



SOUNDINGS

February 2020

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

WORSHIP
GOD
CONNECT
TO GROW
&
SERVE
THE
WORLD

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Me & Mrs. Jones

Pastor Bruce



(episode #8)

Me and Mrs. Jones have felt ourselves pulled in many directions lately. Haley, of course, spends two work weeks in Jacksonville. I have been attending a few meetings in Lakeland for the last few months. And both of us have been making visits to Dade City, FL, keeping in touch with Haley's brother (who is gravely ill). All told, we are putting quite a few miles on our cars.

Have you ever felt spread thin by work and/or family obligations? I think it is a common experience for all of us now and then. On the other hand, it is increasingly becoming – for many people – the new normal. We have

become more accustomed to multitasking our way through life: shopping for groceries while texting while making an appointment with our doctor. And life goes on!

I want to invite you to put the brakes on all of this. While there are moments when life becomes frenetically busy, it is not – I humbly submit to you – God's will for us to live this way for the rest of our life. If you have been following our study in Matthew, you will discover that Jesus often spends significant time with God in "lonely places." While sometimes he does seem to be a man in motion, there are substantial portions of his life that he spends in quiet solitude with his Father.

Given the craziness of the impeachment circus right now, I think it is all too easy for us to spend far too much time anxiously watching the news and surfing through the internet. In times such as these, I strongly advise you to pull back, spend some time with God, retreat and rest from

the madness of the crowds, and enjoy God's creation. Go, find a lonely place, even if it's only in between the shrubs on your back porch.

Now, more than ever, choose a regular time, every day, to spend alone with God (and your Bible, too).

Bruce



WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

AT BOTH SERVICES



SONGS FROM STAGE & SCREEN

Favorite Broadway Musicals and All-time Memorable Movie Themes

★
Tee
Rockwell

★
Tania
Ortega-Cowan

★
Edmund
Nalzar

★
Marcos
Flores
piano
Pete
Hengen
bass
Gully
Shell
percussion

Guest Youth Artist
Diana Flores
Soprano



February 16, 2020
3 PM

Concert Series 2019-20

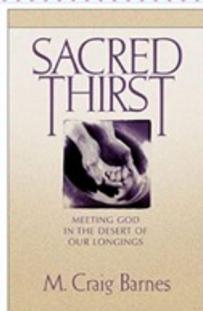
Info & Tickets at cbtsumc.org/concert-series/

Christ By The Sea
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
cbtsumc.org

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Vero Beach, FL 32963
cbtsumc.org | 772.231.1661

Tickets:
Adults \$25
Youth \$10

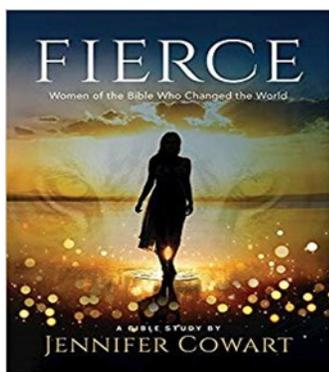
Book of the Month



Like the woman at the well, we have tried to satisfy our parched souls with so many other things—even religious things. But when we get to the bottom of our desire, we find Jesus quietly waiting with his living water—intimate communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

With his keen understanding of the needs of contemporary Christians, Barnes points to the only way our thirst will ever be satisfied.

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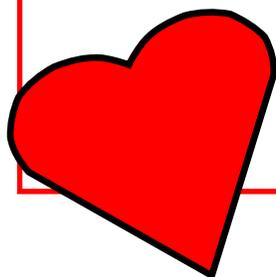


Women's Bible Study

The winter Women's Bible Study has begun and runs through February 27th. Please join us Thursdays at 10:00 for this uplifting study about lesser-known women of the Bible who made lasting impacts by their obedience to God! It's not too late to join! Contact Joann Rondeau at 772-231-1661 X302 for information.

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Study

Please join us each Wednesday for dinner and fellowship followed by a study led by Pastor Bruce. Dinner starts at 5:30 and requires a reservation by Monday at noon. Can't make dinner? Join us at 6:15 for the study. Sign up at the Connection Point. Cost of dinner is \$10.00.



CONNECT

CONNECT Cont.

