

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 11, 2014

Issue 499

128 Years of Ministry

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Sammy D. Bryant Director of Maintenance

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MOTHER'S DAY MEN/BOYS CHOIR

Honor the mother in your life by singing in the Men and Boys Choir this Mother's Day.

On **Sunday, May 11**, come to the choir room at **10:15 a.m.** for a rehearsal of the song we will sing in worship at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Men and Boys of all ages are welcome!



HELPING HONDURANS

From June 7-14, 2014, a twenty person mission team from our congregation will be working alongside our Christian sisters and brothers of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras to share the gospel and bring God's love to the people of this Central American country. Our mission team will be helping to conduct three dental clinics, one-day medical clinics, and work to pour a concrete floor in one church, and paint the sanctuary of another church.



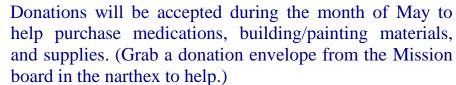


The members of our congregation are already helping us help the people in Honduras through the support of our church budget. Some of our mission dollars will be helping offset the costs of this trip.



There are two more ways you might be able to help:







Church calendar

Sunday, May 11

8:50 a.m. Worship

9:30 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 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, May 12

8:45 a.m. MOM

4:00 p.m. Scholarship Mtg. (MCR)

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**

5:15 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, May 14

8:45 a.m. MOM

12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)

5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC) 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, May 16

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, May 17

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

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

7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.



Remember in prayer

members

Anna Marie Barton Marge Goodman Maggie Beeland Pete & Jean Harman Michele & Neil Berger Audrey Hawk Win Betrus Frances Heath R. Otis Bice, Jr. Doris Hill Lois Burrell Ranell Hillman Millie Carrier Ed Houston George & Sylvia Chambers Camille Howe Tom Coffman Scott Irvin Norma Conner Dorothy Johnson Jane Dickey Toni Krieger Don Dinger Dena Lancashire **Eunice Dishman** Jackie Lawn Rich & Nancy Dobler Anne LeMacks Jerry Dugger **Dot Lenfestey** Jeanne Estes Pete & Judy Lindsay

Joan Murphy Nancy Neale Randall Palmer Judy Partain Liz Purnell Barbara Roberts Mary Ellen Rowker Dave Ryan Dorothy Ryan Harvey Snively, Jr. Jeff & Lisa Snyder Myrtice Stolz Lucy Jackson Teeter Carolyn Thompson Ed Threadgill **Shirley Turner** Jennifer Vibral Betty von Hahmann Anne Windham

Military service In the hospital: David Fry & Leora Redstreake

Spike & Jane Lucia

Matt McGaffigan

Rita Marcacci

Aaron Ashley James E. Baker Ben Clark Deborah Clark Tim Davis Leah (Doty) Fuscia Eddie Gray Beau Gresham Chris Hagen Daniel Harp Sean Harp Coree Jones Terry Jones, Jr. Jackie Jung David Knowles Timothy Lee John Marotti Kaitlin Marotti Adam McPhail Andrew Stapor **Keaton Thompson** Jacob van Zandt

Dawn & David Fellows

Lois Frakes

Phyllis Gilbert

Family and friends **Doris Arrington** Debbi Sowards' friend Charlotte Baker Rachal Little's friend Taylor Bentley Marty & Bob Bentley's grandson Finn Bowen Alisa Sheaffer's, friend Jerry Cooley Susan Singleton's friend Don Cooper Ed & Donna Rounsley's friend Al Ellis Jim Threlkel's friend Millie Farthing Squire & Punkin Smith's friend Ruth Gilchrist Bob Howard's cousin Harper Hassett Marty & Bob Bentley's grandson Bryan Howard Bob & Janet Howard's son Bailee Kent Nancy Chilton's niece Geoff Lewis Punkin & Squire Smith's friend Ruth Little Rachal Little's mother Steven Moats Edna Mitchell's son Gladys Owen Jonathan Owen's grandmother LaDonna Owen Jonathan Owen's aunt Lynn Reid Marty Bentley's friend Peggy Seigler Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend David Smith & family Penn Tucker's friends Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr. Jean Harman's son Gordon Tannahill Dave Tannahill's father Julie Valk & Family Penn Tucker's friend Joy Wallace Arletta Oriani & Bruce Eelmanns's aunt **Rocky Waters** Gale & Gwen Waters' son

FIRST FACTS

Lynn Oakley was presented with the Ralph and Alice Thompson Award at the 2014 Girls Inc. 23rd Annual "She Knows Where She's Going" Luncheon on May 2nd at Polk State College.

Congratulations Lynn!

Jenna Volpe was awarded the 'Best all around' notable at Lake Region High School's senior prom.

