

The Broadcaster



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pembroke Pines, FL
Rev. Michel D. Yonts, Pastor
MAY 2013

I would ask you to look at a section of the Pentecost account that most people don't pay a lot of attention to. It is so exciting to read about the fall of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, the rush like a mighty wind, the tongues as of fire, and their Spirit given ability to speak other languages. It is a dramatic scene (disappointedly portrayed in the miniseries *The Bible* as a gentle breeze rustling the curtains and some quite conversation between the disciples!). But there is a verse that precedes all that wonderful drama – "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place." I don't believe that this is just a description of the setting. I believe it is a prerequisite for the work of the Holy Spirit to take place.

The disciples were "in one place," that is to say, they were physically gathered together. We read in Hebrews that we are not to neglect meeting together so that we can encourage one another as we see the Day of the Lord approaching. It is important for us to be together physically, to worship, hear the Word of God, pray, and fellowship. This is where the world sees our unity.

But it is even more important for us to be "all together." The Holy Spirit will not act when there is disunity within the body. The gifts of the Spirit will not flow when we are divided. The church will not grow when it is broken apart. We need to be unified in our witness, in our support for one another, and in our ministry.

If we want to see the Spirit at work in the church then we need to be physically and spiritually united in the ministry and worship of Christ. We need to get it together morally and present a united front before the world. We need to be unified in our theological understanding of the essentials of our faith. As we approach Pentecost this year, let us be "all together in one place."

~Pastor Michel



PENTECOST

May 19 is Pentecost. As we join to worship together and remember the beginning of the church that day, we will be receiving new members into the congregation. Both adults and youth will be joining – as the young people have completed their communicants class and the adults will have had their orientation/new member class on May 5 following worship (any adult interested in joining may come to that class). Those completing both classes will meet with the Session Sunday morning, May 19, at 9:30 AM. For all the rest of us, be in worship on Pentecost to welcome our new members into the Faith family!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL with Pastor Michel continues at 9:15 A.M. in the Library. We are in a study of the book of Daniel. Join us on any Sunday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study has just begun a new study of Genesis. The class meets at 10:30 AM. Don't miss out! We have great discussions of Biblical matters that relate to our lives, so come join us.



PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:30 PM. For May, Prayer Group meetings will be the **12th and 26th**, again at 6:30 PM. Join us for these times of prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ.



MISSION REPORT

Our own missionaries, Augusto and Carolyn Pecho, may be passing through Florida on a "farewell tour" before they return to Peru and their work there. We aren't sure yet whether they will make it as far as South Florida, but please keep them in your prayers for safe travel.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MOVIE NIGHT POTLUCK DINNER -

Pot luck & Movie Night is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. In May that will be **May 18th** at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your appetite! Following dinner, while we eat dessert, we will watch the following:



The Impossible starring Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor, is based on a true story about "a tourist family in Thailand caught in the destruction and chaotic aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami".

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

On the 4th Friday of each month we visit different restaurants in the area. It is a great night out with friends. This month, on **May 24th** at 6:30 pm we are going to Flanigan's, on University Drive just north of Sheridan.

Flanigan's -not only do they have the best ribs in South Florida, but they also support Christian ministries in our area. (fyi: Judy Otto and Mary Ann Radler found out that they are benefactors of Sheridan House Family Ministries and actually hold some of their corporate meetings there with Bob Barnes speaking to the group.) Let Judy Otto know if you will be attending.



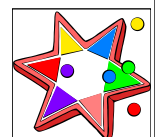
MEN'S GROUP

The men's group will meet on **May 22** at 7:30 pm in the Library. While the program for that evening hasn't been set yet, we hope you will join us for fellowship and discussion.



GAME NIGHT BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

We all had so much fun at the last Game Night that another one is being held on Friday, **May 31** starting with a pizza/salad dinner at 6:30. Cost for the pizza and salad is \$5 or \$20 for a family of four or more and folks are asked to bring either a bottle of soda or a dessert to share. ALSO bring along your favorite board or card games and get ready for some fun!! You don't want to miss it!



SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION

On Sunday, **May 5**, at 7:15 PM we will be showing a special, one hour, video entitled *The Miracle of Israel*. This DVD shows how the miraculous story of Israel's restoration may hold the key to our future... It is a glorious account of God's rescue, renewal, and restoration – both for the nation of Israel and for individuals. The video has been shown on broadcast TV but you may not have caught it there. Don't miss this opportunity to see this wonderful program.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Pam Beausoleil and her mother Esther Whitwam following the death of Pam's beloved husband and best friend Robert on April 6th. May God grant her peace in the difficult days ahead.

