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CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ August 16, 2020

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
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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 and 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended in the Sanctuary
Facebook Live @ 8:30AM

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

- **Sanitization** continues weekly and manually between services
- Please wear a **face covering** during worship—maintain **social distance**
- Access only through 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, NO Sunday School**

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of **congregation members—called Stephen Ministers**—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.



If you are interested in finding out more about the training to **become a Stephen Minister**, please **contact Gerrie Watson at info@gerriewatsonccim.com** or 843-424-9965.



Help4Kids SUMMER MISSION!

Sandwiches continue to be needed for area children now **through SEPT 2nd** on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Individually wrapped sandwiches may be delivered directly to Help 4 Kids by 9AM (MWF), 2523 Forestbrook Rd **OR** bring sandwiches to the **church office by 8:30AM (Wednesdays only)** for delivery.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"You are more valuable to GOD than a whole flock of sparrows."

~ Matthew 10:31 (NLT)

*First Church Weekly Readings: **

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

Aug 17	Psalm 17:1-7
Aug 18	1 Kings 3:16-27
Aug 19	Acts 5:12-16
Aug 20	Matthew 9:27-31
Aug 21	Galatians 3:23-29
Aug 22	Mark 7:24-29
Aug 23	Matthew 15:21-28

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

* Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Matthew 15:21-28;
Mark 7:24-30
"Great Faith"

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Monthly Mission in Motion for AUGUST

Happy Wheels Children's Ministry

A non-profit Christian program of the **Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital**. The goal of Happy Wheels is to brighten the days of **hospitalized children ranging from infants to age 17**. The Happy Wheels gift cart visits approximately **80 children each week**. During a child's hospital stay, a child **may choose a book, puzzle, or hand-held toy from the cart**. The value of each gift usually ranges from \$8-\$16.



Donation bins are located in the church office. Gifts will be delivered to MUSC Children's Hospital at the end of the month. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Charlene Andrea Jones

January 25, 1947—August 8, 2020

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



In special worship on **September 6th**, we will honor our local frontline **first responders**: medical personnel, police/firemen/EMS. In addition to reaching into the community, we would like to know all First Church members who represent these fields of service so we may also celebrate your service. **Please forward these member names** to Jennifer Hupko, hupko@fumcmb.org.



Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, SAFE SANCTUARY AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING previously scheduled for September 19th is cancelled until a future date TBD.

“Caregiver, the Messenger”

Proverbs 15:30: *Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.*

Referencing the book, **Real Solutions for Caring for Your Elderly Parent**, an aging parent may need help understanding common health problems that can be challenging. The caregiver plays an essential role in the sensitive nature of medical concerns. As parents age, it is important that they maintain regular contact with their physicians to monitor the aging process, particularly in the following physical systems: Skeletal, digestive, cardiovascular, and neurological. Overall physical health, proper nutrition and exercise are essential requirements for aging bodies. The caregiver should ensure that a parent schedules regular doctor visits because problems may arise, even if minor—small problems can become big ones.

For further reading, find this book in your local library or go to www.amazon.com. Please forward your thoughts or questions on this book to Rev. Meredith Dark, mmdark@umcsc.org.



UM Youth Fellowship: Summer Youth activities...

~Sunday Youth Group @ North Campus
6:30–7:30PM—Devotion and outdoor games only.

~Wednesday Workouts & Devotion
7PM @ 66th Ave North Beach Access (weather permitting). Feel free to come workout and/or hang out on the beach!

Youth @ North Campus



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Sunday, September 6th @ 4:00PM

Bring your backpack, wear your mask, social distance, and meet on the front lawn of the church to bless student backpacks.

Students will receive Bag Tags.

We will also recognize
**TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATORS,
AND
SCHOOL STAFF!**

All are welcome.



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Gifts as of 8/9/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 26,754
Giving YTD:	\$ 773,225
Expenses YTD:	\$ 878,976
Difference YTD:	- \$ 105,750
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	\$ 25,185

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 8/9/2020

◆ Worship:	125
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,061
◆ All Social Media:	6,841
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

First Church Thrift Store—CLOSED during COVID-19

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Happening This Week

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**NO Nursery, Communion
or Sunday School**

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

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

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, August 17

8:00-5PM **CHURCH OFFICE OPEN DAILY**
PLEASE OBSERVE DISTANCING

TUESDAY, August 18

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