Way to go Jenna!





MARK YOUR MAY CALENDAR

May 11: HSYG 5:30-7:30 pm May 21: MSYGEnd of the Year Pool Party! 5-8 pm

May 14: MSYG 5:30-7:30 pm The Great Escape balance due!

May 18: HSYG 5:30-7:30 pm May 25: No HSYG – Memorial Day Weekend

Montreat balance due! May 28: MSYG 5:30-7:30 pm

MONTREAT AND GREAT ESCAPE BALANCES DUE NEXT WEEK!!



High School youth, if you are attending Montreat this summer, July 12-19, please turn in your balance no later than **Sunday, May 18th**.

Any middle schoolers going to the Great Escape, July 29-August 3, please turn you balance by **Wednesday**, **May 21**.



Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) is for all students in grades 6-8.

We meet every **Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center for dinner, games, fellowship, and a lesson about God's love and what it means to be a young believer.

High School Youth Group (HSYG) is for anyone in grades 9-12.

Our meetings are **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center. We enjoy dinner, games, fellowship, and discuss God, our relationship with Him, and other relevant topics in the lives of high school age students.

For more information regarding our youth groups or to RSVP for any of these events, contact Rachal Little at 294-3121 or rlittle@firstpreswh.org.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTER REQUEST FORMS

Located in the narthex, Centennial Room, and hallway leading to the balcony are safe and secure boxes for making a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister. The Stephen Minister request forms may also be found in the pew pockets. Just so you will know what you are looking for, a picture of the box is printed here. Look for these boxes!



Your Stephen Ministers hope this system will make it easier to be assured that your request is kept confidential by being deposited in a locked box.

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Christ Caring for People through People...



...that's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling Pat Reass today at 206-9914, or ask one of our Stephen Minister Leaders: *Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.*

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

RAYS VS INDIANS!!!



Don't forget the bus for the PRESBYTERY of TAMPA BAY night with the Rays leaves at **4:00 p.m. SHARP this Friday, May 9!** The game begins at 7:10 p.m.



SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS:

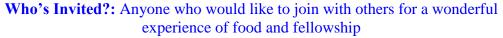
On two Sunday nights each year, the friends and members of our congregation are invited to join in our Service for Wholeness. Believing that the God who made us wishes for us to be whole in our body, minds, and spirits, we gather to listen to God's Word, to sing, and to pray, trusting that God can move us toward physical and spiritual wholeness. In the past, people have come to pray for themselves or others in the area of relationships, family, health, employment, and their daily walk with God. At the conclusion of the hour-long service, there is an opportunity for those who wish, to be anointed with oil.



If you are seeking wholeness in your life, come to the chapel on Sunday, **May 18, at 6 p.m.** for this special service.

ANNOUNCING THE FIRST OUTING FOR THE "10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH"

Join us on **Wednesday, May 21** for a lunch outing to Mel's Famous Hotdogs in Tampa (they also serve other sandwiches)





What do I need to do?: Call the church office (294-3121) and reserve a seat on the bus Bring money for your lunch (\$10.00 will cover most meal baskets and beverage) Show up by 10 a.m. and plan to enjoy our time together. We'll be back to the church by 2 p.m.



The Columbia Restaurant in Celebration
The Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales
The Port on Lake Hatchineha

KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!



Kidz Summer Escape, our six week long summer program for children ages three through kindergarten graduates begins Tuesday, **June 10** through Wednesday, **July 16**, meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Every week the children will experience a brand new theme with exciting activities and crafts to go along with the various themes.

We are accepting registration forms now, please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at Kidz Summer Escape.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING TOTAL!

Thank you for your generous support to One Great Hour of Sharing. This year we collected over \$2,800!

Come And See What God Is Doing ... Through Confirmation

Today, we celebrate an important point in the faith with 16 young people in our congregation - Confirmation. Since mid-January, Rebecca Alexander, Cameron Badnell, Gabriel Lastowski, Adam Frost, Samuel Garner, Lindsey Ivey, Brock Johnston, Jacob Linn, Meagan Martin, Dillon Powell, Jack Scamehorn, Ryan Seney, Ally Thompson, Taylor Threadgill, Ariston Walker, and Dalton Weihrauch met each week with Dr. Negley and Connie Shipley to explore the Bible, church, and Christian faith. Today marks the culmination of the period of thought and discussion.

You will notice the young people are wearing stoles adorned with Christian symbols. This is a part of their expression of faith. (These stoles were sewn by church member Dana Elmore and personalized by the confirmands at their retreat.) On the reverse side of this insert, you will find excerpts from the statements of faith that each of these young people composed during Confirmation. (The full copies of their statements of faith are posted on a bulletin board in McLeod Hall.) Please consider these words and listen to the questions that the confirmands answer on Sunday morning in worship.



















