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Tower Chimes

First Presbyterian Church Of Winter Haven Florida

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July 12 & 19, 2009

Mission Honduras 2009

Once again, our church mission team to the country of Honduras has arrived safely back in the states with incredible stories to tell of how God is at work in our world.

The group of 29 people who traveled June 20-27 to Honduras was the sixth group of missionaries our church has sent to the Presbytery of Honduras since 1998.



These men, women, and youth from our church visited Presbyterian churches in Nacaome, Moropocay, Las Crucitas and La Venta. Our missionaries joined with a Honduran physician in church based clinics. The First Presbyterian team also assisted the men of the Moropocay church in laying the foundation for a new education building, and painted the interior and exterior front of the new sanctuary of the church of Nacaome.

Watch for reports in the Tower Chimes in the upcoming weeks and months from the individual members of the 2009 Mission Team. We have over 8 hours of video and 2000+ photos that we will be sharing. We are planning a special mission luncheon/supper for World Communion Sunday.



We want to thank our mission partners (the entire congregation) for the financial and spiritual support that made this trip, and our ministry in partnership with our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ possible.

Three Penny Partners



Our Three Penny Partners will be collecting the 3-Cents-a-Meal hunger offering during the worship service Sunday, July 19. Please bring your home collections to go toward our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

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Church Calendar**Sunday, July 12**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. HSYG, SC

Monday, July 13

8:30 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Esc., CE Bldg.
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room

Wednesday, July 15

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Esc., CE Bldg.
8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Thursday, July 16

7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103
7:00 p.m. Magic Club, GR

Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Saturday, July 18**HSYG Paintball**

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building

**Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen
Weeks of****6/22/09&6/29/09**

427 Bag Lunches Given Out
158 Fed at the Soup Kitchen

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Phyllis Turner Howell** who died on June 25, 2009 in Winter Garden; we also extend our sympathy to the **Ray family** upon the death of **Blair Ray** who passed away July 1, 2009.

**Church Calendar****Sunday, July 19****Communion
Three-Penny-Partners
Blood Mobile**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. HSYG Planning

Monday, July 20

8:30 a.m. MOM
10:00 a.m. Qulters, MH

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
10:00 a.m. Hospice, CE 103
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room
5:00 p.m. Hospice, CE 103

Wednesday, July 22

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
1:00 p.m. Staff Luncheon
5:30 p.m. MSYG Planning

Thursday, July 23

6:30 p.m. Stamp Club
7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103

Friday, July 24

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Saturday, July 25

9:30 a.m. Alpha Jewels 637, GSH
12:00 p.m. Marrs Wedding, Chapel
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building

Remember in Prayer**In Need of Your Prayers:**

Vet Ashby
Anna Marie Barton
Barbara Bissett
Millie Carrier
Geraldine Chilton
Peggy Chun
Sondra Cole
Rich & Buddie Daniel
Eunice Dishman
Helen Dunaway
Bill & Lucille Freeman
Betty Jo Gray
Helen Gross
Esther Huehn
Maggie Hankin
Mary Pat Harding
Ann & Al Hays
Phyllis Howell
Ross Kosmensky

Barbara Hill
Marj Howe
Dick Kingham
Bob Lindstrom
Carole Marotti
Grayce McNamara
Joan Murphy
Jeane Parks
Judy Partain
Dave Ryan
Marguerite Sowards
Bert Schulz
Myrtice Stolz
Hazel Thomas
Carolyn Thompson
Sandra Turley
Ann Wilford
Judith Winjum

Friends & Relatives:

Ramona Cargo (Retha Wright's daughter)
Ted Duning (Jan & Mark Sanders' friend)
Jon Gardner (Pat and Gary Gardner's grandson)
Barbara Greathouse (Michelle Morgan's mother)
Barbara Grimes (Lois Frakes' friend)
Mary Duncanson Henry (Phyllis Gilbert's friend)
Martha Johnson (Norma Conner's friend)
A.J. Kayntma (Lois Frakes' friend)
Paulette Kersbergen (Al Kersbergen's sister)
Pat Marshall (Larry & Candy Marshall's sister-in-law)
(Kathy Michaels' daughter)
Laurie Miller (Barbara Crowder's cousin)
Sue Markle Miller (Phyllis Gilbert's cousin)
Dr. David Murchinson (George Butz III's friend)
Don Price (former pastor)
Dan Richardson (Bob Hines' friend)
Joan Russell (Betty Johnson's friend)
Marcella Scherer (Paul & Marilyn Scherer's sister-in-law)
Tony Silva (Gale & Gwen Waters friend)
Ann Tullis (Judy Winfree's mom)
Scarlett Turner (Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter)
Anne Vega (Susan Wales' friend)
Charles Verworm (Roxann McCann's mother)
Mark Weller (Jonathan Owen's friend)
Carol and Harvey White (Gary Gardner's sister and brother-in-law)
John Wilson (Jan & Mark Sanders' son)

