

First Presbyterian Church

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A New Pastor!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

With a unanimous vote during a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19, First Presbyterian Church of New Smyrna Beach voted to call a new pastor, Rev. George T. Head. This was the culmination of nearly three years of uncertainty; not knowing where the church was going or how we would get there without an installed pastor. Yet God had a person and plan and the congregation remained faithful until the time the Pastor Nominating Committee, also remaining faithful, listened and followed the leading of the Holy Spirit as the path was made clear, the person God had chosen was identified, and the next portion of God's plan began to unfold.

Following the motion to call Rev. Head, the congregation watched a presentation that included Rev. Head's biography, experience, ministry style, activities, and interests. Each of the slides was enhanced by personal comments and insights from a member of our Pastor Nominating Committee.

George was born and raised in southern Florida with music being an important part of his life and worship expression. He graduated from Jacksonville University with a degree in music performance (Opera and Cello) and music continues to be an integral part of his life and ministry. He attended Columbia Seminary in Georgia and began his ordained ministry as an Associate Minister at Peachtree Presbyterian, our denomination's largest congregation, in Atlanta. He comes to us from serving a congregation in Palatka, Florida and in between those, he has served with congregations in Auburndale, Florida, and Columbia, South Carolina.

New Smyrna Beach is now home to George, wife Debra, a reading teacher at New Smyrna Beach High School, and son Wilson, an honor student and soccer player at NSBHS. Another son, Michael, lives in Nashville, Tennessee. George and Debra are grandparents to Harvey, born last year to son Kirby and his wife Rose, who live in Jacksonville. George continues to enjoy playing the cello and is an avid bicyclist, having crossed 31 states by bike! He and Debra enjoy kayaking locally and traveling to many different countries.

A portion of George's Statement of Faith includes, "I believe in one just, holy, and eternal God, who created the world and all that is in it intentionally, and for a purpose...God is revealed to us through creation, through scripture, and most clearly through the person of Jesus; the only begotten son of God...He has redeemed the world and broken the power of sin and death. By his resurrection, we are born into the promise of eternal life with God...Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we study scripture, pray, worship, and minister to others, living out the good news of the Gospel message... Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God continues the work of reconciliation through the church...The church is the open door that is wiling and ready to minister to the needs of humankind."

This article includes a small portion of the information shared and there are packets in the church office with some more detail. The joyful part for us is that we are in the very beginning of getting to know Rev. Head, Debra, and Wilson as people, not simply information on a page or in a presentation. The future is bright as we begin to share in ministry together in this congregation and in our community.

Thanks be to God!

Rev. George & Debra Head



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WORSHIP CELEBRATION IN DECEMBER

10 am Worship Celebration *

Sunday, December 3: Message from Rev. Dr. Bob Anderson...Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 10: Message from Rev. Dr. Bob Anderson

Sunday, December 17: Message from Rev. Dr. Bob Anderson

Sunday, December 24: 10 AM: Message from Rev. Dr. Bob Anderson...
Blood Pressure Sunday..."know your numbers"

7 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 31: Message from Rev. Dr. Bob Anderson

* Fellowship Hour after Worship each Sunday.

*Nursery Provided

9:30 A.M. - PRAYER/PASTOR'S OFFICE

10:00 A.M. - KID'S CONNECTION

10:00 A.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 A.M. - FELLOWSHIP HOUR

PARKING LOT DROP-OFF AREA

The Newman's Crewmen created a "drop-off" and "pick-up" area in our main parking lot leading to the north exits. Our purpose in creating this area is to provide a safer place to drop off and pick up members and guests. We ask that you consider using this area for everyone's safety. Signs will be displayed to direct drivers into and around the area. Please be sure to pull up all the way to the **YELLOW** parking bumper. Thank you.

