



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

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130 Years of Ministry

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## FALL INTO

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall. **October 10** is the next meeting.

Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter. **October 18** is the next meeting.

We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" written by the Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker. Join us as we journey through the New Testament, looking at Jesus through a number of various lenses and how these different perspectives impact our understanding of who Jesus is.



The study books are now available for \$8.00.

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



## FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS NEAR

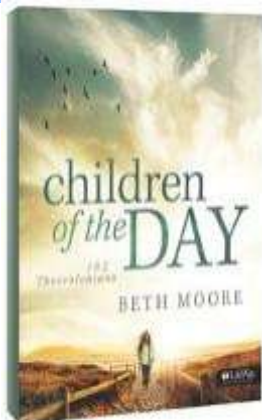
### *Children of the Day* by Beth Moore

The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as we carry that light today when we're grocery shopping, having coffee, or picking up children. Your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental in your journey. God's timing is impeccable. Join us in a 9 session video/discussion study with author Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as we face real crises, real medical diagnoses, real afflictions, real relationships, real doubts, real concerns, and real fears. Let the tide wash your eyes with fresh vision. Don't let pride or timidity come between you and the presence of God.

If you would like to attend please contact Lia Gray at [uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:uncpair@gmail.com) or call 318-1541.

Optional study books will be about \$18. We will meet in the Golden Center.

**All meeting times are from 9am - 11am and will meet:  
October 20, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15,  
January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23.**



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 9

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)  
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, October 10

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

## Tuesday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

## Wednesday, October 12

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)  
 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bells (CE 103)  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, October 13

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)  
 6:30 p.m. Praise and Worship Band  
 (Sanctuary)

## Friday, October 14

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, October 15

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



**Military**

Zach Drum  
 Robert Ferguson  
 Stephanie Gillie  
 Eddie Gray  
 David Knowles  
 John Marotti  
 KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
 Ashton Pitts  
 Drew Stapor



# Remember in Prayer

## members

Roger Able	Doris Hill	Robert Ramseyer
Bill Adams	Camille Howe	Keith Ray
Jonye Briggs	Jim Huff	Barbara Roberts
Millie Carrier	Joey Johnston	Earle Roberts
Helen Champlain	Sara Koon	Dave Ryan
Meredith Clem	Toni Krieger	Marilyn Schleifer
Tom Coffman	Dena Lancashire	Barbara A. Smith
Charlie Darte	Jackie Lawn	Barbara H. Smith
Jana & Mike Easterling	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bruce Eelman	Larry Marshall	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Dick McCauley	Shirley Turner
Bill Everhart	Sharon McGaffigan	Jim Vobornik
Lois Frakes	Jack Meadows	Lee Wilkinson
Bill Garrett	Gladys Meier	Marie Williams
Margaret Goodman	Lynn Mincey	Retha Wright
Jane Hayman	Joan Murphy	
Marilyn Hearn	Ed Partridge	
Frances Heath	Anthony Premuto	

## Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo	Gene Aspy's friend
Susan Bryan	Jim Francis' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Anna Clawson & expected twins	Linda & Andy Stavres' granddaughter
Allen Cofiori	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Steve & Kaye Cook & children	Alison & Les O'Neal's friends
Paul Darlington	Rick & Pat Reass' friend
Sarah Dubinsky	Linda & Andy Stavres' friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Kevin McGaffigan	Matt & Sharon McGaffigan's son
Marisa Middaugh	Gene Aspy's niece
Kate & Johnny Olson	Toni Barger's friend
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez	Betty Shinn's grandchildren
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Debbie Webb	Jonathan Owen's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Meredith Clem on the death of her mother, Dannie Dougherty, who died Friday, September 30, 2016.*

## 2016 DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!!

You can pick up your directory in McLeod Hall.  
They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

If you do not find a directory with your family name on it and need one, please write your name and phone number on the form at the end of the table or call the church office at 294-3121.



## OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE



Are you looking for an opportunity to share in fellowship with other members and friends of First Pres? If you answered, “YES” then we have a perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for folks to help “Oversee the Connection” time on Sunday mornings. We need your help setting out the food on platters and making sure that the trays have enough goodies on them throughout the morning.

The actual Connection time runs from 9:15-10:45 a.m. We would need your help starting around 8:30 a.m. to get all of the goodies out on trays. Please contact the church office at 294-3121 and speak to Alan Harvey or Amy McKee for more information. Thank you in advance for your faithful service!

## CHRIST KIDS IS BACK IN ACTION!

All children ages four through fifth grade can join us on **Wednesday afternoons from 3-5:30 p.m.** for a FREE afternoon of Christian growing and learning. The children will have snack, music, recreation, sharing time, and Bible story time.

All we ask is that parents bring individually wrapped snacks to share with the other children every few months. Drop-off and pick-up is on the Playground. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## HELP!!! THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

Did you know that the number of days of Advent varies? It can begin as early as November 27 or as late as December 3. That means there can be as many as 29 days or as few as 23 days of Advent.



Using my Presbyterian Planning Calendar, I accidentally consulted the 2017 calendar (23 days) instead of the 2016 calendar (29 days) in calculating the number of devotions needed for this year’s Advent Devotional. As Eeyore’s luck would have it, I need the most possible number of devotionals for this year. Consequently, I need not 7 as I had been thinking, but 12 more stories in order for us to have an Advent 2016 Devotional , to run from the First Sunday in Advent (November 27) through Christmas Day.

