




First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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*Presbyterian Women
Cordially invites all ladies to
Join us for our*

"SPRING FLING"

*Sunday afternoon, May 20th
4:00 to 6:00 P.M.*

Jim Thomas Hall

*Special Music
Birthday Offering
Honorary Lifetime Award
Food, Fun & Fellowship*

*Please RSVP to the Church Office
(904) 261-3837
By May 17th*

Angels

Did you know that angels are mentioned over 300 times in the Bible? Or that references to them are found in at least 34 books from Genesis to Revelation?

Calling all women! Angels will be the title of the next study in the Christian Living Sunday School class, located in the brick Christian Education Wing of the church. (You'll find us after you exit JTH from the kitchen door. We're the second classroom on the right).

Learn with us as we examine the role of God's angels beginning on Sunday, May 13th. Interested? Study books will be provided; please call Jayne Conkin (261-0346) to reserve your book.

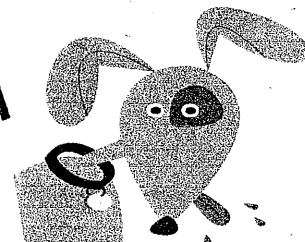
Coming this summer at FPC

Summer Shorts - Six Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. - Noon for Kindergarten through 5th grade students June 27th through August 1st. Open to one and all. The fee for the six-week program is \$50. Visits from historical Biblical characters, classes in Drumming, Guitar, and Speed-stacking will be offered as well as art, recreation, magic and snacks. Dive into some weekly

fun this summer at First Presbyterian.



KIDMO
Kool Sunday School



Kindergarten thru 5th grade
at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday morning
in May
except Shrimp Festival weekend.
Meet in the new KIDMO Theatre
behind JTH.

It's Fun, It's Exciting,
It's Kool Sunday School!!!!

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

MISSION NEWS

Gideons International

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States. The association has more than 250,000 members and is located in more than 180 countries. The Gideons sole purpose is to win men, women, boys and girls to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the distribution of Bibles in the human traffic lanes and streams of everyday life, and through service and personal testimony.



The Gideons International is placing and distributing more than 63,000,000 Scriptures worldwide. This averages one million copies of the Word of God placed every six days, or 120 per minute!

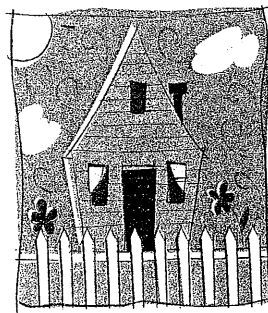
A non-profit organization, The Gideons International is generously supported by pastors and churches, who realize that presenting people with the gospel message is an indispensable element in winning people to Christ. Every dollar contributed by members of the churches is used to make it possible for others to have their very own copy of God's Word.

The Memorial Bible Program, another way to support The Gideons, is offered through cards of *In Memory, In Recognition, or Thinking of You*. When you donate to The Gideons and inform them of your memorial or recognition, they will send you a receipt of the gift, indicate the number of Bibles you are providing, and then place these Bibles in one of the 180 countries that The Gideons serve.

Gary Thrift will share more about The Gideons on Sunday morning, April 29th, during our *Minute for Missions*.

Habitat for Humanity

Your mission dollars continue to show Christ's caring love in our county through Nassau Habitat for Humanity. Nassau Habitat is currently building its 20th and 21st homes in Nassau County! The homes are side-by-side on South 13th Street and should be completed by the end of May. Some of Nassau Habitat's volunteer construction workers have already started prefabricating walls for the next house.



The prefabricated walls will be stored temporarily and then trucked to the building site on South 11th Street for erection. Nassau Habitat's family selection committee will begin taking applications from prospective new homeowners in mid-summer. If you know of any families that currently live in sub-standard housing and might qualify for a Habitat home, please have them call Habitat's office at 904-277-0600.

Habitat has an ongoing need for volunteers, especially for "behind-the-scene" committee work. Anyone interested in working for Nassau Habitat should call Habitat's office.

Flower Calendar

- ♥ May 6th - To the Glory of God.
- ♥ May 13th - Jim Thomas in loving memory of his wife, Ann; her mother, Ms. Mae Walters; his mother, Ms. Treatie Thomas.
- ♥ May 20th - Shirley and Ken Owens in memory of his parents, Helen and Ray Owens.
- ♥ May 27th - Joyce and Ed Mathews in memory of their son, Scott.



