

# The Good News of...

# May 2020



# Brandon Christian Church



A few weeks ago, a friend retired after 25 years in one academic institution. She was ready—and yet weepy when the last boxes of books went into the car. It was the end of her work there. It was also the end of her identity as a seminary professor—those books were left behind. She was surprised by her tears—she had been looking forward to this day. It was not the end of her teaching, but it was the end of her faculty position. Where was the joy and relief that one would have expected? Instead—her tears spoke the truth of her inner transit from known to unknown.

Endings like this often take us to the “thin place” between now and not yet—where Jesus seemed most at home. “My peace I give to you,” Jesus said in John 14:27 as he tried to prepare his disciples for his impending death. Then he describes that peace in many different ways: if you live as I have, My Father and I will make our home with you; we will not leave you “orphaned,” but will be present with you; we will teach you and guide you—help you remember what we have done together. With all the care of a loving mother, Jesus promised he would not leave them alone to fend for themselves.

The disciples seem too dense and too literal to understand what he is talking about, and yet to every question, Jesus responds with another image of hope: vine and branches, from servant to friend, seed to fruit, sorrow to joy. In each, endings morph into new beginnings. Chapters 14-17 in the Gospel of John are ripe with these examples of connection as Jesus tries to convey the reality of God’s presence in and through them.

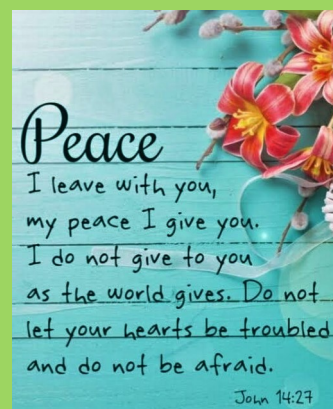
The peace of Jesus is dynamic, fertile, full of life, and green as Spring. It is heart-full action—not blissful detachment. Yes—death and endings are part of that peace, but presence and companionship is the sustaining message. Again and again we are summoned to those thin places in the veil of mystery between now and not yet, as though the fullness of our very lives depends on it. I believe it does.

We are dwelling in that “thin place” (with hope) between now and not yet during this Covid 19 crisis. I am so happy to hear that you are all being careful and staying safe to be healthy. Right now we are looking to resume worship on Pentecost Sunday May 31. But—that all depends on CDC and other governmental requirements.

Even so—worship will not be the same as it was. Some of you will not join us in person because of your health and wellbeing—that is good—we expect that. Some of you will join us in person—and stay 6 feet apart, not shake hands, and use lots of hand sanitizer—because those practices are expected to remain for quite some time. We will continue livestreaming our services. We will be making adjustments to our time of offering and communion. Adjustments will be made for fellowship time as well. Our children will also practice social distancing and many of us will be wearing masks. There are a lot of our ways of being church—and our BCC community practices that will be revised in order for all of us to remain healthy as we are once again face to face (6 feet apart).

Our ways of being God’s Church will be different. But praise God—we will continue to be Church! And in that future, Jesus our companion will be present in our midst and we will live in his peace in new and abundant ways.

Christ’s Peace to all,  
Rev Day



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## Moderator's Message

Dear Members and Friends of BCC,  
As you know, we have been streaming worship on Facebook Live while we cannot attend in-person services. Rev. Day's phone and iPad are used to accomplish this, and there have been requests to continue even after the quarantine ends.

You may also be aware the 10 year old iMac that is used to project to the screen is unreliable, at times even refusing to start. The computer we are currently using is a loaned laptop.

Rick was asked to write up a proposal for the equipment that would be needed to replace the computer, camera, software, and all the cabling. Pledges already made almost cover the cost of the new computer—this is needed even if we do not continue streaming. Our ability to buy the camera will depend on the amount of additional pledges we receive toward the new A/V equipment. Also, we can obtain partial funding now by using a small fund intended for replacing the wireless microphones due to new FCC requirements. If we borrow from that fund we will need to replenish it this year.

I realize this request to make a special financial contribution to your church comes at a difficult time. We are asking for your prayerful consideration, and if you are inclined to help with this need, please do so and please mark the donation with "AV Equipment." In Give Plus there is an option under Worship that says "AV Equipment."

