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*Greetings from everyone here at First Christian Church in Sebring, Florida. We trust that everyone is having a blessed summer. We sure miss everyone and are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.*

*From Our Pastor:*

It's hard to believe many schools will begin classes later this month. That means we are more than halfway through the summer vacation, or should I say summer break. Since many are retired in our community, it is more of a break as many of us can take a vacation any time we wish.

In less than two months, the Florida regional assembly will convene in Daytona Beach. We are making arrangements for our delegates to attend and ask that you keep that convention in your prayers. This will be my first opportunity to attend as I have traditionally been traveling when the assembly convenes. I am excited to be with the delegates from Sebring FCC.

On another note, it has been delightful to visit so many of you and hear your journey of life and stories of faith. I have been impressed and inspired by the various places those journeys began, the roads and paths they took, the challenges that were overcome, and many of the people instrumental in the outcome of the journey. For some, the journey may have been easy and for others it may have been hard, but most of you have had both. That is what makes us who we are. Now we take this journey together. I am so grateful that God opened up this road that we are on together in ministry in Sebring, Florida.

Our roles change over life! Sometimes we might be able to do physical work with ease but other times it becomes exhausting. Perhaps you have stamina that you never thought you would have at our age, or maybe are disappointed you can't do the things you used to do. Likely, there are days when you are amazed at your energy and other days when you are equally amazed at the lack of it.

However, that does not mean you have lost any value. God loves you because of who you are, not what you do. It is the content of our character that is important and it may be the content of our character that makes you feel sad you can't do more. One of the most important things in the church is raising both the congregation and individuals in prayer. That takes the skills you have as experienced folks because of years of walking a life of faith. Another easy task is making phone calls. I know you like to share because I hear you sharing before every service. You can check up on one another and provide emotional and spiritual support that is so critical to us as a congregation.

What I am trying to say is that we can all do something and sometimes the littlest acts make the most impact. Many of you just do it naturally. Others may want to but don't know how to get started. We can help with that if you wish. There is no small gift in the kingdom of God and there is no small act of kindness in the kingdom either. Continue your ministry even though it may change. Continue looking for opportunities to show others YOU care.

*Pastor Alan*



## OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

### FROM OUR CONGREGATION

HOWARD LEWIS - had surgery on July 10  
 BOB RHODES - kidney problems  
 RANDY BAILEY - cancer  
 KATHY BROWN - recovering nicely from back surgery  
 JAYNE WELDY  
 HEIDI McCLARY  
 FRANNY GOFF -  
 LINDA ELLIS - back issues  
 CAROL BRECKENRIDGE - kidney stones

### *FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR CONGREGATION*

ALAINE PERKINS - breast cancer - friend of Carol Chandler  
 DEBBIE STRADER - diagnosed with asthma and several other issues/friend of Linda Ellis  
 HARLAN SCHMIDT - melanoma - friend of Roger Sands  
 CONRAD FIELDS - having rehab for broken pelvis  
 TRINA DOW-PUGH - stage 3 kidney failure  
 BILL TIMMONS - health issues  
 BUDDY WHITLOCK - health issues  
 GARY MUSSELMAN - cancer  
 CAROL MOSS - cancer  
 ANGELO MORITA- on the list for a heart transplant  
 MICK ST.CLAIR  
 BETTY HAMMON AND FAMILY  
 SHELLY ASH and children JACOB and MARGO  
 FRANK GLINSKI (7-1)- cancer  
 ROBERT MARRE - health issues  
 From Linda Johnson:  
 Sister-In-Law, Kris Vaught - is home now and receiving radiation treatments  
 Sister-in-law Dorothy Deal - health issues  
 Claus, Amy & Ashley Zimmerman - medical issues  
 Eddie Johnson - diagnosed with cancer - nephew of Linda & Red Johnson  
 Judy Knofel - cancer- friend of Linda Johnson

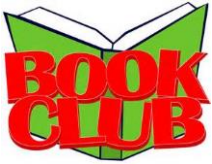
### TRAVELING MERCIES FOR ALL THOSE TRAVELING

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In some way or another we are all connected when it comes to cancer. We either have had it, have a family member who has struggled with it, or have a church member/friend who is going or has gone through it. I would like to share what my sister (who has had cancer) sent to our cousin Rosie who is currently dealing with cancer and its' ramifications. Carolyn had found this at her oncologist's office.

