



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 14, 2014

Issue 510

128 Years of Ministry

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ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 OUR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN.

**We hope you and your family will join us for all of our
Fall-bulous Fall Programming!**

**All children gather with Mr. David from 9:45-10 a.m. in Room
101 for music time.**

At 10 a.m. the children are dismissed to their various classes:

**Preschool Sunday School for ages three and four meets in
Room 108.**

**Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to
experience the Workshop Rotation program.**

**Middle School and High School Youth are invited to meet in the
Student Center beginning at 9:45 a.m. for a time of faith-
building, friendship, food, laughter, and fun!**

Adults can choose between three classes beginning at 10 a.m.

**Connect – Grow – Thrive meets in Room 207 and changes
topics every few months.**

**The Perspectives Class gathers in the Geneva Room for their
discussion time.**

Dr. Steve Negley's class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.

**More information about each class can be found inside this
Tower Chimes.**

Church calendar

Sunday, September 14

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Receive New Members (ER)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. New Member Reception (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)
- 6:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness With Communion (Chapel)

Monday, September 15

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, September 16

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, September 17

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (SC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 18

- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, September 19

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, September 20

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



Our deepest sympathy goes to Win Betrus upon the death of her husband Pete, on September 7, 2014.

Remember in Prayer

members

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| Anna Marie Barton | Doris Hill | Dee Palmore |
| Maggie Beeland | Ranell Hillman | Judy Partain |
| Win Betrus | Ed Houston | Liz Purnell |
| R. Otis Bice, Jr. | Camille Howe | Barbara Roberts |
| Guy Bostick | Dorothy Johnson | Mary Ellen Rowker |
| Lois Burrell | Toni Krieger | Dave Ryan |
| Millie Carrier | Ronda Lacy | Dorothy Ryan |
| George & Sylvia Chambers | Dena Lancashire | Barbara A. Smith |
| Tom Coffman | Anne LeMacks | Myrtice Stolz |
| Norma Conner | Dot Lenfestey | Steve Sowards |
| Kathleen DeLoach | Judy Lindsay | Lucy Jackson Teeter |
| Don Dinger | Spike & Jane Lucia | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jerry Dugger | Elaine Maltese | Ed Threadgill |
| Jana Easterling | Rita Marcacci | Lorraine Todd |
| Jeanne Estes | Gladys Meier | Shirley Turner |
| Kathy Girouard | Heidi Van Allen-Munoz | Betty von Hahmann |
| Marge Goodman | Joan Murphy | Anne Windham |
| Pete & Jean Harman | Nancy Neale | |
| Frances Heath | Joe Oriani | |

Family and friends

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| Kristin Battilla & Family | Jonathan Owen's friends |
| Butch Howard Bennett | Ed Gorsky's brother |
| Stephanie Blanchard | Barbara & John Puckett's friend |
| Marvin Carter | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Roland Castro | Alan Harvey's friend |
| David Curtiss | Merideth Curtiss' stepson |
| Gloria Goss | Carolyn Thompson's daughter |
| Randall Griner | Jim Francis' friend |
| Kim Hansell's family | Bethany Owen's friends |
| Jean Hehn | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Abigail Ising | Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece |
| Bailee Kent | Nancy & Charley Chilton's niece |
| Pete Kent | Nancy & Charley Chilton's nephew |
| Tamara Keyes | Bethany Owen's mom |
| Geoff Lewis | Punkin & Squire Smith's friend |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter |
| Julian McCall | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| LaDonna Owen | Jonathan Owen's aunt |
| Peggy Seigler | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr. | Jean Harman's son |
| Rolland Waters | Gale & Gwen Waters' son |



Military service

- 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

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.

FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS RETURNED

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!

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS

The chapel will be the setting for the Service of Wholeness on **Sunday evening September 14 at six o'clock**. This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion which will be received by intinction. Opportunity will be given for participants to request private prayer and to be anointed with oil.

You are most welcome to come for this special service which also includes prayers, scripture and a brief meditation led by Dr. Harvey.



JOIN US FOR A DINNER AND MOVIE!



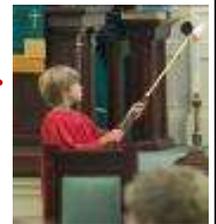
First Presbyterian Church is hosting Dinner and a Movie where we will feature *Heaven is For Real*. We will provide pizza for the evening, but here's what we need from you. Please invite friends or family members who are looking for a church home to join you at Dinner and a Movie.

We will gather in McLeod Hall on **Friday, September 26 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.** All are welcome but **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

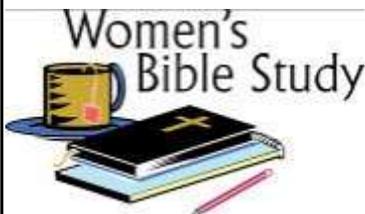
Please RSVP to the church office at 294-3121. We must have your reservations by Wednesday, September 24.

BRING YOUR CHILD FOR ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte Training will be held **this Sunday, September 14 after the 11 a.m. service**. Please meet in the front of the Sanctuary for training. All children in first through fifth grade are encouraged to be trained. We need new acolytes for the Fall.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES TO MEET IN OCTOBER



The two groups for our Presbyterian Women (the Lydia Circle and the Joy Circle) will hold their first meetings of the fall in October. Jana Easterling and Carol Carter will be leading the women in Bible Study again this program year (October – April). Watch the Tower Chimes and Sunday bulletin as October approaches for dates and locations of the Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings.

