



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of April 24, 2016

Issue 581

130 Years of Ministry

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### PRIMETIMERS MEET AGAIN

**Calling all members and friends of First Pres 55 and older...**

**We hope you'll join us for a fellowship lunch on:  
Monday, April 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
in McLeod Hall.**

**Joyce Snively will be preparing a catered lunch (cost per person \$8.00) and *YOU* will be the program. Actually, *WE WILL ALL TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM* ---  
"Summer Preview – Summer Review."**



**We are asking each attendee to bring a souvenir or memento from a favorite summer vacation or trip. Dr. Negley will lead us in a time of sharing based on these memorable summer events.**

**To reserve your spot for lunch, call the church office (294-3121) or email [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org)**

### COME SEE OUR FIRST "SPRING RING"

**Please join us in the sanctuary on *May 1<sup>st</sup>* at 4:00 p.m. for our first annual, First Presbyterian, "Spring Ring" program featuring 5 bell choirs.**

**All three of our bell choirs will perform along with two guest choirs.**

**The finale will feature all five choirs along with organ and audience participation in an arrangement of Joyful, Joyful!**

**A reception will follow the program in McLeod Hall.**



## Church calendar

### Sunday, April 24

8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship  
 9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)  
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

### Monday, April 25

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)  
 11:30 a.m. PrimeTimers (MH)  
 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

### Tuesday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)  
 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (MC)  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

### Wednesday, April 27

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE)  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CR)  
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)  
 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Ringers (MS)  
 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Supper with Session (MH)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

### Thursday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Off-site)  
 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training (FFR)  
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

### Friday, April 29

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
 4:00 p.m. Rays Baseball Game (Bus Leaves)

### Saturday, April 30

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



## Remember in Prayer

### members

Roger & Marie Able  
 Millie Carrier  
 Helen Champlain  
 Dannie Dougherty  
 Jerry Dugger  
 Jana & Mike Easterling  
 Jeanne Estes  
 Bill Everhart  
 Lois Frakes  
 Marge Goodman  
 Pam & Courtney Gray  
 Joyce Hayman  
 Frances Heath  
 Doris Hill  
 Camille Howe

Jim Huff  
 Dorothy Johnson  
 Jeremiah & Jaleeann Johnston  
 Joey Johnston  
 Judy Kingham  
 Dena Lancashire  
 Spike Lucia  
 John Maltese  
 Dick McCauley  
 Matthew McGaffigan  
 Lynnis Mincey  
 Joan Murphy  
 Ed Partridge  
 Norm Patrick  
 Robert Ramseyer

Barbara Roberts  
 Earle Roberts  
 Dorothy Ryan  
 Bob Sheffield  
 Barbara A. Smith  
 Barbara H. Smith  
 Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
 Carolyn Thompson  
 Shirley Turner  
 Gail Van Allen  
 Mike Vibrat  
 Nat West  
 Lee Wilkinson  
 Retha Wright

### IN THE HOSPITAL: Anamarie Coffman, Argyle Stevens & Marie Williams Relatives & Friends

Antonello family  
 Carlotta Bennett  
 Chuck Bishop  
 Reese Burdette  
 Lynda Burke  
 Jerry Cooley  
 Kay Cunningham  
 John Doughty  
 Christine Douglas  
 Sara Dubinski  
 Al Ellis  
 Raymond Fenstermaker  
 Terrell & Teresa Griffin  
 Jean Hehn  
 Sidney Hilliard  
 Pete Kent  
 Barbara Lawhon  
 Nan Mason  
 Amity McGee  
 Danae Nations  
 Judy Pheil  
 Anna Robinson  
 Alvin Ruppel  
 Colonel Sites  
 Tamara Sobczak  
 Tommy Thompson  
 Kristy Turner  
 Kurt Vahle  
 Mary Ann Valentine  
 Marshall Wood

Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends  
 Bethany Owen's friend  
 Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend  
 Dana Cole's cousin  
 Shirley Hines' friend  
 Susan Singleton's friend  
 Gale Waters' aunt  
 Dena Lancashire's nephew  
 Lynn Oakley's friend  
 Andy & Linda Staveres' friend  
 Jim Threlkel's friend  
 Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson  
 T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friends  
 Ellie Threlkel's friend  
 Tilly Montney's mother  
 Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
 Bob Sheffield's sister-in-law  
 Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter  
 Bethany Owen's friend  
 Bill Everhart's, niece  
 Carole Marotti's friend  
 Punkin Smith's friend  
 Shirley Hines' friend  
 Lynn Oakley's friend  
 Rose Flynn's niece  
 T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friend  
 Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
 Gale & Gwen Waters' friend  
 Rose Flynn's friend  
 Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Robert Ferguson  
 Stephanie Gillie  
 Eddie Gray  
 David Knowles

John Marotti  
 KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
 Ashton Pitts  
 Drew Stapor

### 10 Ways to Pray When you Can't Pray

Pray Anyway  
 Choose to Listen  
 Just Say His Name  
 Have a Go-to Prayer  
 Say a Prayer of Praise  
 Pray for Someone Else  
 Pray for a Heart of Prayer  
 Have Someone Pray for You  
 Read Different Prayers in the Bible  
 Pray Different Bible Verses Over Your Life





## COME TO THE WATERS...



the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, is a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.

Lydia Circle is the  
**second Monday of the month.**  
The next meeting will be at  
**10:30 a.m., May 9, 2016.**

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday.**  
The next meeting will be **May 17, 2016 at**  
**9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

## BECOME A FRIENDSHIP CALLER

We have need of some who would like to become a little more involved in the life and ministry of our church. You are invited to look into becoming a Friendship Caller: you do not need any special talent or the giving of a lot of your time to this vital ministry. You need the gift of wanting to lift another who is lonely and/or cannot get out on their own.

Our next meeting is  
**Monday, April 25 at 1:30**  
**p.m.** Please call Ray Larson at  
294-3121 for more  
information.

We have many friends and  
members who would love to  
welcome your visit.



## THE SMILE PILE IS GROWING!



Our 23 member mission team will be heading to Honduras on June 11. During our week-long mission, we will be working in three churches, and visiting the pediatric ward of a hospital. We will be blessed to interact with hundreds of children in each location. Through your generosity, we will be sharing God's love and a stuffed animal or bouncy ball with every child we meet.

For the rest of the month of April, we will be watching the **SMILE PILE** of balls and stuffed animals grow. So that we have plenty of items to help bring smiles to the children in Honduras, we are hoping to take 1000 small stuffed animals, and 500 small bouncy balls.

Please bring your **SMILE PILE** donations with you to worship, and add the stuffed animals and balls to the pile.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held next **Sunday, May 1, at 10:55 a.m.** in the sanctuary, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of Elders, Deacons, and members at large to the church-wide Nominating Committee. The following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee:

**ELDER (Class of 2019):** Rich Dobler, Karen King, Andy Ray, Tom Oldt, & Jane Ray.

**DEACON (Class of 2019):** David Fellows, Corbin Hart, George Rowker, Jane West, & Ellen Zeller.



## ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION



Friends, the All Church Retreat is coming up very soon. We would love for you to join us for the weekend, **May 14 & 15**, or just the day on Saturday or Sunday. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and tells you all about the exciting weekend we have planned.

The theme this year is "The Same Power Lives in Us." Our Bible study time will focus on Romans Chapter 8. Dr. Negley and Amy McKee will lead the small group Bible study time. You will enjoy a weekend of canoeing, tubing, swimming, outdoor adventures, home cooked meals, fellowship, and so much more.

Please prayerfully consider attending this year. Contact Amy McKee with any questions at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org). Registration deadline is May 2.

## MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



You are invited to join City of Winter Haven Mayor (and First Presbyterian Church Member) Brad Dantzler for a morning of nourishment, fellowship, and quiet reflection with area clergy and community members **Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 7:30 a.m.**

Please join us at the Chain O' Lakes Complex, (South Entrance - Poolside Room) 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. SW, Winter Haven.

Dr. Steve Negley has been invited to deliver the morning message.

