

FAITH FLASH 2021 Sept 19-25



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Reach UP in Worship

Reach OUT in Mission

Reach DEEP in Discipleship

September 19 Scriptures from
Pastor Stephen
Sermon: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Old Testament: Psalm 113

SUNDAY SERVICES

9AM Contemporary Worship
Children's Church, ages 3-5th grade
Wesley Centre

10:10AM Adult Church School
Open Door — temporarily suspended
John Wesley, 1st floor, Ed. Bldg.

10:15-10:30AM Prayer with the Pastors
Chapel, 2nd floor, Education Building

11AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9AM service is live-streamed at:
www.youtube.com/1stUMCPlantCityFL/videos

Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases, we
kindly ask the congregation to wear a
mask when singing.
Thank you for your cooperation.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Coffee Oasis, Wesley Centre	8:30AM
Refreshments, Library, Ed. Bldg.	10:30AM

MONDAY

Faith Community Nurse	1-4PM
Deadline for announcements	4PM
Trustees	6:30PM

TUESDAY

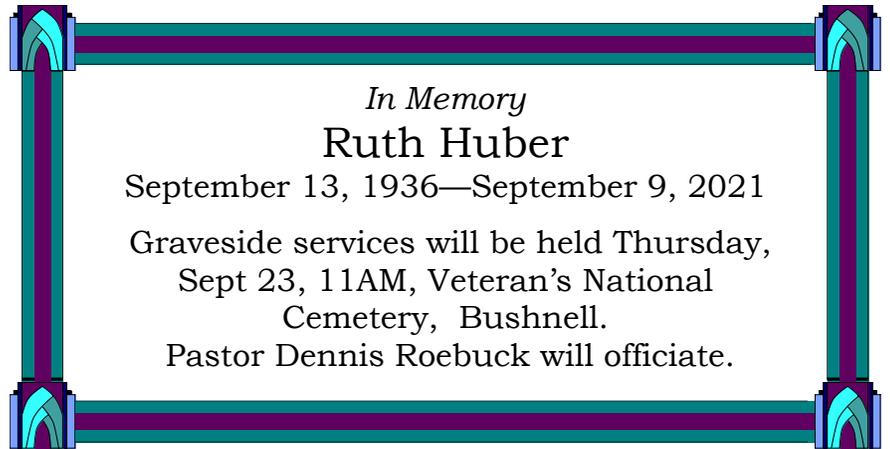
Staff Meeting	10:30AM
Boy Scouts	6PM

WEDNESDAY

COURAGE Bible Study	1PM & 6PM
The LOFT: Student Ministries	5PM
Children's Bible Study	5-6:30PM
Praise Team	6:30PM
Chancel Choir Practice	7:30PM

THURSDAY

Faith Community Nurse	1-4PM
CALM	2PM
Finance	5PM



In Memory

Ruth Huber

September 13, 1936—September 9, 2021

Graveside services will be held Thursday,
Sept 23, 11AM, Veteran's National
Cemetery, Bushnell.

Pastor Dennis Roebuck will officiate.

Refreshments on Sunday?

► Coffee Oasis in the Wesley Centre
starting at 8:30AM.

► And now Coffee, Juice and Snacks in
the Library, Education Bldg. at 10:30AM.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship!



HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

This year our church is partnering with
the United Food Bank of Plant City
through their Empty Bowls Project.

The Empty Bowls project attracts hun-
dreds to Plant City through its offering of
delicious soups and bowls made by school children and profes-
sional artisans. There will be local entertainment and a 5K run. It's
a family friendly event created to help families in need.

Our church is providing volunteers to make and serve soup on the
day of the event. We are also considering forming a group to
walk a portion of the run, and offer financial donations either as a
group, or as individuals.

Empty Bowls takes place on November 13th at the Robert W. Wil-
laford Railroad Museum on Palmer Street, in downtown Plant
City. The lunch event, when soup is served, will take place from
10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Run will start at 7:00 a.m. in front of
Krazy Kup downtown and end at the Railroad Museum.

**A meeting will be held with all those interested in participat-
ing in any fashion on Sunday, Sept 19th, Good News Room,
1st floor, Education Bldg. at 12 noon.**

If you would like to serve soup, make soup, walk or run to help
raise money for Empty Bowls, or for more details, please contact
Ellie Fox ellynrosefox@gmail.com.
THANK YOU!



