPE Ministry

Micah 6:8, a familiar passage, calls us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. We are learning in our Sunday School how to walk with God; worship, prayer, study, and giving are all elements of this ministry. Programs which help people in need are mercy ministries; Meals on Wheels, Family Promise, ECHO, our little bank are all examples of ministries of mercy. Justice involves holding our governments and corporations accountable for fair treatment of God's children. Read Nehemiah for examples of ministries of justice.

At the last meeting, BCC Board voted to join HOPE, Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality. This organization has been a formidable force in Hillsborough for effecting change in areas such as obtaining affordable housing and making changes in our criminal justice system. This organization is consistent with BCC's Future Story because it allows us to partner with an existing organization, made up of 22 churches in the Tampa area, which has earned the respect of county, city, and government organizations for their thorough research, persistence, and workable solutions. HOPE is also careful to avoid taking on issues that are political in nature and potentially divisive to churches and their members.

Our annual fee for joining HOPE is \$800 per year, based on our church size. For the first year this fee will be paid for by funds previously provided by the Region for community service. Some BCC members have already provided donations for next year's fee. If you are interested in learning more about HOPE or wish to contribute to this ministry, please contact Don Sherman at 813-786-6648 or look for the option to donate to HOPE in the GivePlus+ app and online.

The Brandon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Re-Entry Task Force has voted to delay return to in-person worship until July 26th out of an abundance of caution. Recent numbers in the State of Florida, and Hillsborough County have been quite discouraging and it has been decided it would be best to delay the return.

We thank you for your patience and understanding that these decisions are made with safety in mind.