



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Weeks of June 22 & June 29, 2014

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128 Years of Ministry

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## YOU CAN STILL REGISTER YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Vacation Bible School starts this *Sunday, June 22 and runs through Thursday, June 26 (6:15-8:30 p.m.)!* Please be sure to register your child/children now for an exciting week of Biblical fun at *Weird Animals VBS*.

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 fill out the attached form below. Bring your registration with you Sunday evening.

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.**

## VBS REGISTRATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

# VBS 2014



## Church calendar

Sunday, June 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:20 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 23

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)
- 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 24

- 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (ER)
- 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (ER)

Wednesday, June 25

- 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 26

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Called Meeting (Lakeland)
- 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 27

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, June 28

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

## Church calendar

Sunday, June 29

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:20 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Patriotic/Fellowship on the 5th Luncheon (MH)

Monday, June 30

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, July 1

- 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
- 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, July 2

- 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Thursday, July 3

Friday, July 4  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

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

## Remember in prayer

### members

Anna Marie Barton  
Maggie Beeland  
Win Betrus  
R. Otis Bice, Jr.  
Lois Burrell  
Millie Carrier  
George & Sylvia Chambers  
Tom Coffman  
Norma Conner  
Don Dinger  
Jana Easterling  
Jeanne Estes  
Fellows family  
Lois Frakes  
Phyllis Gilbert  
Nicholas Glenn  
Marge Goodman  
Pete & Jean Harman

Frances Heath  
Doris Hill  
Ranell Hillman  
Ed Houston  
Camille Howe  
Dorothy Johnson  
Toni Krieger  
Ronda Lacy  
Dena Lancashire  
Anne LeMacks  
Dot Lenfestey  
Pete & Judy Lindsay  
Spike & Jane Lucia  
Rita Marcacci  
Don Martin  
Matt McGaffigan  
Heidi Van Allen Munoz  
Joan Murphy

Nancy Neale  
Judy Partain  
Liz Purnell  
Sharon Ramseyer  
Barbara Roberts  
Mary Ellen Rowker  
Dave Ryan  
Dorothy Ryan  
Beverly Seagraves  
Jeff & Lisa Snyder  
Myrtice Stolz  
Lucy Jackson Teeter  
Ed Threadgill  
Shirley Turner  
Betty von Hahmann  
Gale Waters  
Anne Windham



### 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

In the hospital: Jerry Dugger & Joe Oriani

### Family and friends

Dorothy Anderson  
Deana Bland  
Bill & Billy Doty  
Norma Downs  
Al Ellis  
Ruth Gilchrist  
Nancy & Clyde Gray  
Bryan Howard  
Bailee Kent  
Pete Kent  
Geoff Lewis  
George & Ruth Norton  
Gladys Owen  
LaDonna Owen  
Joe Ruggiero  
Peggy Seigler  
David Smith & family  
**Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.**  
Gordon Tannahill

Brandy Gray's grandmother  
Nanette Rodgers friend  
Jim Doty's father & brother  
Donna Rounsley's mother  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Bob Howard's cousin  
Pam Gray's father  
Bob & Janet Howard's son  
Nancy Chilton's niece  
Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Punkin & Squire Smith's friend  
Gail & Gwen Waters' friend  
Jonathan Owen's grandmother  
Jonathan Owen's aunt  
Elizabeth Peters' friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Penn Tucker's friends  
Jean Harman's son  
Dave Tannahill's father

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Susie Stanley and family in the death of her grandmother, Eleanor Hutton, who died Sunday, June 3, 2014.*

*Our sincerest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Shirley Thompson, who died Wednesday, June 4, 2014.*

*Our deepest sympathy goes to Richard Elmore and family in the death of his mother, Maria Elmore, who died Sunday, June 7, 2014.*

*Our warmest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Eunice Dishman, who died Thursday, June 12, 2014.*





FIRST  
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CHURCH

Winter Haven's own award-winning Clarke-Nikdel-Powell designed our stunning new website. Check it out!

First Presbyterian on the web  
has a new look!

Visit our website!  
[www.firstpreswh.org](http://www.firstpreswh.org)



## VBS SUPPLY BOARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE BALCONY AND NARTHEX

Please take a moment and take an item  
or two off the board and return your  
item(s) by **June 22** to McLeod Hall or  
the church office.

