

TRINITY TIDINGS

September 2020

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FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I was recently going through some of my power point presentations of mission trips I've taken part in over the last twenty-five or so years. And as I examined the photos a couple of things caught my attention, I can no longer get into the size 38 blue jeans that I wore in Guatemala and I still remember how very much I enjoyed making connections with people over the years, who are in the same trench I am, and exchanging each other's concerns and visions.

During the Opening Service of Annual Conference in Havana, Bishop Ricardo Pereira, resident Bishop of Cuba, delivered a message that deeply touched my heart and made me reflect on my calling to be a Pastor in the United Methodist Church.

As he was sharing about the calling God placed on Moses, Bishop Pereira made clear for us that we were not called by Bishops or Elders, but by the One who is still in the business of inspiring them and helping them make decisions for the benefit of Christ's church. And the One who calls, is the One who will take care of us in all situations we have to face.

From time to time over the years I have forgotten that message and I wonder "What Am I Doing Here!" And then I experience the blessing of encouraging, supporting and praying with people, that sometimes we forget are in need of that personal touch in their lives. Sometimes I receive a card in the mail thanking me for a particular message that touched someone's heart and I remember that trip to Cuba and Bishop Pereira.

My friends, we are all called to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. We all have different Gifts and Graces. We will all have successes and we will all have failures in our ministry. But the bottom line is Jesus tells us if we meet a brick wall, shake the dust of your **sandals**, and move on.

At the age of 72 with more **than** 20 years as a Sr. Pastor behind me I still love my job... my calling. I find it to be meaningful, rewarding, and challenging and to be perfectly honest, I can't imagine myself doing anything else. However, I believe we all need to revisit our calling and recuperate the joy of what we do for the Lord. Very often we become prisoners of our anxieties and frustration as we deal with people who have difficulty in accepting the need for a change in our ways to do ministry in this world and to explore ways to bring people to Jesus Christ. We find ourselves trapped in despair, **anger**, and bitterness because things are not going in the direction we want. Others have just given up. They have compromised their heritage and obligations in exchange for a little comfort.

It's times like this that I feel we should recall that day when we first experienced the presence of Christ in our lives and we felt Him asking us to join Him in ministry to the world. We need to once more feel that fire... that burning in our hearts... that desire to bring a lost world to Christ. Because you see, **it's** not the job of the Bishop to bring people to Christ, or the D.S. or even the Pastor. It's the Job of the Church.

And YOU ARE THE CHURCH!

Your Brother in Christ

Pastor John

FROM UMM,
Hello!

Pastor John gave an eye opening and awfully close to home sermon. In short, he was spot on about us striving to walk in the spirit of the Lord by being compassionate, nice, non-judgmental, and truly kind, (let's not forget helpful and caring).

Thank you, John, it was well received.

As we continue to help those through the love of the Lord, we thank Gary, Brenda, Matt, Emily, and Bob Reed for providing pulled pork and other delectables this past week to the Bread of Life. Much love to all of those that provide for the needy. There was also a donation of 100.00 for our mission at the Bread of Life and Gary is distributing 25.00 to each group to help with costs. God Bless to the unknown provider, very selfless.

SO! We currently have three groups that provide meals to the Bread of Life and we need additional teams. We urge those that wish to support to reply to all to let everyone know and hopefully we can form another team. The meal is ONCE a month. Meaning just a couple of times a year if we get an additional team(s).

Many thanks to all and prayers for those in need.

Douglas Brown
386.336.5560

Adult Sunday School will start on Sunday September 20, 2020 at 9:15 am.

United Methodist Men

Second Saturday of the month, 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist Women

Share & Care Circle with Gail Cahan, first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Wesley Ann Circle with Karen Dutour, third Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study

-Bible Study with Alice is every Tues. in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

-Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins will start on Wednesday Sept. 9, at 10:00 a.m. call- (386)-937-6475

Prayer Group with Pastor John

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastors Office-all are invited.



CIRCLE OF CONCERN – *Those needing*

our prayers: The family of Bonnie Trauerman; Belinda Mullins; Thayer; Lillie; Kayla; Jo Dunn; Carolyn Deel; Tia Lingle; Kathy Baker; Charlene Cole; Leslie Lewis; and Taylor; Those in the nursing homes and our shut-ins; San Antonio de

Rio Blanco Church in Cuba; the persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School & teachers; Children at the Methodist Children’s Home; our Nation’s leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 9/13/2020)

Total Budget	\$179,727.00	
Estimated needed to date	\$127,882.67	
Received to date	\$106,690.89	
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$4,797.65	
Percent of “needed to date” that has been collected	83.43%	
Percent of Year that is complete	71.15%	
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	59.36%	
<u>DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		
Kids’ Klub	\$880.75	
Cuba Covenant	\$900.00	
Salary-Worship Leader	\$3,541.61	
Children’s Home	\$1,475.00	
Help Offset E-Giving Expense	\$27.65	
Memory of Carolyn Brown	\$100.00	
Memory of Virginia Alexander	\$50.00	

