



The Steeple ■ February 28, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship



Ministers and Ministry Directors

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor

Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

Bishop Gary Rivas, Evangelism Pastor
North Campus

Jennifer Hupko, Director

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Child Development Ministry

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Music Ministry

D. Scott Ferguson, Pianist/Organist

Jayne Smith, Director, Hand Bells

Eve Harris, Director, Children's Choirs

Chad Mullinix, Director, Youth Ministry

Grant Nesmith, Melody Gildner

Co-Directors, Youth Ministry

Philip Keilen, Director,

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center

Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! Our mission at First Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

Church Office Regular Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00AM - 5:00PM; CLOSED FRIDAY

Main Campus, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29577 ■ 843-448-7164

North Campus, Thomas N Brittain Center (TNBC), 905 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC 29572

WORSHIP GUIDELINES in effect until further notice

Join us for worship on Sunday, as your health permits. We continue to request that everyone **please follow these guidelines** to ensure everyone's health and safety. Our current capacity remains at 150 per service.

8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended, Sanctuary; **Facebook Live @ 8:30AM**

*****Please register your attendance (name, address, phone#).as well as for contact tracing purposes. Ushers will provide pen/paper then place pen/paper in the specific containers as you exit.*****

- **Sanitization** weekly and between services
- **Face mask** and **social distance** during worship
- Access via the **Front Door**, center aisle (if rain, use breezeway side door)
- **Ushers will seat & dismiss guests (please do not insist on your regular seat)**
- **Families** may sit together in one pew without distancing
- **Offering plates** are situated at the doors upon exit; please **move outside** to visit
- **Narthex restrooms** only available; **Children under 12**, parent must accompany
- **NO Nursery, NO Children's Church, NO Wiggle Bags — Virtual Sunday School**

Snowbirds and Seagulls

Special thanks to Frank Clark for arranging the courses and to **Scott Bowen** for handling all the golf details. We anticipate resuming Snowbirds and Seagulls in January 2022 for our 37th year of ministry. May God bless you and keep you safe.



February 23 | Hackler at CCU Golf Course—21 Participants

1st Place Tie—Score of 71:

Bill Koppel, Terry Balla, Debra Sturkey, Walt Meyer
Bob Thomas, Carl Palmburg, Bob Collins, Roger Davis



Ladies Lunch & Devotion
Wednesday, March 10th @ 11:30AM
Magnolia's upstairs
Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion

THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTION books for March/April are available to pick up from the church office during office hours or on in the Narthex on Sundays.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Your greatest sense of fulfillment will come in the service to others, not yourself."

~ Bob Goff, author

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don't already have one.

Mar 1	Leviticus 19:1-10
Mar 2	Leviticus 19:11-18
Mar 3	Leviticus 19:19-32
Mar 4	Leviticus 19:33-37
Mar 5	Leviticus 20:22-27
Mar 6	Matthew 22:34-40
Mar 7	Colossians 3:1-14

***ALL IN-PERSON
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.***

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Leviticus 19:1-37
"Living as Holy People
(The Third Sunday in Lent)"*

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Monthly Mission in Motion—FEBRUARY

Please help our CDM teachers continue to provide quality Christian education and child care by donating from the following list of



needed items: Gold Fish Crackers, Animal Crackers, Butter Cookies, Vanilla Wafers, Gerber Graduate Puffs, Gerber Yogurt Melts, Cheez-its, Pretzels, Baby Wipes, Facial Tissues, Band-aids, Paper towels, Construction paper, Loose-leaf notebook paper, Washable Non-toxic Markers, Washable Finger Paints. **COLLECTION BINS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

ALSO Helpful—Gift Cards for specific classroom needs from **WalMart, Sam's Club, Target, Office Depot.**

IN REMEMBRANCE

Samuel Welch “Buddy” Lowe, Jr.

March 16, 1940—February 17, 2021

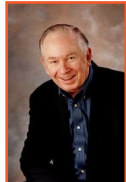
“I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live.”

