

Faith Presbyterian Church BROADCASTER

November 2018

A Message from our Pastor:

THANKFUL IN ALL

We are accustomed to giving thanks when we feel appreciative. As Christians, we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received. We may give thanks daily, some give thanks when it is perceived as a great blessing, and others give thanks only when it appears as a response to desperate prayer. Yet is that what the Bible tells us? Scripture does not direct us to be thankful in just the good times, or the times of rescue. No, we are called to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thess. 5:18). Even more, we are called to be joyful in times of trial (James 1:2).

It is not that Christians are to overlook difficulty or express ignorance in the face of tragedy, but we are meant to recognize who is *always* in control. Not only is God always in control, but his love, mercy, and grace never fail, and his salvation is assured and permanent (John 10:28-29; 18:9).

So, we can always be thankful in every circumstance because the greatest joy or the greatest tragedy are no match for the greatest gift from God—his unfailing love and eternal salvation in Jesus Christ. This is what the Christian has that the rest of the world seeks, but can never find without God.

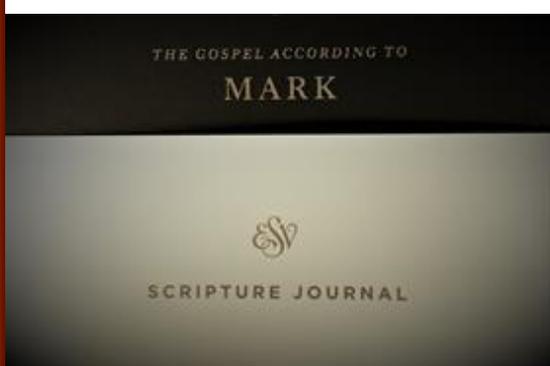
This Thanksgiving, as you gather around the table and think of all the blessings, also remember the hard times. Remember the times of trial and the times of sadness and give thanks. Don't give thanks because it hurt, give thanks because through it all, God never stopped being God, you never stopped being loved, and you were assured that in Jesus, no matter what, you were (and are) always saved.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

With thanks to God for you,

Pastor Evelio

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OUR BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK begins Wednesday, *November 7th* at 6:45 PM in the fellowship hall. Don't miss out as together we engage on a chapter by chapter journey through the story of the Gospel. We will be using the ESV Scripture Journal, which we will have available for \$6 for participants. If you would like to reserve a spot and book before next Wednesday, please respond to this email or

call 954.431.3250. This study is open to everyone, so you're encouraged to invite someone to join us. See you next week!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has delivered 157 million shoeboxes to boys and girls around the world, in 160 countries. Each one-packed with school supplies, hygiene items or fun toys- is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts. These shoebox gifts are an opportunity to share the Gospel and "declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples." (Psalm 96:3).

Collection week is *November 12*, but you can bring your box in at any time. Also, if you are able, please include \$9 for shipping in cash or check made out to SAMARITANS PURSE. Remember: no candy, toothpaste, gum, liquids, lotions or war related items.

PLEASE SEE SANDY VENEMA IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

VOICES OF CHRISTMAS

This year is quickly dimming to a close and it's time to show that wonderful movie again, *Voices of Christmas.*"

On Saturday, *November 10th*, The Fellowship Ministry is giving a very special treat. There will be a Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm, followed with the "Voices of Christmas" Movie, produced by the famous Sight & Sound Theatre--exhibiting a sparkling Holiday Show featuring many of our favorite Christmas Carols and the history behind many of them. This is an awesome Christmas Musical. You will enjoy every minute of it. Come! Bring the whole family and a dish to share.



PRAYER WALK - PLEASE JOIN US!



Our next Prayer Walk is Saturday, *November 10* at 9:30 a.m.. We want to bless our neighbors by praying over them. Please wear your awesome new blue t-shirt, comfortable shoes and join us!!

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

One of the many fun times we have is eating dinner out once a month with fellow church friends and often members bring a friend.

This month we will be meeting on Friday, **November 30** at 6:30 pm. We are going to Cracker Barrel Restaurant, I-75 and Sheridan St. This has become a tradition to eat there in November and look at the Gift Shop full of neat Christmas items after dinner.



Let Ellen Bennet know if you can attend, 954-699-8035, so she can make reservations.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS on Sunday, November 4th.

So remember to put your clocks **BACK**

ONE HOUR before going to bed Saturday night, November 3rd.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK CAME TO FAITH CHURCH!

