

# SOUNDINGS JUNE 2020



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 #12 )

I am so grateful that “me and Mrs. Jones” have made it through quarantine in one piece. I don’t think we have ever spent this much time together, ever! It’s been a good trial run for our eventual retirement.

But, Haley is getting ready to return to her office in June; Jacksonville is beginning to open up, and she will be teaching her employment courses downtown, in the DuPont Center. Pray for her; there are a LOT of folks who are desperate to find good jobs. She will likely be swamped from day one.

And what about us at CBTS? We are awaiting word from the Bishop to see when Florida United Methodist Churches can return to in-person worship. Bishop Carter and his advisers are closely monitoring the effects of Florida’s Phase One opening before we get

the green flag. It is a cautious and prudent strategy.

But, while we have been away, significant work has been going on in our facilities.

We have replaced our sanctuary air conditioning. Hallelujah! You may not have noticed, but on the last in-person service we held in March, we had most of the doors flung wide open to keep the sanctuary cool. What’s even better, the Trustees were able to access funds from our Endowment to cover the cost entirely. CBTS is a cool church, now.

We are beginning significant repairs to the Narthex. Because the windows to the Atrium were starting to leak significantly during thunderstorms, we have contracted to have them all replaced. And while we are doing that, the Atrium itself is going to be redesigned and replanted. It is going to be just BEAUTIFUL! We can’t wait for you to see it.

We are also hard at work to get the sanctuary ready for in-person worship. Because of social distancing requirements, the congregation will need to sit apart at a safe distance and must wear face masks. Our seating will be limited to about 80

persons so that reservations will be necessary. We hope you understand! These measures are for everyone’s safety.

Lastly, we are keeping our livestreaming ministry for good. It is now a permanent feature of our worship services. We have come a long way since our first service and have made significant investments in equipment and training. We think this will continue to be an essential way to reach out to our members and the greater community. Each week we are trying to improve the quality of the broadcast. Thanks for your patience!

God bless you! I look forward to seeing you all and pray that God keeps us all safe and secure in the meantime.

I love being your pastor!

*Bruce*



**Psalm 95:1**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Colossians 3:16**

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.

**Psalm 150:1-6**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ...

**Psalm 100:1-2**

A Psalm for giving thanks. *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

**Ephesians 5:19**

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

**Psalm 71:23**

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

**1 Corinthians 14:15**

What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

**Acts 16:25**

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

**Psalm 33:3**

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**James 5:13**

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

**Psalm 149:3**

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**2 Kings 3:15**

But now bring me a musician.” And when the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him.

**Psalm 150:4**

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

**John 4:24**

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.



*Dr. Marcos D. Flores*



## 2020 MATCH CHALLENGE

**\$19,775**

**REMAINING**

**TO MAKE OUR GOAL**

To give, mark "MATCH" on your check memo line & mail to CBTS

**THANK YOU!**

**FINANCE**

## ENDOWMENT

The Endowment Fund is an important and integral part of the church financial security. The earnings from the fund are used for capital projects such as the new air conditioning units that we will enjoy some day when we are able to meet in the church again. Funds are conservatively invested. Compared to market averages our investments are doing slightly better but every day can bring significant changes.

There are a number of ways to contribute to the Endowment Fund. You can establish a Charitable Gift Annuity which is administered by the Florida United Methodist Foundation and which provides a guaranteed lifetime income. Contributions can also be in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance, real estate or trusts. Leaving a bequest in your will is also a way to provide a contribution. A codicil to your existing will could also be done to include the Endowment Fund. Nancy Hamilton, member of the Endowment Committee

## SERVE

As a church community, we have continued to follow the guidelines for Safer at Home and Social Distancing, providing Live Stream Sunday School classes, weekly Devotional offerings and inspirational Church Services. But the one thing we could not accomplish was engaging in person with our outreach ministries and the communities they serve. Christ by the Sea is well known throughout Indian River County and beyond for its sincere dedication to those in need through our SERVE Team efforts.

