

# The Good News of... Brandon Christian Church

HELLO, MAY



What does it mean to live in a world where a resurrection has happened?

In our contemporary world we have Easter and Christmas, but in earlier times church people referred to Eastertide and Christmastide. The intent was to designate an extended season rather than a single day, and I need the reminder that while each of the two events—the birth of the baby and the appearance of the risen Christ—is loaded with power and potential for glorious celebration, both are far more.

Eastertide and Christmastide are for the exploration and consideration of world-view changing realities. While Easter Sunday is great fun—with gorgeous flowers, glorious music, and celebrating worshippers—the most important Sundays in the church year are the Sundays afterward, when we are left, as were Jesus' disciples, with the meanings and implications of what happened and the sense that nothing can ever be the same.

What does it mean to live in a world in which a resurrection happened? For one thing—we live with the proclamation that goodness and truth are not ultimately overwhelmed by evil and untruth—regardless of what is transpiring at any particular historical moment. Reality in this world is brutal bombings of children and babies in a children's hospital or at a train station by Russian forces. Or it's the kidnapping of girls in schools by misogynistic, militant religious adherents. It's also the threat of nuclear war and missiles by profoundly disturbed leaders of nations. It takes a strong faith, or foolish naivete, to keep working for peace, justice and reconciliation.

When Jesus died on Good Friday, his followers lost that faith. Until Jesus' death, they had begun to think that what he was saying was good and true; that contrary to conventional wisdom, peacemakers, the meek and seekers after goodness were the blessed and truly happy ones. They had begun to believe that it is better to give than to receive, that forgiveness is always better than retaliation, that in order to live fully one has to find ways to give of one's life, and that including the outcast and marginalized is better than excluding them—all of that was shattered when the powers of the world decided that Jesus should be crucified.

Political and religious authority demonstrated the worlds' reality—that Jesus was unrealistic, dangerous, and should be eliminated for the good of all. But then came resurrection! For the disciples, this meant that his ideas were true, that working for their realization would always be holy work—work worth living and dying for.

Everything is different because we now live in a world where death did not have the final word, where truth and goodness and love are the final realities, and where a resurrection happened.

The Word became flesh!

REV DAY



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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Some members of the congregation have recently raised questions about Vanco, our on-line giving option. That is - How much do they charge? Who pays for it? Can I add the charge to my donation to save the church some money?

An email was recently sent to the congregation answering these questions. In addition, there are copies of the instruction sheet in the Narthex. After reading it, if you have any questions please direct them to Don Sherman at 813-786-6648 or any member of the Finance Committee or the church office.

Your Finance Committee recommends that if you already have a Vanco account, please log into the account, using the church web site or your smart phone Vanco application, and verify that your contribution profile, giving options, processing fee choices, password etc. are according to your wishes.

We appreciate the opportunity to make it as convenient as possible for you to donate securely and thereby continue our valuable ministries at Brandon Christian Church..

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. —Proverbs 31:24-26, 31 (NIV)

As mother's have been a blessing to us, let us be a blessing to them this day and all days.



ELDER MEETING—SUN,  
MAY 8

FINANCE MEETING—THU,  
MAY 12

BOARD MEETING—SUN,  
MAY 15

May 6—Friendship Day

May 12—Finance Meeting

May 20—Bike to Work Day

May 8—Mother's Day

May 14—International Migratory Bird Day

May 22—International Day for Biodiversity

May 8—No Book Club, Happy Mother's Day!

May 15—Graduate Sunday in Worship

May 29—Pentecost Offering 1

May 8—Elders Meeting at 5:00 on Zoom

May 15—Mental Health Sunday

May 30—Office Closed in Observance of  
Memorial Day

May 8-14—Christian Family Week

May 15—BCC Board Meeting, 5:00 on Zoom

The BCC Book Discussion Group will not be meeting in May due to Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers in the congregation and beyond!

