

# The Broadcaster



**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**1700 N.W. 98th Avenue**  
**Pembroke Pines, FL**  
**May 2014**

## **WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD: MY MOTHER'S UNDYING LOVE**

**By James M. Becher**

As we celebrate on this great day  
The wonder that is Mom;  
Did you ever stop to ask yourself  
From whence her love has come?

I've never seen the red sea part  
Or gathered manna from above,  
Nor watched a dead man's life re-start  
But, I've known the miracle of a mother's undying love.

She gave me everything she had,  
And wished to give me more.  
She gave herself to meet my needs  
And never once got sore.

She tried to teach to me the right  
And lead me in His way;  
And prayed for me with heartfelt tears  
The times I went astray.

O' now I know my God is real.  
Christ lives within my heart.  
But it was my mother's faithful love  
Which gave this faith it's start.

So tell me that there is no God.  
I'll ask you very plain:  
From what other source 'tis possible  
My mother's dear love came?

Let every day be Mother's day  
And honor her with love;  
For surely she's a special gift  
Sent down from God above.

# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

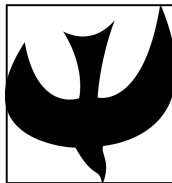
Jim Becher is taking us through Exodus. "All scripture is profitable," and the history of ancient Israel holds many lessons for us, as well as many pictures and pre-figuring of Christ and Spiritual truth. If you are free Wednesday mornings, please do come and join us at 10:30 a.m. in the church library for this intriguing and profitable study.



## ADULT CHRISTIAN GROWTH STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

If missed the Pharisee study and you'd like to do the study personally or host a small group study in your home using the materials, please see Annette. There is no charge for this study. (See page 5 for a recap of the study.)

The Sunday morning Bible Study will be taking a break for a few weeks, resuming for the summer. The next study is called "Forgotten God" by Francis Chan. We're going to study the true source of the church's power - the Holy Spirit. This seven-session video study will extend an invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives. Please see Annette or Linda if you'd like to order a workbook (about \$12).



Other studies are being looked at by the Adult Christian Growth Ministry. Watch for other opportunities for spiritual growth in the months to come. See Annette Adams or Linda Purrington with questions.

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT

Potluck Dinner and Movie Night will be on Saturday, **May 17** at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share - we always have a variety of yummy dishes.



Following dinner and while we eat dessert we will be watching **The Bouquet**, a movie that embraces the month with May flowers and a mother's love for her children. The movie is about two estranged sisters finding themselves working together towards a common goal. It's an endearing story about making time for the ones you love. It's not a total chick flick as you will enjoy Danny Glover's role as "Reverend John".

Come join in the fun.

## FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

On **May 23rd** Friday Night with Friends will meet at 6:30 pm at the very popular barbecue restaurant, Scruby's. 251 N. University Dr in Pembroke Pines. (University and Pines Blvd).



You can go on line to check out the menu - but there are a variety of dishes to choose from at reasonable prices in addition to a salad bar if you would rather have that.

Please let Judy Otto know if you're planning on attending so we can reserve a large enough table, 954-258-2277.



Pizza & Game Night was held the first Friday of May and we had a great time. We had a variety of different kinds of pizza, salads, rolls and drinks. There were 21 in attendance and we all had lots of fun.

## CLERK'S CORNER:

Well, on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, your Session did it again! we met for our regular stated meeting. This time Cynthia Isaacs acted as Moderator and offered the opening devotion and prayer. Each meeting starts with prayer (and ends with prayer, also). Typically, the Pastor would act as Moderator and keep us on track. Until we have such a person, we will continue to share the Moderator job with a different one of us acting as Moderator each month.

Presentation of monthly reports from each ministry highlights: Things are looking up for VBS. The preparation of the murals that will decorate the walls of the sanctuary is progressing well. Volunteers and Sunday School teachers for the Fall are still needed. We discussed the budget again (that is a frequent topic with us). The central discussion was a page-by-page review of the Church Information Form, created by the ISC (the Interim Search Committee), which was submitted to the Deacons for review and to the Presbytery on April 22, 2014. We asked Presbytery to review the form and prayerfully consider those who seeking positions who might be a match for our Interim. The ISC has received inquiries about the position already, but needs to wait for the Presbytery to give us the names of their candidates as well. The Church Information Form submitted by the ISC will, hopefully, serve as base for the form that needs to be created when we have a Pastor Search Committee (to be elected by you, the members of Faith). The Nominating Committee was asked to begin meeting for both nominations to the PSC and the Elders and Deacons taking office this year.

