

The Broadcaster



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Pentecost has many names in the Bible (the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest, and the Latter Firstfruits, among others). Celebrated 50 days after the first day of Passover, the Feast of Weeks was traditionally a joyous time of giving thanks and presenting offerings for the new grain of the summer wheat harvest in Israel. The name "Feast of Weeks" was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16 to count seven full weeks (or 49 days) beginning on the second day of Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord as a lasting ordinance. The name Pentecost to today's Christian, means seven weeks after the Sabbath of Easter. On the first Pentecost, which occurred on a Sunday, it was the required 50 days after the first day of Passover, or exactly 49 days (7 weeks) following the Resurrection of Christ: Jews were gathered in Jerusalem from all over to celebrate the Festival of Weeks, one of the three pilgrimage feasts when all Jewish males were required to appear before the Lord in Jerusalem.

In Acts 1:7-8, just before the ascension when Jesus is taken up into heaven, he tells the disciples about the Father's promised gift of the Holy Spirit, which will soon be given to them in the form of a powerful baptism. He tells them to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which will empower them to go out into the world and be his witnesses.

A few days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the disciples are all together when the sound of a mighty wind comes down from heaven, with tongues of fire resting on them. The Bible says, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:1-4). The crowds observed this event and heard them speaking in different languages. They were amazed and thought the disciples were drunk on wine. Then Peter got up and preached the Good News of the kingdom and 3000 people accepted the message of Christ! That same day they were baptized and added to the family of God. (Acts 2:5-41).

Note that the crowd observed this event and **heard** them speaking in different languages. Every time we hear, it is a miracle! It's just as true now as it was then. Some of us know folks with selective hearing of our spouses, our children, even our friends have selective hearing.



But we have selective hearing also. We hear what we want to hear for the most part, and don't what we don't. That's the way we are as human beings. We report and reflect very limited hearing. It has nothing to do with the need for a hearing aid; it has everything to do with us crowding our lives to the point that we can hear precious little. That's not scientific as much as it is human nature. It's not simply a matter of busyness, sometimes it's experiences, sometimes it's hurts that limit our hearing. That is to say, it really is a miracle on any occasion when in the midst of our self-absorbed lives and life experiences, God breaks through. On any and every occasion that we hear the truth about how much we are loved, the truth about our need to change, the truth about God's plan and God's call in our lives, it is a miracle. It is today, as it was then, the work of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit working as God's messenger, delivering the message through all the layers and obstacles we present to that place deep down inside where we need most to hear the wonderful truth about God and us.

When we experience this miracle and God's loving truth, it is a glorious day! It's a revelatory day. We never really thought that God would care about us, be so very concerned with us. It is shocking when we really hear it, more important it brings to us life which is always a miracle.

On the first Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit worked through the disciples to allow everyone to hear in their own language the truth about what God had done for them in Jesus Christ. This was the start of the transformation of the world (the birth-day of the church)! Everyone heard in their own language the truth. Thousands on that first day were moved in the depths of their hearts to respond to God. It is an incredible day to remember!

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More important though, we affirm that the Holy Spirit still speaks to the depths of peoples hearts today. This message that the disciples proclaimed has never stopped. Disciples have continued to proclaim for nearly 2000 years now the truth about God, God's loving us in Jesus, and the invitation to receive him. The only thing that stops us now is our hearing. You may have already committed to walking with Jesus, but this truth of God's great love over us, we need to hear over and over again! Because we forget, because we don't believe it, because we drown out God's voice in our lives with our agendas and our busyness. What would it be like in your life if, in your time of prayer, you truly made space to hear God (or hear God again) speak of how much God truly loves you! You can be a part of the miracle right now; what if you would make a place in your life to hear Him?

