



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of May 18, 2014

Issue 500

128 Years of Ministry

## 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, 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.)

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## VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!!

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>.

**If you have any questions or if you are interested in helping out, please call Amy McKee at 294-3121.**

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Office Assistant

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Director of Maintenance

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## Church calendar

Sunday, May 18  
THREE CENTS-A-MEAL  
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  
12:00 p.m. Reception-Rachal Farewell (MH)  
4:00 p.m. Honduras Mtg. (MH)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)  
6:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness (Chapel)

Monday, May 19  
8:45 a.m. MOM  
6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)  
6:30 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, May 20  
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, May 21  
8:45 a.m. MOM  
10:00 a.m. 10-2 Lunch Bunch-Mel's Hotdogs  
5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 22  
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, May 23  
8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, May 24  
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)  
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

### 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.**

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 18

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal** hunger offering during worship services **TODAY, SUNDAY, May 18.**



This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

## 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  
Jerry Dugger  
Jeanne Estes  
Fellows family  
Lois Frakes  
Phyllis Gilbert  
Marge Goodman

Pete & Jean Harman  
Audrey Hawk  
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  
Betty Seagraves  
Harvey Snively, Jr.  
Jeff & Lisa Snyder  
Myrtice Stolz  
Lucy Jackson Teeter  
Carolyn Thompson  
Ed Thredgill  
Shirley Turner  
Jennifer Vibral  
Betty von Hahmann  
Anne Windham



### Military service

Aaron Ashley  
James E. Baker  
Ben Clark  
Deborah Clark  
Tim Davis  
Leah (Doty) Fuscina  
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

### In the hospital: Gayle Waters

#### Family and friends

Dorothy Anderson  
Doris Arrington  
Charlotte Baker  
Taylor Bentley  
Finn Bowen  
Jerry Cooley  
Don Cooper  
Al Ellis  
Ruth Gilchrist  
Harper Hassett  
Bryan Howard  
Bailee Kent  
Geoff Lewis  
Ruth Little  
Steven Moats  
Gladys Owen  
LaDonna Owen  
Lynn Reid  
Peggy Seigler  
David Smith & family  
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.  
Gordon Tannahill  
Julie Valk & Family  
Joy Wallace  
Rocky Waters

Brandy Gray's grandmother  
Debbi Sowards' friend  
Rachal Little's friend  
Marty & Bob Bentley's grandson  
Alisa Sheaffer's, friend  
Susan Singleton's friend  
Ed & Donna Thronley's friend  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Bob Howard's cousin  
Marty & Bob Bentley's grandson  
Bob & Janet Howard's son  
Nancy Chilton's niece  
Punkin & Squire Smith's friend  
Rachal Little's mother  
Edna Mitchell's son  
Jonathan Owen's grandmother  
Jonathan Owen's aunt  
Marty Bentley's friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Penn Tucker's friends  
Jean Harman's son  
Dave Tannahill's father  
Penn Tucker's friend  
Arletta Oriani & Bruce Eelmanns's aunt  
Gale & Gwen Waters' son



## 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 in your balance by **Wednesday, May 21.**



### 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.)

**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



### 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.**

**Christ Kids will resume on Wednesday, September 3.  
Have a happy and safe summer!**



# *Celebrating Generosity Through Summer Trips and Fundraising*

Summer trips are the highlight of any young person's youth group experience. At First Presbyterian, our summer trips are second to none. Our middle school students get to experience a week in Ocklawaha, Florida at The Great Escape, and our high schoolers get to spend a week in Montreat, North Carolina at the Montreat Youth Conference. These are two exceptional camps, and our youth look forward to them each and every year. In order to make these trips more affordable, our students host three spring fundraisers: the church-wide Talent Show, Flamingos, and the Dog and Car Wash.

This January, the youth invited members of our congregation to perform in our church's talent show. They set up McLeod Hall and served a delicious barbeque dinner prepared by Randy von Hahmann and Jack Snively of Hog Heaven Smokehouse. Everyone enjoyed the performances and the entertaining host, Todd Dantzler. The fellowship hall was filled with people coming to watch talented friends and offer donations and support to the youth group. This year's talent show was a wonderful time for everyone!

In April, the youth of our church began the flamingo fundraiser. Members of the congregation were invited to order flocks of flamingos to be delivered by the youth group to friends and family. We even offered "flamingo insurance" for those who wanted to ensure no flamingos were sent to them. During the month of April, the flocks were delivered and put smiles on so many faces! The congregation looks forward to this fundraiser each year because it is a funny opportunity to share some laughs with friends.