New Member - Carol Lewin



I grew up in Virginia riding horses and attending Virginia's George Mason University. I joyfully married my husband, Jim, 37 years ago and today, we are both enjoying retirement full time in Vero. We have 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

We were blessed with our amazing son Jimmy in 1993. His rare degenerative disease made his life short yet full of God's love and grace and Jimmy went to be with the Lord in 2018.

In Vero, Jim and I love the beach, our neighbors and a large backyard with Florida plants and trees. I am working to serve the Lord as a "faith and fitness" instructor teaching women over 60 to tone and stay strong.

I look forward to serving at Christ by the Sea and very much appreciate the warm welcome!

Monday Night Study

The Monday Night Study led by Don Combs continues and you are welcome to join at any time. The group is currently studying select Psalms and will be moving into a variety of different studies beginning March 2nd. Titles include - *The Best bible Teacher; Water, Wind and Fire; Who's In Control?; Help When We Need it Most;* and concluding with *Behind the Easter Story* on April 6th. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Sign up at the Connection Point or call Joann Rondeau X302.



~Regretfully, the Women's Seminar scheduled for February 29th has been cancelled.~

Caregivers Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will begin meeting on January 23rd at 1:00 in the chapel. We are a group of men and women who are caring for loved ones. We meet to share and encourage one another and offer helpful ideas. We will be meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 1:00. If this is your situation, please come join us that "...you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Romans 1:12

For more information or questions, contact Donna Wampler at 772-492-0479.

SERVE

CBTS MINISTRY FAIRS FEBRUARY 23 & MARCH 1

Once again, we will be able to learn more about the ministry opportunities available to all of us at CBTS. The number of ministries alone made it necessary to do this on 2 separate Sundays. While we've heard bits and pieces about the work being done by these ministries, now is the time to meet the people behind them and learn more about their work. We've also heard numerous times that we are expected to be the "hands and feet" of Christ. We don't need either all hands or all feet. What we need are people with different talents who simply want to do their part in making this a better world. Some of these ministries, or outreach efforts, are local in nature and some are international. However, they have two things in common: one is that they exist to serve the needs of God's people and the other is that they need YOUR help to do this. So, please take advantage of this opportunity by visiting Ratcliff Hall after either the 8:45 or 11:00 service on Feb. 23rd and Mar. 1st. You will be glad you did!

Talent Tithe

In order to fully engage our congregation in living out our faith, Christ by the Sea is developing a "Talent Tithe" ministry which will match members' unique skills, talents, wisdom and experience with needs in our community and congregation. In this way we can lovingly serve those who reach out for assistance. We all have gifts to share - gifts that can powerfully transform those around us.

Endowment

The Permanent Endowment Fund provides an opportunity for you to make a gift to Christ by the Sea that will be a lasting legacy of your love and support of the Church. Funds donated today will provide income for generations to come to carry on the works of God. Endowment funds are invested in a diversified portfolio with the goal of preserving the principle and generating income for major repairs and capital projects. Unlike your annual giving, money donated to the Endowment Fund will not be spent but rather invested for the long-term benefit of our beautiful Church. For example, in 2018 endowment income provided the funds for roof repair, security doors and the bathroom renovation. The Endowment Fund generated \$89,000 income and we spent \$83,000 on these critical projects.

There are many ways to contribute. Through a simple amendment to your will you can donate a percentage, or fixed amount, of your estate upon your death or the death of your surviving spouse. A charitable annuity provides you with an immediate tax benefit, a fixed amount of income for the rest of your life, and a wonderful gift to Christ by the Sea upon your passing into the Kingdom of God. There is a bronze plaque in the Narthex recognizing those who have contributed over \$1200 to the Endowment Fund. Please consider joining this farsighted and generous group. As Vero Beach celebrates its Centennial, know your gift will help ensure Christ by the Sea will stand in the service for God for the next one hundred years.

Simply call the Church office (772-231-1661) and Endowment Fund Chair Bob Madsen will contact you and guide you through the simple process leaving a portion of your life's work in the service of God and Church.