Linda Purrington (with a lot of help from outside sources, especially from Rev. John Purrington)

*Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. If you have a **red** Faith T-shirt that you bought recently, please wear it. Otherwise, if possible, wear a red shirt of any kind.*

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

New Sunday Morning Study: Forgotten God

I recently read an article that said people don't go to Bible Studies because they think it's a place where some people show off their Bible knowledge and make others feel inadequate. *That's not how our Bible studies are!* We learn, share, and encourage one another just like in the first-century church. It's a pretty good time of fellowship, too. If you haven't joined us for a Sunday morning study yet, please try one. We're starting a new seven-week study on the Holy Spirit (to coincide with Pentecost). This study uses a workbook and video by Francis Chan called "Forgotten God" to help us learn more about the true source of the church's power--the Holy Spirit. We'll start this new series at 9:15 on Sunday, **June 22**. Please let Annette or Linda know if you'd like to order a book -\$12.00

~Annette Adams

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Jim Becher is taking us through Exodus on Wednesday mornings, at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. Please join us for this intriguing and profitable study. The history of ancient Israel holds many lessons for us.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT

Potluck Dinner and Movie Night will be on Saturday, **June 14** 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



õ25 Hillõ. The story of an 11-year-old boy whose derby dreams are left in pieces when his soldier father is killed in Afghanistan. The boy teams up with a father figure whose own son, a firefighter, died in the line of duty, and the two help each other find redemption and revive the derby. Just in time for Father's Day, all of you men should come to watch and let your inner boy come, too.

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

On **June 27th** Friday Night with Friends will meet at 6:30 pm at Padrino's. This restaurant comes highly recommended by õthe sistersõ Judy and Ellen. An authentic Cuban restaurant, there are dishes to please everyone. Located at 801 S University Dr, Plantation.



Let Judy Otto know if you will be attending and if you are interested in carpooling from the church, 954-258-2277.

CONGRATULATIONS SEAN, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!!

Sean Northrup, son of Mary Beth and Jeff, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BS in Mechanical Engineering on May 1, 2014. During his college tenure he was inducted into the Tau Sigma National Honor Society and Pi Tau Sigma Honor Society. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and has been active in the UCF Chess Club, serving as a club officer.



For his senior engineering project, his team successfully created a remote-controlled robot that is able to effectively increase the range of a wireless signal by dropping (and then later retrieving) small intermediate signal relay "nodes". This approach allows communication links to be established in areas where conventional wireless signals can't go (such as, around corners or deep into buildings or mines). The project received partial funding from NASA. Sean is now seeking employment in the Orlando area.

GRADUATES

Calling all high school and college graduates. Please send information about yourself to the church office so we can put it in the next newsletter.

Please include your school name, all activities you were apart of, awards, etc and your future plans.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9 – June 13

9:00 am—12:00 noon.

We are getting already for our annual Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through those going into 6th grade. It will be held June 9 ó 13.

This year the theme is Son Treasure Island.

Thank you to all those who have been helping to get ready for VBS It promises to be a great week. Please lift this ministry up in prayer that the lives of these precious children will be touched.

If you are able to help but can't be here every day, please let Mary Ann Radler know.

Teachers and aides are asked to attend a meeting on Saturday, June 7 at 1:00 pm to receive your box of materials and to have some time to get your room ready for the 9th.

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH AND YOUTH LEADERS

Youth Sunday was a glorious worship service. The youth are the future of the church and they showed that they are ready for the job! I know I saw there is even more giftedness in our youth than I realized. We have those with musical abilities, speaking skills, drama and more. A big thank you to each and every one of them for leading us in worship!!!!

Also thank you to the youth leaders who so faithfully meet with them and mentor to them. Marilyn Acevedo and Mirta Flavell along with various others who help when needed are doing an amazing job.

During that service we also recognized the many Sunday School teachers we have who work with children from age 3 on up. The ones we have are faithful and dedicated but as Mary Ann always reminds us we need more to lighten the load.

When you see our young people and their leaders, be sure and give them an appreciative word. We are a blessed church.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

TO: Bob Bailey for cleaning all the a.c. units on the inside wall of the sanctuary and for getting one of them working that was hummingö .

TOô Many of you might not know that Bob & Nancy Bailey faithfully keep all the supplies up to date. They check each month and purchase what is necessary. Thank you both so much!!!

