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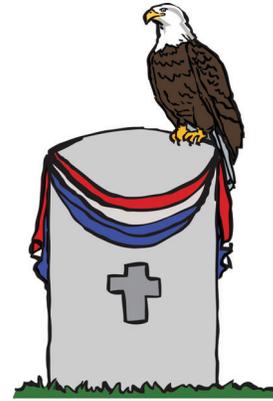
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MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25



A Day for
Remembering

Keep Up-to-Date through the Internet

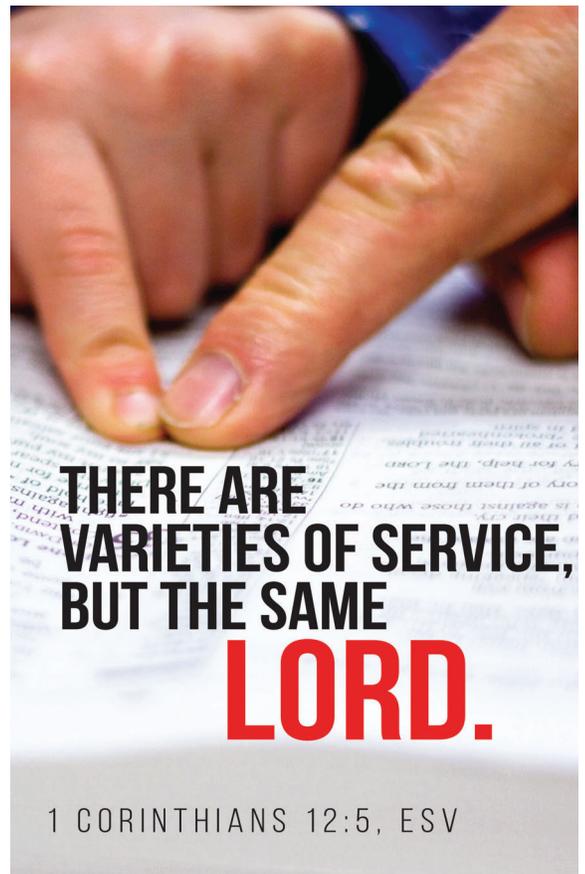
The FBCHHI Administrative Council met online at the end of April. Due to the Covid-19 Virus Shelter-in-Place requests and policies from our president, governor, and mayor, it was decided to continue online worship services and Bible Studies through May. Plans and preparations are already being made to continue keeping us safe when we return.

The staff will inform you at least one week in advance of our first service back in our sanctuary and of any other adjustments. At that time, you can decide what is best for you and your family when deciding when you will return to on-campus worship. In the meantime, please continue to join us online using the following links:



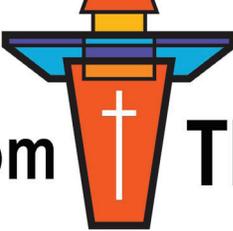
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- Facebook: First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island, SC
- Website: <https://fbchhi.org>

Go to page 5 to find links for connecting to Youth Sunday School and Wednesday Night Youth.



**THERE ARE
VARIETIES OF SERVICE,
BUT THE SAME
LORD.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:5, ESV



From The Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Church, God is still sovereign. He is still in control. He still loves you. In this time, remember those things, and be faithful to share that message with those around you who need to hear it.

Lessons I've Learned during COVID-19

- I am blessed with an incredible family. I have come to a much greater realization of how blessed I am with my incredible wife and four amazing daughters. This time together is something I will likely never have again, and God has reminded me to enjoy it often.
- I love our church. I mean, I seriously love you all and miss you dearly. This has been a great reminder to me personally about how blessed I am to be your pastor. The many calls, texts, emails, and meals that have been sent our way as Kristin recovers from surgery has been such an encouragement to us.
- I really enjoy worshipping together. Going to our church campus weekly with no one there has been a great reminder that our church does not consist of a beautiful campus at 100 S. Forest Beach, but of the amazing people that make that campus a church. I look forward to getting back together with you all as soon as possible.
- I do not do well in solitude. I somewhat knew this already, as I'm definitely an extrovert. Again, I'm thoroughly enjoying family time, but I also really enjoy being around lots of people. However, this has been a good lesson in realizing that I need to do better in solitude. This is something Christ practiced, sometimes at length (40 days in the desert) and sometimes in short spurts. I do well in short spurts, but I think I would go mad over 40 days. I need to work on that.

