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128 Years of Ministry

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting for this **Sunday, May 4 at 10:55 a.m.** in the sanctuary to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2017, and members to the church-wide Nominating Committee for 2015.

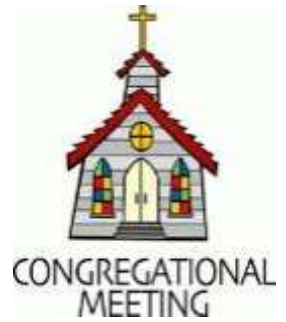
The following slate will be proposed:

For the office of Deacon: Jay Dugger, Erin Emry, Janet Howard, Greg Marrs, and Joe McKee.

For the office Elder: Cheryl Beckert, Rob Frost, Gannon Olmert, Dana Parrish, and Pat Reass.

For Nominating Committee Members at large Class of 2015:

Janet Golden, Bob Hubbard, Andy Ray, Punkin Smith, and Lori Roe.



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:



- Please pray for our mission team members as we prepare to travel to Honduras
- Donations will be accepted during the month of May to help purchase medications, building/painting materials, and supplies. (Grab a donation envelope from the Mission board in the narthex to help.)

Church calendar

Sunday, May 4

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING
BLOOD MOBILE

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 (EA)
10:55 a.m. Congregational Meeting
(Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. New Member, Confirmation, &
Stephen Minister Reception (MC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, May 5

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, May 7

8:45 a.m. MOM
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 8

7:45 a.m. Bus Leaves for Presbytery
(Brandon)
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, May 9

8:45 a.m. MOM
4:00 p.m. Bus Leaves for Rays Game
St. Pete

Saturday, May 10

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

Remember in prayer

members

Anna Marie Barton
Maggie Beeland
Michele & Neil Berger
Win Betrus
R. Otis Bice, Jr.
Lois Burrell
Millie Carrier
George & Sylvia Chambers
Tom Coffman
Norma Conner
Jane Dickey
Don Dinger
Eunice Dishman
Rich & Nancy Dobler
Jana Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Dawn & David Fellows
Lois Frakes
Phyllis Gilbert
Marge Goodman
Pete & Jean Harman

Audrey Hawk
Marilyn Hearn
Frances Heath
Doris Hill
Ranell Hillman
Ed Houston
Camille Howe
Scott Irvin
Dorothy Johnson
Toni Krieger
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Anne LeMacks
Dot Lenfestey
Pete & Judy Lindsay
Spike & Jane Lucia
Rita Marcacci
Matt McGaffigan
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
Hazel Thomas
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Shirley Turner
Jennifer Vibral
Betty von Hahmann
Karl von Hahmann
Randy von Hahmann
Anne Windham

In the hospital : Jerry Dugger

Family and friends



Military service

Linda Allen
Doris Arrington
Charlotte Baker
Finn Bowen
Jerry Cooley
Don Cooper
Steve Crisman
Tamee Dark
Norma Downs
Al Ellis
Millie Farthing
Bryan Howard
Judy Justice & Brandon Justice
John Katros
Bailee Kent
Geoff Lewis
Ruth Little
Steven Moats
Sandy Neitsch
LaDonna Owen
Cliff Peeno
Bob Santos
Peggy Seigler
David Smith & family
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.
Gordon Tannahill
Penni Tinsley
Olaf Tonissoo
Julie Valk & Family
Joy Wallace
Rocky Waters

Peggy & Larry Davis' friend
Debbi Sowards' friend
Rachal Little's friend
Alisa Sheaffer, friend
Susan Singleton's friend
Ed & Donna Rounsley's friend
Brian & Jennifer Boyce's friend
Beth Luxford's friend
Donna Rounsley's mother
Jim Threlkel's friend
Squire & Punkin Smith's friend
Bob & Janet Howard's son
Ann Kinsey's friend
Lisa Endres' father
Nancy Chilton's niece
Punkin & Squire Smith's friend
Rachal Little's mother
Edna Mitchell's son
Sherie Ray's friend
Jonathan Owen's aunt
Helen & Orin Champlain's friend
Marcia Keplinger's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Penn Tucker's friends
Jean Harman's son
Dave Tannahill's father
Tom Oldt & Jeri Stewart's friend
Shirley & Bob Hines' friend
Penn Tucker's friends
Gale & Gwen Waters' son



*Our Christian
sympathy goes to the
family of
Hazel Thomas upon
her death on Saturday,
April 19, 2014.*

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.

