

SOUNDINGS

AUGUST 2019

To joyfully
share the
love of Christ
as we...

WORSHIP
GOD
CONNECT
TO GROW
&
SERVE
THE
WORLD

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Me and Mrs. Jones

Pastor Bruce



(episode #2)

Sunday (July 14), me and Mrs. Jones set up our makeshift photo booth in the narthex. It seemed a little crazy to ask you to put your name on a card (as if you were being checked into the county jail!), hold it under your chin, and pose for the photographer. The reason behind this scheme is pretty straightforward: we just want to accelerate the process of

learning your names. Especially for me, as I am horrible with names. Haley is much better, being the natural extrovert. But we need all the help we can get.

Haley was a little nervous about the process because I elected to use my SLR on a tripod. She's a great photographer, but her iPhone is her camera of choice. My Nikon is bristling with buttons and knobs. It's slightly more complex, but it takes a nice shot. And, in the end, there was just one button to push . . . the shutter button.

So, we readied ourselves before Sunday School and Worship and wondered to ourselves, would anyone want to join in this craziness.

We (mostly Haley) shot over 70 families! People were laughing, posing, smiling, and just generally hamming it up in front of the camera. It was a fun time! And the photos turned out beautifully.

Right now, I have your photos running as a slideshow on my desktop computer. What a hoot! It's as though my whole family is smiling at me throughout the day. If I have a chance, I just sit back and watch your faces pass by, one smile at a time.

I have found that, yes, I am learning your names a little bit faster. But what I didn't anticipate was the warmth of your expressions. Haley and I spent Sunday evening looking at each image, laughing and connecting our experiences of you as you mugged for the camera. You – as a church family – are simply radiant and beaming.

We are so thankful to be here!

Bruce



WORSHIP



CHRIST BY THE SEA PRESENTS 2019-2020 Concert Season

Sunday, Nov 17, 2019 • 3 pm • Classical Guitar & Piano Concert

Our very own classical guitarist Miguel Bonachea and pianist Marcos Flores will delight our ears with this unique instrumental combination. From Baroque to Malagueña, the concert will feature works by Bach, Chopin, and Piazzolla among others. *Tickets available.*

Saturday, Dec 14, 2019 • 4:30 and 7 pm • Christmas Cantata

Please, join us to celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, a 38-piece orchestra, liturgical dancers, a living children's manger, dramatic scenes, and uplifting narration! *Free will offering appreciated.*

Sunday, Feb 16, 2020 • 3 pm • Songs from Stage and Screen

Talented singers Tee Rockwell, Tania Ortega-Cowan, Paul Hillebrand, & Edmund Nalzaró, along with Marcos Flores on the piano, Pete Hengen on bass, and Gully Shell on percussion return to take you through many more of your favorite Broadway Musicals and all-time memorable movie themes. *Tickets available.*

Sunday, Mar 22, 2020 • 3 pm • Chamber Music Concert

Violinists Henry Hutchinson and Matt Stott, violist Viera Borisova, cellist Ana Ruth Bermúdez, and pianist Marcos Flores once again will fill your soul with beautiful and emotional chamber music from genius composers. From a Mozart piano concerto to string ensemble works, prepare for a musical feast. *Tickets available.*

Saturday, Apr 11, 2020 • 4:30 and 7 pm • Easter Cantata

Please, join us to experience the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, a 38-piece orchestra, liturgical dancers, dramatic scenes, and uplifting narration! *Free will offering appreciated.*

** Cantatas are free admission with a free will offering appreciated.*

** Tickets for the concert series available online at cbtsumc.org/concert-series,*

*at the church office M-F 9am - 4pm, and at the door. **\$25 adults and \$10 youth.***