In Military Service:

Eddie Gray Michael Dobler Ryan Beissinger
Jacob Spence Joel Snively Derek Shelton
Leah (Doty) Fuscia Adam McPhail David Knowles
Sean Harp Daniel Harp Brian Parrish
James E. Baker Jarrett Abbott Aaron Ashley
Adam Rooney

A Red, White and Blue Thank You!

As with many events there are a lot of people working behind the scenes to make an event a success and our Patriotic Picnic was no exception. We thank **Sam Bryant**, **Ann Reynolds** and **Cal Quisenberry** for setting up, decorating and clean up of McLeod Hall. We thank **Dick** and **Judy Kingham** and **Diane Repass** for setting the tables and doing preparation on Saturday. We thank our grill sergeant **David Alexander** and his team: **Rob Frost** and **Warren Glenn** for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs. We thank **Larry Davis** for serving as our Kitchen coordinator on Sunday and for his great team: **George** and **Sylvia Chambers**, **Peggy Davis**, **Jackie** and **Jerry Dugger**, **Bob Hubbard**, **Judy Kingham**, **George Seagreaves** and **Karen Siegel** for preparing, serving and clean up on Sunday. We thank **Peggy Davis** for providing watermelons and greenery for the table centerpieces and the beautiful red, white and blue floral arrangement. We thank our musicians: **Keith Rasmussen**, pianist; **Nat West**, banjoist; **Michael Stavres**, guitarist; and **Sarah Claire Smith**, soloist; who provided leadership and accompaniment for our Sing Along. We thank **Janice Sanders** and **Michelle Morgan** for preparation of our programs and the money collection boxes for the tables. We thank **Alan Harvey** for purchasing food and supplies, preparing the baked beans, baking the cookies, assisting with decorating, coordinating the program and serving as song leader. We thank **all of you** who attended and enjoyed our Patriotic Picnic!

Worship, Christian Education and Youth Ministries

Summer Sunday School for Children through Adults (May 31 – August 30)



Children of the Church are invited on an adventure of Shows, Songs, and Stories with Dr. Harvey. All children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited to experience this hands-on faith journey with Dr. Harvey.

Middle School and High School Youth will continue their focus with emerge 3.0. Feel free to bring a friend and drop in this summer at the Student Center.

The Perspectives Class will focus on “Current Hot Button Issues” and how they relate to Christianity. Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas will facilitate this class. Please meet in the Geneva Room.

Where TV Land Meets Bible Land – will be led by Dr. Steve Negley. This class will go on an interactive faith journey through favorite TV shows of the past. Please meet in the back of McLeod Hall.

Youth Calendar

July 12: HSYG 5:30-7:30 p.m.

July 18: HSYG Paintball Trip

July 19: HSYG Planning Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

July 20: MSYG Beach Trip

July 22: MSYG Planning Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

July 25: MSYG/HSYG Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact Josh Peters at jpeters@firstpreswh.org or (863) 232-

Communion



July 19, 2009

Summer Sermon Series

On Sundays in June, July, and August, Dr. Negley and Dr. Harvey will be preaching from texts which lead us in understanding the life and faith of Peter, Paul, and some of the Marys. We hope that you will enhance the worship experiences by undertaking your own journey through the stories of the lives of these faithful followers of Jesus.

For the whole story of **Peter** (Simon) – you can begin by reading any of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Peter is one of the first disciples called by Jesus (Mt. 4:18, Mk. 1:16, Lk. 5:1, Jn. 1:35). Peter walks with Jesus from this point on. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early church in the power of Holy Spirit, beginning with the ascension of the resurrected Jesus into heaven. In many ways, Acts is a continuation of the story of Peter, as disciple/apostle. In the first eight chapters of Acts, Peter is the main human character.

