



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



We will meet this **Sunday, August 27** in McLeod Hall, **from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. Bring a covered dish to share OR bring your own meal as we enjoy fellowship together around the table.

We will dig deeper into the background stories as they relate to scripture and hear from their Biblical consultants! For this study we will watch the Bible Roundtable Discussion for Season 1, Episode 4.

We will also be putting together *The Chosen Bible Study Cookbook* soon! Join us to learn details. We look forward to seeing you!

FALL WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES



In discussing our *Summer Sundays Single Services*, the members of the Session have treasured the sense of fellowship in being together for worship. The Session has now decided for us to continue a single **10 am Sunday Worship Service** through the end of the year.

Our blended 10 am service will include the elements of worship that have helped our spirits soar to God for well over a century; prayers, scripture, sermon, and responses. And we will continue to be inspired in our weekly worship services by music from our Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choirs, Jazzbyterians, along with piano and organ by Jeremy Rath.

We hope you will join us as First Pres in-person or on-line each and every Sunday at 10 am.

SEPTEMBER ORGAN AND PIANO CONCERT



Come join us on **Sunday, September 10** at **4 pm** in the Sanctuary for a concert given by our Director of Music Ministries, Jeremy Rath. Jeremy will play a variety of music composed and arranged by American composers on the pipe organ and piano here at First Pres. Be sure to bring your singing voices, too, as there'll be a few hymns and songs for audience participation.

There will be a free-will offering at the door which will be split between our children's music ministry and the Museum of Winter Haven History. The Museum is in the process of restoring an 1890's Steinway Grand Piano and proceeds from this concert will go towards its restoration.

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we...

*Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ,
Develop and nurture God's children into disciples*

Provide a place and a program for praising God

Live our lives according to the Word, guided by the Spirit

Commit to justice for all God's people.

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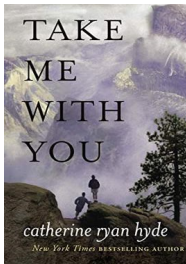
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Maintenance

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Custodian

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sunday, August 27**
 10:00 am Summer Sundays Singe Service (Sanctuary/Facebook)
 5:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study (MH)
 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)
- Monday, August 28**
 9:00 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)
- Tuesday, August 29**
 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- Wednesday, August 30**
 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)
- Thursday, September 1**
 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)
- Friday, September 2**
 9:00 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- Saturday, September 3**
 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

ARE YOU READING FOR OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB!



We will meet on **Monday, September 18 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Take Me With You** by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

In this time of fellowship, we will discuss the story about good people doing their best to survive.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED FOR THE FALL



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger this summer? We need head cooks & helpers for **September**.

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the

SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Larry & Peggy Davis** upon the death of their son, **Scott Davis**, who died on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Shirley Hines	Joe Oriani
Pat Berrell	Jim Huff	Jackie Pinckney
Pete Borowski	Scott & Becky Irvin	Mary Ellen Porter
Orin Champlain	Ray & Gladys Larson	Marilyn Schleifer
Ellie Crowder	Beth Luxford	Dick Shaw
Larry & Peggy Davis	Pat McCarty	Joyce Shirah
Jane Dickey	Sue McClew	Adam & Taylor Smith
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Amy, Joe, Jonathan, Timothy, & Grace McKee	Marcia Smith
Zan Dismuke	Pat Miller	Katie Sparr
Rob Donaldy	Edna Mitchell	Kathy Taber
Dana Elmore	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Barbara Tackett
Bill Everhart	Jeri & Tom Oldt	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Lynne Grady		Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Pam Gray		Jim Vobornik
Jane Hayman		

