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Now that school is back in session, we look forward to an exciting fall. The First Sunday in October, which hopefully means you will have received this newsletter, is World Communion Sunday. This is a time celebrating the Lord's supper for all of the groups, congregations, churches and denominations not only within the United States, but throughout the whole world.

It is also the second Sunday of our Week of Compassion offering, which goes throughout the world to assist where disaster strikes. Currently the Week of Compassion support is going out to hurricane victims, which it does routinely this time every year, and the victims of the floods and fires here in the United States. Far too often we think we can't do anything. The truth of the matter is we can't do everything, but we can do something.

We do something as we give offerings for missions and outreach to help communities and nations to help heal, repair and rebuild from terrible and sustained losses while spreading the word of God with your acts of kindness.

One incident that happened very close to home is the Jackson, Mississippi water crisis. The Great River Regional Minister, Rev. Nadine Burton, worked with the congregations, especially the New Horizon International Church, ecumenically to get water and bring supplies to the community. The issue was bigger than one congregation or even an entire church could support. Yet when we come together in this opportunity and share our resources with others in need, then indeed we are doing what Jesus commanded us. Even in this case we were giving a cup of cold water in His name.

Benjamin Franklin said "either write something worth reading or do something worth writing about. Leave the world a better place than it was before you were born, because of your actions." That would be my prayer as well for us as the First Christian Church in Sebring.

We may not be able to go to far off places and assist in rebuilding the country, or journey to help folks who have been flooded out of their homes, but we can be present with not only our financial contributions but also with our prayers of support and our awareness of those that may be displaced in our midst seeking refuge.

This is just as important as the mission we have in Sebring. Here the mission is to feed those that come to us hungry from our food pantry, and those that come to the Sebring New Testament Mission for food and services. We find folks that are very grateful for the little things that we do. We know well, very well, that sometimes those little things have the same impact as doing something big. No, when it comes to world hunger, World Peace or reconciling people one to another it is true... we cannot do everything, but we can do something. That's what we are called to do, and that is what we should all try to do in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor's October Office Days: 4, 5, 8, 11, 18, 19, 25.



## BOOK CLUB

We are discussing "Jezebel" by K. Larsen this month. Please come and join us!

In November we will be reading "Castle Of Whispers" by Elizabeth Penney. Sofia Parker has been trusted as the next guardian of her late grandmothers very old trunk with a precious quilt and diary hidden inside. The trunk has always been protected by the women in her family, who are all skilled in the art of needlework. However, Sofia is not! Yet Sofia's grandmother chose her for a reason. Sofia feels her Nonna wanted her to discover something about the trunk, quilt and diary so she sets out to learn the truth. Along the way there are attempts to steal the items. Now Sofia isn't sure just who she can trust. This takes place in the town of Cabot Falls, Vermont. Sofia discovers that the answers to today's struggles can be found by solving the mysteries of the past. Join us for this amazing book.

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, Oct. 3rd at 3:00 pm in the church library.

Our meeting in November is Oct. 7th, at 3:00 pm in the church library.

Submitted by Jaquae L. Sands, 382-3428



## CHOIR NEWS October 2022

This year has really flown by quickly. Thank you all for your prayers and patience with Roger and I as we battled Covid. I'm sorry that I couldn't be here but there was no way I'd want to contaminate any of you. I had to get a negative test first. So, the choir is back in business and we have many wonderful anthems planned this month. So come to church, and bring a friend!! See you on Sunday!

Keep in Tune,  
Jaquae



## A JOYFUL NOISE September 2022

For now, the chimes are on hold. 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



## LET US LEND A HELPING HAND

We haven't had an article about our Unsung Heroes in our church for a while. Any suggestions are welcome to recognize the people who keep our church moving but doing little things.

This month we'd like to recognize those working toward making our Nov. Rummage Sale a success. I do know that some have been coming in to sort and price items. It looks much neater already. On Sept. 24, Teresa Williams, Peggy Cousins, Rachel Wright, and Ann Holly spent several hours bringing this about. There may be others and we apologize for missing your names. God knows though.



