



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of September 20, 2015

Issue 554

129 Years of Ministry

## A DISCUSSION STARTER ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

### Have you thought about:



- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't?
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want?
- How comfortable I want to be?
- How I want people to treat me?
- What I want my loved ones to know?
- What would I like included in my funeral or memorial service?

This, **Tuesday, September 22, 2015**, please join us at **5:30 PM** in the Golden Center at First Presbyterian Church for a free dinner. Following the meal, Dr. Negley, Dr. Harvey, and Dr. Larson will be introducing "Five Wishes", a document which helps open the discussion on these important topics. To reserve your spot at the table, you can call the church office at 294-3121 or drop this reservation form in the offering plate this Sunday.

### PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

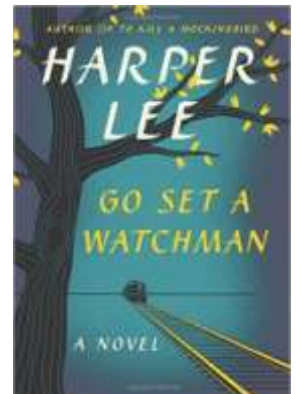
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## DON'T FORGET... OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again this **Monday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Harper Lee's, *Go Set a Watchman*.

If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 294-3121.



Dr. Steven R. Negley  
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Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor

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Minister of Visitation

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Director of Finance &  
Administration

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Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry  
Custodian

# Church calendar

Sunday, September 20

3 Cents-a-Meal

- 8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship
- 9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adult
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 5:30 a.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, September 21

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Discussion (UR)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, September 22

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Five Wishes Supper & Program (GC)

Wednesday, September 23

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 24

- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Presbytery East Region (Chapel/MH)

Friday, September 25

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, September 26

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



**Military**  
 Robert Ferguson  
 Stephanie Gillie  
 Eddie Gray  
 David Knowles

# Remember in Prayer

members

- |                       |                 |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Roger Able            | Jim Huff        | Dorothy Ryan          |
| Win Betrus            | Dorothy Johnson | Barbara H. Smith      |
| Millie Carrier        | Joey Johnston   | Marcia Strang         |
| Orrin Champlain       | Dena Lancashire | Carol Switalski       |
| Norma Conner          | Steve Luxford   | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jerry Dugger          | Elaine Maltese  | Chuck Tate            |
| Jana Easterling       | Gladys Meier    | Carolyn Thompson      |
| Jeanne Estes          | Lynn Mincey     | Ed Threadgill         |
| Bill & Becky Everhart | Jim Morris      | Shirley Turner        |
| Marge Goodman         | Joan Murphy     | Betty von Hahmann     |
| Frances Heath         | Randal Palmer   | Bonnie Walter         |
| Doris Hill            | Ann Reddout     | Gwen Waters           |
| Ed & Joan Houston     | Earle Roberts   | Anne Windham          |
| Camille Howe          | Dave Ryan       |                       |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Lee Wilkinson & Barbara A. Smith

## Family and friends

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|----------------------|--|
| Peyton Battilla      | Hadley Owen's friend                         |
| Rick Cardona         | Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend         |
| Christine & Emily    | Beverly Seagreave's daughter & granddaughter |
| Jerry Cooley         | Susan Singleton's friend                     |
| John Doughty         | Dena Lancashire's nephew                     |
| Al Ellis             | Jim Threlkel's friend                        |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson                 |
| Jean Hehn            | Ellie Threlkel's friend                      |
| Shea & Lacey Irvin   | Becky Irvin's son & daughter-in-law          |
| Maria Joyce          | Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend                   |
| Vicki Kaufman        | Amy Speer's mother                           |
| Pete Kent            | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew             |
| Glinda Knowles       | Amy Speer's aunt                             |
| Nan Mason            | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter         |
| Gail McKinnon        | Barbara Puckett's friend                     |
| Fred Meier           | Sarah Rennie's dad                           |
| Darla Moore          | Amanda Olmert's relative                     |
| Cathy Rector         | Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend         |
| Darcie Wards         | Lynn Oakley's friend                         |
| Laura Williamson     | Nancy Williamson's daughter                  |
| Marshall Wood        | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend                |

## YOUTH GROUP

If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. Middle school meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and high school meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have you!



## Christ Kids has resumed!

All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us every Wednesday afternoon from 3-5:30 p.m.

We will share in an afternoon of music, crafts, snacks, outdoor play, Bible stories, and more.

Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) for more information.



Treasured Hymns and  
New Songs of Faith

## THE NEW TREASURED HYMNS 2015...



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is in the pews and ready to use! David Brinson & Lynn McCoy put a lot of research into choosing which hymns to keep and which hymns to retire.

We have also added some of the newer contemporary hymns that we have been using for the past few years along with a few hymns that have been written by some of our members. We are excited to have this additional resource to use in our music worship.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling all trivia buffs! Do you love food, fun, AND trivia? Then we have a perfect night for you. **Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m.** our youth will be hosting a trivia night fundraiser. Entrance to this afternoon of fun will be donation at the door. Mark your calendars, bring an empty stomach, all of your trivia knowledge, and get ready for some fun! We will need to know how many mouths to feed and how many teams to plan for. Please call the office and let us know if you will be there.

