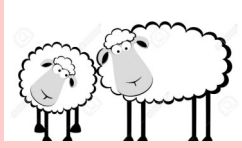


July 26, 2020



Brandon Christian Church



# Flock Talk

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## Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist:** Jo Henkel  
**Psalm:** Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
**Gospel:** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

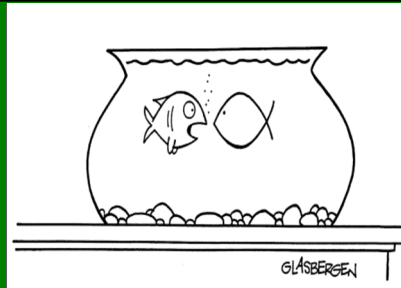
**Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case**

**Sermon Text:** Romans 8:26-29

**Sermon:** "Nothing Can Separate Us From the Love of God"

## Serving in Today's Worship

**Elders:** Cammie Denton, Britt Failes  
**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

A big thank you to Steven Blinder for bringing the message last Sunday!

Jo Henkel has graciously offered to extend her Elder term by one year to help fill out the rolls. We are grateful for the offer! Please check your email and vote on her term extension if you haven't already.

It was wonderful to see Judy this week who reported that Kathy is doing better.

God is Great, All the Time!!

## The Good News Continues:

The new camera has arrived and been installed in the Sanctuary! Thank you to everyone who helped make this technology upgrade possible, we are blessed by your support! Thank you also to the volunteers that set up and tested the new camera!



*Welcome back to the Sanctuary!*

*Please see the back page for more information!*

CAIN, Family and Friends of Gail++  
CHRISTIAN, Pastor Tina++  
GOEHRIG, Pastor Betsy and Family++  
MASON, Evelyn++  
SINGLETON, Carol++  
STEIER, Family and Friends of Brittany Nicole++

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  
SINGLETON, Carol  
SMITH, Dee (Sherman)  
SMITH, Tim  
STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)  
UPTON, Dallas (Jean)  
VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)  
WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)  
WATSON, Sandy  
WATSON, Tom  
WHITFIELD, Bob

BARCLAY, Family  
BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)  
BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)  
BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)  
BUTTERWECK, Chris  
CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers  
CABRERA, Paquita  
COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)  
DENTON, Bill  
DIGREGORIO, Robyn  
DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)  
ECKDAHL, Kathy

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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...



A global pandemic. Civil unrest. A society divided. A church struggling to find its place. These seismic shifts make us feel like we are on shaky ground. Our familiar church lives have been disrupted. Many of us don't know when we will be able to participate in face-to-face worship again. Camps and conferences have been canceled. Sunday school and youth groups are meeting online, if at all. The routine elements of pastoral ministry such as meeting with parishioners in homes, hospitals, and the church office are different or nonexistent. Face-to-face board and committee meetings are not happening or are cautionary tales. How do we prepare a way forward when we don't know exactly what to prepare for?

While right now the amount seems more than we can manage, it is important to remember that change has always been with us. The North American twenty-first century church is not the church of the first century—nor the fifteenth, the eighteenth, nor even the twentieth. We are the “stewards of God's mysteries” (1 Cor 4:1) for this time and this place. But regardless of the circumstances and changes we encounter, there are some biblical and theological certainties in which we can trust and that can calm our anxieties.

**God will go with us into the unknown.** From God's promise to Abram to “go to a land I will show you” to Jesus' words that “I will be with you to the end of the age”, we know that whatever the landscape of the church looks like in the near or distant future, God will be there. This is a good time to remember that the words fear not appear over 150 times in the Bible. Even in the wilderness God provided, and can be trusted to do so again and again.

**The body of Christ will not die.** The Judeo-Christian tradition is based in communion with God and each other, beginning with Genesis where God declares that it is “not good to be alone”, to Revelation where it is prophesied that the nations will walk together in the New Jerusalem.

**The true mission of the church will remain relevant.** When Abram receives the invitation to be blessed by God it is not only for him individually, but for the legacy of his progeny—by whom all the nations will be blessed. Jesus echoes this love in John 3:16 that God so love the world and in Matthew 28:19 that the gospel message was for all corners of the globe. Our hurting world needs the church to practice the healing balm of grace, love and mercy. We are not finished until all are whole and no one is missing. (Bruce Barkhauer)  
God is with us,  
Rev Day



We are pleased to be opening the Sanctuary to in-person worship again starting this Sunday, July 26. There are some new procedures in place to help protect everyone. If you are planning to join us in-person on July 26 you can expect these changes:

Masks will be required, if you do not have a mask one will be provided to you

Communion will be “Bring Your Own” until pre-made kits are available - a cracker and some juice is fine, it isn't the elements that matter, it is the act

There will be temperature checks at the door, if your temperature is 99.9° or lower you will be allowed in

The floor has been marked in green and blue masking tape to indicate traffic flow direction and encourage social distancing

Social distancing will be required at all times - please stay a minimum of 6ft away from people who do not live in the same house as you

The pews have been marked for social distancing - please avoid the rows marked with X's, in the open rows you may sit on either side of the blue tape marked on the back of the pew in front of you. To accommodate families that may wish to sit together, if another party is seated in a pew and they extend into the tape-marked area you are kindly asked to sit in a different pew

There will be no collection plate, a box will be provided in the Narthex to deposit donations, however GivePlus+ is a great option for contactless tithing

There can be no singing from the congregation, Rick will sing and play music, everyone else is asked to hum or sing along in your head

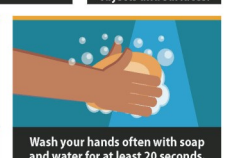
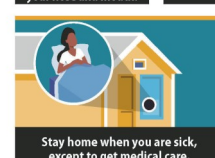
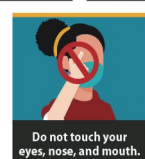
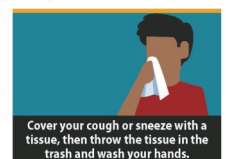
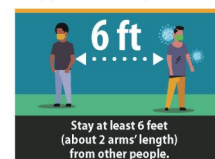
You are asked to enter as close to 11:00 as possible and exit as soon as the service is over. There is no fellowship at this time, but if you wish to talk to someone you may do so outside while maintaining social distancing

The Sanctuary will be cleaned before worship using a variety of methods, including disinfectant wipes and a fogger

We thank you in advance for adhering to the guidelines, and we look forward to seeing those who choose to come!

## Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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