Welcome To Our Newest Members



Bill & Shirley Ussery
522 Clubhouse Dr.
Lake Wales, FL 33898
813-468-9081



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 on Friday, May 9!** The game begins at 7:10 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS, JUNE 22-26

Making your summer plans? Be sure to reserve **June 22-26 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.** for our VBS week. All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to participate.

We also need lots of adult and youth volunteers to make *Weird Animals – Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind* VBS come to life.

You may register online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpreswh2014>.



KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Kidz Summer Escape registration has begun! All children ages three through kindergarten graduates are invited to join us for 6 weeks on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** beginning **June 10-July 16**. We meet from **8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.

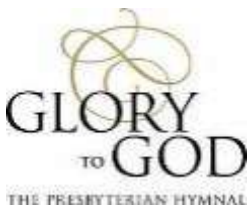
Announcing the first outing for the "10 to 2 Lunch Bunch"

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

Who's Invited?: Anyone who would like to join with others for a wonderful experience of food and fellowship

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.

Future "10 to 2 Lunch Bunch" Outings are being planned for: The Columbia Restaurant in Celebration, The Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales, & The Port on Lake Hatchineha.



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?"

- 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.

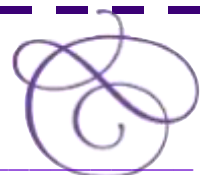
We hope that you will consider purchasing a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the forms below and return them to the office.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: _____





YOUTH MINISTRY

MARK YOUR MAY CALENDAR

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| May 4: | Confirmation Sunday!
HSYG 5:30-7:30 pm | May 18: | HSYG 5:30-7:30 pm
Montreat balance due! |
| May 7: | MSYG 5:30-7:30 pm | May 21: | MSYG End of the Year Pool Party! 5-8 pm
The Great Escape balance due! |
| May 11: | HSYG 5:30-7:30 pm | May 25: | No HSYG – Memorial Day Weekend |
| May 14: | MSYG 5:30-7:30 pm | May 28: | MSYG 5:30-7:30 pm |

MONTREAT AND GREAT ESCAPE BALANCES DUE DATES!!



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 and Centennial Room 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. 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.

ELDER BIOS

CHERYL BECKERT: Cheryl was born in Tampa, Florida. She is married to Howard Beckert and they have one daughter, Laura who lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Cheryl is a graduate of Florida State University, College of Human sciences (formerly Home Economics) with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. Cheryl and Howard met at FSU and were married in 1972. A career change brought Cheryl & Howard to Winter Haven from Tampa in 1976. They have been members of First Presbyterian Church since the mid – eighties. Cheryl began her State Farm Insurance agency in 1983. Cheryl has been an active volunteer in many community organizations including Girls, Inc and United Way of Central Florida. Current activities include Board member, Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce; Professional Development & Programs Chair of National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; United Way Women’s Leadership committee and Reading Pals volunteer; Garden Club of Winter Haven and Committee member, Florida State University National Alumni Association. “ I am very honored to be considered and look forward to serving my church.”

ROB FROST: Rob was born in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. While growing up he lived in a number of places in the US and Canada. He received a BA and MA from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. It was also at Baylor that Rob met his wonderful wife, Laura. After receiving his MA, Rob began working for State Farm in Dallas, Texas. In 2006, the family moved to Winter Haven. Rob is currently finishing his term as Deacon. In his spare time, Rob enjoys various activities with Laura, and his two children, Adam and Ava.