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CONNECT

Older Wiser Livelier Seniors

Lunch On Your Own

Third Thursday 11:45am

Johnny D's

1409 S. A1A

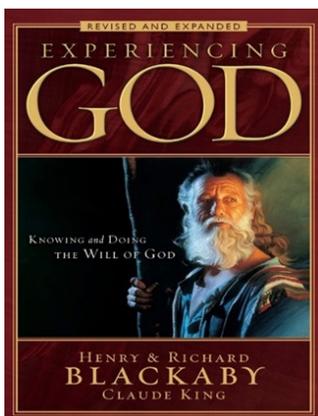
**Enjoy Fellowship with
New and Old Friends!**

Reservations: Stephanie Moreland

772-231-5280

New Women's Study Begins September 5th

Experiencing God, by Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King, will be our fall women's study led by Ann Danshaw, Thursdays, September 5th - November 21st. Coffee and conversation from 9:30am – 10:00 a.m. Study from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



Experiencing God challenges Christians to experience the fullness of a life lived in fellowship with our loving, personal God. *Experiencing God* shows you how to deepen your own personal relationship with God and discover your special place in His kingdom.

Invite a friend and join with women of the church for a time of learning, fellowship and prayer. Register at the Connection Point. Copies of the book will be available at a discounted cost of \$5.00.

CONNECT

Ladies by the Sea

The Ladies by the Sea are looking for new members to join us this fall. The new season will start Nov 12 with a practice starting at 1:00pm in the choir room. We are a group of ladies that sing in nursing and assisted living homes in the Vero Beach area. We share our ministry by singing some of our favorite hymns, Christmas carols, and patriotic music. You do not need to read music to participate. So, if you love to sing and spread God's word please join us. It is so rewarding to see the smile on their faces when they are reminded of their favorite hymn. Please contact Suzanne Breese at 985-273-9308 or email me at lsbreese@gmail.com if interested. Don't forget to bring your smile!



BECOMING ACQUAINTED ~ Every Sunday in August ~ please join us at the Landing Zone at 11:05

SERVE

UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

As your church representative to our wonderful UMCH, I have two requests for our very generous congregation. The Home is in need of all kinds of school supplies, book bags, and luggage. They will take gently used or new luggage. This is a new policy ending the black garbage bag syndrome. The luggage is for the senior residents who are moving on to the Independent Living Cottages. This will certainly give them a feeling of ownership and self-respect. Please bring these items to Ratcliff Hall and place them in the boxes under the photos of our previous Pastors. Please bring them as soon as possible as I would like to get them to the Home before school begins. Thank you and God Bless. One last item: we have received an award from the Home for donating over \$14,000. The certificate can be viewed on the Serve Bulletin Board in Ratcliff Hall.

Toby Ann Mann, LCR

SERVE

Beachland Elementary/CBTS Partnership

This fall will begin our sixth year in partnership with Beachland Elementary. We are always in need of more volunteers and hope you will consider becoming a part of this amazingly rewarding project. You do not have to be a year-round resident to participate, since the school is more than happy to have you as a volunteer whenever you are here. The teachers and administrators are so grateful for what we contribute to the life of the school day. As we all know, "it takes a village." So, we really hope you will consider becoming a part of this village right here in our neighborhood.

Here are ways you can help.

1. Classroom Volunteer-helps-the teacher in a variety of ways while establishing relationships with the children.
2. Mentor-works one-on-one with a specific student, becoming that child's special friend.
3. Work special events throughout the year
4. Share a special talent

Your volunteer time can start as soon as you are available. We frequently help out at the school before the school year starts, as they always need help getting ready for the students.

Several students became a little teary when we said 'goodbye' for the summer, but I assured them they would see us in the fall. We are an important part of their day and you will quickly find them becoming an important part of yours!

It's a wonderful experience for all and is certainly God's work in action.

If you are interested in being a part of this important partnership, please contact Jane Bryant at 205-908-9100.



**Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,
and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me. (Mark 9:37)**



FINANCE

2019-2020 MISSION PLAN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Pastor Bruce is 'on board'! We're getting on track, fine-tuning the plan, and making the most of God's gifts. . .