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Holton & Briley Adcock	.....	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friends
Jameson Adcock	.....	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friend
Katie Barris & family	.....	Lynn Oakley's friends
Dolores Clay-Barton	.....	Karen Gerber's sister
Donna Brannen	.....	Jill Kosmenschky's friend
Phillip Burkhart	.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Nancy & Nicki Catania	.....	Diane Repass' friends
Caren Coleman	.....	Lynn Van Gundy's friend
Phillip Deblinger	.....	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Paul Gilliam	.....	Debbie Anderson's dad
Mitzi Gross	.....	Gale & Gwen Waters' cousin
Hap Hazelwood	.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Stephen Houmard	.....	Rick & Pat Reass' grandson
Juan Joy	.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Helen Lewis	.....	Jonathan Owen's friend
John Linn	.....	Sharon Mann's brother
Ada Lopez-Mendez	.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Khyla Martinez	.....	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Kile McKee	.....	Greg Marrs' cousin
Ed & Anne Neumyer	.....	Candy Marshall's friend
Dennis Ryan	.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Ginger Stanley	.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Karen Thompson	.....	Kristen Sheffield's mother
Lori Turner & family	.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
Jack Tyler & family	.....	Becky Irvin's brother-in-law
Tara Wilks	.....	Gannon Olmert's friend
David Young	.....	Lynn Oakley's friend

MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	Diane Secord
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Shad Skinner
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Drew Stapor
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

9/2	Matt Minich Pat Bentley Richard White	9/8	Lindsay Thibodaux Dalton Weihrauch	9/19	Jose Batista Gary Chilton
9/3	Cody Dugger Hal Jeffcoat Sawyer Speer	9/9	Brayden Olmert Frances Stapor	9/20	Mary Ann Koon
9/4	Lisa Centonze Sarah Pickos Kit Threlkel	9/10	Rick Reass Hunter Smith	9/21	Dolly Goetz Eric Lindstrom Al Porter
9/5	Adam Cranmer James Miller Tom Nepute Jonathan Owen Kristen Siegel	9/11	Freya Abbott	9/22	Steven Barthel Mike Harris Scarlett Lockhart
9/6	Lauren Clarke Cooper Kirkland Ben Tucker	9/12	Elizabeth Miller Amanda Jo Nicholson Jeremy Rath	9/23	Kathy Garner
9/7	Sherie Ray	9/13	Nancy Dobler	9/24	Pete Borowski John Clarke, Jr. Merle Griffin
9/8	Bill Taylor	9/15	Denise Cole	9/25	Sam Sheffield
		9/16	Jane Dickey Nell Speer	9/26	Nikki Gann Beth Koon-Spiwak
		9/17	Beckett Chilton Tricia Dugger	9/29	Jackson Gray
		9/18	Delaney Gray Kathy Michaels Bo Palo	9/30	Melissa Rowker Bob Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

9/6	Lynn & Tommy Oakley Pat & Rick Reass	9/8	Loretta & Ed Smith	9/21	Marty & Bob Bentley
9/8	Pat & Gary Gardner Amy & Joe McKee Pat & Ken Miller	9/11	Bethany & Jonathan Owen	9/21	Peggy & Larry Davis
		9/17	Rose & Denny Flynn Donna & Ed Rounsley	9/25	Charlie & T. Michael Stavres
		9/19	Lori & Quentin Roe	9/30	Marie & Hal Jeffcoat

"PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!"



You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you or you may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like things are falling apart. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care, as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, call **Connie Shipley at 863-221-2224**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins**. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE



Go to our Church website and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

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This newsletter is published weekly.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 183 lunches
the week of 8/14/23. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 90 people on
Saturday, 8/20/23.

FUNTIMERS (OUR 55+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP)



Trivia and Potluck will be held at the church on **Thursday, September 21** from **11 am to 2 pm**. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Chicken tenders will be provided. After lunch, each table will compete in a fun trivia game.

Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall, or calling or emailing the church office. And bring a friend!

YOUTH GROUPS HAVE RETURNED!



The **High School Youth Group** meets on **Sundays** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm**.

The **Middle School Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm**.

Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 863-224-4403 or esynder@firstpreswh.org.

CHOIR AND BELLS HAVE RETURNED!

Our First Pres Musicians have begun our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. If you are interested in joining us, please see our



rehearsal schedule below:

Chancel Bells rehearses every **Wednesday evening** from **6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room.

Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:00 - 8:15** in the Choir Room.

Chapel Bells rehearses every **Thursday afternoon** from **1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room.

For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at jrath@firstpreswh.org.