Paul (Saul) appears briefly in chapters 8 and 9, and then Paul plays a minor role in the shadow of Peter until chapter 13, and Paul’s first missionary journey. The spotlight then shifts to Paul. In Acts chapter 15, Peter and Paul are both important voices at the Jerusalem Council. Beginning in Acts chapter 16, and continuing through the end of Acts in chapter 28, Paul’s faithful response to God’s leading drives the story. Paul’s name is also assigned to thirteen of the New Testament books (letters): Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. We learn a great deal about Paul’s life and faith from reading these letters.

Mary is a fairly popular name in the New Testament, and stories of the different Marys are powerful illustrations of faithfulness. We can begin with the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her role in the birth of the Christ (Mt. 1:18, Lk.1:26). Mary, Jesus’ mother, also plays an important role during the life of our Lord (Jn 2:1, Jn 19:26). Another person whose life is a wonderful study of discipleship is Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. (Lk. 10:38, Jn. 11:1) Among others who share this name are Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:1, Mk. 16:9).

Please join us this summer in learning about and from these people who walked the discipleship path with Jesus, as we focus on stories of Peter, Paul, and the Marys.

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Blood Mobile July 19, 2009



New Members

Mark and Jan Sanders
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Thank You!

What a wonderful church family we have at First Presbyterian. I am very grateful to all of you for all the notes, cards, and food you sent during my time of healing. My heart felt thanks to Anne Windham for taking care of the Memorial Garden so I did not worry. Love in Christ, Betty Jo Gray

Our Purpose

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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Festival of Church Artisans

The Festival of Church Artisans is being scheduled for Wednesday nights August 5, 12, 19 and 26. Participants are invited to bring a light supper around 5 or 5:30 p.m. to enjoy some table fellowship. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the church. Once people have finished eating, the workshop sessions will begin and then conclude around 7:30 or 8 p.m., so everyone should be able to get home before dark. The entire schedule has not been finalized. Here are the workshops, their instructors and their meeting times thus far:

Advent Banner Making with Pam Baker on August 5, 12, 19 & 26

Counted Cross Stitch Chrismons with Nancy Dobler on August 5 and 12

Flower Arranging for Church and Home with Peggy Davis on August 5, 12, and 19

Large Mural/Backdrop Painting with Mary Ellen Porter on August 5, 12 and 19

Baking Breads for Communion with Alan Harvey on August 19 and 26

The Woodworking Group with Mark Sanders on August 5 and 19

All of the groups will be crafting things which the church can use. The Advent Banner will be used in worship. The Chrismons will be displayed on our Chrismon tree. A floral arrangement will be made for the sanctuary. The mural/backdrop will be used in the storytelling center of the Christian Education building. The communion bread will be used for the sacrament and the plant stands will be available for programs/services as needed. As one learns "how-to" do these things for the church, he or she will also acquire a skill or talent that can be used at home as well. As some supplies will need to be purchased ahead of time, we need to know of your interest and plans to attend. Please complete the registration form below and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thanks!

Festival of Church Artisans Registration Form

Name _____

I would like to attend the following workshop(s). I have Experience. I am a Beginner.

- Advent Banner Making
Counted Cross Stitch Chrismons
Flower Arranging
Large Mural/Backdrop Painting
Baking Bread for Communion
Woodworking

Come and See What God is Doing at First Presbyterian Church . . .



This year the children of First Presbyterian and the Winter Haven community were invited on a journey through the bayou at *Crocodile Dock - Vacation Bible School*.

The children romped in the swamp, June 14-18 every evening where they were able to sample tasty Snack Shack treats, go on adventures at Bible Bayou, make crazy creations in Crawfish Crafts, race around at Gator Games, sing all sorts of exhilarating songs, and meet Chadder the Chipmunk at Dockside Drive-In.



Every evening we averaged around 90 kids, from our own congregation as well as local community. Each evening the children were able to learn a new Bible story and Bible point:

Day 1 - God speaks to Moses in a burning bush.

Bible Point - God is with us.

Day 2 - God sends plagues on Egypt.

Bible Point - God is powerful.

Day 3 - God spares the Israelites at Passover.

Bible Point - **God does what he says he'll do.**

Day 4 - Jesus dies and comes back to life.

Bible Point - God gives us life.

Day 5 - The Israelites cross the Red Sea.

Bible Point - God cares for us.

A SPECIAL thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported **Vacation Bible School's Crocodile Dock** this year. We had over 50 adults and teenagers who helped organize, plan, and lead VBS. Thank you all very much! Check out some of the pictures from Crocodile Dock - where fearless kids shine God's light!