**Thank you for your  
faithful support!**

## 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.



## RECAP OF THE FIRST 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH

The people who joined together for our first **10 to 2 Lunch Bunch** and the trip to Mel's Hot Dogs in Tampa had a "weinerful" time. Nearly thirty-five people piled into the church bus and Lincoln Towncar, and a couple of rented vans (and one private vehicle) for our journey to Tampa. The participants were "frankful" for the driving skills of Joel Price, Sue McClew, Rachal Little, Larry Davis, and Steve Negley who took us safely there and back. Good food and table fellowship were plentiful. We are currently researching the lunch menu at the Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales and the Columbia Restaurant in Celebration. Watch the Tower Chimes for the announcement of our next 10 to 2 Lunch Bunch outing.



# *Celebrating Generosity Through Mission Honduras, 2014*

The 2014 mission team travelled to Honduras in two waves. The Advance Team (Gene Aspy and John Eycleshimer) left Winter Haven at 4 a.m. Saturday morning, June 7, the rest of the 20 member mission team (Emily Alexander, David Alexander, Austin Carrero, Casey Cheatham, Elaine Dustin, Warren Girouard, Jay Gray, Lia Gray, Steve Negley, Tom Oldt, Hadley Owen, Jonathan Owen, Ryan Peardon, Connie Shipley, Emily Snyder, Kenneth von Hahmann, Dave Zwicker, and Penny Zwicker) left Winter Haven at 5 a.m., and arrived mid-day in Honduras. The balance of the travel day was spent visiting a national park (and the Christ Statue) overlooking the capital city of Tegucigalpa. On Sunday morning, the team worshipped in the city with the congregation of the Pena de Horeb Presbyterian Church. The evening was spent sorting the one ton (literally 2000 pounds) of supplies we had brought, staging them for our separate mission days.

On Monday, the mission group returned to the Pena de Horeb church where Winter Haven church member Dr. John Eycleshimer conducted his first of three one-day dental clinics, and our own Tom Oldt assisted PCUSA missionary Mark Wright in one of the week's vision screenings for Hondurans. The balance of our mission team assisted in the logistics of the medical endeavors and worked alongside members of the Honduran church in painting their sanctuary and two Sunday School classrooms.

On Tuesday, we worked in the rural community of Quebrada Grande. After a travel day on Wednesday to the city of Comyagua, we journeyed Thursday up the mountains to the churches in the villages of El Horno and El Sute. Each of these days, First Pres. medical professionals John Eycleshimer and Lia Gray, and the mission support team, worked alongside Honduran physician Dr. Moreno offering medical clinics at the churches. Another contingent of the group labored alongside the pastors and members of the churches in construction projects, and helped entertain and interact with the hundreds of children who had come with their families for the day's medical care.

During the week, our missionaries' souls soared in worship, ministry, and the deepening relationships with our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ. On this trip, the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Honduras travelled to prepare incredible lunches for our group at all three clinic/church locations. Mission team member Dave Zwicker collected reflections and photos from our 20 members and spent hours late each night updating our church website so that members back home could follow our mission daily.

On Friday, the team travelled to the Valley of the Angels, for a tourist day, and enjoyed an evening meal with our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ. On Saturday, we flew back to Miami where our church bus and Lincoln were waiting to enable our 10 p.m. return to Winter Haven.

God used this week to build relationships within our group and with our partners in Honduras, and to strengthen our church and their churches as we continue to share the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Our five senior high age missionaries, and many of our adults, speak of this trip as an awesome experience in our individual faith journeys.





# JULY BIRTHDAYS



7/1 Dorothy Leavitt Gannon Olmert Sunny Shelton Bill Ussery	7/14 Alex Bruce Nancy Jorgensen Ann Quessenberry	7/23 Jim Huff Landon Olmert Judy Partain
7/2 Bill Johnston Susie Stanley Timothy Swango	7/15 Toni Barger Jeremiah Johnston	7/24 Robert Bentley Dana Parrish Jim Threlkel Kenneth Von Hahmann
7/3 Brock Johnston	7/16 Larry Davis Elizabeth Nepute Bethany Owen	7/25 Katherine Andrews Weegie Bentley Sarah Dugger Markie McCann Earle Roberts
7/4 Cameron Badnell Kelly Lock	7/17 Sylvia Chambers Janet Howard Joshua Spence	7/26 Charles Brantley Kris Jorgensen Danielle Thompson
7/6 Pat McCarty Debbie Williams	7/18 Charles Darte Jean Strang	7/27 Robert Crittenden Gail Damkjer Leah Doty Bob Doyel Joann Gray Pete Snively Sarah Strang
7/7 Margaret Braun	7/19 Justin Hoagland Tanner Owens Scott Saterbo	7/28 Kathy Cheatham T. Michael Stavres
7/8 Ranell Hillman Bob McClew Ken Miller Lori Roe	7/20 Mary Dukes Gladys Larson Cynthia Saterbo Angela Scamehorn	7/29 Ray Garcia Lori Grode Dena Lancashire
7/9 Edward Gorsky Reagan Scheck	7/21 Warren Girouard Billy Johnston Mary Marrs Elizabeth Pearson Kaye Stine	7/30 Anne McCauley John Scheck
7/10 Marjorie DiLorenzo Tina Groetsch Lauren Schwenk	7/22 Doug Purnell Linda Stavres Susan Vickers	7/31 Lisa Endres
7/12 Kate Eelman Sean Michael Ivey Len Porter	7/23 Bob Bruce	
7/13 Carrie Bilancio Kelly Bogey Melody Johnson Babe Paxton		
7/14 Emily Alexander		



