



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

*Week of March 11, 2018*

*Issue 662*

*132 Years of Ministry*

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor

Dr. James G. Manor  
Parish Associate

Lynn M. McCoy  
Director of  
Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller  
Director of Finance &  
Administration

Leonard A. Mosiah  
Director of Student  
Ministries

Connie J. Shipley  
Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn  
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance

Kathy L. Jackson  
Custodian

## A Night to Remember 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)**

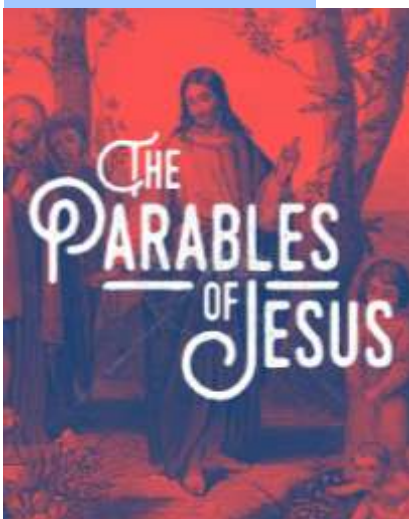
We hope you will join us for worship as a part of your own Lenten journey toward the cross.



## JOIN US FOR OUR NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Listening to the Parables of Jesus with New Ears

You're invited to join other Christian adults as we explore some of the trickier stories told by our Lord with slightly difference set of ears (and viewpoint.)

We will be watching a video series by New Testament scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, as he uses his vast experiences in the Middle Eastern world (where Jesus first walked and talked) to help us unlock the wonderful meaning of some of the parables of Jesus. The group will listen to Dr. Bailey's insights, and discuss how each story told by our Lord touches our lives today. It all begins **THIS Sunday, March 11 at 9:45 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Christian Education building.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 11

### 4th Sunday in Lent

- 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, March 12

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

## Tuesday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

## Wednesday, March 14

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 12:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 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, March 15

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

## Friday, March 16

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

## Saturday, March 17

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)



Our Christian sympathy goes to Carole Marotti on the death of her brother, Joseph Collner, who died Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Suzy Threadgill on the death of her granddaughter, Kelly McMahon, who died on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Lynn Grady on the death of her brother, Mickey McCall, who died on Friday, February 16, 2018.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Elsie Savant on the death her husband, Warren Savant who died on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Nancy Chilton on the death of her mother, Jeanne Estes, who died on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

## IN THE HOSPITAL: John Kissel

## Relatives & Friends

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Reese Burdette    | Dana Cole's cousin               |
| Helen Cote        | Norm & Bonnie Patrick's friend   |
| Al Ellis          | Jim Threlkel's friend            |
| Julie Fleps       | Lisa Endres' friend              |
| Debbie Hunt       | Lisa Endres' friend              |
| Pete Kent         | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| John McKibben     | Jane Whitney's brother           |
| Michael Oriani    | Joe Oriani's brother             |
| David Satterfield | Heather Whitney's friend         |
| Kristy Turner     | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter       |
| Kevin Tobin       | Gale Johnston's friend           |
| Jerry Williams    | Steve Negley's friend            |
| Marshall Wood     | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend    |

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

# DON'T FORGET... *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.

### WHO ARE YOU? WHOSE ARE YOU?



Mark your calendars and plan to join friends from First Presbyterian Church at our **annual church-wide retreat, Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22**. We will be spending two wonderful days (and a great night) at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center south of Tampa. We will play, relax, eat, fellowship, study, and worship together as we explore what it means to be the wonderful child of God that God has made you. *WHO ARE YOU?* (Come and share the unique you with others.) *WHOSE ARE YOU?* (Come and celebrate what it means to be loved and claimed by God.)

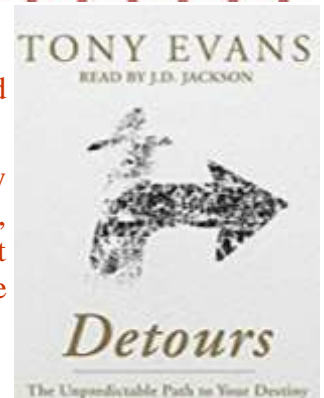
Watch for the full brochure and registration information soon.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the life of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong.