CHURCH STAFF

<u>Pastor</u> Rev. Dr. Bob Anderson	<u>Office Manager:</u> Gale Bowser	<u>Deadline for Bulletin:</u> Tuesday by 12:00 noon
<u>Director of Christian Education and Outreach:</u> Ann Marie D'Alessio	<u>Pastor Emeritus:</u> Rev. Dr. Bill Chegwin	<u>Good News Articles:</u> Third Friday of each month
<u>Choir Director:</u> Babs King	<u>Parish Associate</u> Rev. Bev Richardson	<u>Session Reports:</u> Thursday before Session
<u>Organist:</u> Deb Fasanello	<u>Nursery Staff:</u> Audrey Geer	<u>*OFFICE HOURS:</u> The office will be opened Mon-Fri 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.
<u>Accompanist/Pianist:</u> Tim Murphy	<u>Librarian:</u> Jinnie Schow	
<u>Praise Team Leader:</u> Randolph Cromwell	<u>Custodian/Maintenance:</u> Bruce Wilson	
<u>Sound Technician:</u> Steve Looney		

DEACONS, ELDERS AND TRUSTEES

<u>Deacons:</u> Mary Cain Leigh Chegwin Melissa Hall Sonny Hall Doug Oliviera Dot Rogers Jinnie Schow Moderator: Mary Cain Deacon of the Month: Dot Rogers	<u>Ruling Elders:</u> Bob Arfstrom Kent Davis Rodney DeYoung Rae Lyn Dobson Laurie Grizzard Susan Stuckey Frank Ibbotson Peggy Imbert Martha Nighswonger Anne Perdue Patti Snow Clerk of Session: Anne Perdue Treasurer: Becky Routh Weddle
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Session Assignments for 2017: Budget & Finance Committee: Bob Arfstrom Building & Grounds: Kent Davis & Frank Ibbotson Nomination Committee: Sonny Hall, Ruling Elder Peggy Imbert, Jill Migliara, Carolyn Peters, Rod Richardson, and Ruling Elder Susan Stuckey Personnel Committee: Anne Perdue Education Committee: Patti Snow & Susan Stuckey	Outreach/Fellowship Committee: Laurie Grizzard, Frank Ibbotson & Peggy Imbert Evangelism/Missions Committee: Rodney DeYoung & Laurie Grizzard Worship Committee: Rae Lyn Dobson & Martha Nighswonger Trustees: Rodney DeYoung, Laurie Grizzard, & Peggy Imbert
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SECURING THE CHURCH REMINDER!

Please remember: If you unlock a door, you are responsible for locking it again when you leave! **Please help keep our church and staff safe.**



HANDICAP PARKING:

Please remember that the Handicap parking spots on both sides of Anderson Street are for Handicap Vehicles **ONLY.** Also make sure you are **not parking on the sidewalk or you will be fined by the city.** Thank you.



ADMINISTRATION

TREASURER'S REPORT			PER MEMBER PER CAPITA	
OCTOBER YEAR-TO-DATE			FOR 2017 IS \$16.50.	
1/1/2017 – 10/31/2017 (10 months)			Per Capita for October 2017: \$53.00	
			TOTAL YTD: \$1001.50	
			Per Capita for October 2016: \$.00	
			TOTAL YTD: \$ 787.00	
			ATTENDANCE:	
			October 2017: 598 (5 Sundays)	
			October 2016: 606 (5 Sundays)	
1/1/2016 - 10/31/2016 (10 months)				
Income	\$ 25,429.28	\$ 212,640.99		
Expenses	27,167.23	280,333.92		
Difference	-\$ 1,737.95	-\$ 67,692.93		
Income	\$ 23,727.36	\$ 267,843.36		
Expenses	30,187.94	299,392.74		
Difference	-\$ 6,460.58	-\$ 31,549.58		

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER MEETING

On November 16, 2017, the Deacons and Ruling Elders met for an annual joint meeting. It was a time of fellowship, as well as questions and answers, explanations, clarifications, and excitement about the new and renewing opportunities for ministry and mission of our congregation. Following the meeting, both the Deacons and Session met separately for the regular monthly meetings.