Stu Keiller

Endowment Committee Member

Scholarship(s)—

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & PROCESS CHANGE —The Christ by the Sea United Methodist Endowment Scholarship was established in 2015. Beginning 2020, **applicants must first apply** for the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education scholarship (<http://www.gbhem.org>). The GBHEM Loans and Scholarships administers over 70 scholarship programs with one general application. **DEADLINE: Apply by March 5, 2020.**

THEN, next apply for the CBTS scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to deserving graduating high school seniors or college students who are actively involved at Christ By The Sea. <http://www.cbtsunc.org/endowment-scholarship/> **DEADLINE: Apply by May 15, 2020.**

A MESSAGE FROM UMW

After prayerful discussion with each other and Pastor Bruce, it has been decided to dissolve the UMW Unit at Christ by the Sea as of January 2020. We appreciate and thank everyone who has been part of UMW over the years.

Respectfully,

Julie Madsen
Roberta Dougherty
Joan Mason
Kathie Althoff
Nancy Briggs
Toby Ann Mann



Anniversaries

February

07 - George and Jane Proffitt

14 - Roy and Ann Daniels -

70 years!!!

19 - Dave and Kathie Althoff

27 - Marcos and Debora Flores



NEW! Midweek Intercessory Prayer & Meditation Group

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Every Thursday at 10:00am

Asbury UMC, 1708 43rd Ave, Vero Beach, FL

Contact Al Gustave, 772-778-3942

BIRTHDAYS

2/01 Jessie Marden	2/12 Angie Messner	2/26 Teshana Bassue
2/03 Neil Barr	2/12 Cookie Melton	2/26 Tunisha
2/03 Jeannette Mahaney	2/13 Betsy Hamilton	Bassue-Hughes
2/03 Barbara Butts	2/14 Diane Macgowan	2/26 Jeff Irwin
2/05 Suzy Hopper	2/14 Rita Wynn	2/27 Donna Wampler
2/07 Delores Mackey	2/15 Sandra Stevens	2/27 Emily Tremml
2/08 Linda Minde	2/20 William Ney	
2/09 John Traylor	2/21 Jonnie Holzman	
2/09 James Ueltschi	2/22 Peter Haeffner	
2/12 Ann Daniels	2/24 Peter Wynn	

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 8:45 & 11am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School Cake following 11am service to welcome Pastor Flores-all welcome!</p>	<p>3 10am Al-Anon 4pm Emmaus 7pm Bible Study 8pm-AA</p>	<p>4 10am—Grief Support 1pm Serve Meeting</p>	<p>5 10:00am Staff Mtg 4pm—Bell Choir 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Christian Enrichment</p>	<p>6 9:30/10am Women’s Bible Study 1pm Crafts 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Cantata Choir</p>	7	<p>8 8am Band of Brothers</p>
<p>9 8:45 & 11am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 12:15pm Serving at the Source Imani Milele Children Choir at both services</p>	<p>10 10am Al-Anon 1pm Mary Walker Group 4pm Emmaus 7pm Bible Study 8pm-AA</p>	<p>11 10am - Grief Support 2pm—SPRC 4pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>12 10:00am Staff Mtg 4pm—Bell Choir 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Christian Enrichment</p>	<p>13 9:30/10am Women’s Bible Study 1pm Crafts 1pm Caregivers Support Group in Kusel Chapel 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Cantata Choir</p>	<p>14 </p>	15
<p>16 8:345 & 11am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 3pm—Songs from Stage & Screen Concert</p>	<p>17 Office Closed—President’s Day 10am-Al Anon 7pm Bible Study 8pm-AA </p>	<p>18 10am - Grief Support</p>	<p>19 10:00am Staff Mtg 4pm—Bell Choir 5:30pm Dinner”Mardi Gras Celebration”-pancakes 6:15pm Christian Enrichment</p>	<p>20 9:30/10am Women’s Bible Study 11:45 OWLS 1pm Crafts 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Cantata Choir</p>	<p>21 11:30 UMW Fashion Show at Bent Pine Country Club</p>	22
<p>23 8am-1pm SERVE Ministry Fair 8:45 & 11am Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School WORSHIP ARTS SUNDAY</p>	<p>24 10am Al-Anon 1pm Mary Walker Group 4pm Emmaus 7pm Bible Study 8pm-AA</p>	<p>25 10:30am - Worship Meeting 4pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>26 Ash Wednesday 10am Staff Mtg 4pm Bell Choir 5:30pm Ashes 6:15pm Light Supper </p>	<p>27 9:30/10am Women’s Bible Study 1pm Crafts 1pm Caregivers Support Group in Kusel Chapel 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Cantata Choir</p>	28	29