Word from the Temporary Supply Pastor

Just these lines, My Friends,

. . . to write for a moment about being a servant. Robert Fulghum, who wrote All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, says that he has placed alongside the mirror in his bathroom a picture of a woman who is *not* his wife! Brave man! Every morning as he stands there shaving, he looks at that picture.

The picture shows a small humped-over woman wearing sandals and a blue sari. She is surrounded by important-looking people in tuxedos, evening gowns, and the regalia of royalty. It's the late Mother Teresa, receiving the Nobel Prize! Fulghum said he keeps that picture there to remind him that, more than a president of any nation, more than any pope, more than any chief executive officer of a major corporation, that woman had authority. Why? Because she was a servant!

There was only one Mother Teresa. However, I would dare you to try and be like her. None of us will succeed to her degree of achievement. However, if every member of this church would agree to reach out and touch just one needy person, think what this island would be! I dare you!

Dwight S. Bayley

Eagle Award Recognition

Please join the family and friends of Steven Whitman on Thursday evening, May 17th, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Baptist Church for a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor, when Steven will be awarded the highest rank in Scouting.



To earn this award, Steven earned 21 merit badges, served as a leader in Troop 89, and completed a major community service project. His project involved leading a group of scouts and adults in the construction of several picnic tables that have been placed on the grounds of Amelia Baptist Church, aiding in the social and educational programs of the church family.

Steven and his family wish to thank the many members of our church family who have helped him with advice, support and prayers along the way.

Shrimp Festival Schedule

On Sunday, May 6th, Sunday School and the 11 a.m. Worship Service will be cancelled due to the Shrimp Festival. The 8:30 Worship Service will occur as usual.



Presbyterian Women News

Below are the Circle dates and hostesses for May 2007:

- ♥ Elizabeth Circle - 10 a.m., May 10th, JTH
- ♥ Esther Circle - 1 p.m., May 10th, at the home of Barbara Noden.
- ♥ Hannah Circle - 7 p.m., May 10th, at the home of Addie Underwood.
- ♥ Lydia Circle - 6:30 p.m., May 14th, at the home of Joy Drewry.
- ♥ Martha Circle - 10 a.m., May 9th, at the home of Judy Levers.
- ♥ Ruth Circle - 10 a.m., May 10th, at the home of Nancy Inboden.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women will be collecting unsweetened grape Kool-Aid at circle meetings in May. This Kool-Aid will be sent to Kim Brown to use in her mission work in Thailand.

Presbyterian Women will also be holding their Spring Fling on May 20th from 4 to 6 p.m. in Jim Thomas Hall.

Communications Committee News

Anonymous quote of the month

*Faith sees the invisible,
Believes the incredible,
Receives the impossible.*

Communication Committee Activities

The Communications Committee said farewell to two members who have accepted new jobs in service to our congregation. Doris Holloway, the Editor of First Press, is moving on to the chair of the Youth Committee, and Nelson Showalter will now be the head honcho of the Deacons. We shall miss their wise counsel and we wish them well in their new jobs. We are also delighted that we have a new volunteer member. Will Reingold, a newly elected Elder, joins us this month and we're looking forward to working with him.

The Communications Committee is preparing the arrangements for the creation of a new pictorial directory for our congregation. The most recent version is seriously out of date, and we need to move forward on this project so as to help identify every member, including those who have joined us since the last pictorial publication. In addition, when our new permanent pastor arrives, such a pictorial directory will be very helpful in helping speed up pastoral recognition of the many members of our church family.

A Thought to Ponder.

*The Light of God surrounds Us
The Love of God enfolds Us
The Power of God protects Us
The Presence of God watches over Us
Where ever we are God is!
And all is well!*

James D. Freeman

Recently overheard in the community

"I do know all the answers, but I've been sworn to secrecy"

New Confirmands

On Sunday, April 1st. at a breakfast meeting attended by their parents, grandparents, and other family members, Hannah Duke, Katherine Jackson, Trent Kirkendall, and April Ross were received as the newest confirmands in our congregation. Encouraged by their teachers, Becca Gillespie and Larry Williams, each read a self-written, précis of their Christian faith. Then Pastor Bayley convened a special meeting of the Session, and asked for, and unanimously received, their formal approval to confirm and receive the young people into our church family.