- 1. Session heard the report from the Treasurer that, in October, our church's excess of expenses over revenues was only \$1737, which is much improved over previous months. There are multiple reasons for the improvement, including having fine (5) Sundays in the month, increased congregational giving, and fewer pastoral expenses.
- 2. Heard a report from the Finance Committee of the very positive response of the congregation to this year's Stewardship program with increased giving and pledges for 2018.
- 3. Approved a Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service of Lessons and Carols for Sunday, December 24, with Tim Murphy at the piano.
- 4. Approved a program of sharing Christmas cards with one another in the congregation on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.
- 5. Heard a report from the Fellowship Committee of each of the activities included with our Fellowship Time following worship during the month of December. Session is looking forward to many people participating.
- 6. Approved a special music program, led by Charlie King, for Sunday afternoon, February 18, 2018, at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. The program, entitled "Name That Song" is free, open to the public, and will be an enjoyed by all.

WEBSITE INFO

FPC Website & Facebook Page



WEBSITE - Have you checked out our new FPC Website? Go to www.FirstPresbyterianNSB.com. It has to be spelled exactly like this. The capital letters do not matter at all. At the top of every page, there is a link for the sermons. There is a link toward the bottom of the front page to the most recent Newsletters, including the detailed calendar. The other links, such as Worship, Fellowship, Education, Youth, Missions, and Celebrate Recovery, scroll with you on every page, so they are always easy to find. At the bottom of every page, there is also a quick link to our FPC Facebook page and our YouTube videos.

FACE BOOK - If you are on Facebook, look for First Presbyterian Church in New Smyrna Beach. Just under the large photo of the church property, be sure to click the Like—Thumbs Up button.

Then you will start seeing the postings from FPC. Be sure to Comment, Share, or Like the posting when it comes through your Newsfeed.



We will always need content information and photos to keep both the website and the Facebook Page up-to-date. Please send anything to the church office, GoodNews@FirstPresbyterianNSB.com.

MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE



EVENTS

SERMONS



We are excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.FirstPresbyterianNSB.com
- 2) Click on the GIVE button, at the top of the page
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button
- 4) Follow the on-screen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



In addition to going through the FPC website, there are also easy options with your smart cell phone using the app GIVE+ or this QR Code, which will be printed on the Newsletter and the Weekly Bulletin. Either one will take you directly to our online giving website.



PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE & PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL...

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

What do we do at Praise and Prayer on Wednesdays? We sing and pray!
This is one of the most important hours of the week in the life of our church family.
Please consider making this a priority in your life and attend as often as able.



PASTOR'S CORNER

To All the Saints at FPC:



Pastor Bob's Christmas Message

Black Friday has become "Black Week" or Black Month" over the years. Each year the Christmas shopping gets earlier and longer! It started with getting to the stores early on the Friday after Thanksgiving; then it shifted to Thanksgiving evening; and now it is going on all week—or, at least, the previews of the Black Friday sales are going on the last two weeks leading up to the traditional Black Friday.

I remember that I was once asked why the Friday before Easter is called Good Friday when we remember Jesus' crucifixion on that day. "Shouldn't it be called 'Black Friday' or some other somber designation?" Of course, it is called "Good Friday" because Jesus' resurrection follows his death, and we know that the doorway to God's good life is crucifixion/resurrection.

Advent and Christmas and Epiphany is such a season of joy that it is a shame that the color to start it off is black! All other colors are much more in keeping with the angel's announcement to the shepherds outside Bethlehem on that first Christmas day!

"Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide. A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

This announcement was followed with an angelic choir singing

"Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him." (Luke 2:12-14 The Message)

But, black is the color of the hoped for "bottom line" for businesses, and sadly that blackness often is allowed to overshadow the true meaning of Christmas. There wouldn't be a "Black Friday" as we know it if there wasn't a birth in Bethlehem for there would be no presents to buy. There wouldn't be a Good Friday or Easter if there wasn't a birth in Bethlehem. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:17 would be sadly, bleakly true. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

There are a lot of layers, like the layers of an onion, to peel away to get to the core of our Christmas/Easter faith. It takes work to strip away the things standing between ourselves and the meaning of Christmas. Christmas sales are certainly one layer. The outlandish busyness of this season is another. The height of joy felt by many people when inside many are crying is another one. But, once we cut through it all and come to the central, eternal truth about Christmas, we find the blessing is incredible! But, the hope we find in the Christmas birth cannot be separated from the Good Friday death and Easter's resurrection. For the resurrection confirms the hopes and dreams present in the birth and life of Jesus. All that was hoped for in the birth of the Messiah; all the things Jesus did and said that brought abundant life to people; all the things Jesus said about being loved and forgiven; all that Jesus did to show us the true nature of God were ratified and verified in his resurrection. Easter's resurrection is God's mighty stamp of approval on the life and death of Jesus!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sponsored by **BE LONG**
Christian Women's Community Outreach Group
www.nsb belong.blogspot.com

CHRISTMAS TEA ★ PARTY

Music
Provided
By Pianist,
Tim
Murphy

Sing-Along
Holiday
Favorites

Please Join **BE LONG** In Celebrating This Christmas Season To Spread
LOVE ★ JOY ★ KINDNESS
Bring Unwrapped Toy For The Gifts Of Love For Families In Need

Lunch & Program \$12.00
Tuesday December 12, 2017
11:30-1:30
Eubank Hall
509 Magnolia St.
NSB

RSVP Are Essential by
Thursday, December 7th
Email: nsbbelong@gmail.com
386-427-0527

WEAR
A FUN
HAT!

Please
Bring
Non-Perishable
Food For Local
Food Pantries

FELLOWSHIP

**First Presbyterian Church
of New Smyrna Beach**
509 Magnolia St
NSB, FL 32168

December 23rd

Hope to see y'all there!

Join us once a month for:

HARTLY

...a time of worshipful singing, fellowship,
and enjoying the presence of God.

**Fellowship with those who share the same heart. Listen to inspired scripture
reading. Come sit and rest in God's presence during a time that is open to all.**

The last Saturday of every month in the Fellowship Hall from 7 PM to 8 PM.

ACTIVITIES

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

After Mary learned she was pregnant with God's Son, what relative — also miraculously pregnant — did she go visit?

- A. Esther
- B. Elizabeth
- C. Anne
- D. Anna



Answer: B (See Luke 1:39-41.)

PASTOR'S CORNER

The danger is that we will be swept away in all of the hoopla of this holiday season, and we won't do the work necessary to peel away the layers to find the reason for the season. If you start to get swept away and in danger of drowning in the current of secularism, as you are sinking, raise your hand and Jesus will grasp it and pull you to safety!

"Blest be the tie that binds" is more than a familiar song. There is a tie that binds us to one another, and it is the Holy Spirit. Bound together in worship and prayer and study and service in Jesus' name, we can weather the secular storms of the season! We are sisters and brothers in Christ, and we can help one another celebrate the reason for the season! Jesus is born, and we have full and abundant life in him!

*"Reason
for the
Season"*



Come, gather with the people of God in worship this Advent/Christmas Season. Find your hope in the things that build for eternal life, rather than in the things that are here today and gone tomorrow.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

and

Enjoy God's blessings today!

Bob

FROM THE PASTOR



It was early October that the Session of FPC asked me to become the "bridge" pastor. It would be an adventure for both FPC and me. The hope was that it would be good for the congregation to have the same pastor lead worship each week until the new pastor is called. Bridges carry us over things like streams, highways, and valleys. A bridge pastor fills the space between the time the interim pastor leaves and the next installed pastor arrives. The start of the new pastor here at FPC is in sight.

