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TIDAL WAVE

First Christian Church of the Beaches

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LET'S PRAY LIKE IT MATTERS

The first Sunday of each month we gather for a prayer and praise service at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. David Platt says, "One of our greatest needs today - if not our greatest need - is extraordinary prayer for the fullness of God's presence among His people. Too often we fall into a self sufficient mentality and kill our faith. Trust in the Lord and pray."

Note From Pastor Nathan

Over the past week, Mike and I, have spent time in worship, prayer, and hearing God's word expounded at The Gospel Coalition's 2023 Conference in Indianapolis. We are grateful for the time away for this refreshing and being poured into. The focus of this conference was on the Book of Exodus and titled Hope in the Wilderness. I want to give some key take aways from the conference. The conference opened with John Piper expounding upon the very name of God, YHWH. How great is His name. For over 6,800 times in scripture, where we read LORD it was written YHWH, we are told His name is YHWH. He defined for us who God is as YHWH. And how we are called to be in worship and awe of our God. And even when we sing or say Hallelujah- we hear God's name in the Jah, Hallelu-Jah!

Then H.B. Charles Jr. led us through God's sacrifice in the wilderness that teaches four lessons, sovereignty, sin, substitution, and sanctification. He pointed out the sacrifice of Passover points to the greater and best sacrifice of Jesus.

Kenneth Mbugua, from Nairobi, discussed the Israelites rescue from Pharaoh. In doing so he reminds us we are much like the Israelites at the Red Sea, our eyes are on the enemy coming to destroy us and we are afraid. Yet God says, I will do everything, He will fight the battle, and that we are to be silent, that we do nothing. **We don't get to save ourselves!**

JD Greer points us to the 10 Commandments, not as a means of our salvation but reminding us they were given to Israel AFTER God saved them. That our obedience is the right response to God's grace. Andrew Wilson spoke on Idols. He told us of the Golden Calf that was fashioned out of earrings. And earring god that could not hear its people, unable to hear, speak, act. Shiny on the outside and empty on the inside. That we shape our idols then our idols shape us. **We become like what we worship.** But if we turn away from idols and worship God, the good news is we become like what we worship. But the best news is that the one we worship has become like us. The golden calf is crushed and destroyed in God's anger, and on the cross Jesus is crushed and destroyed because he knew no sin became our sin upon the cross. On the day 3,000 people died because of God's wrath over the golden calf but on Pentecost 3,000 men were saved by God's grace and mercy.

And in the end David Platt encouraged us and called us deeper into prayer. That we are the dwelling place for God. That he has tabernacled in us. That we get the very presence of God with us every where we go. Psalm 27 says that we ask to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives. Yet maybe we need to ask ourselves is that what we want? If we don't want God and His presence in our lives today, then we won't have it for eternity. Our heart is to desire God and His presence to be with Him. When Israel was in the wilderness the fire of God rested on top of the mount when Moses was given the law. On Pentecost, the festival that celebrates the giving of the law, the fire rested on top of the heads of the people. **God dwells in us, let us rejoice and fall on our face on the pavement in worship and prayer.**

Overall, this conference was a splendid time for Mike and I personally, and for us to grow closer together as co-laborers in Christ. We both pray that each of you may rejoice in the goodness of the Hope we have been given for the wilderness we travel.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nathan Loewen

Elder's Corner

by Jack Garnett

I recently had the Great Honor of interviewing students from the MalaVai Washington Youth Foundation for their College Scholarship Program. It was refreshing to hear the Hopes and Dreams of these Young People. All the Students were Outstanding, but I was especially struck by this statement from a 17-year-old young man; "I don't want to be remembered for what I did yesterday."

WOW! I had to stop and think about what he said and it has stayed on my mind all Summer. I never got the opportunity to ask him about this statement or what he meant by it. However, I assume that he wants to Strive to Do Greater Things than he has accomplished in the past. Or could it be that this young man was ashamed of some of the things he had done in his past and wishes that no one will remember him for these undesirable acts. And that he will strive to be better in the future than he has been in the past.

This got me to thinking about my Life. Am I striving to do Greater Things than Yesterday? Or do I just wish that people will not remember my many Sins from yesterday and today? Then I remembered that as Christians we thank our GOD for sending His Only Son to Die on the Cross for our sins. I Prayed and our LORD sent me to these Bible Verses:

Romans 4: 7-8

"Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."

"Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD will never count against him."

2 Corinthians 5: 17

Therefore, if anyone is in CHRIST, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

It sounds too simple to be true, but it is true. If we accept JESUS as our LORD and SAVIOR, GOD gives us the Gift of Salvation. If you have not asked JESUS into your life, please stop and Pray a Simple Prayer of Confession.

1. Confess that you are a sinner and need GOD'S help.
2. Turn from sin and repent.
3. Believe that JESUS died on the Cross for you and was raised from the dead so that you will have everlasting life in Heaven.
4. Ask JESUS to come into your life and save you and be LORD of your life.

If you have done this, ALWAYS REMEMBER:

I have accepted JESUS as my SAVIOR and as my LORD. I have been forgiven of all my sins. I am now completely acceptable in GOD'S presence.

**YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU!
JESUS HAS SAVED YOU!
PRAISE GOD!**

Kid's Ministry Update

Dear Beloved Church Family,

In the heart of our congregation lies a vibrant ministry that carries the promise of spiritual growth, love, and boundless joy—the Kid's Ministry. As the Kid's Ministry Director, I am thrilled to emphasize the importance of your involvement and share the abundant rewards that come with volunteering in this crucial aspect of our church.

1. Nurturing Young Faith

Imagine being a guiding light in a child's faith journey. By volunteering in the Kid's Ministry, you become a catalyst for their spiritual growth. Sharing God's love, stories, and values creates a strong foundation that lasts a lifetime.

2. Forging Lasting Connections

Volunteering provides an opportunity to form meaningful connections with our youngest members. These relationships not only offer support and encouragement but also weave the threads of community that make our church a loving family.

3. Opportunities at 9:00 am and 11:00 am Services

Our Kid's Ministry has openings for volunteers at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday services. Whatever your interests and talents, there's a role tailored to your unique gifts.

5. Exciting 5:30 pm Kid's Group on Sundays

Join our dynamic 5:30 pm Sunday Kids Group—a gathering brimming with energy and curiosity. We're seeking passionate volunteers to be a part of this active fun group where we make God's words come alive and create a nurturing space for our young members.

6. Growing Together in Faith

Serving in the Kid's Ministry offers a unique chance to deepen your own faith. Witnessing children's unbridled enthusiasm and exploration rekindles your own sense of wonder and fosters a closer connection with God. You will find that you will pray more, read more, and love more.

7. Cultivating Future Leaders

Through your volunteer work, you have the privilege of molding future spiritual leaders. The guidance and wisdom you impart now can inspire children to become devoted, compassionate, and servant-hearted individuals guided by the power of God's words.

8. Discover the Joy of Giving

As you invest your time and talents in our Kid's Ministry, you will experience the profound joy that comes from making a positive impact on the lives of our youngest members.

If you hear the call to be part of our Kid's Ministry team, please reach out to us. We extend a warm welcome to all. Together, we will continue nurturing the faith of our children, creating a radiant and hopeful environment for them.

Let us be the hands and hearts that lead these young souls on their faith journey. Let's sow seeds of love, hope, and faith that will yield spiritual benefits for generations to come.

Blessings and gratitude,

Joanne Beepot, Kid's Ministry Director

Mission Moment

by Barbara Lynn

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...” 2 Corinthians 9:11A

- ♥ **Operation Christmas Child boxes** and suggested items to include will soon be available in the hallway between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Fill the box only with items from the Shoebox Gift Ideas or the separate suggested list for boys 10-14, the most underserved children.
- ♥ Enclose a Christmas card with a person note and a family photo to the recipient of the box.
- ♥ Pray for the child who will receive your box.
- ♥ Include your \$10 donation (CHECKS payable to Samaritan’s Purse ONLY with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line, NO CASH, PLEASE.) If you are preparing multiple boxes, please make one combined donation.
- ♥ Give online using a credit card or e-check. If you are preparing multiple boxes, please make one combined donation.
- ♥ The Gospel is clearly presented to shoebox recipients. They learn about God’s greatest gift, His Son, Jesus the Christ as the Gospel message is presented in *The Greatest Journey* which is placed in each box by Samaritan’s Purse.
- ♥ **Place completed boxes on the stage in Fellowship Hall no later than Wednesday, November 15**, as we must deliver our boxes to the local collection point the week of November 13 for transport to Samaritan’s Purse for shipping to children in over 100 countries
- ♥ **Boxes will be blessed during worship on Sunday, November 12.**

or

- ♥ **Bless a child without leaving home through Build A Shoebox Online.**

Go to

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/to-build-your-box>. The \$25.00 cost includes items in the box plus the \$10.00 shipping cost.

