



First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

February 2006

Rev. Dr. Bob Smith - Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. John R. Harland - Parish Associate



On Sunday, February 19th, we will again discover that to worship is to experience reality. To touch Life. To encounter the resurrected Christ in the bread and the cup at the Lord's Table.

People of the Bible worshipped with a holy expectancy. In the Tabernacle they knew they were entering the presence of God. In the early church even the building in which they met shook with the power of God (Acts 2:2; 4:31). They gathered with anticipation, knowing that the living Christ would be present among them with love and grace.

As we prepare ourselves for the next communion on February 19th, let's expect no less.

Noon Prayers

All members of the church family are invited to join in prayer for our Church on Wednesday's at noon in the sanctuary. Short, informal prayers are offered to our Lord for unity, the nominating committee, and the search committee. The prayer lasts from 20 to 30 minutes and is led by lay leaders.



Congregational Meeting



The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 12th, at noon for the following purposes:

- ♥ To elect persons to the Pastor Nominating Committee (charged with the responsibility of finding the person God calls to be senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church and nominating that person to the congregation for election.)
- ♥ To elect persons to the offices of Elder and Deacon for the class of 2008.
- ♥ To elect Congregational Representatives to the 2006 Nominating Committee.
- ♥ To receive copies of the "FPC 2005 Annual Report."



LOGOS Calendar for February

- ♥ February 1st - Backwards Night
- ♥ February 8th - Beach Night
- ♥ February 15th - Valentines
- ♥ February 22nd - Hawaiian Night

Please submit articles for the newsletter as early as possible, but no later than the 20th of each month.

Lenten Bible Study

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy ...The Bible and Brahms's Requiem

The Tuesday noon Bible Study will begin this Lenten study on February 28th, and it will conclude on April 11th. Please call the church office to enroll prior to February 18th so materials may be ordered. Please join us for this time of study, reflection, and revelation in God's word.

"This study follows the famous "German Requiem" on a tour of Biblical prompts about death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and hereafter. Through music and Scripture, we move from graveside to grieving, from the challenges of self-reflection to new perspectives and hope beyond." The contents of the study includes:

- ♥ Blessed Mourners
- ♥ All Flesh Is like Grass
- ♥ We Have to Be Carefully Taught
- ♥ A Glimpse of Glory
- ♥ A Mother's Comfort
- ♥ Our Heart's True Home
- ♥ The Last Word

Annual Family Retreat

The Annual Family Retreat at Camp Montgomery is planned for April 21st through April 23rd.

The cost is \$42 per person. Last year we filled the camp to capacity and some people could not go. It is imperative that you get your money in early. There will be no reservations without payment.

Join the church family for fun galore: water fun, good food, campfire with smores, square dancing, ice cream social, and great fellowship.



Family Retreat

More Adult Christians

On Wednesday, January 18th, about 40 brave men and women begin a journey traveling back to the mummies, tombs, and pharaohs of ancient Egypt. Our purpose was to see the treasures of the only king whose tomb had not been robbed of its treasures, King Tutankhamen. Our journey began early, arriving in Fort Lauderdale in time for a delicious dinner at the Rainforest Café.



The next day we explored the past looking in awe at the treasures of King Tut, the boy King. It was amazing to see the gold, jewels, and artifacts that were in his tomb to prepare him for the afterlife. The craftsmanship of the ancient Egyptians is still amazing to behold today.

After the exhibit, we had lunch at Sawgrass Mills and of course some of us couldn't resist shopping in the many stores at the mall. That night we had a special treat of cruising on the Jungle Queen Riverboat. We enjoyed eating on their special island with after-dinner entertainment and looking at the beautiful homes on the river. It had truly been a special day and night we would all remember.

Friday, after a leisurely breakfast, we departed for home. We returned with special memories, new found friends, and wonderful times we will never forget. Hopefully, it made us appreciate the past more; after all it influences our present and future.