At the end of this bridge (pastorate) is a divergent path. You and your new pastor will begin a wonderful, exciting, Spirit led journey of faith serving Jesus Christ. Diane and I will take another path in our own wonderful, exciting journey of faith into places led by the Spirit. We want to thank each of you for welcoming us into your heart and into the First Presbyterian Church family. It has been a blessing to us to be with you! You are in our prayers—you and your new pastor—that you will have blessed ministry together!

Saying "good by" always has sad part to it. It sounds so final. But, we may run across one another from time to time. So, for now..... **See Ya!** Bob and Diane.

ELECTION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Praise to God and thank you to each person below for saying yes to God's call on your heart to serve God and our church as a Deacon or Ruling Elder! Those listed below were elected at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

DEACONS

Melissa Hall
William "Sonny" Hall
Jane McConnell
Chuck Nighswonger
Virginia "Jinnie" Schow
Susan Stuckey

RULING ELDERS

Jeff Abbott
Susan Barringer
Marilyn Lindley
Rod Richardson

UPCOMING EVENTS

POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH @ 11AM

Come join us in "celebrating the reason for the season" on Sunday, December 10th after worship for a "Potluck" Lunch Christmas Party in Eubank Hall. Bring your favorite side dish to share! Main meat will be supplied. Nativities are needed for table centerpieces for our Christmas Party, if you wish to donate please bring it to Gale.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH @ 10AM

Come join in for an hour of music and worship with our Joyful Singers' Cantata on Sunday, December 17th. A reception immediately following in Eubank Hall.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH @ 10AM & 7PM

We will be having two services on Christmas Eve, 10AM with Fellowship in Eubank Hall immediately after worship and an evening service at 7PM. Please join us for both if you can. Merry Christmas...remember the reason for the season!



CELEBRATION

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/4 Bob Swadner	12/19 Mary Martin
12/8 Judy Cooper	Carol Miller
Lincoln Holl	Brian Williams
12/10 Dana Lewis	12/21 Wendell Henderly
12/16 Mike Barringer	Gordon Newman
12/17 Joy West	12/24 Paul Hyder
12/18 Marsh Fenstermaker	Diana Mullen
	12/26 Kat Pontiac
	12/27 Bruce Wilson

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/10 Larry and Shirley Hamilton
12/23 Chuck and Dottie Smeenge



DECEMBER FLOWERS

12/3 Available
12/10 Available
12/17 Available
12/24 Available
12/31 Richard & Annette Nichols for the birth of Jesus and a healthy, happy and safe 2018 for all.



Did we forget your Birthday or Anniversary? Please let the office know and we will make sure that we have you in our computer with the correct dates.

If you would like to donate flowers for Sunday services, please call the church office @ 428-2397. Donations are now \$25 and can be placed in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS CARD GIVING

GIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OTHERS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

Would you like to give a Christmas Card to your brothers and sisters in Christ within the congregation of First Presbyterian Church? We're going to make that easy and free this year!

- Step One - Place the Christmas card in an envelope and write the recipient's first and last name on the envelope
- Step Two - Place the envelopes in the appropriate plastic bin (in alphabetical order by first letter of the last name) in Eubank Hall during the Fellowship Hour on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.
- Step Three - Look under the last initial of your name to pick up your Christmas cards

So bring your Christmas cards with you on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, to give to others in the congregation and pick up the ones others have given to you!



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP has had enjoyable meetings during October and November; in October, several of our women gave inspiring **TESTIMONIES** of God's Goodness and Faithfulness in their lives. November - with our theme of **THANKFUL THURSDAY** found us looking into the Bible to remember some of the many wonderful gifts that God bestows on His people. Many times in our daily lives we give thanks to God for His Provision, His Help and

His Presence; but we often "take for granted" some of the many gifts that we receive as believers in Jesus Christ. We took time to remember that 'We Are Chosen', 'We Can Know that God Loves Us'; 'We have the Gifts of Salvation and Forgiveness'; 'We have the Gift of Faith'; 'We have the Blessed Assurance of Eternal Life'; We are assured that God Hears and Answers our Prayers; and that we do not have to Work our Way to Heaven - that's something we cannot earn!