The long awaited presentation of the Gospel of Mark came to Faith Church on Friday, October 12th. Approximately 70 people came out on this Friday evening to hear and see Rev. Chris Coppolo present the Gospel of Mark. This one man drama is based entirely on Mark's Gospel, all 16 chapters, word for word (NIV). The drama and power of the Gospel came alive as Chris alternately portrayed the various characters in Mark's narrative. The presentation was approximately 1 ½ hours, with an intermission midway through. It was followed by a question and answer time and a time of fellowship with refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

We are grateful to Chris for bringing this powerful drama to Faith and thankful to God for all those He brought to experience it. People from various churches throughout the community attended and all who came were greatly blessed.

All glory to Him!

~Jane Bodden

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

There are a variety of openings on the chart by the front door for Fellowship Hour. You don't have to provide a huge feast—it can be cookies and drink. Please sign up and help with this time of fellowship together.

Just something for people to munch over as they greet one another.

LIVE NATIVITY

Our Live Nativity is coming soon. EVERYONE is needed! there is something for everyone to be a part of. This presentation will be held on **December 14 & 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm** in the church parking lot.

We need:

- ~ men, women, older youth and children to be a part of the various scenes
- ~ need those who can do the electronics, lighting and microphones
- ~ need volunteers to help organize the costumes
- ~ need those who can do make up
- ~ need those who can help with set up and take down
- ~ need those who are flexible and can fill in where needed





Lights From the Sanctuary Windows

“Harvest” Of Thanksgiving In Jamaica

“And the feast of harvest, the first fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field; and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.”

† Exodus 23:16 – KJV †

“Harvest” of Thanksgiving in my hometown in Jamaica is an important, festive and traditional event that occurs on a Sunday in late September, nearest the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that appears in the fall each year, when the sun crosses the equator making day and night everywhere on earth the same length, and farmers work late into the night harvesting their crops by the light of the full Moon.

“Harvest” is the ingathering of crops planted early in the year that mature and ready for reaping in the fall. It is a time to give God thanks for our countless blessings. This event has a significant religious component that occurs in the church on Harvest Sunday, and does not include large dinners.

“Harvest” of Thanksgiving features a time of joyful giving to the church the best crops reaped in the fall each year. On Saturday, the day before Harvest Sunday in late September each year, the natives bring to the Church an array of harvest gifts and place them at the front end of the sanctuary nearest the altar. The sanctuary is always beautifully decorated with dried ears of corn, bright orange pumpkins and baskets of assorted fruits. Worship service on Harvest Sunday begins with the congregation singing a joyous thanksgiving hymn, and the children walking down the center aisle in the sanctuary carrying their gifts and placing them next to the other gifts at the altar. During the announcements, the Deacon announces the names of the contributors and the gifts each one contributes. The children then go to their respective Sunday school classes while the choir renders the anthem and the ushers collect the offerings. After the reading of the scripture lesson, the Pastor blesses the harvest gifts and delivers a thanksgiving sermon with the emphasis on thanking God for His goodness and a bountiful harvest. The harvest gifts mostly consist of baked goods, bottled juices, jars of preserves and crops from the fields, such as yams, bunches of green and ripe bananas, coconuts, sugar cane and dozens of eggs from poultry farms, including other gifts. At the end of the service that customarily lasts for approximately an hour and a-half, congregants return to their homes and enjoy a quiet thanksgiving dinner with their families.

On Monday morning following Harvest Sunday, several church members meet at the church and sell the gifts given for Harvest. The proceeds from the sales supplement the church treasury.

Here in America, as we gather together with families and friends on Thanksgiving Day to give God thanks for our many blessings and enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, let us remember the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, who nurtures our spirit, satisfies our deepest desires, and grants us mercy and grace. Thankfully we are blessed. God perfects it all.

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

~Ethel E. Thomas

FALL PRESBYTERY MEETING HELD AT FAITH

The fall meeting of the Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean, which we have anticipated and planned for several months, is now history!! Starting on Friday morning, October 19, pastors and committee members began arriving at the church for meetings of the Ministerial, Church Development and Presbytery Council committees. Later in the evening Presbyters arrived from around the state as well as from the Bahamas and Puerto Rico. There were 58 elder-commissioners and pastors, 3 pastors from other jurisdictions and 22 visitors for a total of 83 people who registered.