Celebrating Generosity with Fall Christian Education Programs

Come hop on the Sunday School Safari this Fall at First Presbyterian Church. Our Fall Sunday School programs officially begin this Sunday, September 14. We hope that you and your family will find a place to plug in and get involved.



We are thrilled to offer exciting education opportunities for the children of the church! All children meet with Mr. David from 9:45 - 10 a.m. in Room 101 for Music. After music the children are dismissed to their classes.



Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will rotate through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Computer, and Movies on Sunday mornings. The theme changes every 6 weeks. They will begin this fall talking about Adam & Eve.

The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.



The Adults of the church have three classes to choose from.

These classes begin at 10 a.m.

Connect - Grow - Thrive meets in Room 207. This fall they will dive into the book, *The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* by John Ortberg. All are invited to join in this discussion filled class. Laura Frost handles the communication of this class and members of the class take part in leading the discussion each week.

The Perspectives Class meets in the Geneva Room and is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas. This Fall they will begin a brand new study focusing on Martin Thielen's book, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian?* Everyone is invited to join in this thought-provoking discussion time. Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.



Dr. Steve Negley's class meets in the back of McLeod Hall. This Fall the topic will be: **Mastering the Basics in I John**. This eight-week study will take the class on a journey through a little book (I John) tucked near the back of the New Testament. Long before C.S. Lewis and his look at "Mere" Christianity, a writer named John was putting pen to papyrus and helping early Christians explore the essential elements of their faith. Addressing a congregation where faith and practice had taken some wrong turns, John shared the good news of how things could move in the right direction. Bring your Bible and be prepared to explore how we can walk in the Light and walk in love; test the spirits and be aware of antichrists; live as children of God who love one another; and revel in how God's love inspires our love.

Other Fall Christian Education Programs include:

Wednesday afternoon Christ Kids from 3-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday for children ages four through fifth grade.

Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Senior High Youth Group on Sunday evenings from 5:30- 7:30 p.m.



Thanks to our members and friends for their amazing generosity we are able to provide weekly programming for all ages in the church. From wee little ones through older adults, there is something for everyone to take part in. Thank you all for your faithful support!

CHRIST KIDS IS BACK IN SWING!

Christ Kids began on Wednesday, September 3, but it's not too late for your child/children to join in the fun on Wednesday afternoons.

We are looking forward to a great group of four year olds through fifth graders joining us this year. Please meet on the playground starting at **3 p.m.** for snack time, followed by music, Bible study, and exciting activities with your friends. We wrap up at 5:30 p.m.



JOIN ONE OF OUR MUSICAL ENSEMBLES, OR TWO!



On September 3rd, the new musical season began with all of our ensembles. You are invited to participate! Chancel Bells rehearse from **6:00-7:00 on Wednesdays**, Chancel Choir immediately following from **7:00-8:30**. On **Thursdays**, the Chapel Bells, who are very welcoming to new ringers, rehearse from **7:00-8:00**.

You are invited to join us as we heed the Psalms call and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR CHURCH WELCOME FIRST TIME VISITORS?

Would you like to join with the Deacons and Elders in participating in this important ministry?

Currently we need volunteers for **Sundays, October 12, 19, & 26.**



If you have more questions or if your answer is "Yes," then please call Alan at the church office (294-3121). Thank you!

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THOSE NEEDING A RIDE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS!

For anyone seeking a ride using our angel van service on Sundays, please call the church office at 294-3121 on Friday by 12 p.m. to make those arrangements.

It is necessary to call each week you need a ride.





WE HAVE OPENINGS ON THE FLOWER CALENDAR

In the near future, October 19, November 2, 9, & 30 are available.

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by providing flowers in the sanctuary on a given Sunday, choose the date and sign the Flower Calendar in the narthex.



FRIENDSHIP CALLERS

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.

Please call Ray, or one of our present Friendship Callers: Bill Allen, Orrin & Helen Champlain, Ed & Joan Houston, Joey Johnston, Phyllis Legg, Les & Alison O'Neal, and Kline Roberts. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.



LOCAL MISSION SUPPLIES NEEDED

When you are out and about, please consider picking up some of these items for a few of our local missions:

- **Family Emergency Services** - Food pantry items.
- **Soup Kitchen** - Travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors.
- **Angels Care** - Food pantry items, travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, Bible themed coloring books, crayons, small books, stickers, wash cloths, band aids, wet wipes, antibacterial soap, antibiotic ointment.



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Just so you will know what you are looking for, a picture of the box is printed here.

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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.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 198 bag lunches the week of 9/01/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 9/06/14.

Return Service Requested

YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK IN ACTION!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

School is back in session, and so are our Wednesday evening meetings for the First Pres Middle School Youth. All young people in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join us on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.** in the First Pres. Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW). There will be FOOD (supper is provided) FELLOWSHIP (the 737 building is open for basketball, four square, carpet ball, and general hanging out with friends) FUN, FAITH, AND FRIENDS (we have a great group of adults who will help you and your friends explore the Christian faith and learn more about loving and serving God.) We wrap up at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend and be sure to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All 9th thru 12th grade young people are encouraged to join our High School Youth. The group meets on **Sunday nights, from 5:30p.m.–7:30 p.m.** in the Student Center, 711 Sixth Street NW.

WHAT WILL YOU FIND? Supper with your friends, time to catch up with your friends, some games and laughs with your friends, bible study and Christian service with your friends.

Come out each Sunday and make some new friends in Christ at our High School Youth.

