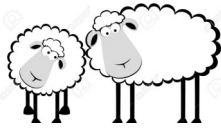


May 10, 2020



Brandon Christian Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Flock Talk

813-689-4021

brandonchristianchurch.org

910 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511

brandonchristianchurch@gmail.com

Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Linda Sherman
Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Gospel: John 14:1-14

Sr. Minister: Rev. Day Broers-Case
Sermon Text: Acts 18:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sermon: "Church at Corinth"

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Diane Garthwaite and Don Sherman
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Art Konnerth and Tom Smiley

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



"I DON'T MEAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT 'LEFTOVERS'. BUT I'VE ALREADY SAID GRACE FOR THIS MEAL THREE TIMES."



"TRUST ME, CAESAR... THIS CHRISTIANITY THING IS JUST A FAD. HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW."

Hopefully
we can
bring you
a chuckle.

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

Praise Reports

"My dad ended up having a total hip replacement & was released back to his ALF 2 days later. He is happy to be out of the hospital. He was very appreciative of everyone's prayers for him & says thank you. I want to say thank you as well, I am so blessed to have such an amazing church family who is always there when I need them! Thanks again & God bless!!

Betty (& Brett) Powell"

Jo Henkel reports that Robert and Shirley Shasko's daughter is six months pregnant with a baby boy!

God is great, all the time!



Food For Thought

Food for Thought will be meeting on May 8th at 11:00 am on Zoom. Betty asks that you please text her at 813-404-9393 or email her at bdawson@dawsoncrew.com so that she can send you some materials for the discussion. This month's discussion will be centered on the questions around restoring voting rights for convicted felons. Hopefully many can participate in this important discussion

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...

SHASKO, Family++

- 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)
- RIENSCH, Nancy
- RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)
- SMITH, Tim
- STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)
- UPTON, Dallas (Jean)
- VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)
- 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.



One Shepherd's Thoughts...



Today we honor our moms. Not everybody can be a mom—and we mourn with those who have been unable to. But everyone at some time in their life has had a mom—good or not so good. For some of us our mom was the most important person in our world. Some of us had moms who made great sacrifices in our behalf. We are profoundly grateful for that. So today we honor moms.

Moms can be those women who gave us birth. But moms can also be those women who taught and nurtured us in our lives. We give thanks for them all.

It's not easy being a mom. Here are some examples of some mothers and things they could have said: Mona Lisa's mother: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

Humpty Dumpty's mother: "Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? Noooo!"

Christopher Columbus' mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You still could have written!"

Michelangelo's mother: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Napoleon's mother: "All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it!"

Jonah's mother: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

It's not easy being a mom. I find it interesting that Mother's Day falls on the Sunday when our Gospel for the day is this one from John 14. Here are verses 2-3: "My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too." Who's keeping those spare rooms clean?

Loved Ones, you are mature enough in your faith to realize that God does not have a gender. God is Spirit. God is neither male nor female. This is one time when it would be appropriate to substitute the word Mother for God rather than the word Father. In light of this special day, it makes so much sense to read our lesson like this: "My Mother's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you?

When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too."

As William Makepeace Thackeray once said, "Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of children." There are plenty of rooms for us all!

God be with you,
Rev Day



cwsblankets.org/mothersday

CWS Blanket Sunday

As we have in years past we will be participating in CWS Blanket Sunday for Mother's Day.

If you would like to purchase a blanket in honor or memory of the beloved mother(s) in your life, simply add \$5.00 per blanket to your tithe and note how much goes to blankets in the memo line of your check. If you are ordering through Give Plus, please make sure to put the amount that you want to give for blankets in the appropriate line for Blanket Sunday.

The Church World Service is there to respond when disaster strikes. Along with blankets the organization also raises funds for hygiene kits, emergency clean up kits, and school kits to help bring some normalcy back.

"When you are staying in a temporary shelter something as simple as a CWS hygiene kit and a soft blanket to keep you warm can provide you with a little piece of comfort and dignity"

—Rev. Terry Kukuk, Dayton Ohio Tornado Response, 2019"

In 2019 CWS distributed 59,173 blankets, and 19,923 hygiene kits in the United States alone. In total CWS distributed 154,334 blankets and kits total to countries including Syria, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Greece. To learn more check out cwsblankets.org/mothersday.