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THE VINE

Week of: December 20-
December 26, 2020

Christmas Eve service will be available for in-person attendance. To ease social distancing we will hold two services on December 24: You may choose from a 5PM and a 7PM service and they will both be held in the Sanctuary. ***Please call the office and let us know which service you will be attending and with how many will be in your group.*** Join us for either special service on Christmas Eve.

Dear Church,

I would like to express my appreciation to all who continue to connect with the church through either our online worship service or our in-person worship services.



Our Contemporary service is in the Wesley Centre at 9 AM.

Our Traditional service is in our sanctuary at 11:00 AM. Our online service is posted at 9:00 AM each Sunday and can be viewed anytime at your convenience. You can view the service via the following:

Website: www.firstchurchplantcity.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/firstchurchpc
Instagram: www.instagram.com/firstchurchplantcity
YouTube: www.youtube.com/1stumcplantcityfl

If you have been hesitant to return to in-person worship, I understand. Each of us has to determine what is best for our individual situation during this pandemic. However, I wanted to remind you about what we have put in place to make coming to church as safe as possible. Before each worship service we sanitize the entire worship space and restrooms with a fogging machine using a product called Sniper. Face coverings are required. We encourage social distancing among non family members. Offerings are collected at the doors in baskets.

Thank you for doing your best to remain in community with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Pastor Stephen



February: Amanda Comer

Wade Cecil and Charlotte Lee, children of Amanda & Trent Comer, were also baptized the same day Amanda joined our congregation

August: Ellyn Fox

October: Camilla Pass

November: Jay & Katie Nesvacil
Erwin & Maureen Nesvacil

December: Jan Griffin

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Welcoming Our New Members

We are very excited to be open for in-person worship on Sunday mornings! So far, we have had success staying socially distanced while we worship together in the Sanctuary. But, for many in our congregation the online service is still vital to their weekly worship during this time. Whether they are high risk, or live with someone high risk, we want to be sure we minister to all.

That being said, I wanted to ask if you would be comfortable in regard to reading scripture for the online service. If you would like to schedule a time to have me record the reading at church or if you would prefer to record yourself reading scripture and upload it to my Gmail; these recordings would be included in the online worship video for those sections of service. I can accommodate recordings either way, but if you need to schedule let me know the times that work best for you. I have created a sign-up genius you can reach through the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4EA8A82CA7F49-reader>

I hope you all are well! If you have any questions or comments, please reach out by email or you can call me at (941) 726-2928. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

Jennifer Kramer

We have received a request from Family Promise for one of their graduating families in need. Please see the email below from the Family Promise case manager and ask around to see if you or anyone you know may be able to donate items.

Hello Everyone,

Well, we have already received offers for donations of a couch, love seat, bed and dresser for their daughter, trundle bed for the boys, TV stand, and a knife set!

Thank you so much! I have included an updated list.

- 1 queen size bed frame and mattress
- TV
- 3 nightstands
- Toy box
- Towels
- Dressers
- Toaster oven
- Kitchen towels and mitts
- Can opener and general kitchen supplies
- Table and chairs
- Washing machine



The last two items were not on the original list.

Thank you all so very much for your work on getting this family set up.

Best,

Trieva

P.S. If you wouldn't mind giving me the names of the folks donating, I would appreciate it as the family would like to make cards to say thank you. :)

Trieva Pelonero

Case Manager

Family Promise of Hillsborough County Inc.121

Carver Ave Brandon, FL 33510O/F: 813.681.6170 C:

813.551.7792E: casemgrfpgb@gmail.com

Sunday

Contemporary Service	9 AM
<i>Children's Church - available</i>	
Traditional Service	11 AM

Monday

<i>Deadline to turn in content for The Vine</i>	4 PM
Trustees Meeting	6 PM

Tuesday

Staff Meeting	1:30 PM
Boy Scouts	6 PM

Wednesday

Worship Recording	6:30 PM
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Thursday

Christmas Eve Services	5 PM & 7 PM
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Friday

*"...A savior is Born..."
Merry Christmas!*

Saturday



Sister Church in Plant City.

