



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 2 2014

Issue 517

128 Years of Ministry

Dr. Steven R. Negley
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Associate Pastor

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Minister of Visitation

Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate

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Christian Education

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Director of
Music Ministries

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Interim Director of
Student Ministries

Ronda A. Lacy
Director of Finance &
Administration

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Administrative Assistant

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Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

FAREWELL RECEPTION AND LOVE GIFT FOR DAVID BRINSON



David Brinson, our Director of Music Ministries has accepted a position at a church in the Charlotte, NC area. We will be holding farewell reception for David and his family on his last Sunday with us, November 2, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

If you would like to contribute to a love gift for David, send your gift to the church office. We hope you will join us as we wish David well in his future ministry.



VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11...

Is approaching and we thought it would be a good idea to compile a record for the church of all our members/friends, who are veterans or currently serving in our military forces. Please e-mail this information to office@firstpreswh.org, call the church at 294-3121, or complete the form below and put it in the offering plate.

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty - Reserves - Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!

Thank you!

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

Name _____ Branch of Service _____

Rank _____ DOS or War (e.g. Korean, Desert Storm, etc.) _____

Church calendar

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Day

- 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. Farwell Reception for David Brinson
- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Fall Gathering (Offsite)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (SC)

Monday, November 3

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, November 5

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 2:00 p.m. Presbytery Women Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 3:30 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, November 6

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, November 7

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, November 8

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to the family of Lucy Jackson-Teeter, who died on Saturday, October 55, 2014 .



Daylight Saving Ends
Sunday, Nov.2 at 2:00am
 Set your clocks **BACK** one hour
 before going to bed **Saturday night**
 November 1, 2014

Remember in Prayer

members

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

In the hospital : Matt McGaffigan & Dee Palmore

Family and friends

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| Bob Cameron | Larry & Candy Marshall's friend |
| Brenda Cape | Alan Harvey's friend |
| Kathryn Christie & family | Penn Tucker's friends |
| Monica Clement | Jennifer Boyce's aunt |
| Jerry Cooley | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Marylyn Dorsey | Carol Carter's sister-in-law |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Bill Galloway | Zan Dismuke's friend |
| Gloria Goss | Carolyn Thompson's daughter |
| Wayne Harrison | Penn Tucker's friend |
| Pam Heath | Jan & Keith Ray's friend |
| Jean Hehn | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Virginia Lynch | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter |
| Horacio & Maria Mottola | Margaret Braun's friend |
| Rex Murray | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Lettie Lane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| Peggy Seigler | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Barbara Simpson | Amy Powell's friend |
| David Smith & family | Penn Tucker's friends |
| Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb | Carolyn Thompson's daughter |
| Rae Tucker | Tish Turner's mother |
| Gary Webb | Matthew Gray's father |
| Margaret Willson | Mary Marris' mother |



Military service

- Aaron Ashley
- James E. Baker
- Ben Clark
- Deborah Clark
- Nathan Connor
- 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.



GENEROSITY SHOWS AS WE HELP GOD'S CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

A few weeks ago, Dr. Harvey reminded us in worship that “generosity begins at home” as we in our church care for one another. In that sermon, Alan was also quick to mention that “generosity doesn’t end at home.” After Jesus was raised from the dead, and right before he ascended to heaven, He spoke to His disciples who were feeling at home in Jerusalem and said:

“⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The story that is told from that time on involves Christ’s followers helping people literally around the world

Helping People in Florida Through Presbytery Missions

Beyond our city, we use gifts given to our church to support the work of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Together with 70 other Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations, our presbytery is a mission partnership allowing us to conduct ministry which is larger than what most churches can handle alone. In this mission partnership, new churches are being organized and disciples are being nurtured in the greater Tampa Bay region. Our mission work also helps provide for faith formation at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center and Eckerd College. Our mission in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay also includes providing spiritual and physical support of migrant farm workers and their families through the varied ministries of the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (just south of Tampa).



Through the International Partnership Committee and the mission partnership between the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Presbytery of Honduras, members from our congregation have engaged in week-long mission trips to the country of Honduras in 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2014. During these wonderful mission experiences, youth and adults from First Pres. have felt their faith in Christ deepen as we worked alongside our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ building churches, offering medical care, and sharing the love of Christ throughout Central America.

World Missions

Nationally and internationally, along with 11,000 other PC (USA) congregations, people are being trained and supported in ministry and mission personnel are blanketing the globe with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our church’s investment in World Missions includes our shared ministry in Presbytery (Cedarkirk, Beth-El and The Tampa Bay Presbytery International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras), and our support of five General Assembly Mission Partners: John McCall, mission co-worker in Taiwan; Rev. Josh and Kim Vis, mission co-workers in Brazil; Ruth Brown, mission co-worker in Congo; Rev. Derek Forbes, mission co-worker in Zimbabwe; and Sharon Bryant, mission co-worker in Thailand.

