

SECOND'S MATTERS

April 14, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

It's official, I love Spring Break in North Myrtle Beach. Last week, Lizzie and I were able to take some time and go on a Spring Break trip with some close friends. We were in a condo, on the beach, in the old person section of Myrtle Beach. It was a lot of time sitting by the ocean, going for walks, and taking naps — exactly my perfect kind of trip. This was my first time seeing the ocean, and I was surprised by how different it was from my other experiences with large bodies of water. I found the tide especially interesting with how much it changed the shoreline of the beach. It surprised me every day, but I am sure that it is normal for people who live by it.

The consistency of the tide and the waves reminded me of the consistency of God in our lives. No matter what life brings us, God shows up just like the tide goes out and then comes back in. Yet, how often does God's grace surprise us? When we know how consistent God is in our lives, I wonder why we are surprised when we see him at work? Friends, I encourage you to be more intentional in how you look for God at work in your lives. He is at work; we don't always recognize him. I wonder how that will change us as we become more attentive to his work.

From Your Music Director's Desk

Yesterday was the birthday of my daughter-in-law Chelsea. She is my son Brian's wife, and they live in LA. Brian asked me to provide a video of me telling a memory that she and I share, and he would play it for her on the day of her birthday. I have many memories to choose from, but I think my favorite is this one:

A couple years ago, I was out visiting them, and about two days after flying in, I became very ill and spent the next three days on their couch. Since I had a headache, she asked me if there was anything she could get for me, and I asked if she had an aspirin. Then she left. After about an hour, she returned with said aspirin, but she was soaking wet, as was her backpack and all the things in it. In addition, her umbrella was only a skeleton; all the fabric was ripped to shreds. Her hair was a mess, and her eye makeup was running down her cheeks. Neither of us had any idea how bad the weather was outside! And I had no idea that she would need to go out and get aspirin; I assumed it was in her medicine cabinet.

This has created one of the most enjoyable memories to look back on, and we laugh so hard in telling it to other people as we relive it. It goes to show the good heart that Chelsea has, and yes, that aspirin knocked my headache away. As you experience events with your friends and family, it is creating memories that are never forgotten, and it helps you get through the dry and dull times of our lives. I know God has a sense of humor, and I know He laughs with us as we visit that memory. What crazy fun memories do you have with your loved ones? I'm sure He is chuckling with you as you share those memories. God bless.

Sunday Worship, April 18

Seminarian Rebecca Hall will lead us in worship. Her message "Seed of Glory" is based on John 12: 20-3. Nursery and Story Hour programs are offered during worship. We also livestream the service and welcome your worship participation in-person or via our livestream: tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive

Sunday Worship, April 25

Seminarian Jodi VanWingerden will lead us in worship. Her message "Unsettling Grace" is based on Luke 12:13-21. Masks are recommended while in the building, and social distancing measures are in place.

Our Church Family

Please pray for **Jim Beadle**, who has been in Gerber hospital being treated for Covid and is being released today on oxygen, and for **Darlene** as she cares for him.

We extend Christian sympathy to the **Hoekman** family as **Polly** passed away Saturday. The funeral was held yesterday at church.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of **Mike and Mary Folkema**. Mary's grandmother passed away Monday, April 5. The funeral was held Monday in Grand Rapids.

Congregational News

Seminary Student Evaluations:

Each time we have a seminarian come and do pulpit supply, they need to solicit a few evaluations to receive credit with the seminary for preaching. Are you interested in filling out a sermon evaluation and helping out these students? Email Zach at zach@secondcrcfremont.org to be added to the list of evaluators.

FYSH Service Opportunity:

FYSH is planning to partner with AboveGroundGR, a local nonprofit that works with the homeless community. We plan to help deliver supplies and bring a meal to the people in these communities. We are also in the process of helping them collect school supplies for the approximately 200 children in the GR homeless communities. If you are interested in helping us with this - students are collecting pop cans, or you can donate by buying directly from their [Amazon Wish List](#). Using the wish list is critical because then all of the donations are the same and will not lead to theft. If you have any questions, please reach out to Zach or Kyle at zach@secondcrcfremont.org or kyledeeganmullin@gmail.com

Mobile Food Truck, Wednesday, April 21

On Wednesday, April 21, we will again arrange for drive-thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. Volunteers are needed - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell (audrascott@hotmail.com) or on the sheet on the literature ledge.

Attention Cookie Bakers:

We have resumed serving cookies (individually packaged - one to a baggie) and coffee/juice following the morning worship service. If you are willing to bake cookies for a Sunday morning, there will be a sign-up sheet on the coffee counter Sunday morning.

Offering Information

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings are: *April 18 – Second/Trinity Cadets*
 April 25 – Young Life Campership

Stock the Pantry

For the month of April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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