## What Cancer Cannot Do

Cancer is so limited....  
It cannot cripple *LOVE*.  
It cannot shatter *HOPE*.  
It cannot corrode *FAITH*.  
It cannot destroy *PEACE*.  
It cannot kill *FRIENDSHIP*.  
It cannot suppress *MEMORIES*.  
It cannot silence *COURAGE*.  
It cannot invade the *SOUL*.  
It cannot steal *ETERNAL LIFE*.  
It cannot conquer the *SPIRIT*.  
(Author Unknown)



On August 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be reading "Ruths' Journey" by Donald McCaig. This is the story of Mammy, from *Gone With The Wind*. It starts with her life as a small girl on Saint Dominique, and tells how she got to Savannah, Georgia and how her life unfolds. She experiences love, marriage, childbirth, as well as unspeakable loss and trauma. You won't want to miss this book, so please mark your calendar for August

2<sup>nd</sup> so you can be a part of this wonderful story.

Please read: Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> – pg. 3 to pg. 127

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – pg. 128 to pg. 251

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – pg. 255 to pg. 37

Submitted by Jaquae L. Sands 382-3428

## *Choir News*

Oh say can you sing? Really? Can you? Then come join the choir!! We practice at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. If you don't sing, then bring someone to church with you. Let's build our church together! We are the church! So if you're happy and you know it....then let's have the faith of our fathers. After all, this is the day that the Lord hath made!

Keep in Tune,  
*Jaquae*



## *A Joyful Noise*

A Joyful Noise needs YOU!! If you're interested in joining us, please give me a ring at 382-3428. We're down to 2 members now and need some new hands ringing. Old hands work too!! We hope to be chiming for you soon. See you in church!

For Whom The Bell Tolls,  
*Jaquae*



*August*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Annakirk Ramkisson
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Lois Hammel
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Diane Maxson
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Carol Chandler
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sandra Laufer
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lynne Warman

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bill & Carolyn Hinline
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Don & Barbara Tiemens
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Gordon & Jane Walkington



Sunday

- Sunday School - 9 a.m.**
- Praise Breakfast - 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.**
- Worship - 10:30 a.m.**

Every Monday

Chime Choir @6:30p.m.

Every Tuesday

Bible Study @ 11 a.m.

Every Wednesday

Chancel Choir @ 6:30p.m

First Saturday - Men's Breakfast & Prayer 8am

First and Third Thursdays - Book Club meets at 5:30pm in the library

First Friday - Mary Martha Group meets at 10:00am in the library

August 8 - Worship Committee meets at 5pm in the library

August 14 - Bible Study starts back up at 11am in the library

LOOKING AHEAD:

SEPTEMBER:

5<sup>th</sup> - Worship Committee meeting 5:00 pm

7<sup>th</sup> - Mary Martha meeting 10:00

8<sup>th</sup> - Disciples Men Breakfast 8:00 am

10<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Sunday

11<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting 1:00 pm

14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> - Regional Leadership Council - Retreat Center

16<sup>th</sup> - Fellowship Meal

# October Happenings

## OCTOBER:

4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> -Florida Regional Assembly at Daytona Shores Resort (*if you are planning on attending please get your registration form filled out and to the office by August 15<sup>th</sup>*)

9<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

21<sup>st</sup> - Pastor Appreciation and Fellowship Dinner

26<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Party

## NOVEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> - Grace Harmony worship and praise program with Fellowship meal

18<sup>th</sup> - Heritage Sunday

22<sup>nd</sup>- Community Thanksgiving Dinner - 2pm in Fellowship Hall

25<sup>th</sup> - Advent begins

Family Thanksgiving Dinner at the church on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Let's get back on track and do our Thanksgiving Dinner here at the church at 2pm on Thanksgiving Day. Please let the office know if you are interested in being a part of this wonderful family dinner so we can get planning teams in place to assist in getting it put together.



## Greeters:

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> - Sue Colwell

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - Helen Kelly

Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> -

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> -

## Elders:

### OFFERING

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> - Ron Colwell  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - Linda Ellis  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> - Marla Null  
Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> - Sandra Laufer

## Deacons:

### PREPARE & SERVE

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Rich Neff & C.J. Wiggin  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Kathy Whitlock & Roger Sands  
Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> Johnny & Helen Kelly  
Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Johnny Kelly & Kathy Whitlock



## IT IS BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Please be watching out for the children and the buses as school opens for the new school year.

Also remember that we are collecting school supplies to donate to Fred Wild Elementary School.

