

The Haines City Disciple



First Christian Church, 705 S. 14th Street, Haines City, FL 34488

A WORD FROM PASTOR ROS

When life gets overwhelming, we tend to forget the blessings in our life. The last thing on our minds is feeling blessed when we have 5 minutes to get to our next meeting.



However, when we let this busyness and stress rule over our lives, we forget to appreciate the small things. We might forget to say thank you to a family member who went above and beyond, or drop the ball on communication in our relationship with God. Over time, we lose the gratitude and appreciation we have for the blessings in our life.

As much as we might hate to admit it, God doesn't need or want us to tell Him what He should do. He wants to hear from us, absolutely, but what brings the Lord happiness is our devotion to His plan. That means prayer; creating open lines of communication with God that serve as a dialogue. It means both speaking and listening. We can pray anytime, anywhere. It's a huge blessing to know that we can speak to God at any moment in our lives...the good and the bad moments. Prayer knows no rules so just pray. Pure, unplugged, heart-tuned-in communication with your best friend is all you need.

Peace,
Pastor Ros



Many thanks to the Florida Disciples Regional Church for their gift of \$1,000 to help fund our school backpack program.

We are grateful to **Nancy Tourville** for her work and dedication in this area of outreach to the community.

THANK YOU for letting the church office know when someone is hospitalized or ill. The first step in caring is knowing!



Mark your calendar to celebrate this holiday with your church family. The church will provide burgers and hot dogs, and you are invited to bring a side dish. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cookout, then games and activities until the fireworks fill the sky. Bring a lawn chair to sit in comfort as we watch the night sky light up! **RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

A Wonderful Night Out

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 6-8:30 p.m.

The evening will begin with a delicious baked potato bar (with all the toppings), followed by a program sponsored by the Sheriff's Office on Identity Theft and Scams. You won't want to miss this...so go ahead and put it on your calendar. Why not invite a friend, too?

**IDENTITY
THEFT
SCAMS**



SUNDAY, JULY 25,
10 A.M.

The birth of our Savior should be celebrated more than one day a year...and July 25 is our day! We'll sing carols, read the beautiful scriptures, hear a Christmas message, and bring gifts to the manger.

What gifts? During each Sunday in July, you are invited to bring **Backpacks and school supplies** and place them in the baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. Your financial gifts will be used to purchase school uniforms, and all items will be shared between Alta Vista Elementary School and Angel Care. If you make out your checks to Disciples Women, they will even go shopping for you!

Fellowship time after worship will have a Christmas flair with coffee, fruit punch, and your favorite Christmas "goodies" that you bring to share. All kinds of sweets, appetizers and finger foods are welcome as we celebrate **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Don't forget July 4th!

Your Cabinet leaders met in mid-June and put some interesting events on the church calendar. You'll be hearing a lot more about each one as the attraction draws closer. Please think about friends you could invite so they can get acquainted with FCC through laughter, fun and fellowship. Then, hopefully, they will want to come and worship with us.

Friday, July 16 - Dinner & Sheriff's program on Identity Theft and Scams

Sunday, July 25 - Christmas in July

Saturday, August 7 - In the comfort of your own home, join Disciples from around the country in a virtual gathering for Bible study, workshops and worship.

Sunday, Sept. 5 - "Show & Tell" during coffee and O.J. after worship

Thursday, Sept. 16, 6-8 p.m. - Monkey Business Game Night

Friday, Oct. 8, 7-9 p.m. - Movie Madness

Sunday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

Birthdays and Anniversaries



July Birthdays:

- Ed Schutte - 7/2
- Cindi Hampton - 7/6
- Jim Bertucca - 7/8
- Liz Crousore - 7/9
- Harley Shumaker - 7/11
- Shirley Endley - 7/12
- Chuck Dunning - 7/14
- Cookie Sheldon - 7/17
- Florence Roberts - 7/19
- Julie Duff - 7/24
- Leo Woodward - 7/24
- Karen Bailey - 7/26
- Karl Casey - 7/29
- Carl Rod - 7/29

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July Anniversaries:

- John and Marilyn Schleifer - 7/5
- Jerry and Phyllis Wasson - 7/9
- Roger and Yvonne Evans - 7/19
- Gary and Liz Pillsbury - 7/28



PASTOR Search Committee Update

After completing the church profile earlier this year, with the help of members of the congregation, our Regional Minister forwarded a very limited number of profiles from pastors searching for a part-time position. Nearly all were from pastors who were already retired. Those profiles were received by the Search Committee in April. Upon review, your Search Committee did not feel any of the candidates were a good match for FCC.

Since our expenses have decreased substantially over the past few months, we now feel we can once again begin looking for a full-time pastor. Our church profile was revised to reflect that desire and we have just begun receiving profiles from pastors searching for full-time positions. Each profile includes background information on previous positions, a narrative from the candidate on his/her ministry gifts, three references and their comments about the candidate, comments from the candidate's Regional Minister, salary and benefit desires and the type of congregation or area the candidate prefers. Each profile consists of 28 to 32 pages of information. Many of the profiles we have received are from candidates who do not wish to move to the Southeastern United States. Our Regional Office does not have the staff to sort through profiles to determine if every candidate is willing to move to Florida.

