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Trinity Sunday



# Flock Talk

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### Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist: Dave Whitfield** 

**Psalm:** Psalm 8

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case
Sermon Text: Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Sermon: "And God Proclaimed it
All Very Good"

#### Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Britt Failes; Jo Henkel
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Art Konnerth and Tom Smiley

#### In essentials, unity.

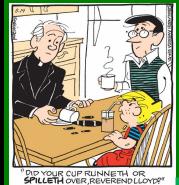
In non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, love!

## Praise Reports

The Brandon Christian Church Family offers Don our sincere thanks for his many years of Sunday School leadership. As he moves on, the baton has been passed to Jo Henkel and Amy Witherow who are beginning a new book—see the back for details. We are grateful to them for rising to the challenge!

Thank you to our Reentry Task Force for your diligent work to keep BCC members and staff safe while opening up the building for worship and outside groups. These are unprecedented time and we thank them for their hard work and diligence in providing us all with safe worship opportunities!

## **Sunday Funnies:**



To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring lighthearted church humor. Hopefully we can bring you a chuckle.





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## Prayer Needs......

BARCLAY, Family ++

CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers++

CABRERA, Paquita++

FLOYD, George and Family ++

PETERSON, John (JP)++

WHITFIELD, Bob ++

BARNES, Johnny & Danielle (Powell)

BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)

BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)

BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)

BROERS-CASE, Rev Day

BRYAN, Thelma (Rev Day)

BURDICK, Ronald (Skasko)

**BUTTERWECK**, Chris

CAIN, Gail

COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)

**DENTON**, Bill

DIGREGORIO, Robyn and her roommate Gene

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)

KYLE, Julie (Peterson)

**LEBOW**, Jake (Friend of the Powell's)

LEUNG, Gordon and Anthony

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

POWELL, Betty (Rev. Day)

RIENSCHE, Nancy

RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)

SHASKO, Family

SMITH, Tim

STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)

UPTON, Dallas (Jean)

VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)

WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)

WATSON, Tom

WATTS, Dorothy (former member)

#### ++new name

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.

## Shepherd's Thoughts

Not too long ago I preached on Faith, Hope and Love. The text was the "love" chapter from 1 Corinthians. The thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians is often read at weddings. 1 Corinthians 13:13 is the theme for our 2020 stewardship: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Now a traditional definition of stewardship is time, talent, and treasure—and some are adding temperament to this list. Generosity is indeed a matter of the heart and attitude. A good steward has a faithful, hopeful, and loving heart.

Faithfulness—not size, status, wealth, or heritage—is God's measurement for Christians and congregations. All of Christ's disciples and all of Christ's congregations are called to be faithful to God's mission and purpose. Generosity is a faithful act of discipleship—wrapped in trust in God and God's purposes—whether we see them clearly or in a mirror dimly.

Hopefulness is a basic Christian characteristic. Despair and hopelessness can be damaging to a congregation and its members. God offers the victory of hope through Christ and the

Holy Spirit. To have a future—BCC—we must live with hope. Generosity is a hopeful act of discipleship—made as a statement that God is still at work in the world—and we partner in these acts of redemption through our generosity.

In verse 4-7 Paul unpacks love's characteristics: patience and kindness, and a lack of envy, boasting, arrogance, edginess, resentment, and bullying. Christians and congregations must experience and share love that looks like this. It is not optional—it is imperative. Generosity is a loving response—made in gratitude for God's love for us—and celebrates a unity in Christ that surpasses the difficulties that seem to work so hard to divide us.



Faith, hope, and love last. And generosity is an outward expression of all three. Thank you for your faith, hope, and love in supporting the mission and ministry of

God is with us,

We will begin a new study in Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. We hope you will join us. The Zoom meeting information is below and can also be found in the June Newsletter.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910? pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09

Meeting ID: 178 394 910 Password: 773019

We will be using Adam Hamilton's book, The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life. We have ordered 12 books and they will be available in the church office by Thursday, June 4, or if needed, Amy or I can deliver the book to you. If you need a book delivered to you, please contact Jo via email (johenkel2018@gmail.com) or text or call 813-477-0690.

This book is also available electronically for Kindle and online through the Hillsborough County Library.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Amy Witherow Jo Henkel

## **Looking Forward**

- Our ability to greatly enhance the livestreaming of our worship service will soon become a reality. This is your opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. If you are interested in donating you can send a check (marked for AV equipment) to the church office or you can give on line to the worship fund through Give Plus. Thank you for your consideration!
- The Book Club will be meeting to discuss Fanny Flagg's book "The All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion" on Zoom, Sunday June 14: **Topic: BCC Book Club** Time: Jun 14, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84274634352? pwd=em5TQ1dTNTc4MFl6TFZqZEx0UnJ0dz09 Meeting ID: 842 7463 4352 Password: 391838
- June 21 is a busy day! It is Father's Day, so we will be showing our Father's Day Slideshow, if you would like to add or change a photo of your father(s) please send them along. Father's Day means we will also be participating in a CWS Blanket Sunday. June 21 will also be the Congregational Meeting via Zoom. More information on all of these in the June 14 Flock Talk.