



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

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We have discussed placing more signs around the building so more folks passing by will know that we are a church, a congregation of Disciples. Yet, when the men's group have their fellowship dinners people have no trouble finding us and even the correct entry. It probably is all the cars that are parked at the back that give the location away.

This is all to say a THANK YOU this month to the Men's Group who have great dinners and make the church visible in its location. I am sure some people know exactly where it is whereas others put the address into their GPS's. This also makes the church visible as a congregation. The crowd comes and, unlike other eating establishments, are met with a greeting in the parking lot and directed toward the food. Once inside, it is impossible to ignore the lively conversation of the tables of diners, silent only between bites of food and a little chewing.

More evidence of a serving congregation is seen both in the serving line and kitchen where it appears everyone is buzzing around, knowing exactly what to do in the great scheme of constructing whatever meal is served that night. Both husbands and their wives going in opposite directions filling salad bowls or piling food high on paper plates for takeouts. Then some prepping huge foiled pans with the main dish, vegetables, or other sides to transport to the serving line. The hustle and bustle seems to freeze at the serving line where perfect order and precision dominate.

One of the mainly unwritten (but somehow very clear) mottos of our church body is "if you feed them, they will come". Be it a men's dinner or a fellowship dinner, we celebrate! We celebrate and give thanks. You must admit that it takes some work and planning to host a dinner party for a hundred people. Many of the meals are consumed in the fellowship hall but, in this day and age, more are taken and shared in homes all around the city. I am sure people that take those meals home are asked by their family or guests "where did you get these?" When the answer is "The First Christian Church" our congregation becomes even more visible outside the halls and walls of our building.

Thank you for this ministry and the time and effort that goes into keeping the life of FCC Sebring spreading and growing.

Pastor's February Schedule: Office 1, 8, 9, 15, 18, 19, 22

Regional Training: 3

Regional Assembly: 5

Off Gideon Sunday: 13



CHOIR NEWS

January 2022

Already into the 2nd month of the year! It doesn't seem possible but the choir is trying to keep up by bringing you some good old favorites. Also we are trying to figure out why the choir has no sound on Facebook. Something happened a few weeks ago and nobody has been able to get it right since. Please be patient with us. See you on Sunday, and wear a mask PLEASE!

Keep in Tune,
Jaquae



A JOYFUL NOISE

Again, we keep hoping to start up the chimes but still we wait. We need more people so if you're thinking about joining us, please give me a call. I'd love to hear from you! They say all good things are worth waiting for!

For Whom The Bell Tolls,
Jaquae



FEBRUARY 2022

Regularly Scheduled Events

Bible Study	11:00 a.m. Library	Every Tuesday
News and Prayer	10:00 a.m. Facebook Live	Every Wednesday
Choir	06:00 p.m. Choir Room	Every Wednesday

Additional Scheduled Events for FEBRUARY 2022

02/05/2022	Regional Assembly	10:30 AM -- 2 :00 PM
	(Daytona Beach or Virtual—FLDISCIPLES.ORG)	
02/06/2022	Sunday School	9:00 a.m. Library
02/07/2022	Book Club	3:00 p.m.
02/08/2022	Church Business Meeting	6:00 p.m. Kitchen
02/12/2022	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m. Kitchen
02/13/2022	Gideon Sunday	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
		Rev. Peggy Davis



BOOK CLUB

Our next book will be "The Shopkeeper's Daughter" by Wanda E. Brunstetter. This book is about Naomi Fisher who lives in a Pennsylvanian Amish community. Her life was good until her mother dies and her father expects her to take care of all her siblings, cook, clean and basically take over her mother's duties. She has no life of her own but feels obligated to help her family. This is until her English friend shows her how confining her life had become.

Then an unspeakable mistake happens and Naomi is torn between trying to correct her mistake and having a life of her own where she can have all the things she longs for. Her spirit is heavy with burdens that make her feel like a failure. Is there any redemption for her? Come to Book Club (after buying and reading the book!) and discuss this wonderful book with us!