Over the past year, our congregation has also shared God’s love world-wide as we collected **\$5,660** in our Christmas Eve Offering for Medical Missions. These gifts went to support the Medical Benevolence Foundation Mobile Health Clinics in Malawi, Bangladesh and Haiti, and Dr. Moreno’s Clinic at the Pena de Hereb Presbyterian Church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

At Easter, we gave **\$3,944** to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

And in 2014, through our world mission budget, our congregation has supported the work of a son of our congregation, Rev. Dr. Fred Foy Strang, and the Training Center for Massai church leaders in Kenya and Tanzania. Our church made a gift of **\$3000.00** to help the Strangs in this vital ministry of sharing the gospel.

In the past twelve months, the generosity of the friends and members of First Presbyterian Church has shown as we have provided over **\$90,000** of mission support in these programs worldwide.

SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UP SHEET IS POSTED IN McLEOD HALL

Dates in 2014
that we still
have open for
head cooks and
helpers are:



November 15, 22, 29, December 13, & 27.

The 2015 calendar is also ready. Please sign up for dates when you or your group would like to serve as Head Cook or Helpers.

Thank you!

NURSERY CARETAKER NEEDED

We are in need of an additional caretaker in the Nursery on Sunday mornings during the 8:50 Gathering Service.

If you are interested in helping out, please call Amy McKee at 294-3121.

This is a paid position... not a lot of money but plenty of love from our little ones!

Thank you!!!



DEVOTIONALS ON OUR BLOG



For Lent in 2014, our staff published a daily devotional series to accompany our journey to empty tomb. The response was so tremendous that the staff has continued to write these daily devotionals. Not a week goes by that someone doesn't comment about something someone had written, or how they not only read the devotionals everyday, but they also forward them to their family and friends. The staff thanks you for your continued interest and comments.

In order to have a better platform with which to offer these devotions, we have created a blog on our website. We encourage you to visit www.firstpreswh.org/blog everyday for the latest devotionals. Or visit the homepage and click "Blog" at the top of the page. On this blog you can view past devotionals, sort by a specific author, as well as month. This website is a welcome addition to our [still] new website, and will continually deliver God's message of love, hope, and peace to our community and the entire world.

FIRST PRES



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

School is back in session, and so are our Wednesday afternoon 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.

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 **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!

CONNECT With Us at Sunday School!

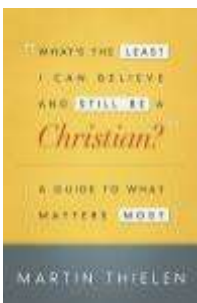
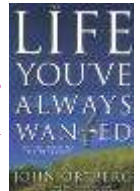
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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. On October 26 they begin the Good News rotation.



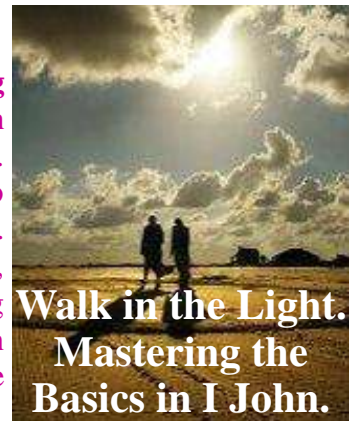
The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

Connect - Grow - Thrive meets in Room 207. The class has been studying 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. 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. They are 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. The topic is: **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.



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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 316 bag lunches the week of 10/20/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 145 people on 10/25/14

Return Service Requested

COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME TO A HARVEST LUNCHEON On Sunday November 16, 2014, in our festive McLeod Hall.



Hog Heaven Smokehouse will cater our meal of Brunswick Stew, Coleslaw, cornbread and Apple Cobbler. Chicken nuggets and macaroni & cheese will be available for children. Enjoy table conversation with your friends, a great meal and making the simple Nativity ornaments (Made with 4 craft sticks, 4 oak twigs, 1 shiny star, a peel off imprinted label, raffia and glue.) that will be given to guests who “Come To The Stable and to Bethlehem Square.”

The cost for adults is: \$9.50. Children 10 and under \$4.00.

Prepaid reservations are needed by Wednesday November 12 at noon.

Please complete the tear off attaching your check noting Harvest Luncheon, and place in the offering plate or come by the office to reserve your places for the Harvest Luncheon.

HARVEST LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name: _____ Paid: \$ _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____