Coming Soon:

- Illustrated budget brochure mailing with your mid-year pledge and giving statement and
- Fiscal year-end church financial reports

You provide the fuel for our next year's journey. Come aboard. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, drop it in the offering plate. If you pledged, keep the pace to make your goal. If you're new, we invite you to start giving regularly.

THANK YOU for your pledge and continued support !!

Did you Know . . .

July 1 marks the start of our new fiscal year.

Endowment

Has the stock market gotten you completely confused? Which way is it headed? Do I take a chance? The Endowment Committee at CBTS will not attempt to advise anyone on those questions but we are involved with the Florida United Methodist foundation which provides a number of secure ways in which you can donate funds from your current estate into financial accounts managed by the foundation for the benefit of you and CBTS.

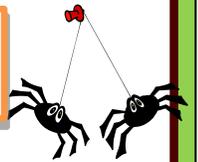
There are a number of ways in which these accounts are set up, all of which provide current income to you, a tax deduction, and an eventual payout/donation to CBTS.

There is an excellent and very well written pamphlet on these opportunities entitled Permanent Endowment Fund, available for you to pick up at the Connection Desk in the Narthex. Take advantage of this opportunity by permitting a financial expert at the United Methodist Foundation here in Florida, tailor a program for you and our church.

Howard Brewer, Chairman Endowment Committee



PUMPKIN PATCH



We have now run successful Pumpkin Patches the past several years. It is a fun project for our church that brings us all together and welcomes neighbors and folks from the community of Vero Beach. As we have said many times “The Patch” is a great marketing tool for our church! We get very positive publicity! We also get the chance to work with and get to know our fellow parishioners—young and old! Our pumpkins from the Navajo Indian reservation are always the best around.

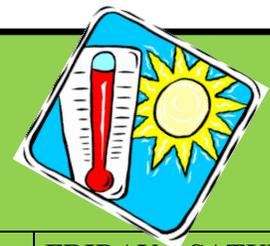
Scheduled delivery is Friday 4:00 PM on 10/11. We will be up and running by Saturday 10/12 thru 10/31. As we all know this is a demanding project and requires many volunteers. We hope those of you who migrate north will come back early and enjoy the fun and great October weather! Naturally those of us who call “paradise” home year round will be needed as well.

It is hard to believe that **Pumpkin Patch 2019** is just around the corner. This is just a red alert with more information to come in the next couple months. Get ready to serve “The Patch”!

Peace—David and Kathie Althoff



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BECOMING ACQUAINTED ~ Every Sunday in August ~ please join us at the Landing Zone at 11:05			Every	1 1pm- Crafts 1pm- The Club 5:30pm- AA	2	3
4 8:30am- 12:30pm—Blood Drive 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service	5 10am-Al-Anon Noon-AA 4pm-Emmaus Group 8pm- AA	6	7 10:30am –Staff Meeting	8 1pm- Crafts 1pm—The Club 5:30pm—AA	9	10 8am—Band of Brothers
11 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service 12:15pm—Serving at the Source 3pm—Symphony Orchestra Concert	12 10am—Al-Anon Noon-AA 1pm-Mary Walker 4pm-Emmaus 8pm-AA	13 4pm—Trustee Mtg.	14 10:30am –Staff Meeting 5:30pm-Covered Dish Dinner 6:15pm-Church Family Fellowship	15 11:45am—OWLS 1pm-Crafts 1pm-The Club 5:30pm- AA	16	17
18 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service	19 10am—Al-Anon Noon-AA 4pm-Emmaus 8pm-AA	20 4pm—Finance Mtg. 5pm—Church Council	21 10:30am –Staff Meeting	22 1pm- Crafts 1pm-The Club 5:30pm-AA	23	24
25 9am—Sunday School 10am—Worship Service	26 10am—Al-Anon Noon-AA 1pm-Mary Walker 4pm-Emmaus 8pm-AA	27	28 10:30am –Staff Meeting	29 1pm- Crafts 1pm-The Club 5:30pm-AA	30	31