- I am not nearly as learned in technology as I need to be. I think most pastors across the US have encountered that same realization. Thanks for your patience as we do the best we can through virtual means, and as we strive also to grow in our abilities.

What have you learned? This is a great time to be in a constant state of reflection as we listen to God speaking into our lives about things we may take for granted, or perhaps areas in which we need to grow and trust Him more.

Worship Plans Update

Our Administrative Council has decided to continue meeting online for now, as we seek to honor our authorities and do our part to stem any upward trend in this COVID-19 curve. Thank you for your patience thus far, and please continue to be patient and pray for us as we make decisions our leaders and I have never had to make before. We will let you know when we plan to resume in-person services and the details that will come with that. We are working through some adaptations now as we prepare for resuming in-person gatherings, as we seek to limit both risks and any fears associated with it.

Well done!

Church, one more lesson God has shown me in this is my lack of faith. Never did I dream of going into this season of 'online only' gatherings that, as of the end of April, our giving would actually be slightly over budget. I was praying that we would not use up all of our emergency funds in this predicament. I believe God has shown us just a glimpse of what He can do in the financial realm, and He has used you to do so. Thank you for your generosity and the way so many of you have stepped up and given sacrificially in this time so that we aren't behind and having to cut ministry once we resume normal ministry.

Annual Mission Offering Need

As you continue to pray and give, please pray about our Annual Mission Offering. As I write this, we are still roughly \$12k shy of our \$40,000

goal. Due to the nature of this situation, we are extending that offering through May to try to meet our goal so that none of our supported missionaries have to be cut from our partnership with them. So, please pray about what God would have you to give to this offering.

Information Flow

During this time, we are using both Facebook and email to keep you updated on schedule changes and adjustments. Make sure to check your junk mail folder for emails from me and from Lynda Hopkins, and if found there, add our emails to your saved email list.

Again, if you have any questions, prayer needs, or any other needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can email me at bmyers@FBCHHI.org, Richard Wade at rwade@FBCHHI.org, or Brian Parker at bparker@FBCHHI.org. You can also reach out to your deacon with a need.

Church, I also want to thank you for your prayer for my wife and family as Kristin has battled some health issues this past month, and had to endure a couple procedures. So many people have reached out with prayer, encouraging words, meals, etc. We have felt very loved in this time, and we so appreciate the compassion you have shown us. This has been a time when the Church truly feels like "family." Thank you and we love you!

Continue to be a light to those around you at this time. Trust me: they are watching Christians to see how we respond in difficult times. And be ready to get back together! We are already making plans for our re-launch of sorts. It's going to be exciting! Church, I love you and I am so proud to be your pastor!

In Christ,

Pastor Brett Myers



A Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Our children are staying connected through the Internet. Dave Rasmussen is continuing worship for children on our Facebook page and Brian Parker is sending info to parents. Awana leaders are continuing their lessons online, too.

This would have been a busy month for our Children's Ministry with the Awana Awards Ceremony and "Dinner and a Show" with the Children's Choir musical and Youth spaghetti dinner fund raiser. Plans are to have these annual events when we return to our regular schedule. In the meantime, know that the church family misses seeing all of our beautiful children and can't wait for the time when we can be together again.



Reserve the Date July 20 - 24, 2020

We always look forward to Vacation Bible School each year. July 20th - 24th are the dates to pencil in on your calendar for children and volunteers. Stay posted as the dates may need to change due to circumstances related to the reopening schedule following the Covid-19 Virus closing. More information to follow.

"Kid's Matter to God and FBC."



TITHE.LY

How to Give Your Tithe While Social Distancing

We have had some questions about how to continue giving to our church with no on-campus worship services. You have four options.

1. You can mail a check to First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island, P. O. Box 5922, Hilton Head Island, SC, 29938. (The post office box is more secure than mailing to our street address.)