Please remember the Elders and their ministries in prayer! and feel free to come to any of the ministry meetings which appear on the monthly calendar and in the weekly bulletin (many hands make light work!):

Administration/Stewardship ó Denise Calderón and Linda Purrington

Outreach/Mission ó Ralph Acevedo

Adult Christian Growth/New Members ó Annette Adams and Linda Purrington

Worship ó Cynthia Isaacs and Ward Casterton

Fellowship ó Steve Minikus and Denise Calderón

Youth Christian Growth ó Mary Ann Radler

Deacons ó Rick Sackett

Clerk ó Linda Purrington

Please contact any of us with any questions or comments you may have.

In His service,

Linda Purrington, Clerk of Session



Your Session in Prayer

## **The Deacons' Corner:**

(Submitted by Rick Sackett)

### **Deacons Meeting**



Our Deacon to highlight in May is Elvet Rhoden. Elvet is the ninth of twelve children who all grew up as Presbyterian as both parents were active Elders in Jamaica. He has attended Faith Presbyterian Church since 1979 and has served as both a Deacon and Elder. He also loves to participate in other church ministries as needed. He is a very proud father of four children and fourteen grandchildren who tries to play an active role in their lives and Christian upbringing. Elvet enjoys fellowship with all of our church members and visitors.

April was a busy month for the Deacons. In addition to the many Holy Week activities, on Palm Sunday the Deacons visited our shut-ins that desired a visitation. Besides arriving with Christian love and a listening ear, our Deacons brought each shut-in an Easter Lily and an individually prepared gift basket containing food items. The Deacons conveyed to our shut-ins the collective prayers and thoughts of our entire Congregation and let them know that although the shut in member could not be present at services, they were still in the minds of our Church members and part of the collective body of Christ. They were all appreciative of the visits and thanked everyone for thinking of them.

If you haven't seen it yet, the Deacons now have a bulletin board in the hallway. If you are not sure who your Deacon is or how to contact them please view this board as there is a master list of Deacon assignments and contact numbers. Additionally we are posting pictures of recent Deacon activities.



On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Deacons will be sponsoring the Fellowship Hour and plan a theme of an old fashioned Church Ice Cream Social. Come and watch your favorite Sundae being made or take the initiative and create your own masterpiece. We look forward to seeing everyone there to enjoy lots of Christian fellowship and your favorite ice cream. If have a strong arm and would like to assist in making the Sundaes, just contact your Deacon.

If you need information on the current status of the search for an Interim or Permanent Pastor please contact either your Deacon or any Elder. This is a lengthy process and it is important that all members of the Congregation understand both the process and the current status of the search. If you have any other questions, concerns, or prayer requests please contact your Deacon at any time. We cannot offer assistance if we are not aware of your situation. Have a beautiful and blessed May.

### **BIG BIG THANK YOUS!!!**

Dear Faith Family,

I would like to thank all the amazing people who prayed for me recently while I was sick. It made a huge difference and I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of care and concern by all my amazing friends here at Faith Presbyterian.

Ellen Bennet

**THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Thursday, *May 15* from 2:30 until 7:30.

See Jane Bodden to sign-up for a time when you would like to come. Thank you for giving the gift of life. God bless you.



### **THE LADIES TEA**

For those who were wondering about the Ladies Tea usually held in May, we will be hosting that tea in the fall. Watch for the date.

## How Not to Be A Pharisee

If you didn't participate in the How Not to Be A Pharisee study, you missed something great! God continues to send studies to us for this transitional time in our church, and each one has been a blessing. A dozen of us met to learn about the Pharisees—honest, hard-working middle-class people of the Book determined to live godly lives, upholding traditional values. We realized that we are very much like them.

The trouble the Pharisees got themselves into (and what we should guard against) is that they took God's 10 Commandments and turned them into a huge set of man-made traditions with the *same weight as the Scriptures*. They expected that if they followed their traditions to the letter, God would be *required* to provide blessings. They misunderstood God's command to be separate from the world. Then, they separated themselves from people who were "sinners"—those who didn't follow the rituals the Pharisees (not God) had created—and forgot that God called them (and us) to be a light to all nations.

We learned about the Pharisees' focus on outward behavior instead of the inward condition of the heart. Jesus also told us that we are not defiled by what goes into the body, but by what comes out of the heart (Mt 5:11)! We saw that the Pharisees' desire for righteousness was more important to them than having a relationship with Jesus.