CLERK'S CORNER:

Session actually met twice this time ñin personñ and twice by email (we approved a baby shower and we agreed to the showing of the film ñNoah: The Musicalñ watch/listen for an announcement as to when) í we met for our regular stated meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, followed by a called meeting on May 25, 2014. Denise Calderon acted as Moderator and offered the opening devotion and prayer for May 21; Linda Purrington offered the opening prayer on May 25.

May 21: Attending this meeting as ñguestsñ were Ava Cotton, representing the Deacons, John Cotton, and Debbie Wetzel, as Director of FCDC. Debbie presented a financial statement from November 2013 through May 2014. She also gave us some food for thought: The church vans are only used by FCDC during the summer months, not the entire year. They are expensive to maintain and insure. The Ministry Reports were given and accepted. VBS is apparently full with 12 classes, but more aides would be useful. Presentation of monthly reports from each ministry highlights: Things are looking up for VBS. Annette Adams presented a report from the Interim Search Committee (the ISC), suggesting that Session disband the ISC and prayerfully consider the steps for finding the full-time permanent pastor that God has selected for us. Session agreed to do this immediately, so Ralph Acevedo, Annette Adams, Cheryl Fernandez and Linda Purrington were thanked for their work and the ISC was dissolved. Denise Calderon and Linda Purrington reported on the Presbytery meeting they attended on May 9 and 10 in Tallahassee. MaryAnn Radler reported that Nominating Committee would meet on June 1 to consider nominations to the Pastor Search Committee (to be elected by the congregation at a called congregational meeting, date to be announced) and the Elders and Deacons taking office this year (to be elected by the congregation at a called congregational meeting sometime during the summer). Denise Calderon and Wayne Adams were confirmed as Faithø representatives to General Assembly June 17-21 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Session agreed to reimburse their expenses for travel, lodging and food.

May 25: This meeting dealt with some specifics toward getting the permanent pastor search under way: Annette was asked to submit the EPC Website / Opportunities, a ñwant adñ she had prepared for the interim pastor (with just a few changes it will work for the permanent pastor and should be online at www.epc.org by the time you read this). She will also revise the Church Information Form to eliminate references to an interim pastor, and to list herself as a ñcontact personñ until the search committee is formed, when they will elect a chairperson. She will contact the pastors who have been filling the pulpit for the last several months to inquire as to whether or not they wished to apply for the permanent pastor position. If they want to apply, they are not eligible, per the Book of Order, to preach at our church until after a permanent pastor is selected.

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

In His service,

Linda Purrington, Clerk of Session

The Deacons' Corner:

(Submitted by Rick Sackett)

Deacons Meeting



Our Deacon to highlight in June is Cheryl Fernandez. Cheryl is one of 7 children (2nd to the oldest - yet maintains she is the youngest, so she says)... She grew up Catholic and became a Presbyterian after taking a job as a church secretary in a Presbyterian Church in Plano, Texas about 24 years ago. She joined Faith PC 12+ years ago after moving here from California. She has been married to Carlos for 43 years and they are proud parents of three daughters, being respectively a Christian Counselor, a Ph.D. and a lawyer. Cheryl has served as an Elder and a Deacon and loves being a part of the family at Faith. Cheryl has been a blessing to this Church and is one of our ògo tò members who you will see wherever activity is occurring or a volunteer is needed. Cheryl is coming off of the Board of Deacons this summer and will be greatly missed. From all of us, THANK YOU!

If you are interested in becoming a Deacon this Fall, or learning more about what Deacons do, please contact any Deacon for more information. You will quickly discover the rewards of service to our Lord and fellow Congregational members greatly outweigh the 2-4 hours of effort a month. The only qualification is a love of our Lord and a willingness to serve others.



On Sunday, May 4th, the Deacons sponsored the Fellowship Hour and hosted an old fashioned Church Ice Cream Social. Everyone had a great time in fellowship with each other, meeting their Deacon, and enjoying their favorite ice cream treat. Look for the Deacons to sponsor other Fellowship Hours during the year with different themes. If you have an idea for a theme please share it with your Deacon.