A very special worship service led by Pastor Evelio and assisted by Pastor Juan Rivera of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bayamon, PR (communion), Pastor Dustin Jernigan and John Wilcox of River City Church in Debary (music) and Pastor Phil Thrash of World Outreach (prayer). Steve and Jane Minikus, Ellen Bennet and Judy Otto served communion. This was followed by a dessert reception and time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday morning breakfast was a sumptuous feast enjoyed by all who partook! Members of the fellowship ministry outdid themselves by serving eggs, sausage and pancakes in addition to breads, pastries, fruit, juices, coffee and tea.

The worship service began at 8:30 and one of the candidates being examined, Robert Olzewski, preached.

The Ministerial Committee presented and examined three candidates: Crishon Ducker, who has been called as Associate Pastor of Saint Andrews Kirk, Nassau, Robert Olzewski, called as Pastor of Grace Point Church, Plant City and Bryan Knedgen, who was received as a transfer and will serve as an Army Reserve Chaplain. Those in attendance were impressed by the depth of the examination questions and of the answers and found the process informative and educational.

The Presbytery Council led in a vote to ratify the By-laws and also voted on locations of Presbytery meetings through winter 2020.

The Nominating Committee introduced and led in a vote of members who will serve on the various committees through 2021.

The most exciting news came from the Church Development Committee in the introduction of plans for a church planting initiative. The committee has worked with Rev. Tom Ricks, an experienced church planter, who presently serves as Senior Pastor of Greenwood Community Church, Kirkwood, MO. He was most encouraging about the potential of church growth in Florida, citing population growth statistics of 20% in the past seven years.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m. and lunch, catered by Jimmy Johns, was served in Fellowship Hall. Gift bags, ably prepared by Michelle Vilches and her team, were presented to each attendee as they went on their way.

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(Presbytery Meeting Report continued)

Thanks so very much to all those who volunteered to help in so many ways:

Trimming, weeding, gardening, sorting, cleaning, painting, cooking, donating food, beverages and supplies, serving as hosts, ushers, communion preparers and servers and sound system techs! There are probably some jobs that have not been mentioned, but EVERYONE was greatly appreciated. It was a wonderful experience and our time together was one of camaraderie and Christian fellowship. Such a great example of what can be accomplished when we all work together.

Those beautiful new blue t-shirts looked great!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you and God bless you richly.

Submitted by Jane Bodden



Our FCDC will again host a Hearts for Kyle event for children ages 3 to 8 years old on **Saturday, December 8th from 8:30 am—3:00pm**. The cost is \$40 per child and will include arts & crafts, cooking, story time with a Christmas Elf and pizza for lunch.

Space is limited— a reservation form will be in the school office soon. Proceeds will go to the Hearts for Kyle Foundation— in memory of Kyle Jones.



HELP PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

We have a recycle program and hope you will be a part of it. Not only are we helping the environment but the church will receive a check when the bin is full. The bin is located in the hallway outside the kitchen. *Please take all items out of their boxes or plastic bags.* Please save and include in the bin the following:

- *Inkjet printer cartridges *Toner printer cartridges
- *Used cell phones (regardless of condition)
- *Rechargeable batteries (they don't have to be working)
- *Small electronic devices (laptops, tablets, Mp3 players, digital camera, etc) *New (unused) ink and toner cartridges.

JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



- November 9 Andre Khan
- November 11 Doris Evans
- November 25 Jonathan Babb
- November 26 Angelita Ebarle



Nov. 17, 1973 Steve & Jane Minikus

JOIN US ON



COMMUNION SERVERS:

Steve & Jane Minikus
Cynthia Isaacs & Ethel Thomas



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

PLEASE sign up on the poster in the Narthex- It doesn't have to be a huge feast, just some light refreshments. Ask another person/family to join you.

- November 4 Sandy Venema
- November 11 Needed
- November 18 Khan Family
- November 25 Needed



MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:

- Nov 4 Rhoda & Jay Brijanand
Vera Burke
- Nov 11 Veneta Burrell
Ward & Marilynne Casterton
- Nov 18 John & Ava Cotton
Angie Ebarle
- Nov 25 Richard & Doris Evans
Orville & Janet Hart



GREETERS:

- November 4 Crista Griffin
- November 11 Jackie Tenn
- November 18 Ellen Bennet
- November 25 Jane Bodden



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