



**Brandon Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)

Flock Talk

September 13, 2020



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Joan Solomon
Old Testament: Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case
Sermon: "God's Promise to Abraham"
Sermon Text: Genesis 15:1-6

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Don Sherman, Betty Dawson
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Art Konnerth, Tom Smiley
Worship & Wonder: Linda S. and Karen W.

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

Praise Reports

Thank you to the person who cleaned up the tree limb that fell on the west side of the property!

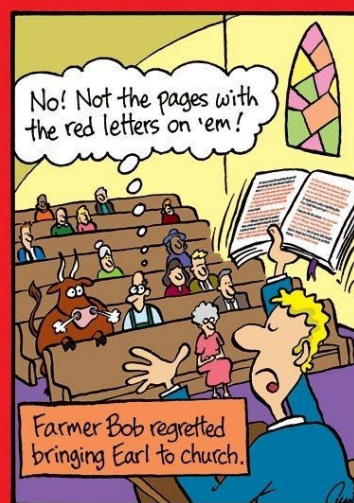
We are blessed to have the volunteers needed to make it possible to offer both in-person and streamed worship experiences, as well as offer our Worship and Wonder children's program on Sunday Mornings. Thank you to everyone who helps make this happen!

God is Great, All the Time!!

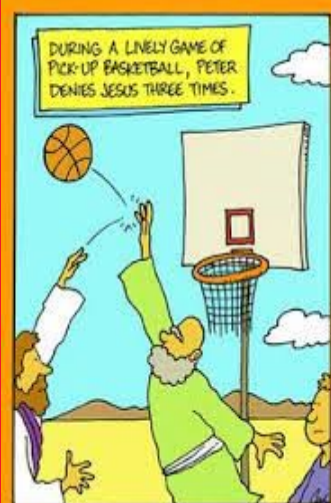


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Sunday Funnies:
To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring light-hearted church humor. Hopefully we can bring you a chuckle.



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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

Prayer Needs...



ATKINS, Lorie (Ashley Gerace)
ATKINS, Tim (Ashley Gerace)
BARCLAY, Family
BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)
BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)
BENNICK, Patty and her 3 daughters (Diane)
BUNCH, Keith (Ashley Gerace)
BUTTERWECK, Chris
CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers
CABRERA, Paquita
CASE, Sharon (Rev. Day)
CAVOSSA, Brian (Butterweck)
CHRISTIAN, Pastor Tina
COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)
DENTON, Bill
DIGREGORIO, Robyn
DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)
ECKDAHL, Kathy
FAILES FAMILY
FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)
GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)

GOHRIG, Pastor Betsy and Family
GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)
GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan
HALL, Lori (Jean U.)
HAYES, April (Ashley Gerace)
HAYES, Gary (Ashley Gerace)
HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)
JANELLE, Laurie (Deb B.)
LINDQUIST, Brian (Ashley Gerace)
MASON, Evelyn
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)
RIENSCHKE, Nancy
RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)

SCRIMA, Jon (Butterweck)
SKASKO, Family
SINGLETON, Carol
SMITH, Dee (Sherman)
SMITH, Tim
STEIER, Family and Friends of Brittany Nicole
STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)
UPTON, Dallas (Jean)
VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)
WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)
WATSON, Sandy
WATSON, Tom
WHITFIELD, Bob
WILKINSON, Rick (Deb B.)

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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...



His name was Bartimaeus and he was a blind beggar who encountered Jesus. He heard the crowd talking about Jesus coming toward him. So he began to shout for Jesus to have mercy on him. Maybe he had heard of the miracles Jesus had performed on others. Or perhaps he had heard the talk that he was the Son of God come to earth and he was hoping to be healed from his blindness.