Your Search Committee members have spent hours reviewing each profile received. And they will continue this time-consuming process as additional profiles are received from our Regional Office. Please keep these dedicated members in your prayers.



OUR HOMEBOUND FOLKS...are spread near and far, and their days would be brightened by receiving a note or card from you. Several copies of the list of names and addresses are posted on the bulletin board in the church office. Feel free to remove a copy to keep for your own use.

July Memory Verse

"I came so that you may have life and live it more abundantly."
John 10:10

WORSHIP IN JULY

Change is not a dirty word, and we think you'll even like these changes!

In Sunday worship, beginning July 4, a Call to Prayer will be added to the Pastoral Prayer. We will sing a short worship song before the prayer begins, and then repeat the chorus at its conclusion. This will help set the mood for quiet time with God...and may also introduce us to a few new songs!

The beautiful sanctuary Bible now has a place of its own. It currently sits on an antique communion table at the center of the chancel, reminding us that we are people of the Word.

Also in July, we will return to our traditional way of serving communion, having two elders serve and pray at the table each week. Some things should (and do) remain the same!



A WAY YOU CAN HELP!

Danae Bryan, one of our homebound members who is on Hospice care, could use our help. Most of her nutrition comes from the Boost protein drink, which has proven rather costly. When you are grocery shopping, please consider purchasing some cans of Boost with Protein (she says any flavor is fine) and dropping them off at the church for delivery to Danae. Let's help all we can, because we are family, after all!

Who's Who

The ELDERS of our church are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the spiritual life of our congregation. They meet monthly for prayer, discussion and spiritual growth, and please know that they pray for you every day!

Jody Murphy, Chair

Charles Bright Nancy Bright
Carol Casey Jim Chilton
Donna Nordby Paul Nordby

Marsha Ridenour



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 30, 2021

General Fund - \$ 2,090.00 Est. Attendance - 62
Stephen Ministry - \$ 50.00

June 6, 2021

General Fund - \$ 2,058.00 Est. Attendance - 76
Use of Facilities - \$ 1,820.00

June 13, 2021

General Fund - \$ 1,960.00 Est. Attendance - 61
Use of Facilities - \$ 620.00
Flowers - \$ 35.00

June 20, 2021

General Fund - \$ 1,947.00 Est. Attendance - 67
Dinner Donations - \$ 295.00



DID YOU SEE...

who joined us for our live-streamed worship services this past month? We welcome Al Kersbergen, Ruth Ford, Bay Ratt, "MomDad Nenezian", Robert Henely, Randy Nunn, and Brenda Skaggs, as well as our regular viewers! Thank you for watching!



DID YOU WELCOME...

those guests who joined us in the sanctuary for worship this past month? We welcome Kathy Church, Lori Schenone, Sue Suthen, and Chris Nia.

Thank you for worshipping with us!



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Haines City Police Department Officers:

(week of June 27) - Tishelle Payne
(week of July 4) - Katherine Prue
(week of July 11) - Luz Quinones
(week of July 18) - Bibi Raghu
(week of July 25) - Richard Ramdeen

Those with Health Concerns: Pauline Warren, Don Harris, Phebe, Joan Slevin, Danae Bryan, Karl Casey, Elaine Ogburn, Joe Krstulich, Gary Pillsbury, Joe Sicilio, Deb Kemp, Betty Kemp, Mike Garrett, Nancy Brandes, and all who care for them.

Those who Grieve
Pastoral Search Committee



Many thanks to Andy Hicks and the Evangelism Ministry for our new church sign on the front lawn. Thanks also to Pete Jarrett for framing it!



BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST...

We are privileged to host four Hispanic congregations who are able to use our beautiful facility for their worship services and Bible studies. Our building is now used every single day of the week by people praising God in several languages and cultures.

This is a win-win situation, because their faithful donations greatly add to our financial resources. The next time you see a stranger in the hallway, you might say "Buenos Dias."

REMINDER

In observance of Independence Day, our office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

We send out our monthly newsletter around the 25th of each month. If you have an article, picture, or announcement you would like to see in this newsletter, please turn your column/idea in to the church office no later than the 20th of each month! That will make sure we can get it in the next publication!



Our new nametags look great, and thanks for wearing them. However, if you have a pacemaker, be sure to move your nametag to the other side of your chest because that is a really strong magnet!



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship on any Sunday (cost \$40), sign up on the flower calendar in the front narthex. The church office will order the arrangement to be delivered to the church. Following the service, the flowers are yours to take home and enjoy.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP It's a Good Thing!

If you are able to attend worship regularly here at FCC, and yet you want to keep your membership active at your home church (in another city or state), we would welcome you to join our church family as an Associate Member. This means you would be an official member of both congregations at the same time, being fully active wherever you are located. Why not consider placing your Associate Membership at FCC in Haines City? It would be an honor to welcome you!