

# Rev. Ray Simms Pastor's Report

May 19, 2026

## Worship:

Held In-person and Live Streamed Worship – April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2026

## Congregational Care: (Month of November)

- All Visits: 23
- Memorial Service: 0
- Calls: 85
- Cards: 16
- Emails: 115
- Text Messages: 80

## Meetings and Events

### April

22<sup>nd</sup> – Celebrated Administrative Professional's Day/Hospital Visitation

25<sup>th</sup> – Church Picnic/MCC's Small Group Meeting/Cake Pick-up/Visitation

26<sup>th</sup> – Rainbow Housing Coalition Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Club Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> – Meeting Angel Toro Wedding planning/Congregant Telephone Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with congregant home visit/hospital visitation

30<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Ed March/Meeting KOP FAST team leadership.

### May

3<sup>rd</sup> - Social Justice Meeting/Pride Team Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Lewis Hill (Pack-a-sack)/Food Pantry Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> – Brite Divinity School Graduation

10<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Service

13<sup>th</sup> – Meeting Equality Florida Faith Initiative

14<sup>th</sup> – Termite Control Assessment/Vice-Moderator Meeting/Tech Team-Worship Team Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> – Meeting with Mark Ferreira MCC Tampa Worship Leader

16<sup>th</sup> – Equality Florida Gala

18<sup>th</sup> - FAST-Joshua Assembly

19<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting/BOD Meeting

Over the past several weeks, ministry at King of Peace has been marked by a steady rhythm of pastoral care, community engagement, and leadership collaboration. This period reflects the congregation’s deep commitment to justice, hospitality, and spiritual care, and it has been a privilege to help guide and support that work.

**Pastoral Care & Congregational Support** The final week of April included several points of direct pastoral care. Administrative Professionals’ Day on April 22 was observed with gratitude, paired with hospital visitation that continued throughout the month. April 25–30 included multiple congregant visits—both in homes and hospitals—along with pastoral conversations by phone and in person. These encounters provided opportunities for prayer, presence, and support during times of illness, transition, and personal need.

**Community Partnerships & Justice Work** Engagement with community partners remained strong. I attended the Rainbow Housing Coalition meeting on April 26, followed by the FAST leadership meeting on April 30. Early May continued this momentum with Social Justice and Pride Team meetings on May 3, and a Food Pantry and Pack-a-Sack discussion session on May 4. Participation in the FAST Joshua Rally on May 14 and the Equality Florida Gala on May 16 further strengthened our congregation’s connection to regional justice efforts.

**Congregational Life & Ministry Teams** April 25 brought a joyful church picnic and MCC small-group gathering online, fostering fellowship and connection. Dinner Club met on April 27, and throughout the month I supported ongoing ministry coordination, including wedding planning, worship preparation, and leadership development. Meetings with the Tech Teach/Worship Team, Vice-Moderator, and various ministry leaders on May 14 helped ensure smooth operations and continued growth.

**Denominational & Educational Milestones** A significant personal and professional milestone occurred on May 8 with my graduation from Brite Divinity School. This achievement reflects years of integrating scholarship with practical ministry and will continue to enrich my service to

the congregation. On May 15, I met with Mark Ferreira, Worship Leader at MCC Tampa, strengthening inter-church collaboration within our denomination.

**Worship Leadership & Special Services** Worship leadership continued with care and creativity, including the Mother's Day Service on May 10. Preparations for upcoming services and pastoral rites—such as weddings—were supported through meetings and planning sessions throughout the month.

**Governance & Administration** The reporting period concluded with Staff and Board of Directors meetings on May 19, grounding our ministry in shared leadership.

Staff Time Off

Rev. Ray June 8-11<sup>th</sup>.

Jeremiah June 14th