



# First United Methodist Church of Seffner

MAY 2022

Encourager

Open Hearts. Open Minds.

## Upcoming Events:

- May 14, "The Roaring Twenties" Dinner and Dance
- May 22 , Boy Scout BBQ Fund-raiser
- Honor Our Graduates
- May 30th, Honor Our Veterans

## Birthdays

- May 1 Jerrie McClamma
- May 8 Carolyn Alexander
- May 13 Shalee Perez
- May 17 Roxie Dierkx
- May 17 Alexis Dierkx
- May 20 Harry Cumber
- May 21 James Thompson
- May 24 Eric Nelson
- May 29 Nancy Farkas
- May 31 Don Champion
- June 28 James Sloan
- June 29 Paula Easton

## Anniversaries:

**May 22 Ken & Dot Conklin**

### Sermon Series

- 5/1 Communion
- 5/8 Family
- 5/15 American Dream
- 5/22 Armor of God
- 5/29 Community



## In The Quiet Place

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10*

The barking comes in the middle of the night, the quiet is gone and slumber is hard. The revving of the motorcycle engine next door, over and over, the quiet is gone. The early mornings as Diana awaits the children to arrive, then one by one they enter in each a bundle full of energy, the quiet is gone. Just when you begin to drift off to sleep and the phone rings, the quiet is gone.

There are days when we wondered will we have a chance to just sit and gather our thoughts. The excitement of Easter has just passed us, but did you know we are Easter people? Our Savior conquered death, no other religion has a risen Savior. It can be a little hard to believe at first, thinking about someone rising from the dead can be a little hard to swallow. After all there are factious tales of Zombies, ghosts, and whatever crazy thing has been made up. How do we really know that there is a risen Savior?

Jesus told his disciples and those others he taught that we would tear down the temple and rebuild it in three days. Jesus was God in the flesh, so how could he not be alive?

The Bible also gives us proof, so that people who had a hard time believing would know it really happened. We know Jesus appeared to Mary that's a story shared on Easter. But Jesus also appeared to Cleopas and his friend, the ten disciples, a week later to the eleven disciples, he also appeared to Peter and some disciples when they returned to fishing, and he appeared to over 500 people when He ascended into heaven. He also appeared later to Saul.

The Bible is God's word to us, every word breathed by God and written down. That's some proof!

Our proof that God is real has come to us over and over again. He sends us comfort when we need it, helps us not to be anxious when chaos and the unknown is all around, and sends us the same message over and over until we get it.

In one of the quiet moments Diana had last weekend, she saw a cardinal fly by. There was also the moment with the Sandhill crane which was a little iffy. Sometimes outside with the kids she'll see butterflies flutter by.

When life gets crazy with the extra noise, stop and be still because maybe you need to find Him in the quiet place.

Pastor Brian & Diana

# Vacation Bible School

June 6th-10th

5:30-6:30 PM Family Dinner

6:30-8:30 PM Bible Story, Crafts,

Games & Mission



Zephaniah 3:17



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American Christian Warrior

June 6-10

Family Dinner 5:30-6:30

VBS 6:30-8:30

Join us as we learn how to be warriors for Christ. We need prayers and helpers. If you would like to cook one of our family dinners please let Diana Brink know. Thanks!

## Needs:

Balloons	Boxes	10 X 14 Yellow Construction paper
8 ½ X 11 Black Construction paper	White Cardstock	Chalk Pastels drawing crayons
Foam paper	Copy paper	Cardboard
Empty water bottles	Rice	I-spy trinkets
Birthday gift bags	Birthday plates, napkins	Birthday party hats
Party blower	Birthday candle	10 X 14 Colored Construction Paper
Sticks (from a tree, at least ½ in diameter)		Acrylic Craft Paint
Craft Varnish	Screw Eyes	Fishing Line
Playground balls	Frisbee/Disc Golf	Hula Hoops
Spaghetti	Marinara Sauce	Lettuce
Tomato	Bread	Chicken Nuggets
French Fries	Applesauce	Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger patties	Hamburger buns	Chips
Hot Dogs	Hot dog buns	Tater Tots
Cupcakes	Cookies	Rice Krispy Treats



### Children's Church-Sprouting Glory

We will investigate to see if there is proof that Jesus is really is Alive. We will check out Mary, Cleopas & his friend, Peter & the disciples, Thomas & the disciples, and Peter & seven disciples storied to see if there is enough evidence. If you aren't able to join us for worship then check out the link on our First United Methodist of Seffner Facebook page Ms. Diana is sharing the message there.

**DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S  
DAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 8TH**



**BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER  
MAY 22, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
11:30AM- 2PM  
MORE INFORMATION COMING**

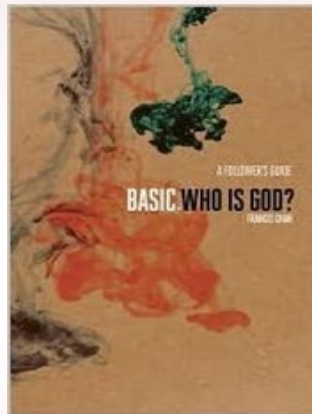
**BBQ  
FUNDRAISER**



### Women's Bible Study

**Mondays @ 7 PM**

We have just begun, Max Lucado's "You Are Never Alone", join as we discover that God is always with us and he cares about every detail of our lives.



### Men's Bible Study

**Wednesdays @ 9 AM**

We explore the Trinity, distilling the reality of the nature of God into foundational truths.



***We're excited to celebrate our :***

***Senior Class Members of 2022***

Kayla & Bethany Allen, graduating from Tampa Tech

Antonio Lebron, graduating from Strawberry Crest High School

Caleb Ebney , graduating from USF College

# Thrive

Proverbs 29:22

*Praise & Worship; 7 PM Every Sunday Night  
in Fellowship Hall*

**This month we will celebrate one year of Thrive worship! Bring your friends and join us for a time of worship followed by games!**

*Open to all ages, we worship with newer praise songs, hear a message, and break off into groups. We then join back together for game time.*



- May 1,8,15,22,29: Thrive Praise & Worship:** Sundays, 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall
- May 2,9,16,23,30: TOPS Club Meeting:** Mondays, 12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall
- May 2,9,16,23,.30: Aerobics:** Mondays, 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall
- May 2,23,30: Women's Bible Study:** Mondays , 7:00PM in old Nursery
- May 16: Irene's Circle,** 7PM in old Nursery
- May 3,10,17,24,31 : Country Western Band Group:** Tuesdays, 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall
- May 4,11,18,25 Men's Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 9:00AM in the Good News Room
- May 4,11,18,25: Worship Singers Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 7:00PM in the Sanctuary
- May 5,12,19,26: EHC B Rehearsal ,** Fridays, 6:00PM
- May 13 & 27: Emmaus Reunion Group:** Friday, 6:30-8:30PM in the Good News Room



## ***Easter Eggstravaganza***

*Thanks to all those who donated and to everyone who helped out, without YOU these events would not be possible.*

## Stewardship Minute

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Our Giving for April 2022,

\$ 14,651.36

## Giving Options

Your donations to the church may be brought to Sunday Worship Services, mailed or made by PayPal online. Thank you so much for your support!

### Mail:

P.O. Box 607

Seffner, FL 33583

### PayPal:

Website:

Use our Donate Online button on our website at [fumcseffner.com](http://fumcseffner.com)

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Use blue PayPal box on our PayPal post at [facebook.com/fumcseffner](https://facebook.com/fumcseffner)

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2. If you have an account with Amazon go to “my account”
3. Go to “Settings”
4. Go to “Change your Charity”
5. Type in “First United Methodist Church of Seffner”

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**COME JOIN US  
NEW BELL CHOIR FORMING**

*WE NEED 6-8 PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN  
THE BELL CHOIR*

*IF YOU ARE INTERESTED , CONTACT ;*

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*OR SUE THOMPSON, # 813-340-8463,  
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**Dinner & Dance**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6 PM – 8 PM**



Wear your 20's outfit for a costume  
contest,

enjoy a delicious meal,

listen to the Jazz Band, and dance.

Weekly Events:  
 Monday: Meals on Wheels 6:30 p.m.  
 Venture Crew 7:30 p.m.  
 Boy Scouts

# MAY 2022

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8	9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 10:30 AM Worship 7:00 PM Thrive Praise & Worship	9 12:00 PM TOPS Club Meeting 6:30 PM Aerobics 7PM Women's Bible Study	10 6:30 PM Country Western Music Group	11 9 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00PM Worship Singers Rehearsal	12 6:00PM EHCB Rehearsal	13 6:30 PM Emmaus Group Good News and Youth Room	14 6:00PM Fellowship Hall "Roaring Twenties Party" Dinner and Dancing Costume Contest
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