Looking forward to our December 7th Meeting, we will focus on "**CHRISTMASAccording to the Angels**" as we think about these important "messengers" announcing Christ's Birth! As we hear about the Angels in the Christmas Story, we will enjoy singing those beloved Carols that remind us of the "GOOD NEWS of GREAT JOY to ALL PEOPLE." We will be preparing Gifts for Women that are connected with REANNA Ministries, directed by our beloved Kat Pontiac. Our December meeting will include a lovely "Christmas Luncheon".

We Welcome newcomers to join in this "short, but sweet" time of Christian Fellowship. So please come! (1st Thursday of every month, 10:00- Noon)



You can call Judie Stack if you have any questions: 386-492-3086

CONTINUING SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study - Romans

Mondays 1p – 3p
Ed & Anne Perdue
281 Casa Grande
Edgewater 32141



Holy Spirit Alive

The Spirit Filled Life by Charles Stanley
Wednesdays 10a – 11:30a
Education Building Room 4
Bob Arfstrom

Reformation

Tuesdays 6:30 food, 7:00 study,
Ron & Susan Stuckey
726 Dougherty Street
NSB 32168
(Start Mid-January)

CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

On December 5th Central Florida Presbytery will be meeting at Maitland Presbyterian Church. Our new Pastor, Reverend George Head, will be received into the Presbytery. Everyone is invited to attend. For additional information please contact Anne Perdue @ 386.957.4222.

WORSHIP

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Thelma Hansen, Jane Jeffrey, Verna Keppel, Bert Lindley, Dusty Rhodes, Lew Taylor, and the Celebrate Recovery Members.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

- For the salvation of our unsaved family members and friends.
- For a renewal of the Holy Spirit throughout our church.
- For a clear vision of what God wants us to do.
- For our public officials.
- For peace throughout the world.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request email Ed Perdue @ ed0803@cfl.rr.com or fill out a prayer card. If you would like to pray with someone, Bobbie Rieck is available to do that with you. If you would like to do an 8-Week Prayer Study please call Bobbie @ 386.427.0514.

PRAYER CARDS

The prayer cards in the pew racks are for your use when you or someone you know is in need of prayer. Fill out the card with as much information as possible. You can use the back of the card also. Place it in the offering plate. The more information we have, the stronger the prayers. It encourages us when we hear of answers to our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY...

Mission of the Month

Hot Meal Program
Unassigned Missions



Sister Churches of the Month

12/3 Westminster Presbyterian, Deland
12/10 Presbyterian, Deltona
12/17 First Presbyterian, Eustis
12/24 New Life, Fruitland Park
12/31 Presbyterian, Glenwood



THE POWER OF PRAYER

Each week in the Sunday bulletin and each month in the *Good News* Newsletter there is a section that invites people to send prayer requests to Ed Perdue at his e-mail address. What happens once he receives the prayer request? He sends it out to those on the Prayer Chain, they check their e-mail and pray for whatever is requested. The list from the worship prayer cards are also sent out during the week. Easy and a wonderfully powerful ministry.

You can be a part of the Prayer Chain if you can pray (that's all of us!) and check your e-mail regularly.

Please contact Ed Perdue at ed0803@cfl.rr.com and have him add you to the Prayer Chain. We know the power of prayer and would like to have you join in the power!

MISSION/EVANGELISM

MISSIONARY NEEDS

John McCall, with the General Assembly Missions, will be visiting from Taiwan and preaching on Sunday, February 11th. He emailed and would like to stay with one of our families Saturday, February 10th through Tuesday, February 13th. We are in need of a family that would invite John to stay with them.