The MAC's will have their monthly luncheon on Thursday, February 16th, at 11:30 a.m in JTH. Following lunch there will be a crafts time with Miss Marlene, local artisan. The craft will be "male friendly", so guys don't stay away. The cost for the lunch and craft will be \$15 per person due in the church office by February 9th.

-Ann Chronister

Presbyterian Women's News

All women in our church are invited to visit any or all of the circles as we pray together, have Bible study, and social time. These small groups are an excellent way to meet other women in our church family. If you have any questions, call Diane Pasioka at 321-0601.



The date and location of the February circle meetings are as follows:

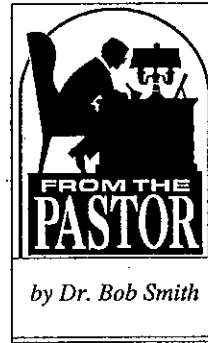
- ♥ Elizabeth Circle meets on February 9th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♥ Ruth Circle meets on February 9th at 10 a.m. at the home of Janet Anderson at 19 Laurel Oak Drive.
- ♥ Esther Circle meets on February 9th at 1 p.m. at the home of Shirley Owens at 211 Lighthouse Circle.
- ♥ Hannah Circle meets on February 9th at 7 p.m. at the home of June Harris at 333 South Fletcher Avenue.
- ♥ Lydia Circle meets on February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Joy Drewry at 5483 Florence Point Drive.
- ♥ Martha Circle meets on February 8th at 10 a.m. in the home of Lisa Flick at 86119 Shelter Island Drive.

Vacation Bible School 2006

Vacation Bible School in 2006 will take place from June 12th through June 16th from 9 a.m. to noon. Vacation Bible School is open to children who will be going into kindergarten to children who will be going into 5th grade. Adults and youth will be needed, and a volunteer sign up sheet will be in the March newsletter so decide now where your gifts can be used. Remember! This is the most fun an adult can have that is not illegal, immoral, or fattening!



God's Gift of Power



This month "Speed Weeks" come to Daytona Beach. Names like Jeff Gordon, Richard Petty, Jr., Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. fill the local news.

A few years ago NASCAR superstar Richard Petty was ticketed by the North Carolina Highway

Patrol for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident (USA Today, 9-23-96). It seems that his patience was being tested by a slower driver in front of him and he was tailgating a little too close for comfort. When "pokey's" brake lights came on, Petty's car bumped him. Accidentally. Four times. All in a day's work at Daytona International Speedway - but this was Interstate 85. Unrepentant, the famous racer told a television reporter: "Now, if it had been a NASCAR showdown, he would have been over in the ditch somewhere."

The Apostle Paul reminded his young friend Tim that "God's Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control." There's a time and place for everything. In our First Presbyterian Church programs of worship, education, and service it's a time to use God's gift of power to keep the accelerator down and push full-steam ahead in 2006. When we're tempted to grow impatient and put others down with criticism or complaint, it's time to use God's gift of self-control.

A Christian psychologist defines maturity as "the ability to respond appropriately in any given situation." The more open we are to God's Spirit of self-control, the better able we are to do this.

P.S.: Richard, Jr., if you're reading this - try using a little more patience than your father with those of us who are "tachometer - challenged." And that pretty brunette in the gold Mazda on your bumper - she's my wife Phoebe!

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Session Notes

Rev. Bob Smith presided as moderator over the January 17th, 2006 Session Meeting. This was Bob's first meeting with the Session, and he was welcomed by all.

