

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

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**TO GROW**

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## Me and Mrs. Jones

Pastor Bruce



( episode #10 )

These days, me and Mrs. Jones are working from home together! "O Brave New World!" This is something new for us, but we are adjusting rather well. From my point of view, it is odd to be working on a sermon while our robot vacuum cleaner is swirling about my feet. Larkin, my dog, is looking at me with hurt eyes because I had to forgo our morning walk so that I could prepare for our livestreaming rehearsal. Yes, we rehearse the entire worship service well before Sunday.

Sermon preparation is overdue, but I am procrastinating, our Coronavirus snacks are repeatedly calling to me from the fridge. Hmmm . . .

In short, I am experiencing – like most of you – a disruption in my daily routine. The way I work, the way I exercise, the way I rest have all been affected. My soul (like the Dow Jones) is struggling to find some stability. It is difficult to go through each day off kilter and shooting from the hip.

But I have learned this much already: many of the patterns of my former life (and that's what it is: life prior to the virus) though deeply ingrained, were simply toxic. Too much time in the news of the day, too much time spent on my cell phone or on the internet, too many snacks, cheesy Netflix shows, etc., etc.

And I have learned this too: whenever we experience a loss of equilibrium, we should consider it an invitation from God to find a new equilibrium that is more solidly founded on scripture, prayer, and worship. You would think that a pastor should already

know this (and, I guess, I should) but I am not nearly the paragon of virtue that some might expect me to be. I am what I am. Just saying . . .

I invite you to see what new equilibrium God is providing for you. What new patterns are emerging in your daily walk with Jesus? How has the Spirit been showing up? Where have you seen God at work in your world?

I am so glad to be your Pastor!

*Bruce*



**John 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**Psalms 95:6** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**Romans 12:1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**John 4:23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

**Colossians 3:14-17** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Matthew 18:20** For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

### *Streaming Worship at CBTS*

We are called to worship our Living God! Our Christ By The Sea faithful believers has been doing so for over 50 years now despite many adversities coming into our path. The last one of these being the current virus crisis which has forced us to close our doors and keep physical distance from one another.

Yet, our church has been blessed to have the capabilities to continue our worship services via internet streaming. Although this is a first at CBTS, the reality is that in our modern era Christians have been worshipping using media-technology since the early 1920s via radio broadcasting, and since the 1940s via television. Most recently, the access via internet is even greater covering our entire planet.

Like the Scriptures show us, the act of worship remains the same regardless of our location or circumstances. Nevertheless, the notion of being “gathered together” now embodies a whole new dimension for us. While we can see and hear some of our members leading us in worship from our sanctuary at CBTS through our many electronic devices, our pews are now suddenly located in our very own homes sometimes miles away from each other.

What a blessed assurance it is to know that all our hearts, minds, and souls are still in unison joyfully lifting praises to our God in living sacrifice and humble adoration via our new Sunday streaming services! Even in the midst of our latest challenge today, CBTS remains to be the same passionate group of faithful believers continuing to share the Good News of Jesus Christ; only now literally open to the entire world. AMEN!

# WORSHIP

**Dr. Marcos D. Flores, Director of Worship Arts**

## New Member



Jo Ann Parrish

Jo Ann was born in Danville, VA and lived in Pasadena, Maryland for many years before moving to Florida. She was the Executive Secretary for 26 years in Anne Arundel County Public School system. She is the mother of 2 daughters who live in Fredericksburg, VA and has 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is a widow who loves to cook, study the Bible and laugh! She moved to Vero Beach to be near her brother and looks forward to being an active member of CBTS!!!

# CONNECT

## Book of the Month

*NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER

CHARLES  
STANLEY



FINDING  
PEACE

GOD'S PROMISE OF A LIFE FREE

FROM REGRET, ANXIETY, AND FEAR

In this book, Dr. Charles Stanley shows the way to life-changing peace of mind. You can gain real peace, Dr. Stanley confirms, but from only one source, God.

Your tranquility can be more than just a wish—it can become a habit.

*Finding Peace* offers you the tools for resolving past failures and regrets, for facing present concerns, and for soothing apprehension about the future.

# SERVE

## BAHAMAS HURRICANE RELIEF

Efforts continue at CBTS to provide help to those effected by Hurricane Dorian several months ago. Humanitarian relief has been provided through the shipment of items on relief flights out of Ft. Pierce. The below picture shows a group of volunteers boarding a flight which was provided by Missionary Flight International.



Additional help is being provided to Every Child Counts ( ECC ) school at Marsh Harbour. ECC has a number of special needs children who require educational resources which are being donated by Phillip Roy, Inc. who donated their entire Special Ed Curriculum to the school. Computers are also ready to be loaded with this curriculum and will be sent to ECC when the school is ready to reopen.