Thank you and God bless,  
Art Konnerth—Moderator

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



#### Birthdays!

May 1—Nathaniel Sears

May 9—Chris Butterweck

May 18—Jodi Failes

May 15—Alexandria Collins

May 23—Ros Springer

May 4—Becky (Konnerth) Kisgen

May 17—Jean Upton

May 25—Sophie Kisgen

May 30—Jo Henkel

May 31—Georgia Dietz

#### Anniversaries!

May 3—Milton and Joan Giberson

May 19—Bretty and Betty Powell

May 23—John (JP) and Lisa Peterson

**FINANCE MEETING—THURS, MAY 14  
7:00PM, ZOOM**

**ELDERS' MEETING—SUN, MAY 10  
12:45PM, ZOOM**

**BOARD MEETING—SUN, MAY 17  
5PM—ZOOM**

**In essentials, unity.**

**In non-essentials, liberty.**

**In all things, love!**

### SWIFT

*(Single Women in Fellowship Together)*

SWIFT is planning to meet via Zoom on May 17th. More information will be posted in the Flock Talk closer to that time. For more information, contact Betty at 813-404-9393 or [bdawson@dawsoncrew.com](mailto:bdawson@dawsoncrew.com)



Food for Thought will meet on May 8th at 11:00 on Zoom. Everyone is invited to participate. Participants discuss a variety of topics which have multiple viewpoints. The intention is to share ideas, but also to become better listeners and learn how to have conversations around difficult topics. Come check it out some time, you won't regret it!

### Things to Know for May

May 1—Friendship Day

May 10—Mother's Day

May 17—Mental Health Sunday

May 25—Memorial Day, BCC

May 3—Christian Fam. Wk. Start

May 10—CWS Blanket Sunday

May 17—SWIFT 12:45 Zoom

Office Closed in Observance  
May 25—Feeding Tampa Bay

May 8—Food for Thought

May 10—Elders 12:45p Zoom

May 17—Board Mtg 5:00 Zoom

May 31—Pentecost Spec Offering

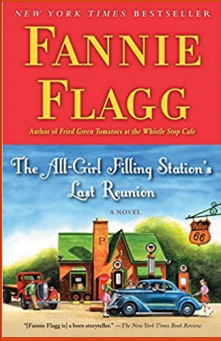
May 9—Intl Migratory Bird Day

May 14—Finance 7:00p Zoom

May 22—Intl Day for Biodiversity

May 31—BCC Mission Wk Starts

May 15—Bike to Work Day




## Christian Book Discussion

See pg 4 for the rest of the schedule

The Christian Book Discussion will be taking a break for April and May due to Easter and Mothers Day respectively. The next book discussion is scheduled for June 14, and the book is "The All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Frannie Flagg.

"Mrs. Sookie Poole of Point Clear, Alabama, has just married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to relaxing and perhaps traveling with her husband, Earle. The only thing left to contend with is her mother, the formidable Lenore Simmons Krackenberry. Lenore may be a lot of fun for other people, but is, for the most part, an overbearing presence for her daughter. Then one day, quite by accident, Sookie discovers a secret about her mother's past that knocks her for a loop and suddenly calls into question everything she ever thought she knew about herself, her family, and her future."

	<p><b><u>May Zoom Meeting Codes</u></b></p> <p>Here are the codes for this month's Zoom meetings:</p> <p><b>BCC Sunday School—Sunday's at 10:00</b>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910?pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910?</a>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910?pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09">pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 178 394 910</b>  <b>Password: 773019</b></p>
	<p><b>BCC Sunday Fellowship—Sunday's after Worship</b>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86816983044?pwd=Z2EwUFVjekZ6eUxoZkdYbzZJMUVJZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86816983044?</a>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86816983044?pwd=Z2EwUFVjekZ6eUxoZkdYbzZJMUVJZz09">pwd=Z2EwUFVjekZ6eUxoZkdYbzZJMUVJZz09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 868 1698 3044</b>  <b>Password: 913383</b></p>
	<p><b>Men's Study—Wednesday's at 7:00 am</b>  <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/477335768?pwd=YTFzU2k1V0hTTVo1dkpFODI4ZGkzUT09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/477335768?</a>  <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/477335768?pwd=YTFzU2k1V0hTTVo1dkpFODI4ZGkzUT09">pwd=YTFzU2k1V0hTTVo1dkpFODI4ZGkzUT09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 477 335 768</b>  <b>Password: 541484</b></p>
	<p><b>Matthew Bible Study: Wednesday's at 2:00 pm</b>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910?pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910?</a>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/178394910?pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09">pwd=dWZEVFpDR3ZMQytpRndlaGxRZFpRUT09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 178 394 910</b>  <b>Password: 773019</b></p>
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	<p>SWIFT is scheduled for May 17th after Worship. More information will be published in the Flock Talk closer to the date.</p>