2. Give through the Tithely app via your desktop computer, iPad, or phone. Download the FBCHHI Tithely App using the link below for any device. Your App Download Link: <https://tithely.app.link/first-baptist-church-hilton-head-island>, then follow the prompts. Use for sermon notes, tithes, news, photos and more.

3. Give through our website online giving at <https://fbchhi.org/on-line-giving/>. There is a service

fee for using online giving through the Tithely App. You can choose to cover the online fee or choose to have the church cover it from our general budget giving.

4. Text to Give: The # for text giving is 864-619-4639. You just text the word GIVE using that phone number. First timer users will get a link to text giving set up. You put in the amount of money you want to give, then specify General Budget, Building & Maintenance, Missions, or to a Designated fund or ministry. You can do a one time gift or set up recurring gifts. Basically, anything you can do online, you can also do by text.

Call our Business Manager, Mary Hayes at 843-384-4396, if you have any questions or problems getting set up for online or text giving!

From the Student Pastor - Brian Parker

FBC Hilton Head Island Student Ministry

New adapted Coronavirus schedule

No on-campus student ministry events scheduled for this month at FBC

Zoom Digital Sunday School- Sundays 9:15 am

Student Ministry Gospel Project

Each Sunday morning we explore the stories and truths of the New Testament. The zoom link for our weekly Sunday School meeting is listed below.

<http://zoom.us/j/366219868?pwd=VWxidzJ5aTM3Zk53Zld1NzR5NW1KQT09>

Meeting ID: 366 219 868

Password: 007710

Zoom Digital Wednesday Night Sessions - Wednesdays, 6 pm

Corona Prayer Time/ Wednesday Night Sessions

During this time, our student ministry meets digitally each week to discuss current student topics centered on Scripture. Please don't miss these fun meetings as we grow and learn together.

<https://zoom.us/j/99791919260?pwd=RldBemJYUWNrNERiVGcxNmNhaHA4UT09>

Meeting ID: 997 9191 9260

Password: 093042

Zoom Student Ministry Team Meeting - Thursday, May 21st, 7 pm

Ministry Team Meeting- New Summer Schedule, walking out the continued long-term vision

Sunday Senior Recognition TBD

As we continue to review our timeline for when we will return on Sunday mornings. We plan to set the date for our senior recognition.

2020 calendar of events

www.fbchhi.org

May Coronavirus Edition

Tentative Summer Schedule to be announced as we approach June

As we try to prepare the best we can during this coronavirus season, we hope to have an idea of when our summer events will take place.

The events that were scheduled for the month of April and May have been moved, and we are continuing to monitor how and when we will be able to meet as a group again. Please check back in the next few weeks as we review and announce dates.

Summer Camp plans have changed:

Because of the Coronavirus issues causing summer scheduling shifting, our plans for summer camp will change.

Our plan, if Corona allows it, is a 4-day event at FBCHHI for our students and friends. This event is called 'Cola Wars' and includes crazy team competitions, t-shirts, dinner, worship, and Biblical teaching catered toward our teenagers.

The current date is **July 9th-12th - 6 pm - 9 pm** each evening.

Please mark your calendars and look to see how you can help us facilitate a great summer event for our students.

From the Music Ministry...

I'm sure I speak for the entire congregation of First Baptist Church of Hilton Head when I say that *I miss our times of worship together on Sunday mornings!* I am so thankful to the team of people who have been so gracious to put together our online worship experiences each week, but I miss gathering with all of our church family. As we anticipate a return to corporate worship (hopefully soon!), I thought this would be a good time to reflect on what worship is, and should be, in the Body of Christ.

Worship is an experience. It is an end in itself - not a means to something else. Karl Barth has declared that "the church's worship is the Opus Dei, the 'work of God,' which is carried out for its own sake." When we try to worship for the sake of certain benefits that may be received, it ceases to be worship; it attempts to use God as a means to something else. We should worship God purely for the sake of worshipping God.