- ♥ The Treasurer reported that adjustments to the 2006 budget were being completed, and the final report for 2005 was being reviewed. The final revenues for 2005 were down, but so were expenses. Since the Church is debt free, no problems are anticipated, although some changes will be required in our mission budget. The Mission Committee advised the Session of those adjustments.
- ♥ Christian Education Committee reported that Roger and Dina Martin had started a new high school Sunday School Class prompting a very good response from our youth. The Confirmation Class for this year continues. The confirmands will be received into membership by the Session and make their public professions of faith before the congregation on Palm Sunday (April 9th).
- ♥ Worship Committee received Sessional approval for dates of Holy Communion for 2006. The next Service for Wholeness will be held at 7 p.m. on March 12th. Lenten Services will be held at noon each Wednesday during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday (March 1st).
- ♥ Communication/Evangelism Committee reminded the Session that the 2006 Elder/Deacon Retreat will be held on February 18th at the Women's Club. A plan to combine the Name Tag Ministry duties with those of the head usher was discussed and approved. The Worship Committee will revise the head usher duties in the coming months. Church signage has been changed to reflect current pastoral leadership.
- ♥ Youth Committee described up-coming and ongoing activities, including a good sign up for the summer mission trips.
- ♥ Personnel Committee reported that, at her request, as of February 1st, Terri Korn will be changed to a part-time staff person working from home. Her position will be Community Life Coordinator.
- ♥ Property Committee advised that the Sanctuary stabilization project has been completed, and the new drain lines installed. The Anchor roof replacement has been completed. A new folding machine and computer have been acquired.
- ♥ The Annual Congregational Meeting was set for February 12th at noon for the purposes stated elsewhere in this issue of First Press.



Presbyterian Men's News

Presbyterian Men are off an running with an increase in attendance and several big events right around the corner.

The men at the January meeting enjoyed a wonderful devotional by John Patterson about thankfulness, children praying, and a well intentioned restaurant patron. Following that, Don Monahan gave us an update on the most recent "Shop With Cops" program at Christmas. Besides an increase in both donations and in families served, Don has been asked to work with the Nassau County Sheriffs Office in expanding the program off Amelia Island and going to other parts of Nassau County. Great job Don!!!

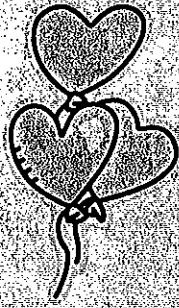
February is a busy month this year for the Presbyterian Men. Sunday, February 5th will be Men's Sunday at the church, with members of Presbyterian Men conducting all facets of worship for both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. We will again host Lady's Night Out, our annual Valentine's dinner for all the women of First Presbyterian Church sometime in February. Details are still being worked out, so be sure to watch the announcements in the church program for the particulars about that evening.

It is good to see so many men join us at our monthly meetings (2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.), and it is especially good seeing new faces each month. We cannot stress how important it is for our men to go out of their way to invite other men to join us for fellowship with other men in Christ.

The next Presbyterian Men's meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Flower Calendar

- ♥ February 5th - Lillie and Ben Issac in loving memory of their son, Ben Jr.
- ♥ February 12th - Jennifer Radigan and Bram Engels in honor of their wedding which was held in our sanctuary yesterday afternoon
- ♥ February 19th - Faye Birkett in loving memory of her husband, Buddy.
- ♥ February 26th - Marie Louise and Ernest Chaplin in loving memory of her parents, Angel and W. A. Davis.



Groups of Eight



Groups of Eight are up and running for our fourth cycle. We hope everyone has a great time and enjoys making new friends! This cycle runs through May and the next cycle will begin in September. If you haven't been able to participate, put September on your calendars!

Following the Vision

The visionary Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church calls us as a community of faith to an exciting adventure:

As part of the body of Christ, the First Presbyterian Church family is called together to worship God to nurture one another, to discover together where God is leading us, to plan effectively how to carry out the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ to the best of our ability. Our outreach is to our families, our church, our community, and to the world.

The leaders of our church will gear up for "Following the Vision" at the 2006 Elders and Deacons Retreat on February 18th, 2006. Please pause a moment in the reading of this article and ask God's Holy Spirit to give discernment to these servant-leaders of our church.



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Colossians 3:14



And over all
these virtues put on
LOVE, which binds
them all together
in perfect unity.

Sunday Worship Hours: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:55 a.m.
Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 8:00 a.m.