### SWIFT



Single Women in Fellowship Together is scheduled to meet on Sunday May 15, immediately following worship at the home of Betty Dawson—101 Mary Kay Ct, Brandon FL 33511. Please contact Betty at 813-404-9393 or [bdawson@dawsoncrew.com](mailto:bdawson@dawsoncrew.com)

### Birthdays!

May 1—Nathaniel Sears  
May 4—Becky (Konnerth) Kisgen  
May 9—Chris Butterweck  
May 15—Alexandra Collins  
May 17—Jean Upton  
May 18—Jodi Failes  
May 23—Ros Springer  
May 30—Jo Henkel  
May 31—Georgia Dietz

### Anniversaries!

May 19—Brett & Betty Powell  
May 23—John (JP) and Lisa Peterson

### May 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 9:00 am  
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09)  
[pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/821838128?pwd=WVJYVFFtaTBYZFhuclFFZ1RXeEY3QT09)

Meeting ID: 821 838 128

Password: 520491

Bible Study—Wednesday's at 6:30 pm  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634005420?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634005420?pwd=WmhkeWtJNXNWTjRLTjhsUWxHWC8zZz09)  
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[09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634005420?pwd=WmhkeWtJNXNWTjRLTjhsUWxHWC8zZz09)

Meeting ID: 836 3400 5420

Passcode: 123414

BCC Elder's Meeting—May 8, 5:00 pm  
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Meeting ID: 865 5867 9653

Passcode: 64926

BCC Finance Meeting—May 12, 7:00 pm  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83369003456?pwd=ZkVBSU4zTDdua0t3NzNFT3QxTVJQUQT09)  
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BCC Board Meeting—May 15, 5:00 pm  
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Meeting ID: 844 7204 6896

Passcode: 547902



**Moderator Update May, 2022**  
**We have had a very busy year, so far!**

**Property Updates:** Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have been able to get our much needed new roof and gutters done. We have submitted documents to our insurance carrier and we expect to see a reduction in our insurance costs based on getting the new roof installed. Next on our agenda is to get 6 dead/dying and diseased trees removed and significant trimming done from around our building to protect our new investment. This is scheduled for May 9. There is more tree work to be done, but that will be tackled in future phases.

While the roof work was being done, a heavy truck parked over our septic holding tank and broke the lid resulting in a large hole in the ground on the west side of the building. Tosca, who did the roof, took responsibility for this problem. They are going to have it fixed, but we are waiting for the cap to come in. So, the area is blocked off and covered for now. We have posted Do Not Use signs on the two bathrooms across from the storage room to minimize the waste going into this area. We will be installing no parking signs over that area of the lawn to avoid another problem in the future. Thanks for your understanding.

Our new security system and rekeying of locks which was completed last year seems to be working as intended to allow for and track access while keeping our building and contents more secure. A new door was installed in Fellowship Hall, as well.

Steps are actively being taken to mitigate our rodent problem. Terminix has placed bait stations around the building and we are working to plug up any points of entry.

Please keep our aging air conditioners in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully, we can keep things cool this summer without having to replace some of the units. We are around the 20 year mark from when major building renovations were done, so that is why we have to deal with some of these big ticket items now. Keeping our building and property safe, functional and comfortable is important.

**Personnel Updates:** A Personnel Committee was formed at the last board meeting. It will be chaired by Britt Failes, Vice Moderator. Their upcoming task will be to do evaluations of two of our church staff members, Rick Barclay, Music Director, and Jamie Butterweck, Administrative Assistant. Look for more information from Britt as to how you can contribute to these reviews. We expect them to be completed by the end of June.

**Pastor Update:** Rev. Day has requested a sabbatical leave. We took a month to receive input from the congregation and to study and pray over this request. At the April meeting, after much discussion, the Board approved a one month Personal Paid Leave to be taken from June 19th through July 16th. Her last sabbatical leave was in 2013 for a period of two months. During May, Rev. Day, the Elders and Board will be planning for coverage and pulpit supply for that time when she is away. Also, she will be using a week of her continuing education time during mid-May. Please keep Rev. Day and BCC in your prayers as she takes this time to reflect and discern what God is calling her to do in the future.

**Nominating Committee Formed:** Britt Failes is also heading up the Nominating Committee for this year. They will be meeting to discuss potential nominees for open Board, Elder and Deacon positions. We ask that you be in prayerful consideration as to how you can contribute to being part of the leadership of BCC. Church is not just a building and church does not happen without good leadership and people who are willing to say YES to taking responsibility and serving.