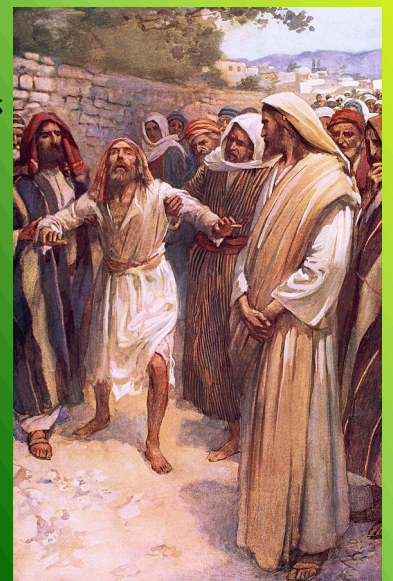
But it was not very proper for a blind beggar to be shouting at Jesus. Many in the crowd told him to be quiet—until Jesus called for him to approach. Then the message changed. All of a sudden, the crowd was cheering for him, urging him to get up and go to Jesus. One minute you are being told to shut up and the next you are getting a standing ovation. Mixed messages!

And that is why you cannot let your decision about Jesus be based on what everyone else thinks. Not the culture around you, not your friends, or not even your family. The decision to follow Jesus has to be a personal one. Some people will try to discourage you. They will try to keep you from radically following Jesus. Ignore them.

Others will cheer your decision, but you cannot decide to follow Jesus based on what others think. Do not follow Jesus because some will congratulate you or because you think some will like you if you do. Follow Jesus because you believe in him and in his message.

As for Bartimaeus—he went to Jesus. He was healed from his blindness because of his faith in Jesus, and he spent the rest of his days following Jesus as one of his disciples. He did that for himself because he believed.

So do not make a decision about Jesus based on everyone else and their opinion.
God IS with us,
Rev Day



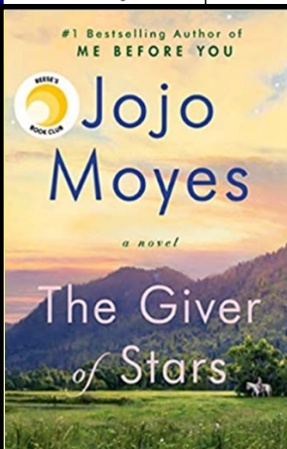
Society of St. Andrew

GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY



Is your Society of St. Andrew coin box filling up? With the Society of St. Andrew's 2020 Calendar for Prayer and Action, today you'll consider the idea of justice as it relates to food. In some poor communities, there is a lack of readily available, affordable fresh food. Fast food restaurants and convenience stores are not a good alternative to a grocery store. Consider putting 50¢ in your coin box every time you drive to your local grocery store. Thanks for helping to feed the hungry through the Society of St. Andrew in September, National Hunger Action Month.

September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19
Isaiah 55	Isaiah 58:6-11	Matthew 4:1-11	Matthew 6:7-13	Luke 11:5-8	Luke 12:13-33	Matthew 7:7-11
For what are you hungering and thirsting for today? Spend time in prayer with today's reading.	How is hunger an issue of justice? Consider the politics of food and hunger. Find your voice and be heard!	They say talk is cheap. Put 1 cent in your coin box for every word you speak to day. (Estimate of course!)	Put an amount in your coin box equivalent to what you spend on a loaf of bread.	Put 1 cent in your coin box for every hour you slept this week.	Put 25 cents in your coin box each time you worry this week.	Pray for agencies in your community that feed the hungry.



The Christian Book Discussion Group will resume book discussions on Sunday, September 13 at 2 pm. The discussion will be done via Zoom for the time being. Information on joining the discussion will be provided closer to the discussion date.

The book for discussion in September is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes, an historical novel set in the 1930's about the riders/

librarians of the Pack Horse Library Project in eastern Kentucky. Copies are available from the library or Betty has a copy she can lend. Please contact Betty Dawson 813-404-9393 if you have any questions.

Topic: BCC Book Club

Time: Sep 13, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282942096?pwd=U09mdms2NEE3WHpubWlwc2lwbIUuQT09>

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