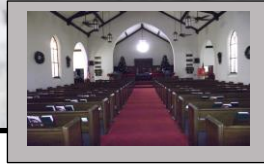


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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First Things First...

HE IS RISEN!

"Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead..."

Matthew 28:7a

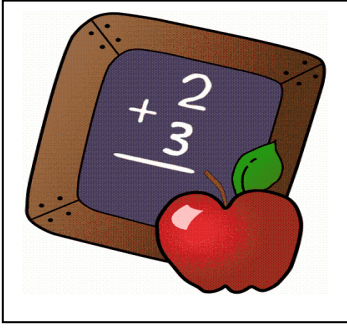
Never has there been greater news than this: He has risen from the dead! No news story or fiction, no poem or prose, no film or digital entertainment, no song or symphony can compare to the angel's message to the women visiting what they assumed was the burial site of Jesus of Nazareth. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

The two most meaningful and impactful statements ever uttered are: "It is finished" and "He is risen!" No words have ever been spoken that can challenge the superiority of Christ's victory over sin on the cross and His victory over death by His Resurrection. What a celebration this knowledge should bring to life every day!

Merely seventeen days from exulting in His sacrifice and glorification, I ask myself, "Is the celebration continuing in my daily life?" Or have I lost the glow of rejoicing in the gift of my salvation? I must confess that some days the burdens and cares of this world have clouded and dimmed my recollection of how blessed I am to have Christ as my Savior and Lord. I pray to the Spirit of the Living God, "Revive me again!"

In the joy of the LORD, Pastor Grier

I know this confession could be made by many who are reading these words. If it is your confession then rejoice in the forgiveness and love of God our Father. Again, I say, rejoice in the grace of our Lord Jesus. Rejoice always in the calling and comforting voice of the Holy Spirit as He renews that good news to you: "HE IS RISEN (for you)!" Then, go quickly and tell someone that He is risen from the dead!



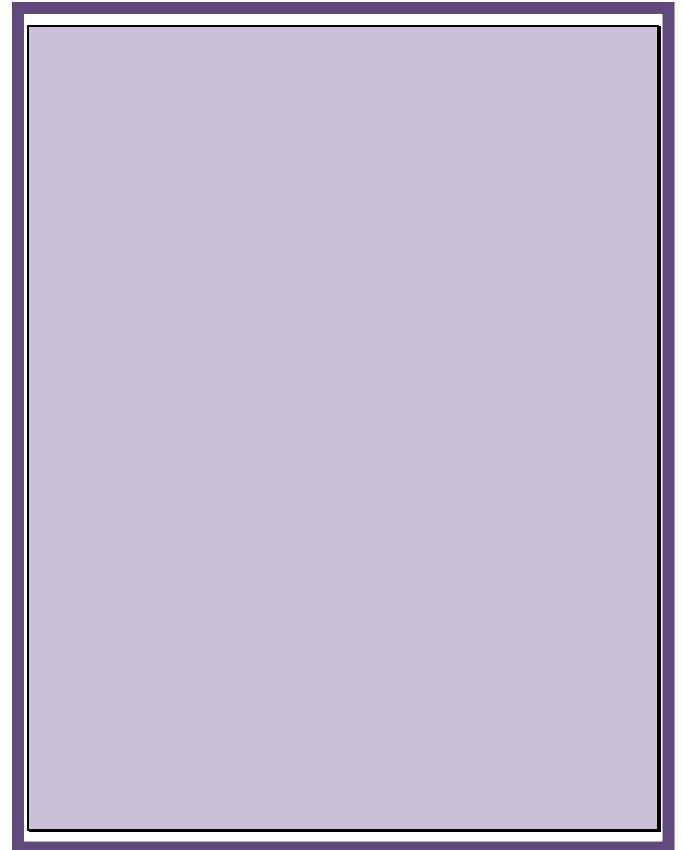
First School And Day Care



The First School has 97 children and 60 on the wait list. We are winding down the school year and gearing up for our Preschool and PreK graduation. Our graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 25th, starting at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. We will have refreshments to follow outside in the front of the church. Please join us! We would love to see you there!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School
Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, May 11th – 5:00 p.m.**



MAY READINGS

05/02 Psalm 33:18-22; Genesis 33:1-11, Acts 22:30-23:11, Matthew 21:12-17
05/09 Psalm 34:1-7; Genesis 33:12-20, Acts 23:12-22, Matthew 21:18-27
05/16 Psalm 34:8-10; Genesis 34:1-12, Acts 23:23-34, Matthew 21:28-32
05/23 Psalm 34:11-16; Genesis 34:13-24, Acts 24:1-9, Matthew 21:33-46
05/30 Psalm 34:17-22; Genesis 34:25-31, Acts 24:10-21, Matthew 22:1-14