Receive peace from our Father God, and his Holy Spirit guard and guide you in your walk with Him.

We are very thankful for the help you sent for the

Cabo Cruz project. The \$3000 arrived in its totality. Thanks for this, for your daily prayers, and for your support during all these years. The church in Belic is thankful and we pray for you.

Peace, Pastor Rudys Barrios



You Are Invited!!
This Sunday, December 20,
Children's Christmas Program,
"Together We Celebrate Jesus"

Christmas is coming, and the circumstances of the world cannot change that fact! As we have done for many centuries we will celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! One of the highlights of our church celebration has always been our children's Christmas program. This year we needed a new creative plan, and we have one! This Sunday, December 20, at 2 pm we will premiere our Children's Church video, as we do each Sunday, but this Sunday will be extra special! Each of our families has created an individual video in which the family shares in telling the story of the birth of Jesus directly from the Bible. You will see these individual videos, joined together as one, with the theme, "Together We Celebrate Jesus"! Please join us online, via our church website or Facebook or YouTube to enjoy this beautiful and very meaningful presentation. Your heart will be moved as you hear the story from the voices of parents and children together. There is no doubt that, when children share the Gospel of our Savior, who always made clear His love for all of His children, especially the little ones, the message is most powerful! Please join us this Sunday, December 20, at 2 pm or anytime after. You will be blessed! Your joy will increase if you invest 30 minutes in this program!



The 2021 Flower Chart is posted in the case near the Pastors' offices. Cost is \$25 per Sunday for two arrangements. Payments should note "Altar Flowers". You may sign up in person or contact the church office to reserve a spot to honor or commemorate someone special.



Elizabeth
Cornelius
Scholarship



Prayer warriors may add their names to the prayer chain in one of three ways, according to how you would like to contact us and how you would like to be contacted:

- Shirley Robertson at 813-389-7174
- Nita Shaw by email alinitarose@gmail.com
- Audrey Montella by text 813-966-5698 or email audreymontella40@gmail.com

When anyone hears of a prayer request or need we pass the information along to the others. Mighty and fervent prayers will be sent up to the Lord from the whole group.



ANNUAL BUDGET
- - -
\$ 545.644.16

LAST TWO WEEKS GIVING
- - -
\$ 28.410.92

TOTAL RECEIVED AS OF DECEMBER 14 - - - \$ 596.761.19

Elizabeth Cornelius Scholarship applications for the spring semester are due December 30, 2020. You may contact Pastor Stephen or the church office for an application.

THE UPPER ROOM

The January-February 2021 issue of The Upper Room is available. It is distributed at the church entrances so you may pick one up on Sundays and it is available at the red entrance door of the main building during office hours. We will also be happy to mail a copy; just let the church office know.



Old Testament Scripture
Micah 5:1-41

1 Now you are walled around with a wall; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek. The Ruler from Bethlehem

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

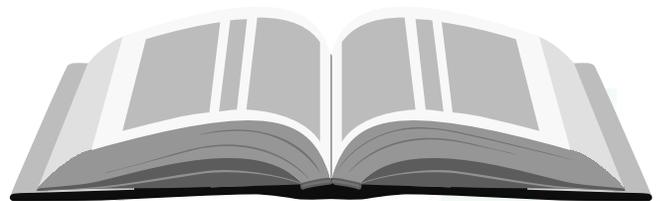
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Sermon Scripture
Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."