So while we look forward to the days before us when we can once again gather together to do God's work, your SERVE Team found a way to let our ministries know we remain steadfast in our commitment to them through this new "normal". The team collaboratively worked together to ensure needs were analyzed so all remaining funds in our current budget could be disbursed to cover every current request. A total of \$6,230.74 was approved and six ministries received much needed funding - Shining Light Gardens summer planting, Beachland Elementary special book project, Bethel Computers for Education Haitian Diabetes in Pregnancy project, The Hope for Families Center, the UMC Children's Home and The Source.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, even in a way that is different than we would prefer. Isaiah 58:10 - Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

# Anniversaries

- 3 - Charles & Lucille Havens
- 4 - Robert & Janet Jones
- 5 - Paul & Judy Chatterton
- 11 - Frank & Jessie Marden
- 20 - Mike & Rita Hale
- 20 - Ray & Kathy Emmons
- 22 - Tom & Roberta Dougherty
- 24 - Marvin & Joanne Riddle
- 25 - Ed & Carla Boardman
- 29 - Ron & Marian Farabee



- 1 - Connie Wellman
- 2 - Jim Fisher
- 2 - Betty Sorensen
- 2 - Delilah Hull
- 3 - Don Combs
- 3 - Charmaine Hensley
- 4 - Bruna Picco
- 6 - Bea Wilson
- 6 - Dawn Reichard
- 10 - Diana Tokarz
- 11 - Jim Rondeau
- 12 - Al Sammartino
- 17 - Frank Blaisdell
- 17 - Dee Bannon
- 19 - Phyllis Brewer
- 19 - Ruth Collier
- 19 - Helen Ferrell
- 19 - June Fitzmeyer
- 19 - Ray Emmons
- 19 - Sandy "Stella" Le Blanc
- 21 - Joyce Logan
- 25 - Don Karnes
- 25 - Dorothy Richardson
- 26 - Shirley Kelce
- 27 - Serene Goldman
- 27 - Karen Spaulding
- 28 - Richard Oehme
- 30 - Dorothy Stewart

# Birthdays

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL CHRIST BY THE SEA MEN!!**

## CONNECT

Our Adult Sunday School classes continue to meet via Zoom. Please read below for a description of each. We would love to have you join us and can help you do so if interested.



### Going Deeper with Linda Petrilla

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

Each Sunday our class studies the Scripture that Pastor Bruce has chosen for his Sermon. In studying the scripture, we closely examine the meaning of the content of the scripture in several ways. We study the history and background by gaining information about the author, the time period, the environment and the culture of that time. We also become aware of the theme, purpose, and focus of the writing. In addition, we search relevant Old Testament and New Testament scriptures as it relates to the scripture we are studying. Moreover, we become aware of how this scripture applies to us personally and how we live our lives for Jesus Christ. By "Going Deeper" into the scripture we see the presence of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament and New Testament as the words of God's truth become alive for us and live within us.

Hebrews 4:12 *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joint and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* Please join us on Sundays at 9:45am by contacting me at [lindakspetrilla@aol.com](mailto:lindakspetrilla@aol.com) or 772-633-4155.

In Celebration of Christ's Love, Linda Petrilla

### Galatians For You by Timothy Keller hosted by Mike and Rita Hale

The "New Friends" Sunday school class met for the first time on March 22, 2020 using the Video Conferencing software Zoom. We are studying Paul's letter to the Galatians using the book, *Galatians for you*, written by Timothy Keller as a discussion guide. Each Sunday morning, we reserve a few minutes for fellowship and prayer requests and then move into class discussion. We'd love to have you join us. If interested, contact me, Mike Hale, at 478-319-7627

### Galatians with Joann Rondeau

Join us as we continue working our way through the epistles of the New Testament. Currently we are studying Galatians using a guide written by David Padfield. We dissect the Scripture and engage in discussion about the context in which the letter was written, its relevance to the audience, and its application to us today. As we study, we are continually reminded, <sup>103</sup>*"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"* <sup>105</sup>*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* Psalm 119:103, 105. Please contact Joann Rondeau at [jrondeau@cbtsumc.org](mailto:jrondeau@cbtsumc.org) or 772-231-1661 if you would like to join.