VBS MURAL PAINTING



The VBS mural painting is continuing and we are almost done with 4 panels—but have 3 more to go!! We meet on Saturday mornings at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. In May we are going to add a few Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm for painting.

It is a lot of fun and you don't have to be an incredible artist to help. It's like coloring in a coloring book,

We usually paint for 2-3 hours, but you can come for as long as you are able. Be sure and wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on!

Thank you to the many wonderful people who have come out to paint and have fun. Several came for other things, joined in the painting and then were hooked! Come give it a try—the more the merrier.

If you have any questions, please see Marge.

THE LADIES TEA

LADIES: Please join us for our annual Spring Tea on Saturday, **May 4**, at 12 noon. Enjoy fellowship with the Ladies at Faith. This is an event open to



all women who attend Faith and women who don't (but have friends who do!). Even children are welcome. (If you plan to bring a child, it will be helpful to our planning to know the age and gender.) Please plan to attend this Tea if you are in town! A poster is in the Narthex. You do not need to bring any food or beverages or pay any "contribution". Just come!

(If you are interested in hosting a table, please let us know. Call either Linda Purrington or Marge Bennett and we will let you know what that entails).

HOW TO REACH THE PASTOR

Here's a reminder. If you need to get hold of Pastor Michel, there are several ways to contact him. First, he is generally at the church Monday through Thursday 10:30 to 5:00. That number is 954-431-3250. At other times you can try him at home, 954-441-7961, but you have to leave a message (the Yontses get so many junk calls they have to screen their calls and they don't have caller I.D.). If he is home, he will pick up when you leave your message, or call you back if he doesn't get the call then. Finally, you can call his cell phone – 954-649-7094. Unless he is driving or sleeping he will pick up.

MEN'S OUTING

The men are planning a trip to Boomers on Saturday, **May 11th**. The cost is \$30 per person and the men are making this a father/son activity for those who have sons. You will meet at the church at 12:00 noon. The activities at Boomers will be from 1:00-5:00 pm.

It is 4 hours of unlimited attractions and video games—includes bumper boats, go karts, mini golf, laser tag, rock wall, wave rider, Caribbean carousel, samba balloons, Florida frog hopper and more.

There is a poster in the Narthex for you to sign up on. If you have any questions, please see Ian Mckay or call him at 954-404-0690.



Secret Sister Program

» *Ethel E. Thomas* «

The Secret Sisters continue to honor their commitment in praying for, and caring and sharing with their Companion Sisters.

The Sisters have been busy. On April 13th, a group of Sisters met at the Regal Westfork Theater and joyfully watched the movie, *Temptation*, with an abiding, effective message. After the movie the Sisters dined at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant, and enjoyed a delicious meal of soup, salad and other foods that were in abundance. Then on, April 21st, the Sisters got busy again. They were the gracious hostesses for Fellowship, which was well received and enjoyed by all.



These Secret Sisters are a bevy of wonderful, dedicated ladies who answered the call to fellowship, each with her Companion Sister. They'll continue to share common bond on the essential issues of praying, caring and sharing, while establishing and maintaining their "Sisterly Love," that will bridge the gap between differences, as they experience the spiritual fulfillment that embodies unity.

The current session of the Secret Sister Program is half-way through its six-month time-frame with a Reveal Luncheon on June 22nd, when the identity of all the Secret Sisters will be revealed.

The new session of the Secret Sister Program will start in July. Ladies who wish to join the program may do so. Just pickup a **Packet of Information** from the Secret Sister Box on the table in the Narthex, fill out the **All About Me** form and leave the completed form in the SS Box. Thank you!

The Secret Sisters are abundantly blessed for their dedication to this gratifying program.

DEACONS VISIT HOME BOUND MEMBERS

On April 6th, members of the Board of Deacons along with Pastor Michel, visited four of our home bound church members: Doris Evans, Osbert and Ruby Mirjah, and Joyce Thompson. They were very appreciative of their visitors and welcomed them with open arms. The visiting Deacons (Ellen Bennet, Betty Lusardi, Carole McLoughlin, and Judy Otto) were grateful to have had the honor of visiting and felt blessed by the experience.