<p><b><u>Thank You For Serving:</u></b></p> <p>Our hope is to return to the Sanctuary as church by Pentecost, May 31st. Until then we will be continuing the Facebook Live, YouTube, and website links. May 10th will not be a live stream, please look for that at 11:00 on May 10th on our <a href="#">YouTube Page</a> and the Church Unboxed section of the BCC website.</p>
<p>The following people are scheduled to serve in May, if you are unable to do so please let the office know ASAP. Thanks!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ May 3: Don Sherman, Liturgist; Cammie Denton, Bread; Jo Henkel, Cup</li> <li>⇒ May 10 (please be at BCC by noon on May third to prerecord): Linda Sherman, Liturgist; Diane Garthwaite, Bread; Don Sherman, Cup</li> <li>⇒ May 17: Steve Benitez, Liturgist; Steven Blinder, Bread; Britt Failes, Cup</li> <li>⇒ May 24: Sue Benitez, Liturgist; Brian Sears, Bread; Jo Henkel, Cup</li> <li>⇒ May 31: Erin Dunnavant-Paulson, Liturgist; Jo Henkel, Bread; Brian Sears, Cup; Sue Benitez and Art Konnerth, Counters; Scott Witherow, Open/Close; Caitlin Witherow, Communion Prep; Tom Smiley, Erin Dunnavant-Paulson, Scott Witherow, Caitlin Witherow, Serving; Diane Garthwaite and Laura Failes, Worship and Wonder; Karlita Konnerth; Karen Winslow, Nursery</li> </ul>



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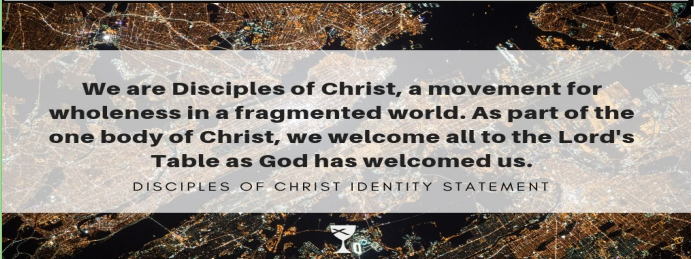
Incentives Throughout The Workshop

Weekly Virtual Children Activities Available

**Where:  
Virtual  
Classes**

**Christian Book Discussion**

Here are the books for the rest of the year:  
 June 14—The All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion; Fannie Flagg  
 July 12—Sometimes Amazing Things Happen; Elizabeth Ford  
 Aug 9—The Fever Tree; Jennifer McVeigh  
 Sept 13—The Giver of Stars; Jojo Mayes  
 Oct 11—Mere Christianity; C.S. Lewis  
 Nov 8—Where the Crawdads Sing; Delia Owens  
 Dec 13—The Blue Bottle Club; Penelope J. Stokes



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**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](http://cwsblankets.org/mothersday).



May 10th is Mother's Day, and we will be showing our annual Mother's Day slide show during Worship. If you have not submitted a picture, or if you would like to use a new picture, please email them to Jamie asap. Thanks!



Our family promise hosting week at the Day Center was so blessed! Gift cards, donations and cash exceeded all expectations! We want to thank our congregation, Gulf Coast Community Church, Journey Church, our Girl Scouts, and the Osprey Observer for everything given.

We DO make a difference changing lives. We are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Amen

-Submitted by Sue Benitez