GANNON OLMERT: Gannon grew up in High Springs, Florida outside of Gainesville and graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1998. He then attended Auburn University for three years before returning to Gainesville to complete his degree in Building Construction at the University of Florida in 2003. Gannon had grown up with his wife Amanda in High Springs, and they married in October of 2003. Gannon and Amanda have three children: Landon (7) was born in 2006, Brayden (5) was born in 2008, and Garren (1) was born in 2013. Gannon was raised in the First Baptist Church of High Springs where he remained a member until both he and Amanda moved to Polk County in 2004 for MM Parrish Construction Company. He worked with them for 12 years until taking a position with Tucker Construction & Engineering in early 2011 as their Senior Project Manager. Upon arriving in Polk County, Gannon and Amanda joined the First Baptist Church of Auburndale and were members there until they joined First Presbyterian of Winter Haven. Gannon has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for almost 3 years, and all of his children were baptized here in September 2013. Gannon is an active member of the Winter Haven Rotary Club and has served on several boards with them. “I am honored to be nominated to serve my church in this capacity”.

DANA PARRISH: Dana is a 5th generation native Floridian born and raised in Arcadia. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia. After graduating she attended Florida Southern College. As a freshman there Dana had the privilege to serve as Peace River Youth Delegate for Presbytery. While at FSC she met her husband, Brent. They married on August 18, 2001. Dana graduated with a degree in Pre-K Primary/ Elementary Education and taught for twelve years. After she and Brent were married, they moved to Winter Haven and shortly after joined First Presbyterian Winter Haven. Both of their children, Jackson (11) and Grayce (7), were born and baptized in the church. It has been a joy to watch them grow up here. Grayce was the first live baby Jesus in the live nativity. While she has no memory of this event it was a special time because Dana was Mary and was able to share the experience with her. Over the years Dana has been able to serve the Lord through VBS, Christ Kids, teach Sunday School, and be a part of Connect Sunday School Class. She considers it pure joy to serve the Lord in any capacity because each job in His name is an opportunity to further His kingdom. "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28

PAT REASS: Pat is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and moved to Winter Haven in 1979. Pat and her husband Rick were married at First Presbyterian Church in 1997. They have four daughters and nine grandchildren with #10 due in August! Pat studied real estate and accounting and began her real estate career in 1983, listing and selling real estate and started appraising in 1985. One of the first women in this area to become a state certified Residential Appraiser, Pat is President of the Appraisal Group in Winter Haven. She is also a state permitted Appraisal instructor teaching appraisal courses around the state and has been a featured speaker in Atlantic City for a realtor convention. Besides being active in the Realtor associations on the local and state levels, community service is important to Pat. In 2004, Pat and Rick helped start our soup kitchen. She has served as Moderator of the Deaconate, is a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader, has served on the Evangelism committee helping to organize the early years of the Living Nativity presentations, and was a part of the original handbell choir. Pat joined First Presbyterian Church in 1979 and has been active as an usher as well as a Vacation Bible School volunteer. Pat was the 2012 recipient of the local Girls, Inc. organization “She Knows Where She’s Going” award honored for serving as a role model and service for young girls. She enjoys being with her family, riding with Rick on their Harley Davidson motorcycle, and traveling to Sparta, North Carolina.

DEACON BIOS

JAY DUGGER: Jay is a native Floridian, born and raised right here in Winter Haven by Jerry and Jackie Dugger. A graduate of Winter Haven High School, Jay attended and graduated from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Citrus Business. While attending FCS, Jay met his wife, Tricia Dugger, with whom he has been married for 14 years. Together they have 2 children: Sarah, 6 and Cody, 3. After living in Fort Pierce, FL for 14 years, Jay and family moved back to Winter Haven in 2011 where Jay is a Production Manager for Peace River Packing Company in Ft. Meade, FL. Jay is also a Certified Crop Advisor and Arborist, has served on the board of the Florida Southern Citrus Department, and has been honored with the Florida Southern College Citrus Department Alumni Award in 2004. In his spare time, Jay enjoys fishing, boating, and hunting, and is a regular volunteer at All Saints Academy in Sarah and Cody's classes. Jay and family have been members of First Presbyterian since 2012. "I feel truly honored and blessed to be nominated as a Deacon and to serve God and my First Presbyterian family."