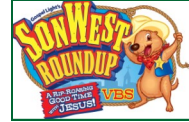
The Deacons presented a beautiful flowering plant to each person, generously provided by Deacon Gillian Ossmann. Each visit was concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving and healing. The Deacons plan to visit our shut-in members again in June. Thank You, Pastor Michel and Deacons, for making our church home bound members feel cherished and remembered.

~Submitted by Luz Porter and Judy Otto

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Howdy Everyone,

VBS is about 6 weeks away and everything is on schedule. I am currently putting together the list of teachers, helpers and snack servers to help during the week of VBS. Thank you to all of you who have agreed to help again this year. We still need helpers, so if you are interested, please contact me. It is a lot of fun!



Denise Calderon will be handling the registration again this year. **Registration forms will be available in the Narthex on Monday, April 29.** VBS classes fill up quickly, so please submit your forms as soon as possible.

Our mural painters are hard at work painting 7 murals to decorate the sanctuary. They could use some more painters on Saturday mornings or Wednesday evenings. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** If you are interested, please talk to Marge Bennett.

I'd like to thank everyone who purchased and donated money for craft supplies. We put together craft bags for 140 kids for 5 days, so your contributions are very much appreciated.

Thanks to Rhoda Kondiah, Cindy Vanderlaan, Allison McKirchy and Sandy Venema who volunteered to buy and freeze a total 800 popsicles for the VBS kids to cool off with after Recreation.

If you have any items that relate to the western theme (bale of hay, rope, cowboy hats, etc.) that can be used for decorations, please let me know.

This is a big outreach program and every year I believe almost everyone helps in some way and I thank you all for that. I look forward to seeing everyone in June! If you have any questions, suggestions, etc., please feel free to give me a call.

June Glasel

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A BIG THANK YOU!

Youth Christian Growth wants to send out a huge thank you to Marilyn Acevedo and Jesse Walaschek who took a small group of our teens to the "Acquire the Fire" youth event in Tampa April 19-21. They provided the transportation and chaperoned. Thank you both for your service to the youth and the church.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:



~A big thanks to Steve Nash, Bob Bailey and Gary Venema for installing the new water fountain for the church. Bob went to Miami to pick it up and then the "guys" came on a Saturday morning to install it. It is so nice to have a water fountain back!!

~We have suspected for a while, because of an increased water bill, that we had a leak somewhere. Thanks to Steve Nash who located the spot (out by the street). We then had a plumber fix it—hopefully the water bill will go down now!

~Thank you to Jean Dumford for organizing the utensil drawer in the church kitchen. It really looks nice.



For 15 years we have attended the annual Women of Faith conference, first in Orlando, then Fort Lauderdale, and now Orlando again. This year's conference (***"Believe God Can Do Anything"***) is being held in Orlando on **September 20-21**, at the Amway Center and it promises to be another super conference! Sheila Walsh will be heading up the event, with Lisa Harper, CeCe Winans, Third Day, Mark Lowry, Holly Wagner and Max Lucado as guest pastor. It promises to be an event filled with music that moves, stories that strengthen and teaching that transforms...

Many things are changing/evolving with WOF ... For starters, there is no all day Friday teaching event. The conference starts on Friday the 20th at 7:00 p.m., and concludes on Saturday, at 5:00 p.m. That means that we can go up on Friday afternoon, and home on Sunday ... only 2 nights in a hotel will be needed.

There is also the matter of paying for the tickets. For the last few years, WOF has been told, as late as the day the conference would open, that some groups would not "need" their tickets ... and WOF has not had a way to sell the ones that were reserved but unpaid. For 2013 event (and subsequent events as well), they have altered their policy. I reserved 25 seats last fall. Because I did not reserve them at the Fort Lauderdale event, the tickets will be \$101 each (they are for the Premium seats and include a \$2 arena-imposed charge, as you will see below). I put down a "good faith" deposit of \$250 to hold these tickets. I have been given a "drop dead" date of June 14, 2013. If our tickets are not paid in full by that date, there will be no extensions, and the tickets I reserved will no longer be available to us. If you plan to go and are able to pay the church by June 9, we will be able to get seats together. If you don't know your plans (and who does, this far out?), we will probably still be able to get seats, but they may not be together (i.e., we may get 3 here and 4 there...). Currently, our seats are in Section 104, Rows 3, 4, 5 and 6, in the Amway Center Arena. If you want me to try for "cheaper" seats, I am very willing to do so, but I would need authority from those who are going to try to negotiate a better rate.