Join the Ultimate

**UNO BATTLE
ROYALE!
WEDNESDAY
OCT 4TH 6:30PM**



Seniors on a Mission

by Allen Wankat

Senior volunteers from First Christian Church and Beaches Chapel will meet at First Christian Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25. This group will rebuild the kit for the United Way Poverty Simulation. Lunch will be provided. Allen Wankat will not be available, and volunteers should call Rev. Howard McMinn at 904-285-1075. This is a very worthwhile project, aimed at building understanding of issues faced by individuals living at or slightly above the government's "poverty" level. These folks often need help understanding services that may be available to help families.

Seniors on a Mission also again is offering a Technology PopUp, at the Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center Jarboe Park, 407 Third Street, Neptune Beach, on Tuesday, October 10. This training is free, but appointments are necessary, and available at 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30. Each session will last 30 to 45 minutes, and will be held in SoAM's mobile training facility. Please contact Leslie Lyne at 904-749-0068 if interested. Church members who in the past attended an earlier PopUp session felt the program was very worthwhile, offering training on their personal phones and devices, both Apple and Android.

During September, several Seniors on a Mission church members participated in preparing a mailing at the First Coast Women's Services facility at Beach and Kernan.

Notes from Nancy

by Nancy Barrett

Our FCCB Chancel Choir will be singing a varied selection of special music this month. SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER on Oct. 1, THERE IS A SAVIOR on Oct. 8, and RISE, SHINE LITTLE LIGHT on the last Sunday.

Deb Johnston and Barbara Sartin will bring our special music Oct. 15. The Air and Sky Show at the beach will be Oct. 22 and we will have a combined service at 10:00.

We have received the Christmas cantata music scheduled for a combined 10:00 service Dec. 17. Please mark your calendar for this special Sunday.

Campus Activities

Sunday nights FCCB Kids, grades K-5,

Sunday nights FCCB Students, grades 6-12, meet 5:30-7:00 (dinner provided) at the Beach Barn

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER AND PRAISE, from 5:30pm-6:00pm Sept 3rd

Tuesday Night Bible Study with Don Lynn, 6:00-7pm (starts back in the Fall)

First Wednesday Fellowship

October 4th, 2023

5:30pm Meal

6:30pm All Church Fellowship (UNO Tournament)

Christian Women's Fellowship meets on the 4th Tuesday each month at 10:00am in the Ocean Front classroom upstairs. All the ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

Women's Christian Book Study, started Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm, upstairs room 203 and is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

AA Meetings held at FCCB on Mon, Tue, & Thu. Nights

Monday 7:00pm-8:00pm "Hooked on Sobriety" Mens' Group upstairs

Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm "I Am Responsible Group" upstairs

Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm "7-11 Meditation Group" upstairs

Thursday 8:00pm-9:30pm "Young People Group" downstairs in Fellowship Hall

SEA AND SKY AIR SHOW 2023

Sea and Sky Air Show 2023

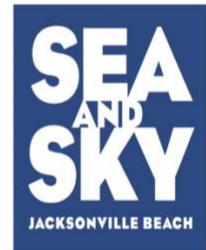


Sea and Sky Air Show 2023

October 21 - 22, 2023

Jacksonville Beach, Florida
32250

Join us as the skies and waterways of the First Coast are transformed into the backdrop for the most exciting air acts and military demonstrations.



This FREE event will feature a dynamic over-the-ocean sky show highlighted by the world-famous United States Navy Blue Angels along with other military flight and water teams.

On October 22nd we will gather for ONE Worship at 10am outside on the lawn. Followed by a BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC fellowship time and watching of the Blue Angels as they fly over and by our church lawn. Come and celebrate the Gospel and enjoy this time spent with your brothers and sisters in Christ.