Fundraisers are an essential part of youth ministry. They help offset some of the cost of our summer youth trips. These trips are fantastic ways to grow in Christ and give the youth an opportunity to grow closer to each other. All the proceeds will go directly to our youth ministry here at the church. Please consider participating in this fun filled evening.



## IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday evening, October 28** for games, crafts, prizes, candy and more for children fifth grade and younger.

The Youth of the church help to run the activity booths along with faithful volunteers. Kids are invited to wear non-scary Halloween costumes. The fun begins with pizza at **5:30 p.m.** and the festival from **6 - 7:15 p.m.**

Please be sure to RSVP for dinner by Monday, October 26. Also, be sure to bring in **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY** or small prizes to be passed out at the various booths. Candy **MUST** be individually wrapped. Thanks for your support!!!

## THE PRAYER CHAIN IS BEING REACTIVATED

- \* The Prayer Chain was a ministry of the Congregational Care Committee.
- \* This ministry functioned as a prayer request was made known, calls were made to the Prayer Chain members, who would remember the person(s) and the situation(s) in their prayers.
- \* The Prayer Chain has been reactivated by the Congregational Care Committee.
- \* Jane Ray has volunteered to serve as the Coordinator and we currently have five team leaders.



If you would like to be involved in this important ministry of prayer, please call Alan at the Church Office (294-3121). Prayer requests need to be directed to Jane Ray at 318-1833.

# Generosity Shows in Our Three Penny Partners This Sunday, September 20

Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called **THREE CENTS A MEAL** by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as **THREE PENNY PARTNERS**. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



+Here in Winter Haven

+At the Beth-El Mission in  
Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Each week volunteers from our church prepare and serve nag lunches and a hot meal to the hungry and homeless in Winter Haven. The local portion of our Three Cents a Meal money stays right here to help fund the **Soup Kitchen and Bag Lunch Ministries of First Pres.** We distribute bag lunches to over 80 people each weekday, and feed between 80 and 125 hungry people each Saturday night.



Bethel Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida Bethel is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



### **International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras**

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports the ministry of our Christian brothers and sisters in Honduras.



**If you feel that God is calling you to feed the hungry each time you feed yourself, join the children of our church as **THREE PENNY PARTNERS** and take part in the **THREE CENTS A MEAL HUNGER OFFERING**.**

# FALL 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & ADULTS

Sunday School for all ages begins next Sunday, September 20.



The children and youth meet at 9:45 a.m. and the adults gather at 10 a.m.

There is a place for everyone to belong on this new adventure this Fall!

*A Nursery is available for children 2 and younger during the 8:50 Gathering, Sunday School hour, and 11 a.m. worship service.*



**Children ages three through fifth grade** will meet in the new children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from 9:45 - 10 a.m. with Ms. Lynn.

**Preschool Children** will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends.

**Elementary aged children** will enjoy the Workshop Rotation this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!!



**Special prizes will be offered all year long for attendance.**

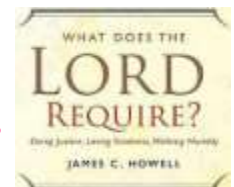
**Middle school and High school** youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

**We have several options for Adults to enjoy this Fall:**



**Raising Christ-Centered Children** will meet in Room 101 of the Christian Education Building. Teachers for this class are Bob and Carol Carter and Gannon Olmert. This class will meet for 6 weeks, with a Marriage Class starting on November 1.

**The Perspectives Class** will start a new series on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel & Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room.



Dr. Negley will lead **Faith as a Verb** - Chapter 11 of the Biblical book of Hebrews shows snapshot after snapshot of faith in action. (Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses' mother, Rabab the harlot, Gideon, Barak, David are all touted as faithful followers of God on life's journey.) Join us as we use this one chapter, and the rich list of heroes and heroines of our faith, as our starting point for weekly conversations about how we live faithful lives as God's people. This class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.

**Have Your Second Cup of Coffee on Us** - Coffee House Chat will meet in the Girl Scout House at 10 a.m. We will offer a brief devotion, coffee, and goodies. Come enjoy fellowship with your First Pres friends!



# FALL/WINTER/SPRING 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.

## 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.**

## STEPHEN MINISTERS A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of *First Presbyterian Church* who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis--large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk with or call **Pat Reass at 206-9914**. Or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**. You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes (pictured right) located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.



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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 230 bag lunches the week of 9/7/15.

**Return Service Requested**

**Soup Kitchen Ministry**

We fed 101 people on 9/12/15.

# **FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

***Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer**



What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. The cost of this book is \$12.77.

Meeting dates are:

**Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m., October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19, December 3, January 7 & 21.**

Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at: [Uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:Uncpair@gmail.com) or 318-1541.

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## **COME TO THE WATERS...**

the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.



Lydia Circle is the **second Monday, next meeting, October 12 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.  
Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday, next meeting, October 20 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.