Please let me know by May 31 if you are planning to go. If you can't come up with the money by June 9, let me know that also. If you want to go, and want to pay later, or in a payment plan, I will try my best to work something out. ~Linda Purrington

COLLEGE GRADUATES

NATALIE LICHTMAN, daughter of Alan & DeDe Lichtman, graduates from Edison College on May 3rd with a Bachelor of Science with a major in Elementary Education. Natalie has been on the Dean's List for the past 2 years. At this time she is not sure where she will be seeking employment. Please lift her up in prayer that God will reveal this to her.



CHRIS SECREST, son of Steve & Robin Secrest, graduates on May 11th from the University of Minnesota Crookston with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement. He plans on staying in that area and work at a local law enforcement department. He has been on the Deans List several semesters and has been on *Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) All-Academic Teams*. To be eligible for this honor, the student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better.

Natalie and Chris—your church family is very proud of you!!!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sr. High Students continue to meet following the sermon for their study time together .

Mirta Flavell.



The Youth Group for Middle School and High School Youth will gather together on Wednesday evenings, **May 8th** and **May 22nd** from 6:30-8:30

pm.

IGNITE WORSHIP

Calling all high school youth and young adults!

Ignite Worship meets in the classroom at the back of Fellowship Hall .. just follow the other sound of worship! We are off to a great start.



Come early and don't miss this time together with your friends spent before the Lord as we praise, worship and seek His face.

Marilyn Acevedo

YOUTH SUNDAY WAS GREAT

A BIG thank you to all our youth and their leaders for leading the church in worship on Sunday, April 28th. This is a favorite service of mine— I love the fact that our youth, of all ages, are not only willing but eager to lead the entire church service—they are the future church. Thank you for a very meaningful service. (Of course I am partial to the puppets!) I loved it all! ~Marge Bennett

Just want to say 'kudos' to all who worked so hard with the kids to give us an outstanding "Youth Sunday." The kids were terrific! I really enjoyed it and the young man (Matthew Clavijo) that did the, sort of 'mime' to God answering him, while he was saying his prayers, really touched my heart, and brought tears to my eyes (as well as opening them).

~Carole McLoughlin

Thank you to the teachers and the Youth for a wonderful service. You all blessed me in a special way to see the leaders we are sending out into the world. The sermon told me that you are all ready and you have the Lord with you. May He continue to guide you to be the children He has called you to be. Great job guys!!!

~Cynthia Isaacs

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU

Elizabeth Flavell will be showing at the Heritage Horse Show in Plantation May 11,12,18 and 19.

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

If your child is graduating from high school or college, please send the information to the church office right away. They will be recognized during the service on June 2nd.


Please include their school, activities involved in, any honors/awards and future plans. This is your chance to brag on your children!!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



May 1, 1999	Frank & Anitra Agate
May 1	Osbert & Ruby Mirjah
May 5	Robert & Bibi Kondiah
May 5, 1996	Alex & Debra Rodriguez
May 7, 1977	Gary & Sandy Venema
May 11, 1985	Donald & Maria Jennings
May 18, 2008	Devin & Gillian Ossmann
May 22	Richard & Doris Evans
May 24, 1997	Ralph & Marilyn Acevedo
May 24, 1952	Ernie & Charlotte Perrucci
May 25, 1990	Jeff & MaryBeth Northrup
May 26	Alan & DeDe Lichtman
May 29, 1977	Oswald & Jacqueline Tenn

COIN CONTAINERS to benefit the hungry are on the table in the Narthex. The cans are labeled "Food for the Famished".  Please pick up a container today, take it home, put your coins/bills in it and bring it back the end of the month. Funds will stay locally and will help a variety of different needs.

PASTOR SAEED ABEDINI is an American citizen who was arrested while on an Iranian government approved visit to establish an orphanage. He is in prison for converting to Christianity. You can support and work for the freedom of Pastor Abedini by going on line to www.savesaeed.com and signing the petition for his release. Please help today and tell your friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1	Jennifer Hendricks
May 9	Janet McGahee
May 13	Mike Clements
	Ian Jennings
	Aileen Melville
	Ethel Thomas
May 17	Maxwell Vanderlaan
May 20	Hyacinth Babb
	Morgan Lowry
	Cindy Nash
May 22	Dion Darrell
May 25	Ellen Bennet
	David Radler
	Oswald Tenn
May 28	Esseline Brandon
May 29	Thomas Levy
	Steve Minikus

WORSHIP CDS

Did you know that each Sunday's worship service is available on CD in the church library for members to borrow? There are CD file boxes just to the right of the door in from the sanctuary. The most current services are in the top box in the front.