Condolences

The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to the **Clemmons** family on the death of their sister-in-law and loved one, **Gerry Clemmons**, on February 20, 2021, in Myrtle Beach, SC; to **Eileen Quattracchi** and family on the death of her mother, **Doris Pierce**, on January 26, 2021 in The Villages, FL; and to **Ron Andrews** and family on the death of his mother, **Lois Andrews**, on January 19, 2021 in Grove Hill, AL

Congratulations to **Judy and Roger Hall** on the birth of their grandson, **Emerson James Stewart**, on February 22, 2021 in Savannah, GA. The proud parents are Kimberley and Jonathan Stewart.

On **March 17-21**, we will welcome **Dr. Kennon L. Callahan** as our guest Pastor, Consultant, and Coach. Dr. Callahan will guide us in **First Church Long-Term Planning**. His four topics will include 1) North Campus/Facilities; 2) Education & Programming; 3) Youth & Children; and 4) Worship. Please make every effort to participate as we envision the future of First Church. Dr. Callahan will bring the message in worship **on Sunday, March 21st**. Refer to today's **The Steeple** insert for more information.



*Dr. Callahan, B.A., M. Div., S.T.M., Ph. D., is a pastor, professor, researcher, and bestselling author of many books including his groundbreaking study of **Twelve Keys to an Effective Church**, regarded as the most dynamic and comprehensive long-range planning resource available. He is and one of today's most sought-after church consultants and speakers.*



First Church's Congregational Care Committee and Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center Therapists

will host 3 sessions on Suicide Prevention
Mind, Body, Spirit, Community—Multi-complex Causes—Hope & Healing

***** **March 3, 10 & 24** *****

3:00PM in the Sanctuary—All are welcome

Cost: Saving the life of a child, grandchild or a loved one

Each session will be live-streamed on our Facebook page (*fumcmb*)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline—800-273-8255

[Learn more](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org) (<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>)

UM YF Youth activities...

Feb 28: 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus
Mar 3: 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB
Mar 7: 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus

Heads Up!

(details to follow)

Mar 14: Painting & Youth @ North Campus
Mar 21: Fun Day, Broadway Grand Prix
Apr 9-12: Chrysalis (girls)
Apr 16-19: Chrysalis (boys)
<https://www.ccchrysalis.com/>



Spring 2021 Adult Bible Studies student books are now available to pick up. The following Sunday School classes may pick up a copy in the church office during regular office hours:



MD Moore; Open Fellowship; Open Doors



FUMC TV Ministry welcomes your ongoing financial support.

Weekly Sermons and limited service music are broadcast on **WFXB Fox TV Channel 7**

(channel 43-1, antenna) at **10AM on Sunday mornings** on a 1-week delay. **Please help support this vital ministry** which greatly benefits our shut-in members, local visitors, and others throughout the year.

Spring Surge!

Members from **First Presbyterian and First United Methodist Myrtle Beach** will sponsor “2021 Spring Surge” on **March 15, 2021 in a virtual format**. The presentation will **feature the Children’s Recovery Center of Myrtle Beach** and will include a **virtual tour of the Children’s Recovery Center, an inspirational message, and an opportunity to use our resources to help**. The **virtual presentation will be posted on the church website on March 15th** for anyone to access. In these challenging times, we all can make a difference in our community. **More information coming soon.**



The **Epworth Center for Counseling** is a community based outpatient counseling center **providing services for children, teens, adults and families**.

For more information, please contact the **Center at 803-667-4697** or visit the website, www.epworthchildrenshome.org/institute/epworth-center-for-counseling/

The most recent edition of **The Epworth Record** newsletter, as well as previous issues, are published here:

<https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/stories/newsletter/>

Coming Soon!

- Mar 3, 10, 24**—Suicide Prevention Clinics
- Mar 14**—Daylight Saving Time begins
Scout Sunday, both services
- Mar 15**—Spring Surge, virtual/online
- Mar 16-21**—Dr. Ken Callahan visit
- Mar 28**—Palm Sunday services
- Apr 1**—Maundy Thursday, 6PM
- Apr 2**—Good Friday, Noon
- Apr 4**—Easter services
Sunrise—8:30AM—9:45AM—11AM
- May 14-16**—Confirmation Retreat
- May 23**—Confirmation

Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 2/21/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 2/21/21:	\$ 16,397
Giving YTD:	\$ 197,920
Expenses YTD:	\$ 257,110
Difference YTD:	- \$ 59,190