To worship is:

- to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God
- to feed the mind with the truth of God
- to purge the imagination by the beauty of God
- to open the heart to the love of God
- to devote the will to the purpose of God

We worship because we cannot help worshipping! Worship is not a human invention; rather, it is a divine offer. God offers Himself in a personal relationship, and we respond. Christian worship defies definition - it can only be experienced. Certain experiences in worship are so intimate that the worshiper cannot share them. On the other hand, when people worship together, they need not only a unity of spirit but also a unity of understanding (worship "in spirit and in truth").

When we worship God, we celebrate Him, extol Him, praise Him, and boast in Him.

- We celebrate God when the musical prelude attunes our hearts to His glory.
- We celebrate God when we join together in earnest prayer and joyful song.
- We celebrate God when all the parts of the worship service fit together and work to a common end.
- We celebrate God when we give to Him hilariously and serve Him with integrity.
- We celebrate God when we enjoy and participate in music to His glory.
- We celebrate God as we hear His Word gladly and seek to be conformed by it more and more to the image of our Savior.

Worship is a celebration of God!

Until we meet again,

Richard 

MISSIONS

Support Deep Well and Our Lowcountry Blessing Box

At this time, we are not collecting items for tornado victims in Hampton County any more as we have been told they have plenty of what they need because of the generosity of many churches and people.

We are, however, continuing to collect items for both our Blessing Box and Deep Well. You can continue to donate the following items: pasta, canned meats, mac-n-cheese, soups, stews, jelly, canned fruit/veggies, paper towels, shampoo, soap, and of course, toilet paper.

You can drop your donations off on the front porch of the Family Life Center. Staff members are checking in daily and will get the things where they need to go.

If you have a need, contact a staff member for a confidential conversation.



Annual Mission Offering 2019-2020

Collected from November 1, 2019 - May 30, 2020

Goal - \$40,000

Total Collected through April 2020 - \$27,875

50% of the money collected goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

25% goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

25% goes to our Mission Fund to be used as designated by our Missions Committee.

Since we are not meeting as a church, the decision has been made to extend the collection for our Annual Missions Offering through May.

Our Missions Committee has the task to decide what mission's ministries and missionaries to support and if we do not meet, or come close to our goal, then they will have to make some tough decisions of which ministries and missionary support options they must reduce or eliminate.

By extending our annual missions offering collection dates, we hope to reach our goal so none of our supported ministries suffer.

Thank you so very much for your faithful and continued giving to spread the Gospel around through our community and the world.



Go to pages 8 & 9 for photos of how First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island members responded after the recent tornadoes in the Hampton/Varnville area and Mississippi.



RELIEF DISASTER



Thank you to all those who donated items that were delivered to tornado victims in the Hampton/Varnville area. We had enough items for two trips. And thank you to Dick Sanders and Ricky Bolt who delivered it.

Others in our church were active in clean up and assistance roles in both the Hampton area and in Mississippi. Photos on the next page show the destruction.

Remember to keep the people affected by these terrible storms in your prayers as they recover.



Tommy and Sherry Myers drove to Mississippi, their former home, to assist their friends and former neighbors with clean up from the tornado damage there. Some of our members went to the Hampton/Varnville areas assisting other organizations to serve the people affected by their terrible storms. And so many have given relief items or monetary donations to assist not only tornado victims, but also for those locally affected by the Covid-19 Virus Shelter-in-Place job losses. Thank you all for your servant's hearts. ***"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."*** Hebrews 6:10



SERVANT LEADER
 QUILTING SINGING SERVING OTHERS
 TRANSPORTATION ALTAR GUILD YESTEAMWORK
 THANK YOU READER
 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ACOLYTE GIVE
VOLUNTEER
 YOU USHERING GREETING MENTORING
 WORKING TOGETHER BEING AVAILABLE
 THE HEART OF EVERY CHURCH EVERY WHERE
ANSWERING THE CALL
 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS
STEPPING UP
 ASSEMBLING SCHOOL KITS
 DISCIPLESHIP
 FOOD PANTRY
 THANK YOU FOR SAYING YES

Meeting Needs

"My neighbor's material needs are my spiritual needs," said 19th-century theologian Israel Salanter. In other words, when someone else suffers hunger and poverty, when people endure a natural disaster and lack shelter, when another human being is sick or injured — in all such cases, God calls us to action. And God knows that whatever we do to meet those material needs will meet our spiritual needs at the same time.