Would you be willing to open your home for our Missionary? If so please contact Laurie Grizzard @ 386.423.3139.



Open your door for Missions!



SEW FOR JESUS

The Lord has truly blessed this ministry! God has called us together, and we continually thank Him for the time and ability to serve Him in this way. Our prayer is that those who receive the clothing we have made will be blessed with the love of Jesus.

Many needy local children benefit from the work of this group, and with your help, we can reach out to even more. Think seriously about joining us! There is no expense on your part...just a bit of your time. Everything is provided including great fellowship!

The group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am in Room 3. For more information call Barbara King @ 386.427.4158.

NEWMAN'S CREWMEN



Newman's Crewmen began in the 1980s with about 30 – 35 people (mostly men) with varied experience and expertise including electricians, carpenters, and others handy with tools. Over the years the numbers of crewmen has declined, but their commitment and enthusiasm for maintaining and caring for our church building and the grounds has not wavered.

How do we get so much done around the church and at a very cheap price? Have you ever wondered who does all the painting, cleaning gutters, trimming bushes, weeding & edging, and all those little repairs? That's our Newman's Crewmen who meet every Monday at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to help and donate a few hours, just show up on Monday mornings. Women are invited to help too!



"At least they saved themselves a co-pay."

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH



We are all sinners. We've all been hurt by other people, we've hurt ourselves, and we've hurt others. Celebrate Recovery addresses many issues in our lives and is about the saving power of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

6:30 p.m. Large Group Meets

in the Chapel

7:15 p.m. Support Groups Meet in the

Education Building

8:15 p.m. Celebration Café - Desserts and Drinks in Fellowship Hall

Child Care is provided.

For more information go to our website at www.firstpresbyterianssb.com or call 386.428.2397.

OUTREACH

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection 2017... is in the books!



Thanks to each and every one of you for your participation in this years' Operation Christmas Child Campaign. Some of you were able to create boxes filled with toys, treats and most of

all love. Others were able to provide donations that were used to go shopping and allow 'our kids' to create boxes and participate in a practical, hands on way the importance of giving. Still, others provided for the cost of shipping the cartons



and we will be sending that check directly to Samaritan's Purse in Boone, NC. on behalf of our church. Finally, and most importantly you ALL have covered each moment of the campaign from the collection of the first



box to the final box being loaded on the truck with prayer! There was no task so great or too small to not go unnoticed.

This marked our 4th year consecutively in the campaign and our 3rd year of being a Drop Off Location... On behalf of the Volusia/Flagler



County Team representing Samaritan's Purse – Thank you!



Ann Marie R. D'Alessio
Director of Christian Education & Outreach
Drop -Off Center Coordinator

OUTREACH

Love Gifts

"The way we help those in need ought to mirror God's love and concern." (Taken from NIV commentary on Nehemiah 5:9-11) Though it is difficult to mirror God's perfect love, we can certainly try by our giving to Gifts of Love on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**.

Due to Hurricane Irma, Gifts of Love was forced to close for two weeks. Although they are up & running now, you can just imagine the extra need of their clients at this time. Also, lately our church attendance has been down, so our love gifts have also been low. I pray that all in our congregation will be led to donate a little more to help those of us who are less fortunate.

On Sunday, December 3, please remember to bring your donations of **BOXES OF CEREAL** or any other **NON-PERISHABLE** items you feel led to give. Remember, *Loving is Giving!*

For questions or suggestions, please call Carolyn Peters at 428-7976

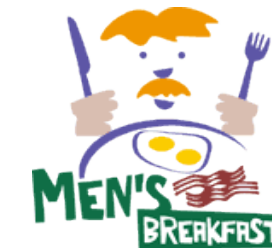


MEN'S BREAKFAST







Invitation to the Men of our Congregation

Reminder: the men of our congregation will get together for breakfast and fellowship on the **third** Wednesday of each month. That means good food and good conversation with brothers in Christ. The details are simple: **Wednesday, December 20th at 8:00 at the Golden Biscuit on Canal Street.** Hope you will join us!

