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# COMMUNICATOR

April 10, 2019

***Our Mission: To Live, Teach, and Tell the Gospel, so that all may encounter the Living God.***



## Together We Worship and the Dominican Republic

Last week I wrote to you from the hospital room where my dad was recovering from hip surgery. Today, I'm writing from the Dominican Republic. Robert and Mindy Watson, Jeff and Connie Pinkerton and I, journeyed on Monday to see about FBC doing mission work here. We are being hosted by Mission of Hope, primarily a Haitian ministry, that, due to political unrest in Haiti, is broadening their efforts to include the DR, and the Haitians living here.

While we are not certain of what the Lord would have us do as a church, it is both encouraging and heart breaking to see what is happening here. The DR, we learned today, has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the world. Their education system is woefully lacking, and poverty, of course, is systemic.

BUT GOD.... oh, what a phrase, has raised up Christians within the DR and through partnerships with others around the world, to offer the hope of the Gospel here.

So, as we think about the future of our church, think about the future of our mission to the ends of the earth.

Together We Worship, is not simply about replacing our heating and cooling systems and renovating our Sanctuary. This movement in our church is about proclaiming the Gospel until the Lord comes and building lifelong followers of Jesus to take this Gospel here, there and everywhere to the glory of God!

**SYMPATHY TO**  
**CONNIE & JEFF PINKERTON IN THE**  
**LOSS OF HER BROTHER**  
**THE FAMILY OF BETTY DAVIS**  
**(FORMER MEMBER)**

**APRIL 7, 2019**

Bible Study Attendance  
464

**2019 Budget Giving**

**YTD Budget**  
\$518,188.06

**YTD Giving**  
\$406,885.75

*When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:7-9*

**Church Office Hours**  
**8:00 am-5:00 pm**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**closed on Fridays**

**Pike Wisner**  
**Senior Pastor**

**Church Office**  
**903.595.1021**  
**Fax: 903.597.1855**

**Bible Study 9:30 am**  
**Worship 10:45 am**

# Easter LILIES

Easter lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning worship services April 21 as honorariums and memorials. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one in this way, please return a completed reservation form to the finance office. These forms are available in the church office and the Welcome Centers! The cost of one lily is \$10 and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 15.

**We are collecting candy for the**  
**Black Light Easter Egg Hunt.**

**Please drop off your donations in the buckets**  
**in the Welcome Center or church office.**



**VBS Needs:**

**We are collecting the following items for**  
**Vacation Bible School**

- 8 oz water bottles
- Clear Plastic Jars with screw on lids  
(jars like a peanut butter jar)

**Please drop off your VBS donations in**  
**the buckets by the Welcome Center and**  
**Church Offices.**

**Thank you!**

## Wednesday Night Supper Menus

Family Meal - 5:15 pm  
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April 10 - Chicken Alfredo  
April 17 - No Wednesday  
evening activities.

Make your reservations by  
Monday noon.

Sign up online, in your  
Sunday School class or by  
calling the church office.

Adults: \$7; Children: \$5;  
Family Max: \$20

## Welcome New Member



Dee White