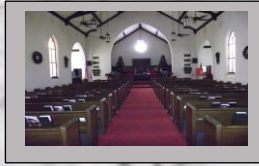


# FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

March 2022



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*First Things First...*

## This I Believe

***“...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you yet do it with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15)***

Belief exerts a powerful influence on every aspect of life. As Peter says above, there is a hope in everyone who believes in Christ the Lord. Each one of us should be ready, at any time, to make a defense (tell the reason) for that hope. In the series of statements which began in the February 2020 edition of First Fruits, I plan to share a summary of what I believe so that you may know me more fully and so you may see the reason for the hope that is in me. This article concludes the presentation of my belief regarding human sexuality, as revealed in the Bible.

The list is not exhaustive but provides ample evidence of Biblical teaching about a sensitive and controversial (according to worldly thinking) subject. If you read the following Bible passages, you will have examined much of the source material serving as the foundation for my doctrinal stance on sexual relationships.

Genesis	2:21-25			
Leviticus	18	20	22	
Deuteronomy	22:13-30	23:1-2	23:17-18	
Proverbs	2:6-19	5:1-20	6:20-35	
Matthew	5:27-28	15:19-20	19:3-12	
Mark	10:2-12			
Luke	16:18			
Acts	15:28-29			
Romans	1:18-32			
1 Corinthians	5	6:9-20	7	10:1-13
2 Corinthians	12:21			
Galatians	5:16-25			
Ephesians	4:17-32	5		
Colossians	3:5-7			

1 Thessalonians	4:1-12			
1 Timothy	1:8-11			
Hebrews	12:14-17	13:4		
James	4:4			
1 Peter	2:11			
1 John	2:15-17			
Jude	4-7			
Revelation	2:14-17	14:4-5	21:8	22:14-15

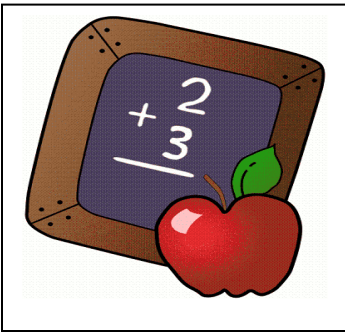
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

In the Master's service, Pastor Grier

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### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE MARCH 2022

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Psalm 109	17	Psalm 120
2	Psalm 110	18	1 Thessalonians 1
3	Psalm 111	19	1 Thessalonians 2
4	Psalm 112	20	1 Thessalonians 3
5	Psalm 113-114	21	1 Thessalonians 4
6	Psalm 115	22	1 Thessalonians 5
7	Psalm 116-117	23	2 Thessalonians 1
8	Psalm 118	24	2 Thessalonians 2
9	Psalm 119:1-24	25	2 Thessalonians 3
10	Psalm 119:25-48	26	Psalm 121-122
11	Psalm 119:49-72	27	Psalm 123-124
12	Psalm 119:73-96	28	Psalm 125-126
13	Psalm 119:97-120	29	Psalm 127-128
14	Psalm 119:121-144	30	Psalm 129-131
15	Psalm 119:145-160	31	Psalm 132
16	Psalm 119:16-176		



# First School And Day Care

The First School has 120 kids and a substantial wait list. We are in the middle of planning out summer and finding a good date for VBS. As soon as we get a date, we will let everyone know. We will be needing volunteers so if you are interested, please let me know.

Many Blessings,

Bree Joines

First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.**

## MARCH READINGS

03/06 Genesis 49:13-27, Psalm 47:5-9, Romans 8:26-30, Mark 3:7-12

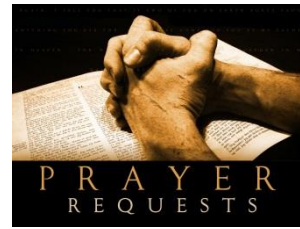
03/13 Genesis 49:28-33, Psalm 48:1-8, Romans 8:31-39, Mark 3:13-21

03/20 Genesis 50:1-14, Psalm 48:9-14, Romans 9:1-13, Mark 3:22-30

03/27 Genesis 50:15-26, Psalm 49:1-4, Romans 9:14-26, Mark 3:31-37



- 03/07 Ryan Woodson
- 03/08 Thomas Hernandez
- 03/10 Misty Ledwig
- 30/16 Shirley Chatel
- 03/16 James Herrington
- 03/29 Abigail Hernandez



