



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

*Week of February 18, 2018*

*Issue 659*

*132 Years of Ministry*

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## A Night Remembered A Lenten Worship Theme

When we follow the story of the life of Jesus in the Gospel According to John, we find that the events of **the last night of Jesus' earthly life fill 6 entire biblical chapters. Our Sunday worship/sermons in the Season of Lent will help us to listen to Jesus' words from this incredible night.**

First Sunday in Lent, February 18: John 13  
(The night begins with service/foot-washing and communion)

Second Sunday in Lent, February 25: John 14  
**(Jesus' farewell discourse/the believer's relationship to the Glorified Christ)**

Third Sunday in Lent, March 4: John 15  
(I am the vine, you are the branches)

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11: John 16  
**(The believer's relationship to the world)**

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18: John 17  
**(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)**

We hope you will join us for worship as a part of your own Lenten journey toward the cross.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, February 18 1st Sunday in Lent 3 Cents-a-Meal Communion

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)  
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)  
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, February 19

### Tuesday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)  
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, February 21

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)  
3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)  
5:00 p.m. Confirmation (GC)  
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
6:15 p.m. APNC (ER)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

### Thursday, February 22

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

### Friday, February 23

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

### Saturday, February 24

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)  
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the  
**3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering**  
during worship services this  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18.**

This offering is divided between  
our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch  
Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers  
Ministry, and Honduras.



Zach Anaya  
Brenden Anderson  
Christian Anderson  
Karolina Crockett  
Samuel Crockett  
Zach Drum  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
Daniel Harp

Sean Harp  
David Knowles  
John Marotti  
Mathew Massam  
Ryan Pierdon  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Shad Skinner  
Drew Stapor

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Roger Able	Camille Howe	Joyce Shirah
Maxie Adams	Jim Huff	Mary Alice, Emma , & John Skipper
Kathy Andrews	Scott & Becky Irvin	Barbara H. Smith
Kathleen Avinger	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Ed Smith
Bill Brack	Martha Johnson	Mary Ann Snively
Tom Brackett	Joey Johnston	Pete Snively
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Jeff Snyder
Nancy Brooks	Toni Krieger	Meg Strang
Helen Butz	Dena Lancashire	Scott Strey
Helen Champlain	Kathy Lockhart	Barbara Sweeney
Tom Coffman	Spike Lucia	Carol Switalski
Yolanda Dyer	Larry Marshall	Jay Tackett
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynnis Mincey	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Nancy Neale	Bob Turner
Rossanne Gorsky	Randall Palmer	Court Turner
Clyde Greene	Norm Patrick	Mark Turner
Jane Hayman	Jane Ray	Scott Turner
Frances Heath	Keith Ray	John Van Allen
Kay Hedden	Barbara Roberts	Jennifer Vibrat
Patti Herndon	Earle Roberts	Lee Wilkinson
Doris Hill	Elsie Savant	Judy Winfree
Ranell Hillman	Beverly Seagreaves	Retha Wright
Bryan Howard	James Shinn	

## Relatives & Friends

Dana Cole's cousin  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Karen Alexander's friend  
Lisa Endres' friend  
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Rick & Pat Reass' friend  
Joe Oriani's brother  
Walter Ferguson's friends  
Kay Stine's friend  
Amy Powell's friend  
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
Gale Johnston's friend  
Arletta Oriani's aunt  
Zan Dismuke's friend  
Steve Negley's friend  
Polly Wilson's friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Our Christian sympathy  
goes to Mary Ann Snively,  
Patti Herndon, Pete Snively,  
& Meg Strang on the death  
of their husband & father,  
Harvey Snively,  
who died Tuesday  
February 6, 2018.

# Save the Date!!

## ALL CHURCH RETREAT April 21 & 22



### FAQ - MEMORIAL GARDEN

**What does it cost to have a plaque on the south brick wall?**

\$500

**What is the cost for one's ashes being scattered or buried in the garden?**

\$1,500

**How much do the columbarium and in ground niches cost?**

\$2,500 for a single and \$4,500 for a companion.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

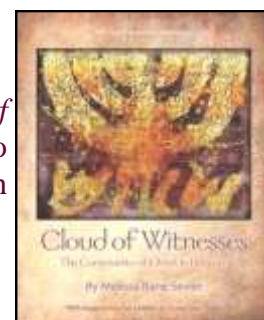
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



### SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED



If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard!

