

COMMUNION REFLECTION

“This is the Bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this Bread will live forever.” –Jesus



We'll be taking communion this morning.

John chapter 6 could be labeled “*the bread chapter.*” It starts with Jesus’ miraculous feeding of the 5,000. It ends with Jesus explaining the connection between manna, the communion elements, and Himself. In verse 58, Jesus summarizes what He has taught throughout the chapter.

This morning, as we prepare for communion, we will look at John 6:28. We will peruse back through the chapter to try and grasp the fullness of what He is teaching about Himself, about His purpose for coming down from heaven, and about what His coming means for believers, and for the rest of the world.

We will have a time of invitation before communion. One of the things I remember most about my dad as a pastor was his serious tone regarding the condition of the heart in taking communion. He always stressed that we should come to communion with a humble heart, that the moment we feel too unworthy to take communion is the exact moment we are actually prepared to take it.

This morning’s invitation will be an open altar call for those who wish to come forward, pray, and ask God to prepare their heart for communion. I encourage you to begin this prayer of examination now. It will make this morning’s reflection and remembrance a much sweeter time for you.

Pastor Mark

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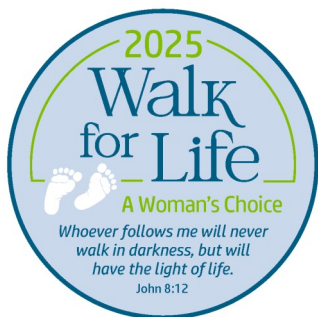
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

OCC (Operation Christmas Child) boxes, supply list, and more will be available on Sunday, October 26TH. Last year, Ardella packed and sent hundreds of shoeboxes, filled with toys, clothes, crafts, school supplies, personal hygiene items and lots of love in Jesus' name to children around the world. Pray for this year to be even greater!

See Kim Bedwell if you have any questions.

WALK FOR LIFE

Sign ups continue today in the Foyer and the Chapel. Walk for Life is a yearly walking event to raise money for A Woman's Choice Pregnancy Center. See Sue Bryant for more information.



When: Saturday, November 1st, 2025

**Where: 1st Pres Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801**

**Check in & walk anytime between
8:00–11:00 AM**

Pre-walk Festivities: 9:15 AM

Large Group Walk: 9:45 AM



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

CHEF'S SALAD & DESSERT

SIGN UP



\$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 for family (2 adults + kids)

***sign up in worship center foyer or chapel*

TODAY!

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER: 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION W/ CECIL BEACH

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

MEN'S/ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Men in Room 108-Women in Room 110)

WOW - A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Fridays, 9 am -11 am in the Fellowship Hall

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, October 19th - Baskets for cards and gifts are in the Foyer and Chapel.

BABY DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, October 26th, 9 am Service (See Pastor Mark T for info.)

WALK FOR LIFE (SAT. NOV. 1ST) - SIGN-UP TODAY!

In the Foyer or in the Chapel

ADULT FALL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 6th, 11 am-Sign up in the Foyer.





Coming soon!

Ardella Fall Market & Craft
Fair will be **Saturday**
November 8th

10am to 2pm.

To request a vendor
application, please email;

kim.w.bedwell@gmail.com.



“VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN WORSHIP AND TECH.”

Psalm 100; Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Worship Team is looking for instrumentalists & singers to serve on a rotation basis. We especially need the following to help relieve our current musicians and techs;

Guitar & bass guitar player

Sound mixers for livestream

Singers

(Call or text Brad, 561-339-7553)



Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	18,450.45
Missions	626.86
Total	19,077.31

BREAD OF LIFE?

October 12, 2025 John 6:51-58

sermon notes

The Bread of Life

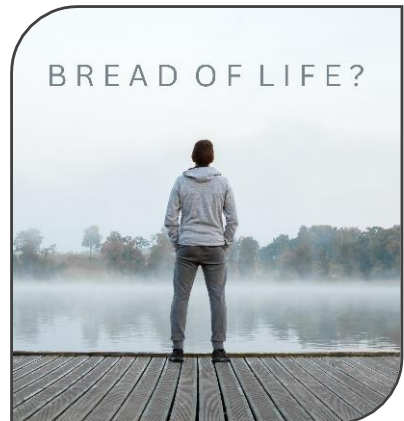
This is the bread. (58)

That **came down from heaven.** (58)

Not like the bread your fathers **ate and died.** (58)

Whoever **feeds** on this bread. (58)

Will **live forever.** (58)



reflection

What is written in these verses in **John 6** that set up Jesus' **illustration of Himself as "the bread"**?

John 6:1-13

John 6:25-27

John 6:30-34

How do these verses in **John 6** help explain what Jesus means by **"came down from heaven"**?

John 6:32-33

John 6:50-51

John 6:38-39

John 6:57

John 6:41-44

Connect **these dots**: O.T. manna, communion bread, Jesus.

How do these verses in **John 6** help us understand what Jesus means by **"feeds on this bread"**?

John 6:35-36

John 6:47-51

John 6:52-58

How do these verses in **John 6** connect Jesus to **"life"**?

John 6:27

John 6:50-51

John 6:33

John 6:53-54

John 6:44

John 6:57-58

John 6:47

What truths in this text **encourage your heart** as you take communion today?