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Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.

All Church Sunday School Class: How the New Testament Was Written.

Beginning April 15, Rev. Brandon will teach a short (4-5 week) class on the origin of the New Testament.

We will take a look at the cultural context of the first century, the prevailing scholarship concerning the Gospels and the other books that "made it" into the canon, as well as sneaking a look at some of the texts that didn't. We will also take a look at some of the other issues surrounding the early church, such as the role of women and the relationships between the four Gospels. We will be meeting in the Kemp Classroom.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 4 (McKenna)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 4

Monday, April 2

- 10:30 am Ladies Prayer Group; Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 2:30 pm PAWS
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 3

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 pm House Worship; Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 4

- 9:00 am Chattanooga Food Bank Volunteering

Thursday, April 5

- 7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill
- 2:30 pm PAWS

Friday, April 6

- 10:30 am Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 7

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, April 8

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 4
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 4

Reminder April 14: FCC Board Workshop @ 9am in Faith Collective Room. Contact Bob Gary for information or to let him know if you can attend. Baked goods, juice and coffee will be provided.

FROM THE TABLE



This is the week we hate to wait for.

It's easy to look forward to Easter Morning—whether it's the chocolate bunnies we indulge in, the bright vestments and resounding brass that turn our sanctuary into a different place, or the

annual feast we share with family, Easter is a time to celebrate, to rejoice, to proclaim the victory of God over violence, death, and hopelessness. It is the day we celebrate the Resurrection. The day we greet one another with "He is risen."

But to get to Easter, we have to get through Holy Week. That is why on Thursday, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will commemorate Jesus's Last Supper with his Disciples with a simple Maundy Thursday meal and worship service, and we will celebrate Good Friday at 6 pm with our choir's rendition of John Rutter's *Requiem*. Easter—a celebration of life in the face of death—makes no sense without the story of this most holy week.

For me, this year's Lenten journey has felt different. It was Ash Wednesday when Nicholas Cruz walked into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and began opening fire, killing 17 people. As I shared with you on the following Sunday, the image of the grieving mother, her forehead still smudged with an ashen cross, crying in the high school parking lot, has stayed with me over our 40-day Lenten journey. I've also volunteered my time, alongside several other local clergy colleagues and other adults, working as "support staff" for Chattanooga student leaders organizing school walkouts, a march of

more than 1,200 people from across our metro, and ongoing advocacy concerning gun violence (and sometimes, being support staff just meant that I was the old guy who ordered pizza!) I've been inspired by the bravery of the young leaders I've met, wept as I have heard them share their fears, and I have felt the deep shame shared by the adults in the room who've all said, almost simultaneously, "this is not a problem you should be dealing with, kids. We should have solved the issues of gun violence and mass shootings a long time ago."

I don't know how Easter will feel this year. We will hear what many scholars consider to be the earliest of the Gospel accounts of the resurrection, *Mark*. We will sing songs of joy, and we will declare a hope beyond our prognostication, and celebrate life beyond our imagining.

But in the days to come, there will be others on my mind. Kids from Parkland, Florida. Kids who have debated policy and tactics down the street and made posters right here at FCC. A mother wearing the symbol of Christ's death while she mourns the death of her child. As we journey through Jerusalem during this Holy Week, I am choosing to journey with them, too.

That's what journeying with Christ is like.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Rev. B.*

Registration for 2018 Camps

Scholarships available, see Brandon or Jonathan!

- CYF (completed grades) 9-12 June 3-9
- Mission (Adults & Grade 8 & up) June 10-16
- Eighters (completed grades) 8 July 1-7
- Junior (completed grades) 4-5 July 8-12
- Discovery (completed grades K-3) May 29-31
- Chi Rho (completed grades) 6-7 July 15-20
- Adventure (completed grades 9-12) July 16-20

For info, visit: <http://tndisciples.org/bethany-hills/>



A Very Happy Birthday to...



APRIL

- 2 Don Reynolds
- 4 Anne Sauser
- 5 Courtney Fulgham
- 7 Robert Read, Ardian Totten
- 8 Trip Brannen III, Peggy Catlett
- 9 Lynda Rolston
- 12 Belle Grisham, Clark Williams
- 16 Debra Branson
- 20 Diana Morris, Pete Rolston
- 22 Betty Floyd
- 23 Jim Henry
- 24 Rona Gary
- 25 Trevor Atchley

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