Kids Say the Darnedest Things

A visiting Grandma showed her precocious 4-year-old granddaughter and some of her little friends a decorated Easter egg. She asked if any of them knew what was in it. "*I know! I know!*" said the granddaughter, "*Pantyhose.*"

Thanks to Rev. John Peterson

On Easter Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. service, Pastor Dwight Bayley presented a small token of appreciation to the Rev. John Peterson, who has been serving our congregation for the past three months, while visiting Amelia Island with his wife Marie for their annual winter vacation.

John served our church family with pastoral visits to shut-ins and hospital patients, and led two of the mid-day Lenten services He also preached a sermon or two while here, and was a faithful discussant, and occasional leader at the Tuesday Men's Coffee Klatch.

John and Marie are returning to their home in Pennsylvania in mid April, and are looking forward to seeing us again next year.

Counting Blessings

- ♥ 103 Presbyterians at Camp Montgomery for the annual Church Family Retreat!
- ♥ Four new members via Confirmation successfully led by Becca Gillespie and Larry Williams.
- ♥ 16 Students completed a second semester of **After School At Presby!**
- ♥ Groups of 8 have gathered, dined and explored new relationships with fellow church attenders!
- ♥ KIDMO, a new curriculum for K-5th grade, is exciting and fun! The room was transformed by the Christian Education Committee with the help of Todd Davis, the Cazells, John Flynn and of course, Tony Brewer.
- ♥ Kafe Kaoss, a coffee bistro for the 18-24 year old Sunday School Class and the High School Youth on Sunday evenings had a grand Grand opening. Many Thanks to Gib Kurtz for donating the materials, his time and talent constructing and delivering the beautiful counter in our Kafe! Additionally, Todd & Carolyn Lockhart have been rock solid supporters and workers with Becca Gillespie in the remodeling of that space! Check out both new rooms. You're bound to be pleased with what's happening at FPC!
- ♥ Jeannie Langley is directing VBS with Andi Flynn in charge of music.
- ♥ Summer Shorts is a new 6 week program offered this summer along with pre school puppet shows for parent and child

Doris Davis



MAC's Charleston Trip

The MAC trip to Charleston was a tremendous success! We departed early Monday morning under bright, clear skies; glad the bad weather had passed.

- Our first stop in Charleston was the City Market where we admired the sweet grass baskets and the jewelry.
- After lunch, a local tour guide boarded our bus to guide us through the historic sights giving us an overview of the culture and history of this beautiful city.
- We dined that night at Poogan's Porch, a local favorite featured in *Martha Stewart Living*.
- Tuesday morning, we continued learning about the history of the area as we cruised out to Fort Sumter and toured the fort.

We stayed on the waterfront to tour the South Carolina Aquarium. The two-story 385,000 gallon Great Ocean Tank is one of the deepest in the country. Other exhibits of the mountain and piedmont areas of South Carolina were interesting also.

Our evening aboard the Spirit Line Cruise boat was exceptional; gourmet dining while cruising the harbor, listening to live entertainment and watching a gorgeous sunset! This was a perfect farewell to this charming city.

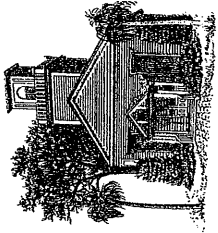


We stopped in Savannah on our way home to tour the Riverwalk and have lunch. Most of us came home with pralines for family and friends and many memories of a wonderful trip.

Join the MACs on May 17th in Jim Thomas Hall as we enjoy our Third Annual Low Country Boil.