ERIN EMRY: Erin was born and raised in Winter Haven, Florida where she graduated from Winter Haven High School in 1995. She attained a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Southern College with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology. She married her lifelong friend David Emry in March of 2004. They have a son named Case who was born on October 1, 2007. One of Erin's most treasured activities is volunteering in her community. She is going on her 10th year as a member of the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven where she served as a board member for two years. She is a member of Planters Garden Club where she also served on the board, the Florida Club, and a board member of the Lewis Family Cancer Foundation. She especially loves volunteering weekly at her son's school in Lakeland. She helps teach in the children's Sunday school rotation and has been a leader in the VBS program here at First Pres for several years. In her downtime she enjoys traveling, scalloping and lobstering, participating in fun runs/5k's, anything outdoors, and spending time with her family. "I feel so humbled and blessed for this wonderful opportunity to serve my church."

JANET HOWARD: Janet was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. After graduating from Hamilton High School West, she attended Mercer County Community College. Bob and Janet were married in 1972 at Pilgrim Presbyterian Church where they raised their sons, Bryan and Jeffrey. As a member of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church she was in the choir, Sunday School teacher, and served as a Deacon and Elder. Bob's parents retired to Winter Haven in 1985 and that is when Janet fell in love with Florida. In 2011 she retired after 23 years of service at NJ Manufacturers Insurance Group where she was employed as a Senior Claims Representative, investigating workers compensation injuries. Bob and Janet moved to Winter Haven at the time. She joined First Presbyterian Church in 2012 and enjoy being part of the Chapel Bells, Prayer Shawl Group, Membership Committee, and most recently involved with Saturday Nite Live.

GREG MARRS: Greg (59), is married to Mary Marrs. They have been married 11 years. Their home is in Auburndale, FL. Greg and Mary joined First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, in 2008. Their children are son, Clayton, Nurse, Chattanooga, TN., and Amy Jefferson, Teacher, Palm Harbor, FL. Greg was raised in Marshall, IL. His parents, Gene and Patty Marrs, owned and operated Marrs Furniture Store. Greg has a younger brother, Jim. The Marrs Family is still involved in Farming Operations in Paris, IL. They have been members of Marshall First Christian Church since 1958. Greg was educated in the Marshall Community Schools. He has a BS in Business Administration/Marketing, from the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, where he graduated in 1976. Following graduation from Illinois, Greg went to work for The Maytag Company. During a 28 year career at Maytag, Greg held District Sales Manager roles in Fresno and San Jose, CA, Regional Sales Manager roles in Minneapolis, MN., and Detroit, MI., and Director of Maytag Service Operations in Cleveland, TN., and Newton, IA. For the last 8 years, Greg has served as the Southeast Regional Sales Manager for Bosch Siemens Home Appliance Corp. Greg and Mary enjoy golf when possible and they enjoy caring for their home. They also treasure their leisure time with family, and friends in the Lanai/Pool area at their Home, and look forward to Greg's Mom & Dad making their annual "snow-bird" drive to Auburndale in February. As for the future, Greg's objectives include "Living a Christian Life", "Stay Happy & Healthy", "Enjoying Family & Friends", "Retire in 6 years, if possible", and after several Corporate Moves, "Stay in Auburndale."

JOE MCKEE: Joe McKee was born in Staten Island, NY; fifth of seven children to Charles and Milea McKee. Joe has four sons who all live in Lakeland. Joe married Amy Lee Smith in 2012. Joe is the owner of several health food and supplement stores, one in Winter Haven and two in Lakeland. He has attended services at First Presbyterian since 2010 and became a member in 2012. Joe is passionate about helping others in their efforts to improve their health. He is looking forward to serving as a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is also charged with presenting nominees to serve as "at-large" members on the church-wide Nominating Committee.

The five persons being nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for the year 2015 are:
Janet Golden, Bob Hubbard, Andy Ray, Lori Roe, & Punkin Smith.

PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

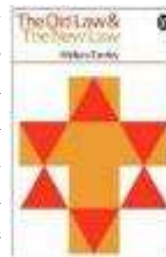
Preschool Children – Meet in Room 108 for their very own time of Bible stories, craft, and snack time.



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 *SoulPancake*. 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

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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 215 bag lunches in the week of 4/21/14.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 97 people on 4/26/14.

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.