If you are willing to help, please contact Alan by calling 294-3121 (Tuesday-Friday) or writing him at [aharvey@firstpreswh.org](mailto:aharvey@firstpreswh.org).

This year’s theme is: *“Toyland – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas.”* I will be glad to give you the guidelines for writing your story yourself or to record your information and write up your story. Many thanks!

*Alan*

## REMEMBER THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Summer Worship Service at 10 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.





## ARE YOU A TECHIE???

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!!**



## WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

### Music for the very young Wednesday 10:45-11:15 & 11:15-11:45 (Drop-ins welcome at 10:45)

Lynn does a special music class for the Morning Out Moms' children. Drop-ins are welcome to attend the music session. Singing, movement, pre-reading skills, story time, and playing a variety of non-pitched instruments makes music time fun. Traditional and contemporary children's Christian songs provide a wealth of resources.



### Children Wednesday Christ Kids and Sunday School

Children from preschool through grade 5 participate in music activities using singing, instruments and movement. They regularly participate in the worship service with their offering of praise through song. They use a variety of percussion instruments, ukulele, guitar and recorders to encourage music reading and to develop their musical talents. There is also a Christ Kids Ringers ensemble for hand bells.

### Youth Sunday 4:30

The Youth meet on Sunday prior to Youth group in the Golden Center. Any high school or middle school youth who are interested in singing or playing an instrument are invited to come and join. The Youth regularly share their praise with song during worship service. Resources include a variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary Christian. There are many opportunities to use your talents in a large group or small ensemble so come and join a great group of kids! High School youth are also invited to join the adult Chancel choir and Chancel and Chapel Bells.

Adult Chancel Choir meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday a half hour before service.** Anyone from high school age and up is welcome to join a wonderful fellowship of praise through song. There is no audition required. The Chancel Choir regularly sings at the 11:00 service and special events throughout the year. The Choir will be singing at the 2016 Jingle Java Jam in December, Disney Candlelight Processional, and this year we will present a joint concert with Haines City Presbyterian Church – stay tuned!



Hand Bells. We have two adult hand bell groups. Chancel Bells meets on **Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** and Chapel Bells meets on **Thursday at 1:15 p.m.** High School through adult ages are welcome. Both groups play regularly for Sunday worship service and for special occasions. We have space for beginners and advanced ringers. You just need to make a commitment to the rehearsal schedule! We have a special Spring Ring planned for April 2017!



Praise and Worship Band. We have a new opportunity this year for those who are interested in playing or singing contemporary Christian music. There is weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and music will be shared at our Praise and Worship service on Sunday morning. Please contact Lynn if you are interested in joining this group on a regular or drop-in basis. This is a new and exciting opportunity for musicians in our church.

### Solo and Small Ensemble Voice/Instrumental opportunities

If you are a youth with 3 years band experience or an adult who used to play, and any singers who are unable to commit to regular choir rehearsals, we would love to have you join one of our small music ensembles. We use piano, keyboard or organ in every service and we welcome and encourage those with keyboard skills.

There are opportunities every Sunday to share your talent during worship service. Please contact Lynn at 701-570-1485 and we will find a place for you to share your praise on Sunday morning.

# HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND EACH SUNDAY MORNING!

## WORSHIP SERVICES



**8:15 a.m.**

### Chapel Worship

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

**9:30 - 10:25 a.m.**

### Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children will be 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 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.

## THE CONNECTION

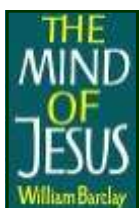
**9:15 – 10:45 a.m.**

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It will be a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities will be playing on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts will 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.



## FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

**9:30 a.m. – Adult**



The Perspectives Class studies, **The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay. Please join this class in the Geneva Room at 9:30 a.m. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in **The Mind of Jesus** his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.

**Job Shadowing – Walking the Talk at Work**, is led by David Fellows and David Alexander. Join this dynamic duo in Room 207 as they embark on looking to Daniel as a workplace mentor, you can see that God calls people not only into church-related work but also into non-religious occupations. His experience will show you what "ministry" looks like in the context of the work world. Daniel's decisions display how to live by kingdom-of-God vision in the workplace. He demonstrates how knowing your identity produces stability under the pressures of the work world. And from Daniel, you can learn many secrets for staying spiritually strong in adverse conditions over the long haul. This class will meet September 18 – October 9.



**9:45 – Children**

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade will have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

**At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children** (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience a brand new Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. Our first lesson will focus on Weird Science Obedience. We can't wait to see what God will do in each of our lives as we discover more about what the Bible says about following and obeying God and those He's put in authority over us.



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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*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out  
363 bag lunches the week of 9/26/16

**We gave out 1,305 bag lunches  
in September.**

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 101 people on 10/1/16  
**We fed 401 people in September.**

## FALL-BULOUS FUN IS COMING...



**Wednesday, October 26** during our annual **Fall Fest** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** We will start the festivities with a pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Fall Fest will begin at 6 p.m. with games, crafts, and Bible trivia. Please be sure to bring your friends and family to this wonderful event. We will also have set-up that day beginning at 9 a.m.



Please RSVP for dinner by calling the church office at 294-3121 or filling out the form and placing it in the offering plate. If you can help out with set-up, please e-mail Amy McKee at [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org).

\*\*\* Please bring in individually wrapped candy or small prizes by Monday, October 24 to the church office or McLeod Hall. We appreciate your help. \*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_