We will be holding a training session so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



**THE 2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS  
POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.**

**The whole month of March is available.**

**Sign up now!!!**

## SPRING SCHEDULE FOR CHRIST KIDS RINGERS AND CHILDREN SINGERS

At the 9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship and the beginning of the 11 a.m. services...



Christ Kids Ringers  
**February 18, April 8, May 13 (Mother's Day)  
and Spring Ring April 29**

Children Singing  
**April 8 and May 13**



## MISSION HONDURAS -- SUMMER 2018

We are holding an INFORMATIONAL MEETING for any and all folks who would be interested in joining our 2018 Honduras Mission Trip.



The experience is open to First Pres members who have completed at least 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This senior high/adult mission is being planned for Saturday, June 16 – Saturday, June 23. During the week we will be partnering with our Christian sisters and brothers in the churches of the Presbytery of Honduras to share the love of Christ providing medical missions for people in need. If you would like to learn more about the trip, join us on **Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m.** in McLeod Hall.



## START READING FOR OUR NEXT Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?

**March 19:** *The One Hundred Year Old Man* by Jonas Jonasson

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m.  
for discussion and light refreshments.

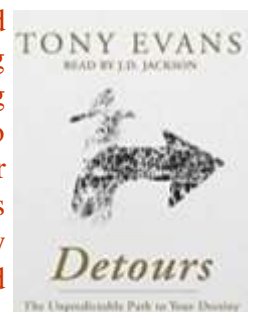
Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).



## LADIES

### JOIN US FOR OUR NEW BIBLE STUDY

*Detours*, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the biblical account of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong. It depicts a young man who endured betrayal, abandonment, injustice, and confusion before understanding God's sovereign plan to redirect him from the pit to the palace. Even today, it's easy to wonder why God would allow calamity to happen or if He's in control at all. Whether through uncontrollable circumstances or the pain of personal relationships, everyone has experienced unforeseen changes in life. This study helps believers navigate detours that may take you through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. You will be comforted and encouraged when you learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will.



We will meet Thursdays at 9-11 a.m. on February 15, March 1, 15, & 29 and April 12. If you're interested in joining us on the journey of the study of Joseph and how his detours can help us cope with our own detours, contact Lia Gray at 318-1541 or [unpair@gmail.com](mailto:unpair@gmail.com). Please, also contact Lia if you're interested in an evening class.

# Join Us on the Lord's Day

## Worship



### 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included when we have children in attendance.

### 9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

### 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

## DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15—10:45 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES



**For Kids:** We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

**For Adults:** Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



## Watch for an additional class coming soon!

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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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**Bag Lunch Ministry**

We gave out 226 bag lunches  
the week of 2/5/18.

**Return Service Requested**

**Soup Kitchen Ministry**

We fed 83 people on 2/10/18.

*F unT imers* **FEBRUARY EVENT-SIGN UP NOW!**



FunTimers will be visiting the *Florida Polytechnic University* on **Monday, February 26 (bus leaves at 10:15 a.m.)** for a tour of the campus and the beautiful building pictured here, followed by lunch on campus. This is Florida's newest university and only one dedicated solely to teaching the most innovative technology. Lunch is only \$10 +tax.

To reserve your spot please call the church office at 294-3121, email to office@firstpreswh.org, or fill out this attachment and put in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ I/we will ride in church vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ or use my personal vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

*F unT imers* **MARCH OUTING!**

The Winter Haven Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents

**COME FLY WITH US**

**Sunday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Chain O'Lakes Theatre at 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. The **International Competition Silver Medalist quartet - "Signature"** will be featured along with the **"Sentimental Journeymen Chorus"** and **"Back Street 4"** - a dad and son quartet with songs & humor. Tickets are \$15 each. Reserve your tickets **no later than Sunday, March 4** to get group-pricing.

To RSVP, please call the church office at 294-3121, email to office@firstpreswh.org, or fill out this attachment and put in the offering plate.

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