# JULY ANNIVERSARIES



7/7 Tim & Glynn Swango	7/15 Jaron & Mary Alice Skipper	7/20 Billy & Leah Melvin Randy & Karla VonHahmann
7/8 Morris & Ann Reddout	7/16 Bill & Alice Colgrove <b>Les &amp; Alison O'Neal</b>	7/21 Kenny & Lynn Lasseter
7/9 Mike & Amy Speer	Dave & Bonnie Ryan	7/23 Stuart & Judy Fitzgerald Bill & Karen Siegel
7/10 Ronald & Mary Firment Bob & Judy Winfree	7/17 Dave & Katie Sparr	7/31 Scott & Tish Turner
7/13 Mal & Lynn Boland	7/19 Les & Ginny Dunson	
7/14 Richard & Sharon Bogey	7/20 Jim & Pat Lammer Randy & Roxanne McCann	
7/14 George & Helen Butz		



# This summer for the First Pres Youth

As we move into the summer, the Middle School and High School Youth here at First Presbyterian will be hitting the road for exciting conferences, and getting together for wonderful special events.

All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for a Youth Movie Night on **Wednesday, July 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** We will still have drop-off and pick-up at the Student Center. Movie munchies will be provided and we will be watching “The Nut Job” which is a PG rated cartoon in the Movie Room. Join Ms. Amy along with Mrs. Harris and other youth volunteers for a relaxing evening in our very own theater.

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Middle School and High School helpers are needed for **Vacation Bible School (June 22-26)**. Call Amy McKee at the church office to volunteer.

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From **July 12th through the 19th** the **High School Youth** will be attending the Senior High Youth Conference in **Montreat, NC**.

From **July 29th through August 3rd** the **Middle School Youth** will travel to Ocala, FL for **The Great Escape**.

**Watch the bulletin for other activities being planned by our Youth Leadership Team for the High School and Middle School Youth in June and July.**

## 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.



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL-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.



## SUMMER WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN

For this summer, First Presbyterian church continues to offer two varied opportunities for worship. **Both Sunday morning worship services help us focus on God through the same scripture and sermon and both include a Time for Younger Disciples.**



At **8:30 a.m. (NOTE THE EARLIER SUMMER TIME)**, 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 helps the congregation gather in God’s love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:20 a.m.

At **9:30 a.m. (NOTE THE EARLIER SUMMER TIME)** everyone is invited to come to McLeod Hall for our Sunday School opening time. After prayer together, children and adults will be dismissed to their own summer classes.

At **10:30 a.m. (NOTE THE EARLIER SUMMER TIME)** 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 11:30 am.

**RECAP: THE NEW SUMMER HOURS (8:30/9:30/10:30) BEGAN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AND RUNS THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND.**

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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 206 bag lunches in  
the week of 6/2/14.

&

We gave out 209 bag lunches in  
the week of 6/9/14.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 60 people on 6/7/14.

&

We fed 75 people on 6/14/14.

**Return Service Requested**

## PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars now for the Patriotic Luncheon to be held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday June 29**. We encourage all to show their patriotic spirit by wearing red, white and blue that day. We will be singing and flag waving ... with a salute to our Armed Forces.

**Hog Heaven Smokehouse** will be our caterer. On the menu are: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw, Peach Cobbler, Iced Tea and Lemonade. For the children, we will have Chicken Nuggets. The cost for lunch is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Reservations are required and these can be made by calling the church office at 294-3121, or by completing the form below or in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday or dropping it by the office. A count must be given to Hog Heaven by **Tuesday, June 24**.



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### PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON REGISTRATION

Drop in offering plate on Sunday or drop off at the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

We will collect money the day of luncheon.