Some of these 16 young people will be baptized today as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ and join the church. Other members of our Confirmation Class were baptized as infants or children and will join the church as they affirm for themselves the promises that were made for them by their parents at baptism. Please pray for these young people as they continue in their life of discipleship.

Holy Equation

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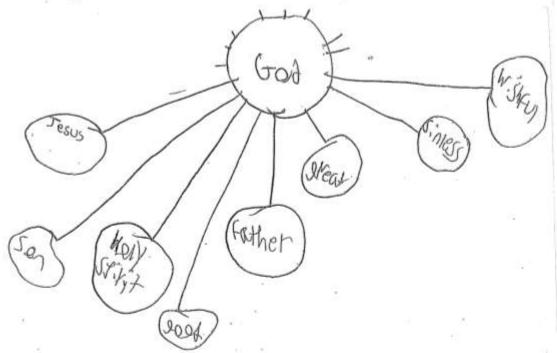
Thus

Son = Holy Ghost = Father

To me God is someone who will always love me for me

Indescribible! He is amazing! I live for him. He loves me and I love him. I want a closer relationship With God.

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he is always there to help with my problems.

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Inspiring

· Pure

· Blessing

·Loving

· Caring

· Respectful

· Creator

* Graceful

· Wonderful

· Generous

· Thoughtful

· Master

· NTCe

· Father

· Son

· Holy Spirit

· Giver

· Preacher

· Superb

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS, JUNE 22-26

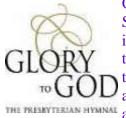


Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Please be sure to register your child/children now for an exciting week of Biblical fun at *Weird Animals VBS*. The expedition begins on *Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.*

All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to join us in a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste.

Registration forms are available around the church or you may follow this link to register online: https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpreswh2014.

Please call Amy McKee if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping out as well (294-3121).



Over a period of three and a half years, the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song met regularly to sing, discuss, and consider thousands of hymns and songs to be included in the new Presbyterian hymnal. In 2012, the new hymnal was presented to the General Assembly and it was commended for use within the church. In late 2013, the hymnals were printed and began to be used in worship. After thorough discussion and consideration, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven has adopted the new Presbyterian Hymnal *Glory to God* for use in worship.

QUICK FACTS

- Glory to God contains 853 hymns, compared to 605 of the current Blue hymnal.
- 65% of the Blue hymnal is in *Glory to God*; which basically means, if there is a hymn you like in the Blue hymnal... it's in *Glory to God*.
- The 65% of the Blue hymnal only constitutes 50% of the new hymnal.
- This means there are over 400 new hymns in the *Glory to God!*

To raise the funds necessary for *Glory to God*, the Session as approved the selling of dedications for each hymnal. Each dedication will be attached to the inside cover of the hymnal and will cost**\$20**.

"What about the Blue hymnals?"

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of:

• If you or your family purchased a Blue hymnal dedication, you will be encouraged to take that hymnal home after *Glory to God* is adopted in mid-April. The Worship and Music Committee will labeling all the blue hymnals for pick-up.

We hope that you will consider purchasing a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the forms below and return them to the office.

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Your Name:	GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION Amount: \$	(3)

Bright Sunday 2014 Acknowledgements and Thanks to...

Cast Members for their outstanding performances: Owen Boyce for the skit, "Is This Heaven?", to Brian and Ella Boyce for the skit, "Every Time A Bell Rings", to Dr. James Threlkel and Kasey Ray for the skit, "The Doctor, St. Peter, and God"; to Rachal Little, Amy McKee, and Connie Shipley for the skit, "Three Blondes, St. Peter, and God."

Mary Ellen Porter for designing this year's bulletin cover and helping to create the scenery of "heaven".

Amy Powell for her counsel and artistic expertise, for taking my sketches and bringing "heaven" and the "Pearly Gates" to life with fabrics, fans, lights, jewels, paper, paint, Styrofoam and webbing. Great set!

Sam Bryant for building the set that would become the walls of "heaven."

David Brinson for arranging music, for providing piano and organ accompaniment, for coordinating the choir and bells and for inaugurating our video screens with cloud images.

The Jazzbyterians – saxophonist, Mike Harris; drummer, Bob Howard; and bass guitarist, Squire Smith for adding their special touches to musical numbers.

The Chancel Bells for playing "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" and for their good sportsmanship in receiving their "wings" and being seated in heaven. Thanks for playing twice!

Carol Jane Roberts Cone for providing us with some "Delta" wings to award the "new" angels after the bells had rung.

The Chancel Choir for the songs "A Wonderful Time Up There" and "Get Happy." Special thanks to Jason Doty, soloist, for "A Wonderful Time Up There." Thanks for singing twice!