## Talent Tithe Ministry

Do You Need Help With. . . ?



- Completing Forms
- Occasional Hot Meals
- Occasional shopping
- Occasional rides
- Pickup & Delivery of Small items



- Moving Help
- Packing/Unpacking Boxes
- Computer Skills
- Minor Home Repairs

Our new Talent Tithe Serve ministry, led by Dottie Richardson, is underway. If you need help with any of the things listed above, please contact Dottie Richardson at (406) 570-4607 or [ddotrich14@gmail.com](mailto:ddotrich14@gmail.com).

# FINANCE

## FINANCE MEETING NOTES:



The Finance Committee reviewed early projections on the impact of the virus on revenues during the next four months based on different assumptions. Based on these early estimates, the church will likely run a deficit in the current fiscal year. We have been building our surplus over the last couple of years. There also looks like there is some loan/grant money in the coronavirus bill passed by Congress that would be available for the church to cover payroll costs for a two-month period.

- The coronavirus crisis has also impacted the church in running our pledge and matching campaigns. We were in the middle of our pledge campaign when we went to streaming services. Through last week we have received 65 pledges totaling \$327,630 compared to 158 received last year. We still have 105 that pledged last year that has not yet pledged this year. The church is going to follow-up mailings to remind members. Please return your pledge card to help us start next fiscal year planning.

**We thank you for your pledge and continued support .** It is only through your contributions that we're able to deliver live or live-streaming services and carry out the important spiritual work within the church and beyond.

We appreciate your generosity this Easter!



**Support our mission through your mailed check, or e-Giving on line:**

- (1) Visit [cbtsumc.org](http://cbtsumc.org)
- (2) Locate the Give button,
- (3) Donate!

# TRUSTEES/ENDOWMENT

## NEW AIR CONDITIONS



**Thank you from the Trustees for 2019 Endowment earnings to provide \$33,000 for sanctuary air conditioning keeping us cool for worship this next decade!**

The CBTS Endowment Committee meets again in April. With the present stock market slump, we are still in good shape to help our church with a new air conditioning system and the other ministries that we provide funds for each year. With God's help we will be able to provide these funds to our church for many years to come.

Bob Madsen,  
Endowment Chair



We are collecting canned goods while the church is closed to help our CBTS members who might be in need during this COVID-19 crisis. If you would like to drop off your canned goods, please do so during office hours, 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday. You may drop them off at the locked double doors to the church-just ring the bell & a staff member will be over to assist you!



**We thank you!**



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*  
*Alleluia*



**HAPPY  
EASTER**

## Birthdays

- |                                    |   |                                      |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 - Dody Swenson                   | 11 - Joan Glad<br>Delma Hogan<br>Larry Zeigler        | 20 - Muriel Marshall                 |
| 5 - Nancy Schaumlöffel             | 12 - Howard Brewer<br>Christina Gilbert<br>Lois Oehme | 21 - Gail Bouchard<br>Alfred Whittet |
| 6 - Sue Moenkhaus<br>Amy Robinson  | 13 - Denny Baumann                                    | 23 - George James                    |
| 8 - Carol Windsor<br>Marcus Flores | 15 - Jacob Cowart                                     | 26 - Tsen Chen Wang                  |
| 9 - Gene Lyon                      | 17 - Stu Keiller                                      | 28 - Janice Sly                      |
| 10 - Debbie Avery<br>Leann Cirillo | 19 - Ed Boardman                                      | 29 - Ginny Carle                     |
|                                    |   | 30 - Barbara Jahn                    |



## Anniversaries

- James and Joann Rondeau - 2  
 Jim and Toby Connery - 4  
 Craig and Lindsey Bassue - 4  
 Bill and Toby Mann - 7  
 Don Wacker & Carol Martin - 21  
 Zach and Jessica Martin - 21  
 Tom and Betsy Hamilton - 26  
 Charlie & Marjorie Burnett - 27  
 Peter & Sally Haeffner - 28  
 Glenn and Emily Tremml - 30



## **A Short History of the Easter Egg**

For Christians, the Easter egg is symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches, eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross. Easter eggs are blessed by the priest at the end of the Paschal vigil and distributed to the congregants. The hard shell of the egg represents the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

The "Easter Egg Roll" is another popular egg-related tradition. Eggs are rolled as a symbolic re-enactment of the rolling away of the stone from Christ's tomb. In the United States, the Easter Egg Roll is an annual event that is held on the White House lawn each Monday after Easter.

DO NOT FEAR, FOR  
I AM with you,

DO NOT anxiously look about you, for  
I AM your God.

I WILL strengthen you,

SURELY

I WILL help you,

SURELY

I WILL uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.

ISAIAH 41:10

*From the Staff at Christ By The Sea*

*We love you.*

*We miss you.*

*We're praying for you.*