



Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church

From Your Associate Pastor:

Dear Church Family,

I'll be honest with you...I really am not sure how we have managed to get to the middle of September already! In some ways it seems like this year has crawled by, and in others it's moving with lightening speed!

I celebrate with you that Rev. Bob returns to his role here at the church as our Senior Pastor this week! The past 3 months have been a truly exciting time for my ministry here. I have learned so much and been challenged in different and unexpected ways. Being just over one year out of seminary and entrusted with shepherding a congregation of our size is surely a tall order, but I give thanks to our mighty God and to you for walking me through every step of the way!

Thank you for going on this summertime journey with me, for coming to worship (in person or online), for your honks, your notes of appreciation, your emails, and your love in general. Your continued support is what helps me recover from the more challenging weeks a little bit easier.

To say that Rev. Bob and I are a ministry team would be an understatement. We balance each other out in ways that allow us to use our individual gifts and strengths for the good of the entire church body. As he gets settled back into the office, we hope to set out a schedule for small group bible studies and other kinds of gatherings that will hopefully include both online and in-person opportunities this fall. I know you miss our study groups and we miss them, too!

I am beyond excited to learn with you what Rev. Bob will be sharing with us in the coming months and to discover where God is leading us next. Thank you for worshipping with us, thank you for learning with us, and thank you for loving others with us. With everything going on in our world today, I give thanks to God for each of you and for this wonderful church family that we have all built together in Jesus Christ.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."
Psalm 100:4-5

Blessings,

Rev. Melissa RevMelissa@driveinchurch.net

Church Happenings:

It has been an interesting 3 month's with Rev. Bob on Sabbatical. I just want to say how proud I am of Rev. Melissa and this congregation. You all never cease to amaze. 2020 is definitely one for the history books. Let's all continue doing God's work. Welcome back Rev. Bob, we missed you!

Let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Cindy Lumpkin, Administrative Assistant

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September/ October 2020

Important Dates:

- 9/23 Welcome Back Rev. Bob!
- 9/26 Volusia Recovery Alliance Movie Night
- 10/19 Zoom Elder's Meeting
- 10/21 Zoom Board Meeting
- 10/30 Trunk or Treat 6-8 p.m.

Facts and Figures:

Attendance:

August 2228

Offerings:

August \$52,403.69

"Enter His Gates" Capital Campaign Contributions:

August \$ 8,870.00



Sabbatical is winding down. Looking forward to being back next week. Also excited to be back with the folks I love serving God and this community with. I have much to share, but nothing can compare with what we share together. See you in worship on September 27!

Rev. Bob

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A Prayer of Blessing for Rev. Bob & Our Church

It is with joy that we welcome Rev. Bob back from his sabbatical this week, and offer this blessing on his leadership among us.

We know that "in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was re-freshed." And so we pray that you, our Creator God, will sustain a spirit of renewal in Rev. Bob as he steps back into his role here at Daytona Beach Drive In Christian Church. May the flame of excitement ignited as he explored new ideas and places continue to guide him in his work, so that his passion for your service burns strong.

May your light, O Lord, be kindled in each of us, that we may be a beacon of hope for you. Teach us all when to join in your creative work, and when to rest and seek the refreshment only you can give. Amen.

(From the book, "99 Prayers Your Church Needs [But doesn't Know It Yet]")