Veteran's Day Sunday will be celebrated on November 6, 2022 at FCC Sebring. We would love to have a picture or two in uniform of those veterans in our congregation. They may be ones of many years ago or just a few years ago. We might even

attempt to guess the veteran from the picture. Please drop your pictures by the office or email them to [pastor@lalanbrown.com](mailto:pastor@lalanbrown.com).



*Kindness is one thing you can't  
give away; it always comes  
back*



*It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.*



10/23	Gordon Walkington
10/25	Carolyn Hinline
10/28	Kathy Brown
10/28	Howard Lewis
10/28	Mark Wilson

10/03	Terry Ducar
10/04	Rebekah Berggren
10/06	Jim Baker
10/07	Toni Badovinac
10/18	Richard Neff

*October*  
**Birthdays**



### Worship/Education/Fellowship Committee Report

What great fellowship we had at our last gathering; many ideas were exchanged; much laughter was heard and we had an enthusiastic time. Next month we will be having taco salad; more information will ensue.

Speaking of eating, let's save money, clean-up and the environment. Please bring your own place setting. Many organizations adopted this plan years ago; let's get serious about this starting now!

**PHOTOS NEEDED!!!** Veterans' Day is coming and we would like to showcase our service-men/women. Please search through your scrapbooks and photo albums for those caught by a camera wearing a uniform. Include names, dates, places and any other pertinent information to make this a very special addition to our church family news. (This might be a good rainy-day project if the hurricane produces the promised rain.)

Snowbirds may be waiting to head for Florida - after the threat of a hurricane. To those of us who are tuned to the weather report, let's be safe! Avoid ladders if possible and then hunker down with snacks and bottled water. This may be a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors a little better. Blessings and traveling mercies to all.

*Ann*

#### Rich's Corner

We would like to thank Douglas Cauble for helping clean up the church yard from the storm debris. The yard was clean and ready for worship on Sunday morning. Thank you Doug!

With fall here already, it is time for our Saturday Men's breakfast to begin. The first one will be October 8th at 9:00 a.m. Don't miss out on this wonderful time of fellowship and food!

*Blessings, Rich*



The Shoebox Ministry is a wonderful way to reach boys and girls and provide the opportunity for them to participate in a discipleship program to faithfully follow Jesus and tell others about him. These shoeboxes are sent to some of the most remote places around the world.

There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary for any donations to cover the cost of supplies and shipping. You can also go onto the build a box online through the

Samaritans Purse website at [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline). If you choose to build a box online, From the build a box page scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Find My Goal Page" before you start building your box and provide "First Christian Church Sebring FL" in the search field. This will help us keep track of the number of boxes built for our church. Our online goal is 20 boxes. They are \$25.00 per box to build and this includes shipping. It is very easy to do. We have a Goal of 70 total boxes this year. 20 online boxes and 50 boxes built at Church. Please help us meet this goal if you can.

Thank you and God Bless

We are currently in need of the following items to help complete these boxes before we are able to turn them into our drop off location in Sebring. All items need to be turned in before the end of October.

Toothbrushes	Sharpeners
Toothbrush covers	Markers
Combs / brushes	One subject notebooks
Soap (bars only)	Tennis ball tubes with balls
Wash Clothes	
Toys	
Pencils	
Paper	
Crayons	

For those that would like to assist with the assembly of the shoeboxes, we will be having a shoebox package party to place all of the individual items into each box. This will take place on the third Sunday of October after service.

We are pleased to be part of the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry and hope that we can make it a successful year.

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## SMILE

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too

I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him

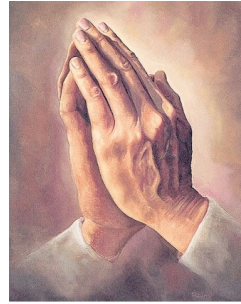
I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected

by Spike Milligan



*Any man who is  
too busy to pray is  
busier than God  
intended him to be*



## I LOVE THIS ANALOGY

When GOD wanted to create fish, HE spoke to the sea. When GOD wanted to create trees, HE spoke to the earth. But, when GOD wanted to create man, HE turned to himself. Then, GOD said "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

If you take a fish out of water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from GOD, he dies.

GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We have to be connected to HIM because it is only in HIM that life exists. Let us stay connected to GOD.



*Contentment is counting blessings instead of hardships.*