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First Presbyterian Church 9 N. 6th Street Fernandina Beach, FL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Nursery 8:15-12:15		1 3:00p Men's Coffee 7:00p Property Committee	2 6:45p Mission Committee 7:00p Choir	3 8:00a Prayer 4:00p PW Cmt. Mtg Shrimp Festival Parade	4 Middle School Lock-in	5 SHRIMP FESTIVAL
6 SHRIMP FESTIVAL 8:30a.m. WORSHIP No Sunday School	7 4:00p Christian Ed. 5:30p Teen CBS 6:30p Youth Comm	8 3:00p Men's Coffee	9 6:00p Worship 6:15p Communication 7:00p Choir	10 8:00a Prayer	11 Middle School Lock-in	12 9:00a-12p Bazaar Workshop-JTH
13 MOTHER'S DAY Graduate Recognition 6:00p MS SNL Kafe KA OSS	14 5:30p Teen CBS	15 3:00p Men's Coffee 5:45p Deacons 7:00p Session	16 7:00p Choir	17 8:00a Prayer 11:30a MAC Low Country Boil 6:30p Presby Men	18	19
20 Communion 4-6:00p PW Spring Fling 7p High School Beach Party	21 9a-1p AARP Course 5:30p Finance Comm. 5:30p Teen CBS	22 9a-1p AARP Course 9a-12p Bazaar Wkshp 3:00p Men's Coffee Last Day of School	23 7:00p Choir	24 8:00a Prayer	25	26
27 12:15p VBS Volunteer Lunch 6:00p Halfway House	28 5:30p Teen CBS	29 3:00p Men's Coffee	30 7:00p Choir	31 8:00a Prayer		VBS June 18-22



A happy GROUP OF 8 from left to right: Yvonne and Clay Treska, Sandi and Jerry Neal, Mack and Janet Sisson, and Charlotte and Mike Bowling

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

- There will be no Middle School and High School Youth group meetings, Shrimp Festival weekend, May 6th.
- End of year lock-in for Middle School Youth on Friday, May 11th at the church.
- May 13th will be the last regular meeting of the school year for the Middle School and High School Youth groups. We have exciting summer activities planned. Look for more information in the May Youth newsletter.
- End of year celebration for High School Youth on Sunday, May 20th at Peter's Point at 7 p.m. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship.
- Come join the high school youth group for the grand opening of Kafe KA OSS, the newly redecorated high school meeting place. The high school group now meets on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. for fun and fellowship.

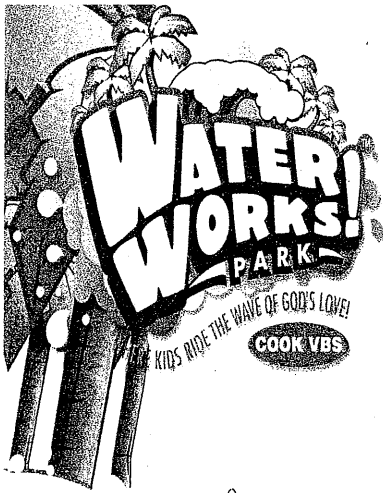
1824 Activities Planned

Kafe KA OSS will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays for local young adults and those returning home from college for the summer. Summer activities are currently being planned for this age group, and more details will follow in a later newsletter. If you are 18 to 24, come hang out in the Kafe.

AARP Driver Safety Class

On May 21st - 22nd, we will have an AARP Driver's Safety class. This will be the last class offered here until September, so if your certificate for insurance needs updating, you may want to attend. Remember upon completion of this class by Florida law, you will receive a discount on your auto insurance. The class will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. on both days. Size is limited so call the church office at 261-3837 to enroll. The cost is \$10. Rev. Bert Swearingen will be the instructor.





**Coming this summer to
First Presbyterian Church a
Splash-tacular VBS**

June 18-22

9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

**For students entering
Kindergarten – grade 5**

**Registration begins
Sunday, May 13th with
forms available in
Jim Thomas Hall and the
church office**

**Teens, adults and seniors
-with a heart for kids**

Share your gifts with children and change lives for Christ. Be part of this year's fun-tastic VBS! Nursery & Preschool classes will be available for Volunteers' children.

Serve in any of the following areas:

- ♥ Group Leader
- ♥ Bible Drama/Storyteller
- ♥ Registration/Asst. Director -
- ♥ Crafts
- ♥ Snacks
- ♥ Music
- ♥ Games & Recreation
- ♥ Building sets
- ♥ Set Up &/or Clean Up

Call Jeannie Langley or Doris Davis to sign up to lead the fun!!! Volunteer forms are also available in the office and JTH.

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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.
Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 8:00 a.m.**