- Our FLC Family**
- Dorothy Atchetee
  - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
  - Charles Bard
  - Ron Chambles
  - Lynda Christenberry
  - Nora Hollingsworth
  - Marilyn Kight
  - Kim & Larry Ledwig
  - Odis Newton
  - Becky Sample
  - Ruth Speckels
  - Bentley

- Friends of FLC**
- Kim S
  - Ellwood Hermansen



- 03/06 Jaqueline Lundy
- 03/06 Cathy Schoenfield
- 03/10 Rachel Hernandez
- 03/13 Brantley Doege
- 03/13 Alvin Yackel
- 03/23 Sheila Miller
- 03/25 Emma Jo Barosh
- 03/26 Nora Hollingsworth

*List will be cleared on the 1<sup>st</sup> in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.*



**PRAY FOR  
ALL WHO  
SERVE IN  
THE US MILITARY**



- 03/18 Kirk & Nerissa House
- 03/19 Saby & Lynette Hernandez
- 03/30 Doug & Cindy Mathews

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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Clyde Grier:**  
Phone: 979-541-6173

## FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will be serving on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. Help is always needed with serving and cleaning up!

Where all are family and all are fed

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## Spring Forward!

On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, daylight saving time begins! Remember to “spring forward” – turn your clocks ahead one hour so you will be on time for our morning service.

## Newly elected Church Council Members:

Calvin Borak, Will Joines

## Continuing Church Council Members:

Sheila Herrington, Milton Johnson,  
Kirk Marek, Cindy Mathews, Jimmy Nielsen

## Continuing on First School Board:

Billie Jean Bram, Kim Ledwig, Diane Stewart  
Helen Kight, Cori Koudela

## Elected to Cemetery Board:

Pat Marek

## Continuing on Cemetery Board:

Calvin Borak, David Kight

## Auditors – 2022

Karen Kight, Helen Johnson

## Nominating Committee – 2022

Milton Johnson, Jimmy Nielsen, Cathy Schoenfield

## WOMEN OF THE WORD

**WOW Food Drive**  
Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



## Lenten Schedule

### Ash Wednesday Service – 12:15 pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – “The End from the Beginning”

### Lenten Services – Wednesdays – 12:15pm

March 9<sup>th</sup> – “Alone But Never Lost”

March 16<sup>th</sup> – “Quiet Resolve”

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – “He Suffered”

March 30<sup>th</sup> – “Surrounded without Surrender”

April 6<sup>th</sup> – “The Final Straw”

## A Lenten Prayer

*Heavenly Father, throughout these forty days of Lent, draw us ever closer to You. Help us lay aside the sins that cling so closely and run with endurance the race that is before us, looking to Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we have been made one with Him through Baptism, empower us to share the good news of Your grace with others. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

--- Portals of Prayer (January-March, 2022) page 108



# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> 12:15PM	3	4	5
6 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 AM <i>Worship Service</i> 10:45 AM <i>w/Communion</i> WOW Food Drive	7 <i>Manna Meals</i> 5-6:30 PM <i>FLCEC Team serves</i>	8 <i>FS Board Meeting</i> 5:00PM	9 <i>Lenten Service</i> 12:15PM	10	11	12
13 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 AM <i>Worship Service</i> 10:45 AM	14	15 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	16 <i>Lenten Service</i> 12:15PM	17 <i>Church Council Meeting</i> 6:00PM	18	19
20 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 AM <i>Worship Service</i> 10:45 AM <i>w/Communion</i>	21	22	23 <i>Lenten Service</i> 12:15PM	24	25	26
27 <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 AM <i>Worship Service</i> 10:45 AM	28	29	30 <i>Lenten Service</i> 12:15PM			

## March Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Jimmy Nielsen  
**SEXTON:** Doug Mathews  
**USHERS:** Doug Mathews, James Stewart  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Mathews, Helen Johnson

### READER

6<sup>th</sup> Helen Johnson  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ty Schoenfield  
 20<sup>th</sup> Kirk Marek  
 27<sup>th</sup> Ted Schoenfield

If you are unable to serve on your date,  
 please find someone to take your place.



## MARCH FLOWER CALENDAR

6<sup>th</sup> Open  
 13<sup>th</sup> James & Sheila Herrington  
 20<sup>th</sup> Open  
 27<sup>th</sup> Open

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**Christine Richter, Office Manager**  
**Bree Joines, Director of First School**

**March**

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Cindy Mathews, Jimmy Nielsen,



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**Sunday School – 9:30 a.m**  
**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**