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 2/21/2021

◆ Worship:	185
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	945
◆ All Social Media:	3,643
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

First Church Thrift Store—CLOSED during COVID-19

Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach SC 29578-1367

Phone: 843-448-7164 Email: office@fumcmb.org Website: www.fumcmb.org

Become a Fan: www.facebook.com/FUMCMB

Request emailed *Steeple*: thesteeple@fumcmb.org Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, *FOX Channel 7*

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

8:30AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE 8:30

9:45AM **Confirmation Class**
THE 925

9:45AM **Pre-K Sunday School**
VIA ZOOM

10:10AM **K-5th Grade Sunday School**
VIA ZOOM

11:00AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY

4:45PM **Children's Hand Bells Gr 2-6**
Children's Music K-1

5:20PM **Children's Hand Chimes K-1**
Children's Music Gr 2-6
WESLEY BUILDING

5:15PM **Youth @ N Campus**

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
Mask & Social Distancing
please

MONDAY, March 1

5:30PM **Adult Hand Bells** SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, March 2

9:00AM **Staff Meeting**
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

10:00AM **Lenten Study** CHAPEL

10:00AM **UMW Exec Board Mtg**
PARLOR

5:30PM **Church Council Meeting**
CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, March 3

7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES

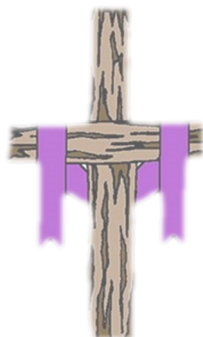
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM

1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

3:00PM **Suicide Prevention Clinic**
SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, March 4

10:00AM **Caregivers Group** ZOOM



**First Church MB
Long Term Planning
Ken Callahan
March 17-20, 2021**

First Church MB—Long Term Planning*
Ken Callahan
March 17-20, 2021

Planning Keys:

- Key 1 - One Mission Outreach
- Key 3 - Stirring, Helpful Worship
- Key 4 - Significant Relational Groupings
- Key 5 - Strong Leadership Team
- Key 6 - Solid Decision Process
- Key 7 - One Major Program
- Key 8 - Open Accessibility
- Key 9 - High Visibility
- Key 10 - Land Landscaping, and Parking
- Key 11 - Adequate Space and Facilities

Wednesday March 17

Session 6-8PM - Keys 8, 9, and 10

- North Campus & Main Campus visibility
- How can we make the contemporary service more visible?

Thursday March 18

Session 10AM-12PM Keys 8, 9, and 10

- How can we make our main campus more beautiful? (overrun shrubs)
- How can we best utilize 11 acres of land at the North Campus? We estimate 300 parking spaces with a \$1.6 million budget - which means that our parking spaces are roughly worth \$5,333/each - approximately 40 spaces belong to us on our property - the rest is all city parking

Session 2-4PM - Key 1

- How do our mission events become widely known in Myrtle Beach via word of mouth?
- What are we doing of major value for the people in our community?

Session 6-8PM - Key 3

- How do we use worship to reach our community? How many community services can we have? Easter, 4th of July, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas (10 Community services)
- How can we enhance our music program at the Main Campus and North Campus? If we are starting a worship service at the North Campus how should we consider our music up there? What type of music and worship?

Friday March 19

Session 9-11AM - Key 4

- How do we connect the community beyond Sunday School? We don't necessarily need to enhance our Sunday School - how do we reach people?
- Small groups as an evangelism tool.
- Beyond Sunday School, what sort of relationship groups would be helpful in our congregation?

Session 1-3PM Key 7

- How do we go about starting small groups from scratch?

Session 4-6PM Keys 5 & 6

- How do we raise up strong competent leaders?
- How do we make a helpful decision process? How do you make decisions? How do you make decisions and keep consensus?
- How do you blend new voices with old voices?

Saturday March 20

Session 9-11AM

- How do we recover from Covid?
- How do we recover from past senior leadership (minister and youth leaders)?
- How can we make the youth more visible and integrate them as a part of the church?

Session 1-4PM Key 11

- How can we best use the space and facilities at the Main Campus and North Campus?
- What sources of giving will be helpful to us?

*All sessions are open to anyone who is interested in attending.