It might be our spiritual need to expand our horizons into neighborhoods, cultures or situations where we're uncomfortable. We might need to grow in love for people different from us. By serving others, we might find our own sagging spirits nurtured with a sense of well-being or even joy. And as we reach out to help, surely we'll notice others doing the same thing, and our spiritual need for renewed faith will be met.

—Heidi Mann

who's your
1 ONE?

**10:02 PRAYER
 PRAY & GO**

Happy Mother's Day



First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island Has a Gift for You

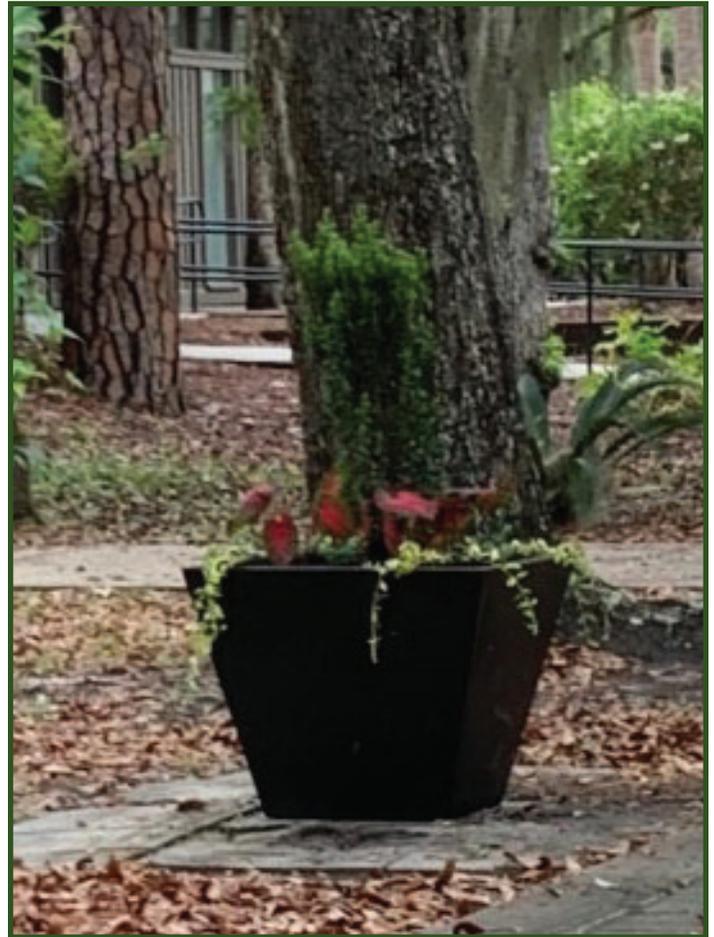
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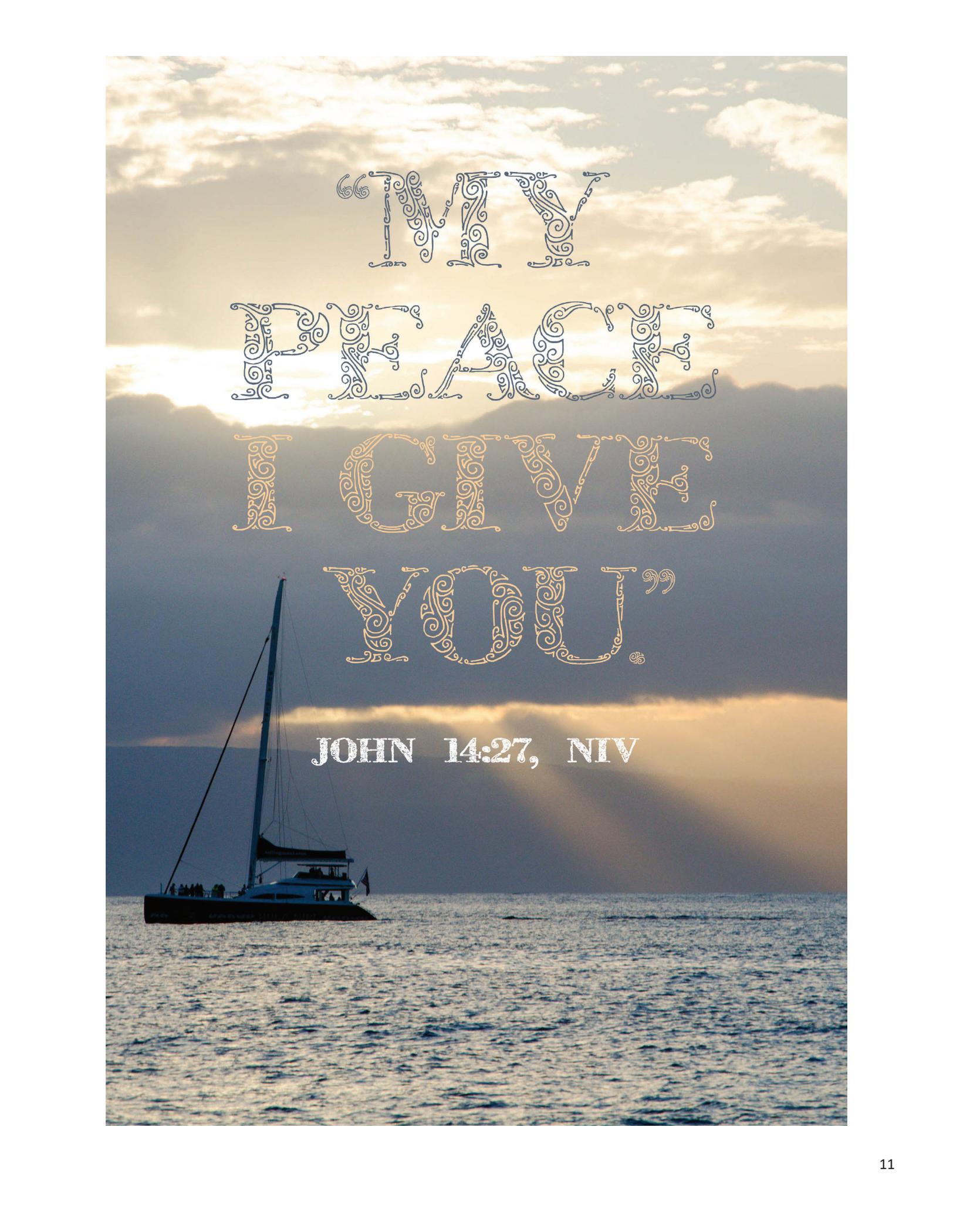
Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 03/31/20	\$ 218,260
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 03/31/20	\$ 218,213
Year-to-Date Expenses 03/31/20	\$ 187,160
Budget Receipts Goal for April 2020	\$ 67,157
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 04/30/2020	\$ 86,159
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 04/30/2020	\$ 54,448
Missions as of 4/30/2020	\$27,875



A Special Donation to Enhance Our Church Property



Thank you to some kind members that donated large planters for the front of the Sanctuary and Student Center. They make our church property even more beautiful.



“MY

PEACE

I GIVE

YOU”

JOHN 14:27, NIV



Sunday, May 3

9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.

Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.

10:30 AM - Online Worship via our website, Facebook or Youtube

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 PM - Youth Meet Online

Sunday, May 10

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.

Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.

10:30 AM - Online Worship via our website, Facebook or Youtube

Wednesday, May 13

6:30 PM - Youth Meet Online

Sunday, May 17

9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.

Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.

10:30 AM - Online Worship via our website, Facebook or Youtube

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 PM - Youth Meet Online

Sunday, May 24

9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.

Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.

10:30 AM - Online Worship via our website, Facebook or Youtube

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday - Remember our Fallen Heros

Church Staff will have the day off

Wednesday, May 27

6:30 PM - Youth Meet Online

Sunday, May 31

9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.

Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.

10:30 AM - Online Worship via our website, Facebook or Youtube



Committee Meetings for May

Committee members are to check with their Committee chairman to see if your committee will be meeting online and for the details of how to join the meeting.