By studying how God worked His sovereign plan through Joseph, we will learn to rely on God as He helps us navigate our detours in life that may take us through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. We will be comforted and encouraged as we learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will. Meetings will be **9-11 a.m.** in the Golden Center **Thursdays, March 15, & 29 and April 12**.

If you're interested please contact Lia Gray at 863-318-1541 or [uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:uncpair@gmail.com).



### 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!!**



### DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!! THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

The whole month of March is still wide open. Also available: May 13, 20, & 27.



## DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!

We are sewing SUNdresses for Honduras pre-school girls. We gather in the Girl Scout House on **Tuesdays from 12 to 2 p.m.** (Bring a sack lunch.)

**NEEDED:** Sewers either at church or in your own home, fancy pillow cases, men's cotton blend shirts, bias tape, ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide, cotton blend material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces.

Drop by, pick up some material, cut a pattern, cut material, sew or just say "Hi"; any or all work for us.

For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.



## WHAT AN OUTPOURING OF LOVE....

On Sunday, February 25, the children and adults of our congregation were treated to a look at the incredible dresses that had been created by ladies in our congregation for little girls in Honduras. **Sharon Mitchell** had the idea and extended the invitation to "come and sew" and to date over a dozen people have joined her in the task. Pictured are just a few of the amazing people. So far they have made over 100 dresses!

As Dr. Negley showed some of the dresses to the congregation as part of the Time with Younger Disciples, telling the children how the dresses will be delivered this week by a small advance mission team, it was mentioned that **Kathy Jackson**, our church custodian, had bought some shorts and T-shirts so that we would have something for the little boys we encounter in our mission. People in each worship service wanted to take part. Material and men's shirts for the sewing project have been flooding in to the church all week. People at the door on Sunday kept handing Dr. Negley cash so that more boy's clothes could be bought. The impromptu collection totaled over **\$550**. **Jonathan and Bethany Owen** went to Walmart with the cash gifts and purchased 62 pairs of shorts and 87 boy's shirts. Our summer mission team will be taking the next batch of dresses in June.

**Thank you for the incredible outpouring of love.**



# 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.**



## See cover!

Our Purpose Statement

First Presbyterian Church  
637 6th Street, NW  
Winter Haven, FL 33881  
863-294-3121  
FAX 863-294-1105  
www.firstpreswh.org  
office@firstpreswh.org

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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

This newsletter is published weekly.  
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.  
Church dated material, please deliver by 3/9/18.

Non-profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 1162  
Lakeland, FL

**Bag Lunch Ministry**

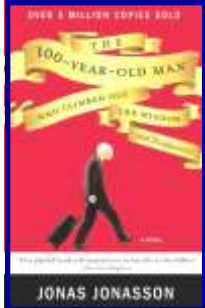
We gave out 165 bag lunches  
the week of 2/26/18.

**Soup Kitchen Ministry**

We fed 88 people on 3/3/18.

**Return Service Requested**

«Mailing Name»  
«Address 1»  
«Address 2»  
«City», «State» «Zip»



**ARE YOU 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.

\* \* \* \* \*



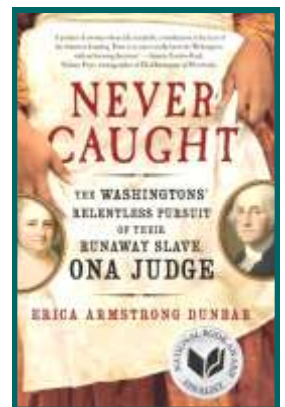
**AND... FOR THE REST OF 2018**

May 21 *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt  
and Ramie Liddle

July 18 *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

September 17 *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

November 19 *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith  
*52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol*  
by Bob Welch



Copies will soon be available in the Price Library or you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen about ordering a copy for you.