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# Heartbeat

We want you here



## 2021 A New Year and Opportunity Share Your Faith

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity we have to be effective evangelist in the climate with live in today. That's why we are providing training so we all can learn and become better at sharing who Jesus is and what He came to do. Join us starting February 28th at 6pm.

### 3 ways to connect

1

CALL US

Pastor Pete: 352-441-4755

Church Office:  
352-486-2282

2

FACEBOOK

Stay up to date by  
following our FB page  
[@fbcbronson](https://www.facebook.com/fbcbronson)

3

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Keep a check for new  
things on our webpage  
[fbcbronson.org](http://fbcbronson.org)



### Support the children's table

We are still taking  
donations



### School Supplies for BES

If you would like  
to give towards  
school supplies,  
Please do!



### Clothes Closet New Hours

Our new hours are  
**9am - 3pm** every  
Tuesday.



**March 7th Sunday Night At 6pm**

**Bring your family or just come and laugh with us.**

We are having a great time at our family nights! We are planning to do 4 this year and **you are invited!** We have lots of fun with games, prizes, customs and learn practical things to grow our families **closer to God.**

**Calling all super heroes!** Dress up as your favorite super hero and come out for our hero themed evening. With hero themed games and a craft this night will be a blast. We will have lots of fun and learn all about the greatest hero of all, Jesus.



### **K - 5th Sunday Morning Skit class**

We are having a blast on Sunday mornings learning skits with the kids. If you know of a young one who would love to be a part we meet in the children's church room during the Sunday school hour.

**9:15 AM Sundays in C4**

## Are you in a group? If not, let me invite you. We need each other.

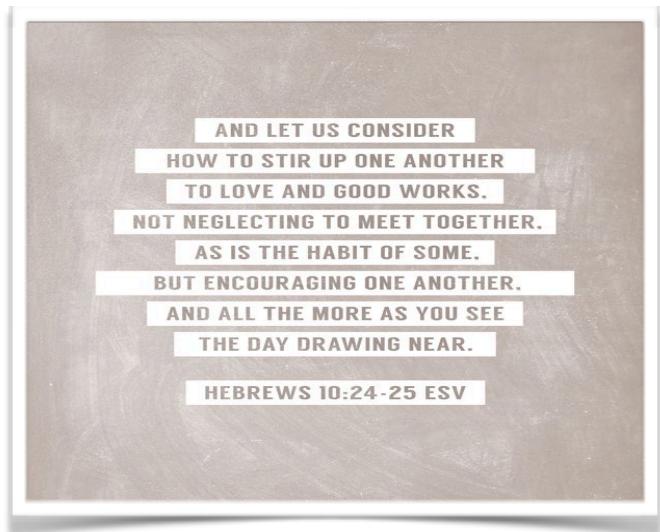
Our church's mission is to connect people to Jesus. Being a part of a **faith community** provides a wonderful opportunity for this to happen.

In our groups we learn God's Word, care for each other, praise God for who He is and what He's done, and pray to God for His help and guidance. It's our hope, that through the meaningful relationships formed in our groups, everyone can grow in their faith.

**All groups are at 9:15 Sunday Mornings**

**The Lighthouse group:** In the lighthouse room  
**Contact Danny Sprague for more info:**  
352-221-4847

**Senior Ladies:** In the Worship Center **Contact Sonja Simmons for more info:** 352-538-0398



**Soul Sisters Women's Group:** In the L building **Contact Candy Dean for more info:** 352-214-0015

**Nomads Men's Group:** In the L buiding  
**Contact David Bird for more info:**  
352-572-2674

**Senior Men:** In the choir room **Contact Steve Bird for more info:** 352-817-4711

**Senior Adults:** In L9 **Contact Cliff Norris for more info:** 352-538-7609

**Youth:** In L10 **Contact Seth Sache for more info:** 352-221-4935

## Phillis Cases at home with Jesus

We are having a service **Saturday Jan 30th at 10 am** for Ms. Phillis here at our church.

I know we all look forward to seeing our sister again. I miss her, but I know where she is, and I know she is full of joy and peace waiting to see us again.





## A Word from our Pastor

My dad is very interested in photography. He had stacks of magazines and books on photography. He built his own darkroom. He processed his own film and printed some very good photos. He was hungry to learn (starving, desperate, always digging, passionate) to learn more.

He studied a famous photographer Ansel Adams. Adams had a gift for black and white landscapes. He could use light and dark to make more than a picture—he painted a scene, delicate in its subtlety. My dad studied the photo's. He read what Adams said he had to do to get the print to work like he wanted then my dad would pour over the photograph with a magnifying glass. We went to an exhibition at a museum and my dad was overwhelmed by the artistry.

Ansel Adams had a photography school. (I believe in his later years he made more money from his celebrity than his photography.) My dad wanted to go. He studied the brochure (long before the internet.) He found a few famous photographers who had attended and talked to them on the phone. He read books and journals of people who were moved by the experience. I think there were one-, two-, and three-week classes. My dad never got to go. By the time he had enough money, Adams was old, he passed the school on to someone else. it wouldn't even be the same.

The first day, Adams told the students to leave all their cameras in the hotel room. He gave them each a 12-exposure instamatic camera and a hula hoop. They went to a nearby field and threw the hula hoops as far as they could. Then Adams told them to stand in the circle of their hoop and take 12 pictures. No other instruction than that. Find something worth photographing (actually 12 somethings!) And Ansel Adams would critique them.



My dad was impressed with the simplicity of finding subjects. His photography changed. Earlier he took great photos, now my dad was learning to capture scenes. They had meaning, mood, a theme, and many times a story.

I believe we all could use a spiritual Ansel Adams. Someone who can inspire us to examine our lives carefully. Place our life up against a standard that is artistic perfection. I know there are shadowy parts of my life that I would rather stay in the dark. But Jesus knows they are there. There are bright overexposed things that could use a little less contrast and a lot more restraint. Maybe we need to start with the small horizon within that hoop. What is within arm's reach that either honors God or dishonors Him. Adams knew that 12 decent photographs would be a lot harder than 100 mediocre ones. In our digital age, I'm afraid we take a lot of looks but rarely study our life asking God "Is this good?" "Does this need to be changed?"