Tithes and offerings are being accepted online through members.myEoffering.com or you can mail your contributions to:

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In Honor Of:	Given By:
Dr. John & Sally Verner	Fran Hinson
Our Children & Grandchildren	Beth & Ken Jones
Grandchildren: Aleceia, Austin, Anneliese, Avery & Ana Maria	Debbie Kaczmarek
Barbara MacLeod, Mary Huntington & Robert B. MacLeod	Millie MacLeod
Care Group Volunteers	Cynthia Morselli
Our 50th Wedding Anniversary	Maureen & Erwin Nesvacil
Edd & Sherry Rebman	Mark & Kelley Rebman Family
My Five Children & Grandchildren	Shirley Robertson
Marty & Janet Burdett	Marion Smith

In Honor Of:	Given By:
Sherry & Edd Rebman	Marion Smith
Margaret Sikes	Marion Smith
Cookie Smith	Marion Smith
Sally & John Verner	Marion Smith
Church Staff	Marion Smith
Adriane Ames	James & Maggie Tagliarini
Robert & Ann Trinkle	George & Angie Turner
Sally Verner	George & Angie Turner
Chris & Kim West	Harry & Pam West
Lauren & Beau McCall	Amy Wiggins & Michael Guerrero
Sharon Wiggins	Amy Wiggins & Michael Guerrero
30 for Our Homebound Friends	Sally Verner

The poinsettias have arrived. If you will not be attending the Christmas eve service you may stop by the church during office hours Monday thru Wednesday to pick up yours.

In Memory Of:	Given By:
Bonnie Bullard	Frank Bullard
Harry Carver	Barbara Carver
Rev & Mrs. Herb Bowdoin	Chuck & Kathy Christensen
Paula Christensen	Chuck & Kathy Christensen
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Christensen & Bev Christensen Clair	Chuck & Kathy Christensen
Ernest Cotton	Joanne Cotton
Karen & Jake Van Slooten, Sister & Brother-in-law	Barbara Geitner
Paul Murphy, father	Barbara Geitner
Walter & Sophia Herring, My Parents	Dona Hillje
Bobby Hinson	His Family
Rick Hinson	His Family
Jim Beaty	His Family
Wendy Deaghy, Daughter	Leonore Hogaboom
Helen Borsig, Mother	Leonore Hogaboom
Bob Hogaboom, Husband	Leonore Hogaboom
Loved Ones	Ken & Beth Jones
Larry Roth	Gail Lyons
Jeddie, Laura & Michael Ayers	Gail Lyons & George Domedion
George & Mark Domedion, William & Christine Coglin	Gail Lyons & George Domedion
Eugene Lyons	Gail Lyons & George Domedion
Lucy & Hoot Norman	Rick & Sandi Norman
Dora & Gerald Garrett	Rick & Sandi Norman
Robert N. MacLeod	Millie MacLeod
Wallace & Peggy Acree	Cynthia Morselli

In Memory Of:	Given By:
Jeanne & Charles & Scott Edwards	Lesli Platt
Matthew Beers	Lesli Platt
Randy & Carol Platt	Lesli Platt
My beloved husband, Gene Robertson	Shirley Robertson
Rozale M. Smith	Cookie Smith
Margaret J. Cook	Cookie Smith
Bryan M. (Mac) Smith, Jr.	Cookie Smith
Mac Smith	James & Maggie Tagliarini
Joe Dotto	James & Maggie Tagliarini
George & Kate Carey	George & Angie Turner
Shane Turner	George & Angie Turner
Hammond & Elizabeth Turner	George & Angie Turner
Nannie Beck	George & Angie Turner
Otis, Lena, Melvin, & Horace Andrews	Priscilla Tatum
Malcolm, Ruth & Alton Tatum	Priscilla Tatum
Mr. & Mrs. Harry West, Sr.	Harry & Pam West
Dr. & Mrs. John Brosious	Harry & Pam West
Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Wicker	Bill & Suzanne Wicker
Mrs. Ellen Chandler	Bill & Suzanne Wicker
Mr. C. J. Britton, Jr.	Bill & Susanne Wicker
Mr. Jeff Britton	Bill & Suzanne Wicker
Dorothy Wiebenga	LaVerne Wiebenga
Mrs. & Mrs. A. E. "Bill" Sharpton	Amy Wiggins & Michael Guerrero
Virginia Zinner	Jim Zinner