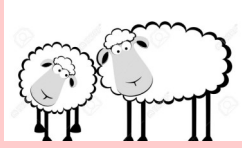


July 19, 2020



Brandon Christian Church



Flock Talk

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost brandonchristianchurch.org

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

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

Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case
Worship Leader—Steven Blinder

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Sermon: "TBD"

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Diane Garthwaite, Don Sherman
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Tom Smiley

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.



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

Praise Reports

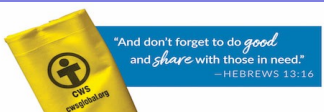
The Sherman's continue rejoice over the time they got spend with their two grandchildren!

Brandon Christian Church gives thanks for, and celebrates Rev. Day who is off this week getting some much needed spiritual reprieve and celebrating her birthday!

Joan is rejoicing that her friend Susan went for a scan recently and they found no active cancer!! Prayers for continued progress are appreciated.

Joan is also celebrating a friend who helped her get the outside of her home cleaned and painted and the yard cleaned up.

God is Great, All the Time!!



Brandon Christian Church remains a generous and loving church even in the midst of so much uncertainty.

To that end, we collected a total of \$215.00 in Blanket Donations for the two CWS Blanket Sunday's we held on Mother's and Father's Days.



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!

Sunday School has moved to 9:00 to help accommodate those who wish to gather in-person for Worship once that resumes.

Here is the Zoom info for Sunday School at 9 am.

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Meeting ID: 821 838 128

Password: 520491

- SINGLETON, Carol++
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 world.

One Shepherd's Thoughts...



One of my favorite scriptures is from 2 Corinthians 4:7-9. "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." I asked Rev. Frankie Gay to reach from this text at my ordination service 18 years ago—and it still remains a meaningful and powerful life text for me to this day.

What does it mean that we have treasures in jars of clay?

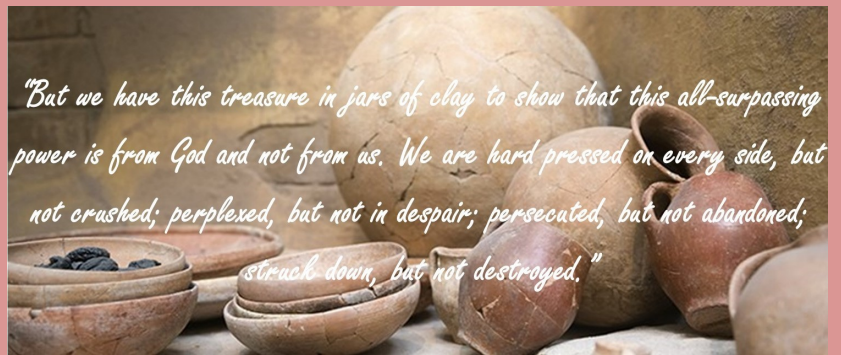
We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. Clay jars were containers created by skilled potters who took raw clay, shaped and molded it as they desired, and then baked the clay until it was hard. They then painted, glazed, or decorated the jars for whatever purpose they had in mind. In ancient times, sacred scrolls or valuable documents were rolled up and placed inside a jar of clay and then hidden for safe keeping. The Dead Sea Scrolls were kept in such jars of clay. Pottery jars could be beautiful or purely functional, but they had one thing in common: they were breakable. Contents could not be forever housed in jars of clay. Clay jars were temporary holding places.

Loved Ones—we are like "jars of clay" with a "treasure" inside. This means that our physical bodies are like those jars. We are made from clay—Genesis 2 tells us that). Our bodies come in all shapes and sizes, each designed by the Heavenly Potter for whatever purpose God desired. Our bodies are beautiful, functional, and breakable. Our bodies are temporary housing places for the treasure God has given us, namely, "the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Oh—the knowledge of the gospel is a rich truth, indeed!

God entrusts to us treasure that will last forever. Second Corinthians 4:6 defines that treasure as "the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." The treasure we are privileged to hold is the knowledge of our Creator through the Son, Jesus Christ.

While our mortal bodies do die—God made a way for us to be made new. Our physical "jars of clay" will be resurrected one day to become glorified, eternal bodies. This knowledge and resulting relationship with God are the greatest treasures any earthly vessel can hold.

God IS with us,
Rev Day



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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

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.



Family Promise[®] of Greater Brandon

Building community, strengthening lives.

We need your help! Dinner is needed for 6 people (2 are toddlers) for our Family Promise families 7/27--

7/31. Food can be made ahead and reheated later if needed. Sue will deliver all meals to them. Contact Sue to let her know which night you can provide dinner and what you want to make or provide.

Sue Benitez - Family Promise Coordinator