Our summer trips are exciting, fun, and help the youth of our church grow closer to God and one another. In order to provide our students with the best camp experience possible without breaking the bank, our youth work hard to fundraise for these trips. There is so much planning and work that goes in to a successful fundraiser, but all that means nothing if no one shows up. Because of your support and generosity, the youth groups have raised over \$2,000.00 to go toward making our summer trips more affordable. Without the support of the congregation, these camp experiences would not be possible. We are so thankful for the love we are shown by our church family. Thank you all so much!





# YOUTH MINISTRY

## MARK YOUR MAY CALENDAR

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|----------------------------|---|
| May 11: HSYG, 5:30-7:30 pm | May 21: MSYG End 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 | The Great Escape meeting, 8:00 pm               |
| Montreat balance due!      | May 25: No HSYG – Memorial Day Weekend          |
| Montreat meeting, 5:00 pm  | May 28: MSYG, 5:30-7:30 pm                      |

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](mailto: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.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Alison & Les O'Neal  
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### 2014 Confirmation Class

**Front:** Cameron Badnell, Jack Scamehorn, Brock Johnston, Ryan Seney, Sam Garner, Ariston Walker, & Meagan Martin.  
**Back:** Rebecca Alexander, Dillon Powell, Adam Frost, Dalton Weihravoh, Ally Thompson, Lindsey Ivey, Taylor Threadgill, Gabriel Lastowski, & Jacob Linn.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Weird Animals is coming up June 22-26. You don't want to miss out on this great adventure from 6:15-8:30 p.m. each evening, Sunday through Thursday. We are looking forward to a great year. We need everyone to register ahead of time so we can get all of our Jungle Crews ready for their expeditions. Please fill out the attached registration form and drop into the offering plate or turn into the church office.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

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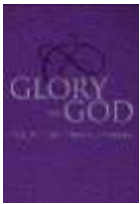
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Special Considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Special friend your child would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

We still have 170 Glory to God hymnals available for dedication.

Each dedication will be attached to the inside cover of the hymnal and cost \$20.

The Blue hymnals are also still available. 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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### GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



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### GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



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### GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_





# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 24)



We know that folks travel a lot during the summer months but we still want to provide a time of Christian Education on Sunday mornings for all ages.



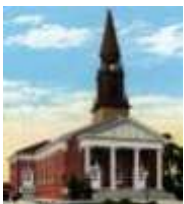
Children ages three through fifth grade graduates can join Amy McKee and Carrie Bilancio as we travel through – What’s in the Bible?, a DVD adventure this summer. Please meet in the Movie Room from 9:30-10:20 a.m. every Sunday, June 1 – August 24. We will have snacks, crafts, and movies!

This summer, the Middle & High School Youth and Adults are invited to join Dr. Steve Negley & Youth Volunteers in the back of McLeod Hall for “Where TV Land Meets Bible Land,” an interactive DVD journey through classic TV shows and Bible times. This class will meet from 9:30-10:20 a.m. every Sunday, June 1 – August 24.

Bible + TV Land = Bible Land

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH MAY 25



**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!**

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## FIRST FACTS!!!

**Owen Boyce** was one of 14 boys across Polk County to be recognized as a finalist for “Male Solo Announcer” at the ITV awards ceremony on April 29. **Way to go, Owen!**

**Jack Gray** received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University recently. He minored in psychology. **Congratulations, Jack!**

**Sean Ivey** came in 1<sup>st</sup> place among middle school students in Polk County who participated in the Westpoint Bridge Contest sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers – Florida Chapter. This was an extra-curricular activity that took place at school outside of school hours. The object of the contest was to build a virtual bridge that would support the most weight for the least amount of money. Sean’s bridge was the strongest and cost the least amount of money to build at \$235k. The president of the Ridge Chapter of the ASCE will visit Jewett sometime this month to present Sean with his award and \$100. As a result, Sean will be able to participate in the State-wide contest held in Miami Beach July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. **Well done, Sean!**

**Amy McKee**, our Christian Education Director, “passed the gavel” as she has completed her year as Junior League President of Greater Winter Haven. Thanks for all your hard work in our community. **Great job, Amy!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

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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 203 bag lunches in  
the week of 5/5/14.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 72 people on 5/10/14.

### Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»

«Address 1»

«Address 2»

«City» «State» «Zip»

## 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.



**Farewell**