Tickets are \$15 (MENU: French toast, biscuits & gravy, ham, sausage, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, coffee, and orange juice)

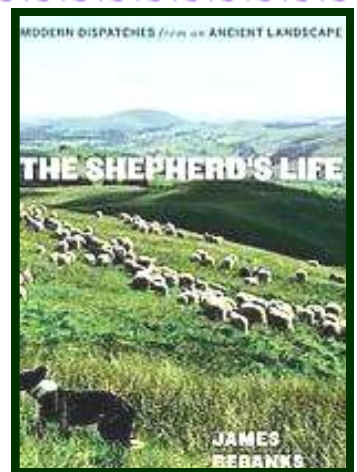
Please contact City Clerk Vanessa Castillo at 863-291-5627 or [vcastillo@mywinterhaven.com](mailto:vcastillo@mywinterhaven.com) for tickets (available in City Hall, 451 Third St. NW) or more information Please get your tickets by April 28.

## OUR NEXT OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB IS GETTING CLOSE

Our Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday Book Discussion Club will meet again on **May 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

We will have some light refreshments and will discuss James Rebanks book, *The Shepherd's Life*.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title have been ordered and should be in our library soon. You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-9944, or e-mailing him at [jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com](mailto:jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com) about ordering a personal copy.



## REGISTRATION FOR KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE IS ON!!!

Kidz Summer Escape will be held **June 14 – July 21 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** This program is for children ages three through kindergarten graduates.

Registration is open now. A \$50 "reserve my spot" is due at registration with the final \$120 due on June 14. Everyday your child will enjoy a special craft that goes along with the theme for the week, recreation, snack, and lots of summertime fun.

Please contact Amy McKee for more information (294-3121). Registration ends May 5.

## CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

Since music is booked before and after your middle school meeting time on Wednesdays, you are invited to join the Youth Music group. If you play an instrument, sing, or would like to try something new like a drum or mallet instrument please join us during our practice time on **Sundays at 4:30 p.m.** and our praise time during the second Sunday 11:00 worship service. If you would like to learn to play the ukulele or guitar please contact Lynn McCoy at 294-3121.





# *Making FIRST PRES Your FIRST CHOICE for YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME*

## **“What makes a church a spiritual home?”**

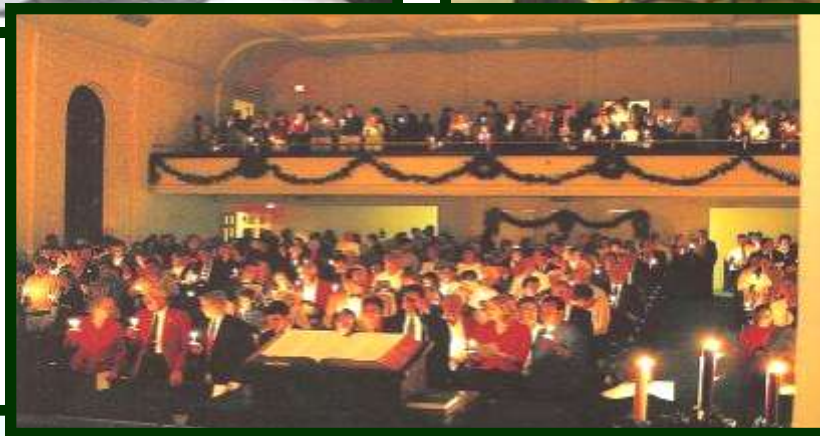
The answers are as broad as the people who fill the pews.

The church is the body of Christ here on earth. The church is a place where we find our connection with other children of God for worship, the study of God’s Word, Christian fellowship, and the service to the world in God’s name.

It’s where we feel connected to God and God’s children.







As we connect here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven with other disciples of Jesus Christ, we are making **FIRST PRES** our **FIRST CHOICE** for our spiritual home.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Children ages three through fifth grade** will meet in the children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from 9:45 - 10 a.m. with Ms. Lynn.

**Preschool Children** will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends.

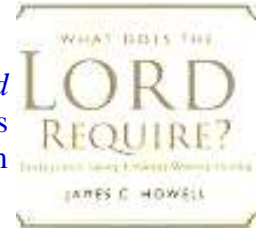
During the next six weeks, the **Elementary aged students** will focus on Making Choices through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time during the Workshop Rotation.



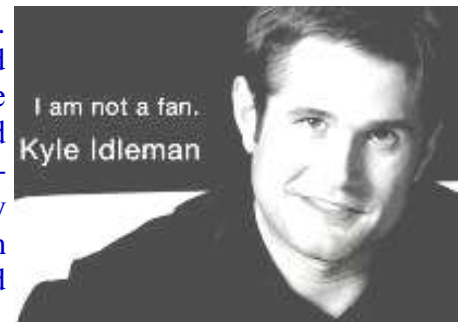
**Middle school and High school** youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

### Adults Class Options (10-10:45 a.m.)

**The Perspectives Class** will continue their discussion on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is led by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room, Room 106 of the CE Building.