October Prayers

MEMBERS

Al-Banna Family H
 Bennett, Bud/Barbara H
 Casino Family G
 Claytor, Jim H
 Cooper, Geri H
 Hernandez, Pat H
 Horn, Cathy H
 Lain, Diana H
 Lim, Dolly H
 Mangine, Bill/Pam H
 Mangine, Steve H
 Marcum, Bobbie/John H
 Meador Family G
 Moran Sr, Bryan U
 Porter Family G
 Robbins, Paul H
 Schoonover, Carol H
 Smith, Betty H
 Speevack, Peachie H
 Stiehl, Paul H
 Taylor, Jessie H
 Terrell, Terry H
 VanDusen, Gloria H
 Walker, Chuck/Phyllis O
 Pastors and Missionaries

MEMBER RELATIVES

Alissa U
(Susan Amos)
 Arbaugh, Noland H
(Jim/Val Peau)
 Beal, Amanda H
(Paul/Ruth Stiehl)
 Connor, Jimmy H
(Betty Mills)
 Dufrene, Armand U
(Carla Tracy)
 Edmoms, Beverly Cooper H
(Geri Cooper)
 Hill, Risa/Kevin H
(Clo Husk)
 Johnnie H
(Ruth Forrest)
 Jones, Rick H
(Rita Vernon)
 Kalahear, Cathy H
(Charlie/Paula Setters)
 Kirkley, Jay/Lila H
(Marge Medina)
 Kirkley, Laura H
(Marge Medina)
 Melcolm, Reed H
(Peachie Speevack)
 Mitchell, Jeff H
(Bill/Cher Mitchell)
 Morejo, Nick H
(Ruth Stiehl)
 Moon, Teari H
(Charlie Setters)
 Mullins, Tasha H
(Pam Mangine)
 Porotessano, Mema H
(Jim Peau)
 Rasco, Suzanne/Austin H
(Ruth Stiehl)
 Shellenberger Bob/Margaret H
(John Campbell)
 Terrell, Jay H
(Terry Terrell)

MEMBER FRIENDS

Baby Leo & Family H
(Nancy Broner)
 Caudle, Aubrey H
(Barbara/Don Lynn)
 Cobb, Mike/Phyllis H
(Don/Barbara Lynn)
 Crawford, Karen U
(Sherry Bevis)
 Dothard, Bernice H
(Church)
 Elliott, Robert H
(John Campbell)
 Fernald, Vanessa H
(John Campbell)
 Geiger, Rhonda H
(Don Lynn)
 Joe S. H
(Paul Robbins)
 Johnston, Jessie H
(Betty Smith)
 Krieger, Bill/Phyllis H
(Chuck/Phyllis Walker)
 Mackee, Ann H
(Paul/Ruth Stiehl)
 McCoy, Cameron U
(Sherry Bevis)
 Nay, David H
(Don Peters)
 O'Brien, Sherry U
(Marti Miller)
 Oglesbee, Diane U
(Marti Miller)
 Stevens, JoAnn H
(Diane Stevenson)
 Treadwell, Theresa H
(Tracy Antzaklis)

FRIENDS IN NEED

PERSONAL PRAYERS

OTHERS

- Medical Staff & Medical Support Personnel
- Assisted Living & Nursing Home residents & staff
- First Coast Women's Services
- Educational System
- BEAM / Mission House
- Iglesias Evangelical Bethel
- Police, First Responders and their families
- Military & their families
- War in Ukraine
- AA Meetings at our Church
- Atlantic Beach Classical Conversations Homeschool Co-op

Prayer Codes

- G** Grief
- J** Job
- H** Health Issues
- P** Prison
- I** Injury
- R** Relationships
- T** Travel
- U** Unspoken
- O** Other

Member relationships are shown in parenthe

Q 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

1
OCT 22
10:00 AM

Enjoy the Sea & Sky Air Show and the Church Wide family picnic with bounce houses for the kids. Support the Kids' Lemonade and Cookie Stand to raise money for Shoe Boxes for the Needy.

2
NOV 5TH
5:30 PM

The Kid's Ministry will come together to pack shoeboxes filled with gifts for the needy to spread holiday cheer. Donation of items for the Shoe Boxes are welcomed.

3
DEC 3RD
5:30 PM

Calling all Cookie Decorators. Come help our children get creative and decorate Bible-themed Christmas cookie tree ornaments.

4
DEC 10TH
5:30 PM

Kids will make Gifts and have an early Birthday Celebration for Jesus.

5
DEC 24TH
5:00 PM

Kids sing carols celebrating the birth of Jesus at our Christmas Eve Service to help us remember the true meaning of Christmas.

FCCB KID'S MINISTRY - OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023