We saw the Pharisees' desire to control God through their obedience to their man-made traditions (Mk 7:1-7). We realized that it is easier to maintain standards that we invent, rather than strive for the standards God has set for us. The Pharisees arrogantly relied on themselves, not God, for their righteousness. We saw them judge others for not meeting their traditions, rather than lending a helping hand so sinners can find their way to the Truth. We looked at Sunday morning traditions in American churches (even our own church) and discussed whether the origins were man-made or heaven-sent.

We talked about the fact that God called Israel to be a separate from the world, but a light to all nations (Is 49:6). The study emphasized our separation from the world in our attitudes and in our hearts, but *not separate* from the "sinners" who need Jesus. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples" (Mt 28:19). How can we do that if we separate ourselves from the world and only spend time with other Christians? Jesus was called "a friend of sinners" because he was often with those the Pharisees shunned. So we are left with a question: Who understood God's command to be a light to all nations? Jesus who shared himself with sinners? Or the Pharisees who tried desperately not to interact with the "unclean"?

The Ministry would like to share the final paragraph from study: *We have been commissioned and sent by God on a rescue mission. We've been sanctified, set apart for God, and are filled with such life-saving joy and hope in Jesus that we cannot help but get involved in the lives of our neighbors, coworkers, and fellow citizens, for the purpose of sharing that joy. It is a relational necessity for every single one of us. We mustn't think, That's right, our church should be more connected to our world. We should think, I need to become more connected with my world. There's a world of difference. So go. **Be a thermostat, not a thermometer.** Be real. Be fearless. And be full of God's Spirit as you seek to connect with those who desperately need what only the Father can offer.*

*Thank you to Annette Adams, Linda Purrington and Steve Minkus for leading this study*

# IGNITE

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for a night of praise and worship unto the Lord. We will meet in the sanctuary and praise to music by Chris Tomlin, Hillsong, Jeremy Camp and many more other modern day worship leaders who seek after God's presence. We will meet at 7pm until 8pm every last Wednesday of the month- in May join us on the **28th**. Mark your calendars and come praise with us.

*One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4*

## SUNDAY, MAY 18th IS YOUTH SUNDAY

You don't want to miss this special day of worship on May 18th. This is the day when the youth of the church lead us in our worship of the Lord. They are the future of the church and it is wonderful to hear from them how important the Lord is in their lives.

Children of all ages will be participating. Be sure and come and bring your friends.

Thank you to all those who are working with the youth in planning this service!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

All Middle School and High School Youth are invited to attend Youth Group here at Faith on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights (**May 7th** and **May 21st**) from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Led by Marilyn Acevedo and Mirta Flavell, they have all kinds of exciting things lined up in the months to come. Mark the dates on your calendar and invite your friends!!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SAVE the DATE for VBS – June 9 – June 13 from 9:00 am—12:00 noon.**

If you haven't registered your children, please do so ASAP—you can do it online (preferred), but if you would rather fill out the form there are forms on the table in the Narthex. One form per child please. Also please print clearly and fill in all the blanks.

Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be cards listing needed supplies. If you can help out, please take a card(s) and bring the supplies back by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

There are still openings for the following

- ~Teachers or Aides
- ~Music helper
- ~Recreation helpers

Please help even if you can't be here all week, we always need extra helpers.





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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~~ <sup>Food</sup> for the Famished+. Please pick up a container today, take it home, put your coins/bills in it and bring it back at the end of the month. Funds will stay locally and will help a variety of different needs.



### COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

Thanks to Mary Ann Radler we have more coupon books for sale for Broward and for Dade Counties. They are \$10 a piece and contain even more savings than the other books. The first page has 46 \$5.00 off grocery store coupons so you more than make your money back right there



There are coupons for all kinds of restaurants, pizza parlors, ice cream parlors, movie cinemas, golf clubs, indoor mini golf, skating, bowling, car rentals, airline flights, hotels, and more.

Pick one up for yourself or to sell to family and friends.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1	Jennifer Hendricks
May 9	Janet McGahee
May 13	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 29	Thomas Levy Steve Minikus Addison Walaschek

### NEW FLORIST

Our florist for many years, Jackie at Something Beautiful, has retired. Field of Flowers have taken over her accounts and so we have made the switch. The arrangements are still \$250 special flowers will be more expensive.



### CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

In the hopes of getting more members in the choir and so Dionisio doesn't have to drive so far on Thursday night, we are trying Choir Rehearsals on Sunday after the fellowship hour.



We encourage you to go to Fellowship Hall after service, enjoy some yummy goodies and then come back in the sanctuary for choir. You don't have to read music- just enjoy singing to the Lord.

Come try it and see how much fun it is! See Dionisio with questions.

# SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2014

## **LITURGIST:**

May 4 Cynthia Isaacs  
May 11 Denise Calderon  
May 18 Youth Sunday  
May 25 Linda Purrington

## **COMMUNION: Elders/Deacons**

1. Linda Purrington      5. Rick Sackett  
2. Janet Witt            6. Joyce Sackett  
3. Ward Casterton      7. Denise Calderon  
4. Ralph Acevedo      8. Ava Cotton

## **FNANCIAL COUNTING TEAMS:**

May 4 Denise Calderon & Stacy Bennett  
May 11 Ward Casterton & Stacy Bennett  
May 18 Cheryl Fernandez & Cyril Williamson  
May 25 Rick Sackett & Stacy Bennett

## **FLOWERS:**

May 4 Robert & Bibi Kondiah  
May 11 Chandra Nabi  
May 18 Janet McGahee  
May 25 Judy Otto  
James & Berenice Becher

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:**

May 4 Board of Deacons  
May 11 Secret Sisters  
May 18 Mary Ann Radler and  
Sandy Venema  
May 25 OPEN

**CLOSER:** Mary Ann Radler

## **USHERS:**

May 4 Jane Bodden, Hyacinth Babb  
Elvet Rhoden, Jessica Brown  
May 11 Annette Adams, Judy Rodgers,  
Cindy Vanderlaan, Gary Venema,  
Jesse Walaschek, Sarah Walaschek  
May 18 Peg Royle, Cheryl Fernandez,  
Ken Stutz, Janet Stutz,  
Ali Saladeen, Molly Saladeen,  
Andre Khan, Angie Ebarle  
May 25 Bob Bailey, Anna Levy,  
Jennifer Hurst, Marlene Allen,  
Rick Sackett, Joyce Sackett  
Dennis Morales

## **MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:**

Families of:

May 4 Larry & Lya Moler  
Addie Murray  
May 11 Cathy Musser  
Chandra Nabi  
May 18 Steve & Cindy Nash  
Mary Beth & Jeff Northrup  
May 25 Gillian & Devin Ossmann  
Judy Otto

*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**

non-perishable food items - canned fruit and vegetables, boxed potatoes, pasta and rice, coffee, sugar and creamer.

## **CHURCH WEBSITE AND E-MAILS:**

[www.faithpembrokepines.com](http://www.faithpembrokepines.com) Check it out for upcoming events and information about the church.

E-mail address for the church:  
[thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net)



# MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	2	3. 10:00 Girl Scouts 10:00 <b>VBS Painting</b>
4. 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 Chancel Choir 12:00 VBS Helpers	5. 11:30 FCDC Chapel	6. 7:00 Deacons Meeting 8:00 A.A. Meeting	7. 10:30 Bible Study 6:30- Middle/High School Youth Group	8. 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 6:30 Worship Mtg 7:30 Outreach/Mission	9. 6:00 Girl Scout Troop	10. 10:00 <b>VBS Painting</b> 10:00 Girl Scouts
11. <b>Mother's Day</b> 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School	12. 11:30 FCDC Chapel	13. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	14. 10:30 Bible Study	15. 2:30-7:30 <b>Blood Drive</b> 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	16.	17. <b>10 VBS Painting</b> 10:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Potluck Dinner and Movie Night 7:30 Baby Shower (Grace Evangelical)
18. 10:30 Worship- YOUTH SUNDAY 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 Chancel Choir	19. 11:30 FCDC Chapel	20. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	21. 10:30 Bible Study 6:30- Middle/High School Youth Group 7:30 Session Mtg	22. 6:30 Girl Scout Troop	23. 6:30 Friday Night with Friends- Scruby's	24 10:00 <b>VBS Painting</b> 7:00 Baby Shower (Grace Evangelical)
25. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 Chancel Choir	26. <b>Memorial Day- Church office closed</b>	27. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	28. 10:30 Bible Study 7:00-8:00 <b>IGNITE Worship Night</b>	29.	30. 6:00 Girl Scout Troop	31. 10:00 Girl Scouts 10:00 Prayer & Fast (Grace Evangelical)