Presenting a new small group study from City on a Hill Productions. Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation to Follow Him. He's not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers. Based on the engaging approach of Kyle Idleman, this one-of-a-kind small group study examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus. Join us for **"Not a Fan;"** six DVD sessions with discussion in Room 207 of the Christian Education building. The class will be facilitated by Gannon Olmert. This class will meet **April 17 – May 22**.



What began as a series of 'talks' on the radio by the devout Christian layman and brilliant college professor C. S. Lewis, has become a foundational book for many millions of Christ's followers over the years. "Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best, perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbors was to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." So Lewis begins this literary journey. Our class will read (five to ten pages a week) and reflect on Lewis' **Mere Christianity (What One Must Believe to be a Christian)**. If you have read this work before, come and share what elements in our faith has touched your heart and soul. If you have not had the opportunity, join with us for the first time as we explore topics such as The Three Parts of Morality, Christian Marriage, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, Charity, Obstinate Toy Soldiers, Nice People or New Men, from the fertile and faithful perspective of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Negley will lead the class which meets in the back section of McLeod Hall.

# Join us for Sunday School!



# SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

Our 2016 Flower Calendar has the following open dates:  
May 15, 22, & 29; June 5 & 26; July 3, 17, & 31; August 14 & 28;  
September 25; October 2, 9, & 16; November 27; and December 4 & 11.

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

**Never given sanctuary or narthex flowers before and wonder what to do?**

Follow these simple instructions:

1. Sign your name on the calendar for the date you wish to give flowers. If the sanctuary spot has already been selected, then you can choose to have your floral arrangement in the narthex for the same date.
2. Complete this step by giving your phone number and identifying your florist.
3. If giving sanctuary flowers and you would like to use the church's brass urn, please ask Ann or Sam for the glass liner and deliver it to your florist or ask the florist to pick it up at the church.
4. Place an order for flowers from your preferred florist.
5. Call Connie at the church office (294-3121) no later than Wednesday prior to your chosen date and inform her as to how you wish for the acknowledgment of flowers to read in the bulletin.
6. Request that the florist deliver the flowers to the church by noon on Saturday and have them include a name on the arrangement so that we know by whom they are given and where they are to be placed.

**Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. Thank you!**



## THIS IS WHAT OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINEES ARE LEARNING

Our Stephen Minister training class will wrap up soon. We ask you to keep our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so that they can bring Christ's love and care to hurting people on behalf of our congregation. Also pray for our Stephen Leaders who has guided them through their training.



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### AND REMEMBER, IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP...

connect with one of our Stephen Ministers, by calling **Pat Reass at 206-9914**, or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**. You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

**Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**



***"Pray without ceasing."***

***1 Thessalonians 5:17***





## COME WORSHIP WITH US

At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.



At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

### We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!



If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have you!

### ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE- Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

**First Aid Kits:** washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

**Children's "Jesus Kits":** coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

**Toiletry Kits:** shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

**Miscellaneous:** zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).



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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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

This newsletter is published weekly.  
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.  
Church dated material, please deliver by 4/22/16.

### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 52 bag lunches the  
week of 4/11/16.

**Return Service Requested**

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

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 4/16/16

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling all trivia buffs! Do you love food, fun, AND trivia? Then we have a perfect night for you. **Friday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.** our youth will be hosting a trivia night fundraiser. Entrance to this evening of fun will be a donation at the door. Mark your calendars, bring an empty stomach, all of your trivia knowledge, and get ready for some fun!

Fundraisers are an essential part of youth ministry. They help offset some of the cost of our summer youth trips. These trips are fantastic ways to grow in Christ and give the youth an opportunity to grow closer to each other. All the proceeds will go directly to our youth ministry here at the church. Please consider participating in this fun filled evening.

We will need to know how many mouths to feed and how many teams to plan for. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or fill out this tear-off and drop in offering plate to let us know if you will be there.

**If you feel led to sponsor one of our youth for a scholarship for summer trips please contact Dana at the church office.**

**TRIVIA RESERVATION DUE BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