Preserve your memories, make new friends, participate in ministry! Scrapbooking, Friday & Saturday, October 1 & 2

Please join with us on Friday, October 1 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and/or Saturday, October 2 between
9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for our Scrapbook ministry.

All levels of experience in scrapbooking, and all ages except children, are welcome to attend. Unfortunately, we
cannot accommodate children.

The cost is \$25.00 for Friday or Saturday. If you'd like to attend both classes the cost is \$40.00. Lunch and crop-
ping materials will be provided on both days and are included in the price. Any profit raised will be donated to
church sponsored ministry through the Daughters of Discipleship—our new Women's Ministry.

The class will be meeting on the first floor in the Fellowship Hall in the Traditional building. The Mahoney street
entrance will be open.

The deadline to sign up for scrapbooking is Monday, Sept. 27th! Come have fun making new memories while pre-
serving the old! For more information, or to reserve a place, please contact Debbie Kaczmarek at deb-biekaz@aol.com or text 813-956-3887. Thank you.

JERICO ROAD FUND

The church is here during difficult times for its church members. If you find yourself in need of help please contact Pastor Stephen at 386-848-6392 or email at pastorstephen@tampabay.rr.com. Your concerns are his concerns and we are blessed with a generous congregation that makes this ministry possible. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CUBA

Many members and their families of our Cuba sister congregations have been struck with Covid, including Pastor Rudis in Belic, Mariela the Missionary for the Marea de Belic Mission, and Pastor Raymer of Palma de la Cruz. They are without medicines and neither is there electricity in Belic. Together with the social upheaval in Cuba, our brothers and sisters need our continued prayers more than ever.

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

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DISCIPLESHIP & NEW BIBLE STUDIES

Do you belong to a small group? If not, this may be the right time to do so.

For other small groups and contacts: Firstchurchplantcity.com/ministries/small-groups

CALM: If you are dealing with anger, frustration, depression, sleep disorders, chronic health issues, among others, **CALM** by Max Lucado, a 10-week study, can show you how to approach these issues with humor and optimism. Join Barbara Barden, RN, our Faith Community Nurse, on a healthy journey. **Thursdays, 2PM**, Reception, Mahoney Street entrance. Barbara, 813-763-1623 or bbarden4@verizon.net.

SEEDS explores ROMANS: SEEDS (Sisters Encouraging and Enjoying Discipleship Study) will meet **Monday, September 27th, 1PM**, John Wesley Room, Traditional Building. We are exploring the Book of Romans with a video study by Max Lucado called [Romans: In the Grip of Grace](#). Nancy Wisgerhof, 813-833-0541. Please use Mahoney Street entrance.

COURAGE: Throughout Jesus' life he was called upon to be brave. As Christians we try to follow his example. In the book and 6-week study **Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith**, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us to understand what true courage is and how God works in our lives when we exhibit a brave faith. This study is held every **Wednesday, at 1PM and 6 PM**, John Wesley Room, Traditional Building. Contact Erwin Nesvacil at 941-400-4401 or ern1128@gmail.com. Please use Mahoney Street entrance.

Weekly Devotion By Pastor Dennis

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you...blessed are all they that wait for Him.

When we pray and when we sit in expectation of what we hope God will do for us, we sometimes become impatient that He is not responding as quickly as we would desire. We should realize something even more wonderful than what we anticipate. We should realize that God also waits on us and that should give us renewed motivation and inspiration to wait for Him.

God has a specific purpose for each and every one of us. Yet, we often wonder, if that is true, then why does God wait so long to offer His grace and His help in our times of need.

What We Should Know

Among other things, God is a wise and patient gardener who waits for the land to yield its valuable crop. God knows He cannot gather the fruit until it is ripe and He knows precisely when we are spiritually ready to receive His blessings. So, We wait in the sunshine of His love for that time when we are ripe through the showers of His loving care....a time where we remain strong in our faith and true to His calling. Then, when the time is right, He will reap what is sown. His blessings will flow like rushing water. Be patient and faithful and you will realize the fruits of His blessings.

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