**Expanding Missions and Ministries:** This Task Force has been meeting since Nov., 2021. We have had much discussion as to how we can better market ourselves, how we can be more welcoming, how we can improve our community and on line/digital presence to attract more people to join our church and to motivate current members to become more actively involved in our missions and ministries. Our next meeting is on May 1st. We will submit a report to the congregation in May-June to share all that we have done and to highlight some next steps.

Serving along with you,  
 Karlita Konnerth, Moderator

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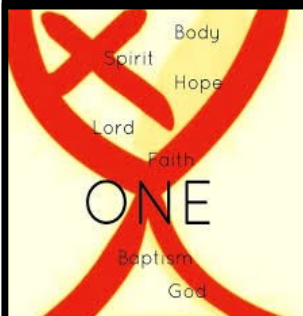
# Night of PRAISE

Saturday, June 4, 2022 in the BCC Sanctuary. Stay tuned to the Flock Talk for more information closer to the date. Come raise a hallelujah!



2022 PENTECOST OFFERING  
**TURNING STRUGGLE  
INTO STEADFASTNESS**

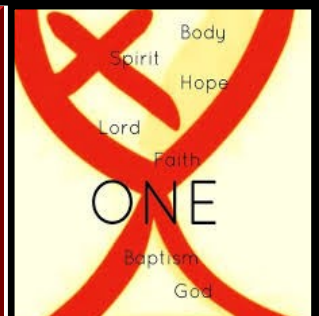
**SUNDAYS MAY 29 + JUNE 5**



*In essentials, unity.*

*In non-essentials, liberty.*

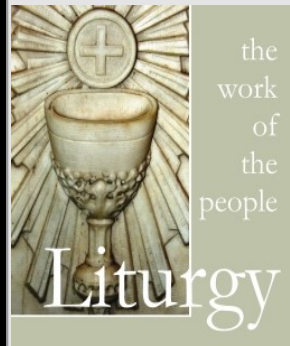
*In all things, love!*







# Thank You Sunday Servers



## May Liturgists

May 1—Dave W.

May 8—Karen

May 15—Amy

May 22—Scott

May 29—Diane



**May 1, 2022:**

**Open/Close/Communion—Lonnie  
Serving—Lonnie and Andrea**

**May 8, 2022:**

**Open/Close/Communion—Scott  
Serving—Scott and Karen**

**May 15, 2022:**

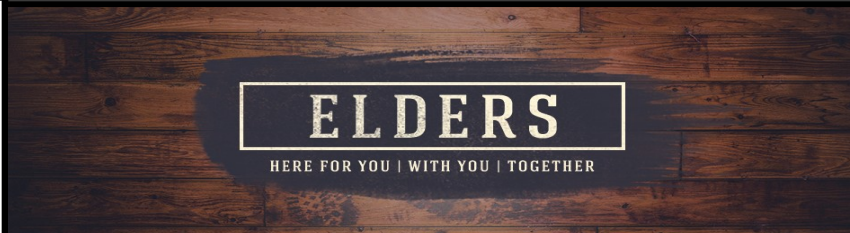
**Open/Close/Communion— Dan  
Serving—Dan and Andrea  
Board Meeting—Scott**

**May 22, 2022:**

**Open/Close/Communion—Lonnie  
Serving—Karen and Kathy**

**May 29, 2022:**

**Open/Close/Communion—Scott  
Serving: Kathy and Andrea**



## Bread Elder

May 1—Jamie

May 8—Don

May 15—Diane

May 22—Cammie

May 29—Amy

## Cup Elder



May 1—Brian

May 8—Betty D.

May 15—Amy

May 22—Jamie

May 29—Don

## Worship and Wonder

May 1—Karlita and Dan

May 8—Britt and Betty P

May 15— Don and Karen

May 22— Amy and Caitlin

May 29—Mareda and Jamie



## Nursery

May 1— Need Volunteers

May 8—Need Volunteers

May 15—Need Volunteers

May 22—Need Volunteers

May 29—Need Volunteers

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the cabinet across from the Office door. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of volunteering a Sunday for our Nursery.