If needed, contact Ed Perdue (386-957-4222) or Frank Ibbotson (386-428-4565).





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery in Chapel	2 4:00 pm - 6:00 am - Lemoine Wedding @ Night Swan - use of the parking lot.
3 9:30 am - Prayer/Pastors Study 10:00 am - Kid's Connection 10:00 am - WORSHIP SVCS 11:00 am - Fellowship Hour After Worship in Eubank Hall COMMUNION SUNDAY	4 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 10:30 am - Al-Anon Rm 2 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - AA Mtg Rm 2 & 3 7:00 pm - Harmony Sound Waves	5 9:30 am - Central Florida Presbytery Meets @ Maitland PC 10:00 am - 11:30 am - Belong Bible Study in Room 2 6:30 pm - Worship Committee Mtg 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Narcotics Anon	6 9:00 am - Sewing Group 11:30 pm - Praise and Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 pm - Hospice Grief Counseling Rm 4 6:30 pm - Cantata Practice Begins 7:15 pm - Joyful Singers Practice Gale on Vacation	7 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Women's Christian Fellowship Group in Eubank Hall 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - CR Women's Step Study in Room 4 Gale on Vacation	8 6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery in Chapel Gale on Vacation	9 9:00 am - Cantata Practice
10 9:30 am - Prayer/Pastors Study 10:00 am - Kid's Connection 10:00 am - WORSHIP SVCS 11:00 am - Christmas Party Potluck Lunch in Eubank Hall 	11 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 9:30 am - Education Committee Mtg 10:30 am - Al-Anon Rm 2 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - AA Mtg Rm 2 & 3 7:00 pm - Harmony Sound Waves Gale on Vacation	12 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Belong Luncheon in Eubank Hall 6:30 pm - Missions Committee Mtg 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Narcotics Anon	13 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:00 am - Sewing Group 11:30 pm - Praise and Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 pm - Hospice Grief Counseling Rm 4 6:30 pm - Cantata Practice Begins 7:15 pm - Joyful Singers Practice	14 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - CR Women's Step Study in Room 4 4:00 pm - Deacons Mtg 4:30 pm - Session Meeting	15 6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery in Chapel	16 8:00 am - Poinsettia Delivery 
17 9:30 am - Prayer/Pastors Study 10:00 am - Kid's Connection 10:00 am - WORSHIP SVCS 11:00 am - Fellowship Hour After Worship in Eubank Hall 	18 8:00 am - Newman's Crewmen 10:30 am - Al-Anon Rm 2 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - AA Mtg Rm 2 & 3 7:00 pm - Harmony Sound Waves	19 10:00 am - 11:30 am - Belong Bible Study in Eubank Hall 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Narcotics Anon	20 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast @ Golden Biscuit on Canal Street 9:00 am - Sewing Group 11:30 pm - Praise and Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 pm - Hospice Grief Counseling Rm 4 7:00 pm - Joyful Singers Practice	21 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - CR Women's Step Study in Room 4 	22 6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery in Chapel Gale on Vacation	23 
24 9:30 am - Prayer/Pastors Study 10:00 am - Kid's Connection 10:00 am - WORSHIP SVCS 11:00 am - Fellowship Hour After Worship in Eubank Hall 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  *Blood Pressure Checks Before and After Worship Service	25 OFFICE CLOSED  MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL	26 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Narcotics Anon	27 9:00 am - Sewing Group 11:30 pm - Praise and Prayer in the Chapel 3:00 pm - Hospice Grief Counseling Rm 4 7:00 pm - Joyful Singers Practice	28 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - CR Women's Step Study in Room 4	29 6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery in Chapel Gale on Vacation	30 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - "HeartCry" Worshipful Singing and Fellowship in Eubank Hall
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