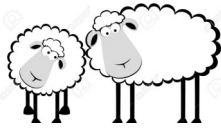


May 17, 2020



Brandon Christian Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Flock Talk

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Steve Benitez

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sr. Minister: Rev. Day Broers-Case

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon: "Faith, Hope, and Love"

Serving in Today's Worship

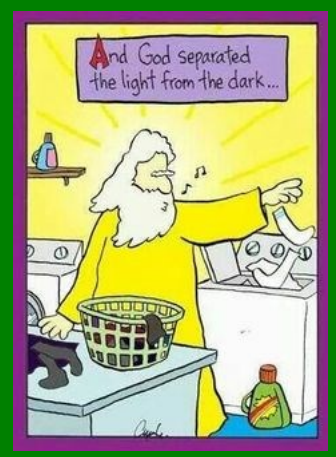
Elders: Jo Henkel and Britt Failes

Music Director: Rick Barclay

Audio/Video: Jamie Butterweck and Rick Barclay

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

Jean Upton reports that Laurie Hall, on the prayer list, was scheduled for surgery and the doctors said her scans showed the tumors had shrunk, so no surgery was needed!

An iMac was generously donated to the church to help with the upgrades to our A/V system in the Sanctuary. We are still raising funds to cover other parts of the upgrade, your generosity is appreciated!

Reverend Day will be out on a spiritual retreat next week, May 18-24. Steven Blinder will be filling in on Sunday, May 24.

May 25 is Memorial Day, and the office will be closed. Rev. Day will return on May 26.

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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...

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)

SHASKO, Family

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...



I think sometimes that I don't understand anything about prayer. I pray a lot—mind you. It's just that I don't understand a great deal about it. I sometimes pray for good things—and they don't come. At other times, I pray for myself or others to be spared bad things, yet they still happen. How does prayer work? How do I know what to pray for? Do questions such as these ever bother you?

Maybe at least part of our problem is in praying for wrong things. If that is the case—then I can certainly begin to see how praying could be confusing. When we are wrong-headed in what we ask, we can hardly blame God for failing to answer. Let me try to make sense of what I am struggling to say.

Back in the earliest days of the church, Peter and John were called before the religious authorities of Jerusalem. They were ordered to stop preaching about Jesus in the city. They were—in fact—threatened that bad things would come down on them if they didn't stop. Duly warned—they were released.

When the two men got back with their friends they reported everything that had happened. Then they prayed:

O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word (Acts 4:29, NLT).

My fear is that I would have prayed for something different! For the officials to back off? Sure. For divine protection from them? Absolutely. For a "new call" for my ministry? Perhaps. But they prayed neither for protection nor a new assignment. They prayed for boldness to say what Jesus had told them to say.

Maybe you and I shouldn't pray for more money and things—let's pray instead for an ability to appreciate what we have, manage it wisely, and use it unselfishly.

Maybe we should pray less to have our life-annoyances taken away—instead, let's pray for patience and to know that God's grace is sufficient, no matter what.

Maybe we even should pray less about good health and success—we might pray rather to be content, dignified, and courageous in coping with our challenges.

It's certainly within God's will that we pray for daily bread and deliverance from trials. The Lord's Prayer models as much for us (Matthew 6:9-13). But even Jesus prayed for things in Gethsemane that he qualified it with the following statement:

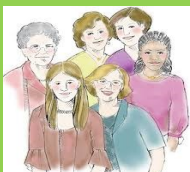
Yet I want your will to be done, not mine (Mark 14:36, NLT).

Sometimes God's will is better done when one of his people bears a cross with courage rather than have her problem eliminated. That's why we surrender to his will over our own. That's why we accept the mystery inherent in his will.

When all is said and done, I should probably worry less about understanding the nature of prayer and simply pray. —by Rubel Shelly

God be with you,

Rev Day



S.W.I.F.T.

Single Women in Fellowship Together

SWIFT will be meeting Sunday after worship (May 17) via Zoom. If you are interested please contact Betty Dawson at 813-404-9393 or bdawson@dawsoncrew.com and she will provide the Zoom information to join the meeting.

Looking Forward

- **Sunday May 31 is Pentecost, there will be a special offering on May 31 and June 7. This special offering is an option on Give Plus.**
- **Sunday May 31 is also the start of BCC Mission Week—if you are wondering how you can get involved please see Rev. Day or Steven Blinder.**