



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

# Flock Talk

September 6, 2020



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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## Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist:** Britt Failes  
**Psalm:** Psalm 149  
**Epistle:** Romans 13:8-14

**Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case**  
**Sermon: "Creation and Fall"**  
**Sermon Text: Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8**

## Serving in Today's Worship

**Elders:** Cammie Denton, Britt Failes  
**Music Director:** Rick Barclay  
**Audio/Video:** Art Konnerth, Tom Smiley  
**Worship & Wonder:** Steven Blinder, Caitlin



## 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!

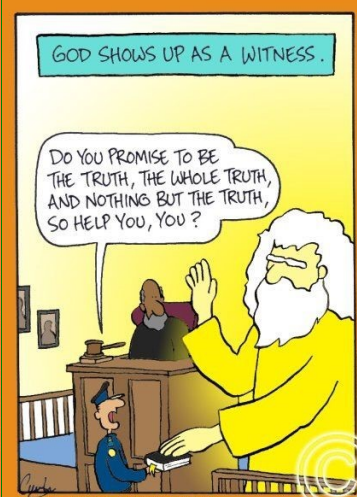
## Praise Reports

Thank you to all who have been praying for my sister and my 3 nieces. My sister is starting to improve after her back surgery. She still has a way to go, but we are all encouraged. My nieces are working to get her

all the help she will need. ❤️ Diane

From Joan S. comes word that Jerry W's brain tumor has shrunk, but prayers are still needed as the others remain the same. She also reported that Susan S. is in remission, but continuing treatment for pancreatic cancer

God is Great, All the Time!!



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...



There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

When I was younger I had no idea what this spiritual was talking about. I knew it came from a verse in Jeremiah—but that was about it. This is some of what I found: African-American slaves sang spiritual songs to bring a bit of light into their otherwise bleak existence. Their songs comforted and strengthened them. The spiritual, "There Is a Balm in Gilead," emphasizes the comfort that God makes available. A balm is an ointment that reduces pain or heals sores. This song assures those who are discouraged or suffering that there is, indeed, "a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul" (refrain).

We all go through seasons of ups and downs in our work and in our lives. At times we are on that mountaintop, filled with great ideas and great enthusiasm. At other times the season seems to be draining and discouraging and downright difficult to even muster up the strength to endure another day.

Jeremiah writes about this sickness of the souls of his people when he asks, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?" (Jeremiah 8:22) This hymn answers these questions by putting all the work of soul revival on the Holy Spirit and all the work of love-speak and wisdom on Jesus. This spiritual says there is a balm in Gilead, and it is there for us when the seasons of our lives are the lowest and most difficult.

In whatever season of life we are in—may our Gracious God grant us healing, wholeness, love and knowledge. May we put our trust wholly in God's healing balm though Jesus the Christ our Savior.

God IS with us,  
Rev Day



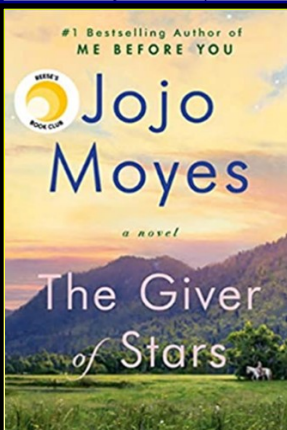
## Society of St. Andrew

GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY



Are you taking part in National Hunger Action Month? If so, then please think about what it means to have enough, through our own God-given means. Our senior citizens and our children are vulnerable—as they depend on others to stand in the gap between their resources and their need for food. Pray for those in our community who struggle to put food on their tables as you continue to use the Society of St. Andrew's 2020 Calendar for Prayer and Action throughout September.

September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12
<i>Ruth 1-2</i>	<i>Genesis 1:26-31</i>	<i>Psalms 23</i>	<i>Psalms 104</i>	<i>Proverbs 15:15-17</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 9:7-10a</i>	<i>Proverbs 30:7-9</i>
Food left in fields is forgotten like loose change is forgotten money. Put your loose change in your coin box today.	Pray for those who seek work in order to feed themselves and their families.	"The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want." Practice contentment today.	Where in your life do you experience abundance? Money, love, hope, time? Share some of what is overflowing today.	Serve only vegetables and love for dinner tonight.	Enjoy a special meal with family or friends today. Thank God for their presence in your life.	Set aside a "want" today and share a tithe (10%) of what that "want" would cost with your congregation or Society of St. Andrew.



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.