Gene Aspy for donating the ferns to cover the floral crosses and to Mary Dukes and Polly Wilson, for arranging the ferns on the crosses.

Steve Negley and the Confirmation Class of 2014 for assistance with moving the chancel furniture with help from Cal Quessenberry.

Squire Smith for his audio expertise and insuring the best sound quality.

Andy Ray for distributing the butterflies.

Jim Francis for the lovely arrangements of Birds of Paradise, Palms and tropical flowers that flanked the chancel.

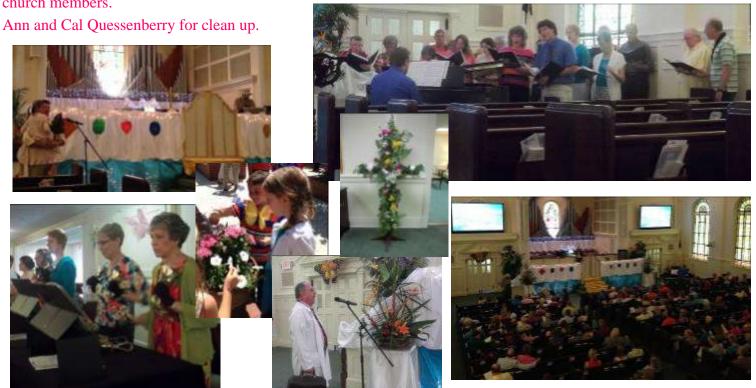
Colleen Crawford and the staff of Fragrant Acres Butterfly Farm that have supplied our butterflies for several years now.

Lia Gray for planting flowers in containers within the Memorial Garden to provide some food for the butterflies.

Rose Flynn and Connie Shipley for the "extra" secretarial work needed for the Bright Sunday bulletins.

Ken Hart and The Andy Thornal Co. for assistance with costuming St. Peter.

All who brought flowers to decorate the floral crosses and to all who released butterflies in memory of loved ones or church members.



PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

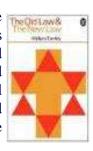
Preschool Children – Meet in Room 108 for their very own time of Bible stories, craft, and snack time.



All children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend Route 52: A 52-Week Bible Journey – just for kids! The children explore the Bible with hands-on crafts, food, Bible study, and lots of fun with their friends. Children are divided into two groups: kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. We gather for music from 9:45-10 a.m. in Room 101 and depart from there.

Middle School & High School Youth – meet in the Student Center at 9:45 a.m. for Soul Pancake. There is discussion, activity time, and of course BREAKFAST. Come hungry, come happy, and come hang out with Rachal Little and a variety of faithful volunteers on Sunday mornings.

The Perspectives Class – facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas continues the second part of their study on *The Old Law*, *The New Law* by William Barclay. The class spends their time in The New Law. The words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount have moved and challenged men and women since He first spoke them. Here they are explained, simply and clearly, showing how Jesus mixed honesty with compassion and helped people to inject good into life. This is the New Law. This study raises questions about war and peace, God and materialism, and about fostering essential relationships and values. This class meets in the Geneva Room in the CE Building.





Connect - Grow - Thrive will focus on the study Courageous, based on the movie, examines topics such as honor, integrity, guiding children and more. It is designed to help build family and group relationships. The class will begin watching the movie over the first few sessions, but each week's lessons will allow you to join in at any time whether you have viewed the movie or not. This class meets in Room 207.

Sundays with Steve, God Talk in the Family of Faith - As people of the Christian faith, we talk about our faith. Questions and answers abound. Dr. Steve Negley invites you to join in a class that will explore the biblical texts that help us to answer some of the questions we face in life:

How can we find God?

What are we doing here? Why doesn't God do something about evil? What does God want with us? Is God against us? ...to name a few.

Bring your Bible and your God-given curiosity to the back section of McLeod Hall on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. to join in this exploration of faith.





SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 9:45 a.m. children & youth have Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. there is adult Sunday School.

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!

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 5/7/14.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 233 bag lunches in the week of 4/28/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 65 people on 5/3/14.

Return Service Requested

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FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR RACHAL LITTLE

Rachal Little, our Director of Student Ministries, has accepted a youth ministry position with a church near her childhood home in metro-Atlanta. She will be wrapping up her ministry with our congregation at the end of May.

The Session wants to give the members of our congregation an opportunity to celebrate her work with us over the past two years. You are invited to attend a farewell reception for Rachal on Sunday, May 18, in McLeod Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We hope to present Rachal with a token of our thanks at that time. If you would like to contribute to a Love Gift for Rachal, send your donation to the church office, memo line Rachal's Love Gift.