If you miss a Sunday, or just want to hear the service again, check out this ministry of the church – but please remember to bring the CDs back!

If you want to purchase a CD to keep or send to a friend, you can request one from Pastor Michel or Winston Seepersaud. The cost is just \$3.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

There is a container in the Narthex where you can place your old cell phones, ink jet cartridges, digital cameras, working or non-working laptop computers, or ipods, portable DVD players, MP3 players, GPS devices, digital frames etc. This is a great way to help recycle unwanted items and a way for the church to make a little extra funds.

~Peg Royle

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2013

LITURGIST:

May 5 Mary Beth Northrup
May 12 Steve Minikus
May 19 Wayne Adams
May 26 Cynthia Isaacs

COMMUNION-ELDERS/DEACONS:

1. Sylvia Varkonyi 5. Marge Bennett
2. Mary Ann Radler 6. Jane Bodden
3. Ralph Acevedo 7. Steve Nash
4. Linda Purrington 8. Luz Porter

FINANCIAL COUNTING TEAMS:

May 5 Stacy Bennett & Ward Casterton
May 12 Stacy Bennett & Helpers
May 19 Cheryl Fernandez/Cyril Williamson
May 26 Stacy Bennett & Helpers

FLOWERS:

May 5 Robert & Bibi Kondiah
May 12 OPEN
May 19 OPEN
May 26 Judy Otto

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

May 5 Ali Saladeen
May 12 Kondiah family
May 19 Devin Ossmann
May 26 Judy Otto

CLOSER: Luz Porter

USHERS:

May 5 Jane Bodden, Hyacinth Babb
Carole McLoughlin, Elvet Rhoden,
Ed Gariboldi
May 12 Annette Adams, Judy Rodgers,
Betty Lusardi, Cindy Vanderlaan,
Gary Venema, Jesse Walaschek,
Sarah Walaschek
May 19 Peg Royle, Cheryl Fernandez,
Ken Stutz, Janet Stutz,
Ali Saladeen, Molly Saladeen,
Andre Khan, Angie Ebarle
May 26 Bob Bailey, Anna Levy,
Jennifer Hurst, Marlene Allen,
Dennis Morales

MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:

Families of:

May 5 Chandra Nabi
Steve & Cindy Nash
May 12 Scott & Kathy Nicholson
Mary Beth & Jeff Northrup
May 19 Devin & Gillian Ossmann
Judy Otto
May 26 Claudia Phillips
Jerry & Judy Poche

It is our desire to specifically pray for the families of the members and staff of Faith. Families are listed (2 at a time) in alphabetical order through the year. Please include these families in your prayers each week.

ITEMS FOR MAY BROWARD OUTREACH

Items for men:
Undershirts and boxers size
Medium and Larger
Socks

This collection is for Father's Day gifts. The items should be new in original wrapping. Please help!

CHURCH WEBSITE AND E-MAILS:

www.faithpembrokepines.com Check it out for upcoming events, the Pastor's sermon notes, and information about the church.
e-mail addresses for the church:
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MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5. 9:15 Pastor's Class 10:30 Worship-Comm 10:30 Ignite Worship 12:00 Memberships Class 12:15 Bethel Bible Study 7:15 Miracle of Israel	6.	7.	8 10:30 Bible Study 11:45 FCDDC Chapel 12:30 FCDDC Board	9. 7:30 Outreach Mtg 7:30 Chancel Choir	10. 6:30 dinner before 7:00- 24 hours that Changed the World	11. 10:00 VBS Mural Painting 12:00 Men's Outing to Boomers Tea
12. Mother's Day 9:15 Pastor's Class 10:30 Worship-Sun Sch 10:30 Ignite Worship 11:45 Sr High Class 6:30 Prayer Group	13. 7:30 Youth Christian Growth Meeting	14. 7:30 Mission/Stew. Mtg, 8:30 A.A. Meeting	15. 10:30 Bible Study 11:45 FCDDC Chapel 7:30 VBS Painting 7:30 Session Mtg	16. 7:30 Chancel Choir	17. 6:00 Girl Scouts	18. 10:00 Girl Scouts 10:00 VBS Mural Painting 6:00 Movie Night and Pot Luck Din-
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