- 05/01 Kim Kainer
- 05/05 Robert Hollingsworth
- 05/20 Emery Langston
- 05/23 Dagny Thane
- 05/25 Shane Langston
- 05/26 Kathleen Joines
- 05/30 Evon Atchetee



Our FLC Family

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Charles Bard
- Ron Chambles
- Lynda Christenberry
- James & Sheila Herrington
- Nora Hollingsworth
- Harry & Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- John Nelson
- Odis Newton
- Ruth Speckels
- Charlotte Watson

Friends of FLC

- Mitzi Schmidt



- 05/02 Kirk House
- 05/11 Ed Campbell
- 05/13 Sheila Herrington
- 05/14 Shane Langston
- 05/14 Sarah Langston
- 05/24 Abigail Hernandez

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



**PRAY FOR OUR
LOVED ONES
IN THE MILITARY**

Jake Barosh
U.S. Armed Forces



WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



- 05/25 Daniel & Claudia Wilfert

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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 20th
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, May 24th. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. Many meals are served on Monday and Thursday each week!

Where all are family and all are fed

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6

Theme: Lord pour out your love, life, and liberty

2 Corinthians 3:17 -

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Make sure you test positive for Faith.
Keep your distance from Doubt and isolate yourself from Fear.

Trust in God through it all.

Amen.

(author unknown)

WOMEN OF THE WORD

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, May 2nd

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



A Prayer for the Day of Pentecost

O Holy Spirit, You once descended on Your apostles and kept our Savior's promise of Your coming. You enabled Your Word of grace and truth to be proclaimed in the earliest days of Your Church. Descend upon and among Your Church in our day so that the saving name of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed and that many more may come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. In Jesus' name. Amen.

--- Portals of Prayer, (April-June 2016) page 107

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service w/Communion 10:45 AM WOW Food Drive	3	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer	7	1/8
9 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	10	11 First School Board Meeting 5PM	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service w/Communion 10:45 AM	17	18 Newsletter Items Due	19	20 Church Council Meeting 6PM	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	24 Manna Meals 5-6:30 PM FLCEC Team serves	25 First School PreK Graduation 6:30 PM	26	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	31					

May Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Calvin Borak

SEXTON: Daniel Wilfert

USHERS: Calvin Borak, Daniel Wilfert

ALTAR GUILD: Kirk & Nerissa House

ACOLYTES

2nd
9th
16th
23rd
30th

READER

Cathy Schoenfield
Diane Stewart
Helen Johnson
Ty Schoenfield
Kirk Marek

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



MAY FLOWER CALENDAR

2nd Open
9th Open
16th Open
23rd Open
30th Open

**BIBLE READING SCHEDULE
MAY 2021**

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	1 Chronicles 17	17	Romans 12
2	1 Chronicles 18	18	Romans 13
3	1 Chronicles 19	19	Romans 14
4	1 Chronicles 20	20	Romans 15
5	1 Chronicles 21	21	Romans 16
6	1 Chronicles 22	22	2 Chronicles 1
7	1 Chronicles 23	23	2 Chronicles 2
8	1 Chronicles 24	24	2 Chronicles 3
9	1 Chronicles 25	25	2 Chronicles 4
10	1 Chronicles 26	26	2 Chronicles 5
11	1 Chronicles 27	27	2 Chronicles 6
12	1 Chronicles 28	28	2 Chronicles 7
13	1 Chronicles 29	29	2 Chronicles 8
14	Romans 9	30	2 Chronicles 9
15	Romans 10	31	2 Chronicles 10
16	Romans 11		

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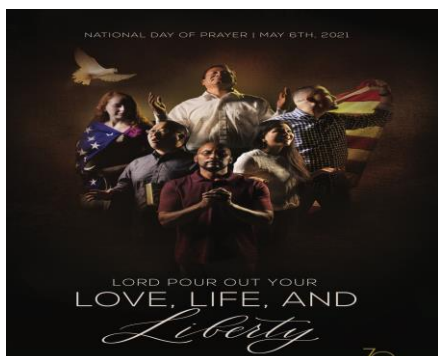
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Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School



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Jimmy Nielsen, Cathy Schoenfield



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**Join us for worship
on Sunday mornings!**

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