Please know that if you are aware of someone that is having difficulty with obtaining sufficient food, the Deacons have access to some food gift cards that may be a blessing for short term situations. The Church also maintains a small food kitchen in which some assistance can be received. Please contact your Deacon or Marge for more information or assistance.

If you have any personal concerns or prayer requests please let your Deacon know. We are here to serve but cannot assist if we are not aware of the situation. Have a beautiful and blessed June as we approach what we pray will be a peaceful and quiet summer in south Florida.

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 June join us on the **25th**. 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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 3, 1989	Robert & Mirta Flavell
June 5, 1971	George & Marge Bennett
June 10	Winston & Deborah Seepersaud
June 27, 1987	Steve & Cindy Nash

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 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.



Be sure and sign up on the Fellowship Board. We have a lot of openings. You can always join up with some other members so you don't have to do it all by yourself.



Check the board in the Narthex and sign up-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 1	Liz Martis
June 4	Claudia Phillips
June 7	Dennis Morales
June 8	James Becher
June 9	Dennis Hendricks Kristen Lichtman
June 13	Jean Manda
June 14	Jose Clavijo
June 16	Deryck Minoo
June 17	Janet Writt
June 18	Sean Northrup Jesse Walaschek
June 24	Avinash Kanchan
June 26	Alex Rodriguez
June 27	Clara Brown
June 30	Marge Bennett

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 will be taking a summer break and will start back up in August. Over the summer, please consider joining the choir when we come back in August. You are needed!!

You don't have to read music- just enjoy singing to the Lord.

See Dionisio with questions.



MORE THANKS

Our Session is doing an amazing job of leading the church during this time of transition. Be sure and say thank you to the men and women who are working so faithfully to follow God's lead.

You can also offer to help- speak with any of our elders and see where you might be needed.

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2014

LITURGIST:

June 1 Cheryl Fernandez
June 8 Denise Calderon
June 15 Linda Purrington
June 22 Cynthia Isaacs
June 29 Ralph Acevedo

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

1. Cheryl Fernandez 3. Steve Minikus
2. Ralph Acevedo

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:

June 1 Carolyn McClain
June 8 Open
June 15 Open
June 22 Open
June 29 Open

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

June 1 Open
June 8 Open
June 15 Chandra Nabi
June 22 Open
June 29 Open

CLOSER:

June 1 & 8 Ward Casterton
June 15, 22, 29 Rick Sackett

USHERS:

June 1 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:

June 1 Ernie & Charlotte Perrucci
Claudia Phillips
June 8 Jerry & Judy Poche
Luz Porter
June 15 Linda Purrington
Mary Ann Radler
June 22 Ruby Ramrattan
Elvet & Mageta Rhoden
June 29 Judy Rodgers
Alex & Debra Rodriguez

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 JUNE 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 Check it out for upcoming events and information about the church.

E-mail address for the church:
thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net

JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 12:00 Chancel Choir 12:00 Nominating Committee	2. 7:00 Administration	3. No Deacons Mtg 8:00 A.A. Meeting	4. 10:30 Bible Study	5.	6	7. 1:00 VBS MEET- ING & SET UP
8. PENTECOST 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study	9. 9:00-12:00 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 7:30 Youth Chr Growth Meeting	10. 9:00-12:00 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 8:00 A.A. Meeting	11. 9:00-12:00 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	12. 9:00-12:00 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 6:30 Worship Mtg 7:30 Outreach/Mission	13. 9:00-12:00 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	14. 6:00 Potluck Dinner and Movie Night
15. <i>Father's Day</i> 10:30 Worship-VBS Sunday 12:00 Bethel Study	16. 7:30 Adult Christian Growth Mtg.	17. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	18. 10:30 Bible Study	19.	20.	21.
22. 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Summer Sun- day School	23.	24. 8:00 A.A. Meeting	25. 10:30 Bible Study 7:00-8:00 IGNITE <i>Worship Night</i>	26.	27. 6:30 Friday Night with Friends- Padrino's	28
29. 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Summer Sun- day School	30. 7:30 Fellowship Mtg.					