For March we will be reading "Waiting For Morning" by Karen Kingsbury. Stay tuned for more on that book.

We are changing the way we do Book Club. From now on we meet once a month, on the first Monday at 3:00 pm. Please read the entire book before you come and be prepared to ask questions for all of us to answer. We are all leading the book from now on, and all will participate as much as we can. Please order your book from Amazon, or wherever you buy your books.

Our next meeting is Monday, Feb. 7, at 3:00 pm in the church library.

Submitted by Jaquae L. Sands, 382-3428



FEBRUARY 2022

1 st Jerry Duball	21 st Bill Hine
2 nd David McCord	22 nd Mary Ann Thomas
7 th Rich Campton	24 th Phil Lucas
11 th Ann Holly	27 th Terry Lahr
28 th Don Tiemans	



Roger and Jaquae Sands

February 13th

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters and God will put them together for me, because He knows that I'm thinking."



If a tiny virus can do this much damage, imagine what mustard seed size faith can do. Keep faith in God, through all times, He will pull us through.
Amen

"A baby is born with the need for love. And never outgrows it."

- Frank Howard Clark

"I love you, not for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you."

- Roy Croft

"You know it's love when all you want is that person to be happy, even if you are not part of their happiness."

- Julia Roberts

Love does not dominate; it cultivates."

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"We've got this gift of love, but love is like a precious plant. You can't just accept it and leave it in the cupboard or just think it is going to get on by itself. You've got to keep watering it. You've got to really look after it and nurture it."

- John Lennon

"Don't make love by the garden gate, love is blind, but the neighbors ain't"

- Anonymous

Marriage has no guarantees. If that's what you're looking for, go live with a car battery.

- Erma Bombeck

"Quotable
quotes about
Love"

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LO V E

We are beneficiarie s of Go d s wisdom from a b ove,
Tightly entwined with phrase s of insight directing our love.
Love listens im parting gentle guidance to pave out w a y
Through deed and word of kindne ss that w e often say.
Love re joice s with truth w hen understanding begins to
g r o w

Allowing hope, trust and happine ss to overflow.
Love shows devotion and willingne ss to share
Re s pec ting others with fondne ss and tender care.
When w e give love from our hearts aw a y
a s w e shoul d,
Treasured hints allow the langu age of love
to be understoo d.
Peace and satisfact ion are sure to
fill our inner voice
When loving one another
become s our most
Im portant choice.

—Dee Simmonds

Rich's Corner

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who participated and supported the DOC men's latest money making Lasagna Dinner on the 21st. We served 102 meals and collected \$1,403. A special round of applause to Richard Neff, our resident chef, and his faithful kitchen crew who put the meal together. Don't put the cake pans away yet, ladies, the men are already eyeing a late February date for another dinner.

Our next men's breakfast will be Saturday Friday, February 12th at 8:am. We will have a work day after breakfast at which time we will install the new sign on the north lawn of the church.



Worship/Education/Fellowship Committee Report

The month of February is the shortest month of the year, but it is crammed with interesting events and notices. We start with the Chinese New Year, followed quickly by Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' (Abe Lincoln & George Washington) Day. There are also many special weeks; my favorite is **Random Acts of Kindness Week*** which we might keep in mind during these stressful days.

Valentine's Day means love, candy, flowers and music to many. Please send me or the office your own special meaning of love, to be shared at the end of the month. **Love is** You fill in the blank.

My own "**Love is** . . . being able to leave all my responsibilities to my church family and enjoy two of my dear sons for most of the past month. As Pastor Alan mentioned today, we need one another; we are also quick to help one another. Thanks to all of you for picking up the slack while I was away. I am indeed grateful for this familial love.

Mark the date: February 20th: We continue with our Sunday Luncheon; the Hinelines are bringing pulled pork, so we will complement this tasty dish to share with friends and family. Let's not forget ***RAK's** today and every day.

Blessings to all, Ann

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