Florida United Methodist Children's Homes

I want to thank you for your continued support of the Florida United Methodist Children's Homes. Even through these stressful times, you have been faithful in supporting them. Your continued support will hopefully allow us to reach our goal again this year. We only have one more fifth Sunday and that is in November, but you can make your donation any Sunday - just note it on your contribution. Thank you for your loyal support. — Lee Ryals, Local Church Representative



Pumpkin Patch Scheduled to begin October 10, 2020

We are still scheduled to have the Pumpkin Patch in the front of the Sanctuary beginning October 10, 2020. The pumpkins will arrive that morning and the schedule calls for us to unload and open the patch.

Because of social distancing and other Covid-19 requirements we will not be able to have the Wednesday night story times and also will not be able to have the Fall Festival.

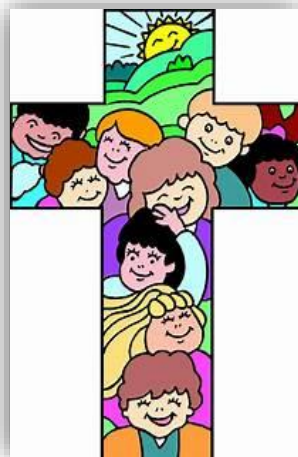
Please keep the Patch in your prayers and look for a signup sheet in the coming weeks so you can schedule a time to sit with the pumpkins.



Kids' Klub Corner



Kids' Klub began again in August Covid style as we are again finding that we cannot meet in the Fellowship Hall but are touching base by mail. We are reaching out to Follow in Jesus' Footprints as we begin to study how Jesus wants us to believe in Him. Remember that we are to think, act and be like Jesus—we are to BELIEVE! We pray for each one of you and send lots of hugs. I am not sure when we will meet together in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity but I do know that our hearts are joined together in one accord to worship, to praise, to share and to love each other and Jesus. Continue to pray and know God loves you and is always with you.





Wish a Happy Birthday To:

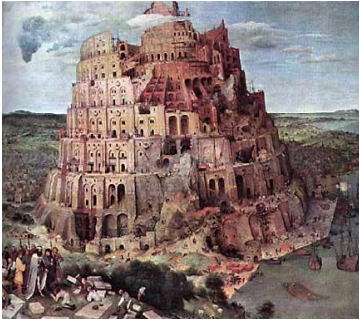
- 01 -Sandy Sanders
- 02 -Carsyn Drew
- 06 -J.D. Ogle
- 08 -John Bennett
- 10 -Evan Simpson
- 11 -Cindy Fegter
- 13 -Zachary De Los Santos
- 16 -Kyle Coleman
- 16 -Joyce Strickland
- 17 -Teresa Kennard
- 26 -Bryan Hayes
- 20 -Erica Rogero
- 29 -Tonia Hare
- 30 -Hayden Gill

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Sunday Schedule</u> Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Worship: 10:30 a.m. .		1	2	3 Share & Care Circle 7 pm	4	5
6 HOLY COMMUNION	7	8	9 <i>Ladies bible study with Sandra Collins 10:00 a.m.</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Ad Council & Financial meeting at 7:00 pm.	18	19
20	21 Wesley Ann Circle 9:00 a.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9



The descendants of Noah all spoke a single language. As they increased in number and began to spread eastward, they found a fertile area called Shinar and settled there. They decided to build a city with a tower that "reached to the heavens." They wanted the tower to be a proud monument to themselves and a symbol that would keep them united as a powerful people.

However, God was not so pleased. He came down and looked at the city and tower and said,

If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other. (NIV, Genesis 11:67)

So, God made the people speak many different languages so they could not work together on building the city and tower. He scattered the people around the world and the city was abandoned. The city was called "Babel" because God confused their languages.

Lessons

On the surface, the story of the Tower of Babel explains the many different languages spoken on earth. But there is much more to the story.

In ancient times, people thought the heavens were not far above the earth. If only they could build a tower to the sky, they could climb up and be like gods themselves. Mankind had once again lost sight of God and become arrogant and self-sufficient.

God, of course, saw this as pure arrogance. He put an end to the people's delusions of being powerful and important like gods.

We may be tempted to think we no longer need to trust and obey God. We may believe our learning, sophistication and technology are all we need to be self-sufficient and guarantee our security. The lesson of the Tower of Babel is that such self-sufficiency is a delusion. History has shown that many nations and their leaders have fallen into the trap of arrogance and self-sufficiency. Like Babel, those nations have eventually ended up in ruins.



How much do you know about the Bible? Find out with this week's [Bible Quiz](#) and [Crossword Puzzle](#).

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