

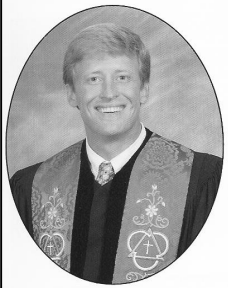


# First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June 2009

Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. - Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Doug Ganyo - Associate Pastor



by the Reverend Dr.  
L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

Dear Friends,

I want to remind you that on Tuesday, December 16, the Session of our church extended a formal and heartfelt welcome to the Reverend Scott Burton and his family to participate in a pulpit exchange with our church family from Sunday, July

5, to Sunday, August 2, 2009.

Scott is the minister of the St. Matthew's Parish Church, which is located in Scotland in the city of Perth. He has been there for two years, having previously served as the pastor of the Kelty Kirk in Kelty Fife. Scott has studied at both St. Andrews University and Aberdeen University. He is thirty-six years old and will be accompanied by his wife Jill and their two young daughters Eilidh and Sara, who are eight and five years old respectively. Scott had this to say about our upcoming exchange, "Exchanging pulpits and homes with Holton and his beautiful family in 2005 was a true joy and privilege.



We have such wonderful memories of the benefits to one and all in each congregation. To repeat such an upbuilding personal and professional opportunity in Fernandina Beach and Perth will, without doubt, only enhance the ecclesiastical skill and Christian relationships already developed. We look forward to shar-

ing with you all so very much indeed."

During the exchange Scott will ably fill the pulpit and lead in worship on Sundays; he will also provide any necessary pastoral care throughout his stay. Scott and his family will surely welcome your hospitality and appreciate your recommendations of places to go and things to see while they are in our part of the world.

The Burton family will reside in our home and have use of our vehicles; any housing or automobile concerns that may arise during their stay will be handled by the Property Committee and resolved upon our return. There is no financial payment involved for Scott's professional services since it is expected that each of us will continue to receive our own salary as normal. Through this exchange

I pray that God will bless all of us with a heightened sense of vision and renewed commitment to Christ and His church. By God's

grace may we eagerly learn about the Presbyterian Church elsewhere in the world, further explore our identity as children of God, and share how we live out our calling as Christ's church in Fernandina Beach, Florida.



St. Matthew's Parish Church

In Christ's Service,

Holton

## Interfaith Dinner Network

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. The King will reply, I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me." Matt 25:39 - 40*

Hooray for the Mission Committee for hosting the Interfaith dinner in May, led by Gene Sovereign. We are still hoping that other groups will host a dinner. Hosting a dinner includes planning a menu for about 40 people, shopping, preparing the meal at church or Hope House, cooking at Hope House, setting up and serving dinner and clean up.

Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m., and we are usually out of Hope House before 7:30p.m. We are also looking for individuals who would like to plan a dinner and host it. We have a lot of volunteers that have signed up, so if you feel that you are ready to express your culinary skills give us a call.

We continue to ask for volunteers to help with the dinners as this is an ongoing ministry and our church has committed to the whole year. We thank all of you who have already signed up and we look forward to calling on you for help. If you cannot physically help but would like to make a monetary donation that would also be helpful. If you feel that you can help out please contact Bill Erickson, Trish Booton, Eunice Kurtz or Marilyn Showalter.

## Two Cents a Meal Results

The Mission Committee extends a huge thank you to the congregation for its generosity to the Two Cents a Meal campaign. You contributed \$1367.80 to feed hungry people. Part of the money will go to the Presbytery of St. Augustine to help with needs around the world, and the remainder will be used locally.

## Presbyterian Women News

All Women of the Church Are invited to Presbyterian Women's Spring Fling/Birthday Celebration on Sunday, May 31, 2009, from 4:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Jim Thomas Hall. Come for Information, Food and Fellowship. Susan Sampson from Thornwell will be our guest.



Workshops for our Bazaar in November have already begun. They will be Wednesday, May 27, Thursday, June 11, Tuesday June 30, Wednesday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 28. All workshops are held at Phyllis Rouse's house at 10:00a.m. You do not have to be a member of a circle to participate, you just have to want to fellowship with a great group of women and want to work on Bazaar projects.

Presbyterian Women sold Mother's Day cards to raise money for the Networkers Project. We were able to raise \$409.00. Thanks to all the members of the church who participated.

Circles will not meet in the summer. We will meet September 10, 2009 at 11:00a.m. for our Kick - Off Luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring a salad so mark your calendar for a delicious lunch and interesting program.

## Church Work Day Kudos

The Property Committee gratefully extends its appreciation to Jack Dickison, Wilson Pickren, Len Ermold, Trish Kramer, Ed Kramer, Tom McGee, Tom Jost, James Johnson, Lou Johnson, Bill Ericksen, Sally Ericksen, Charlotte Collins, George Collins, Dan Marley, Robin Marley and Richard Johnson for their hard work on Spring Work Day May 16<sup>th</sup> to improve the Church grounds. The results were dazzling as they mulched and cleaned flowerbeds, sprayed and pulled weeds, added brick edging to more flowerbeds, pressure washed sidewalks and began painting the gables of the Christian Ed building.

## Matewan Mission Trip

For the second year, our Adult and Family mission trip to Matewan, WV will bring Christ's Gospel of Hope, Love and Salvation to one of the 10 poorest counties in the US. Recently, this area has also been devastated by flooding as seen on TV, with over 300 homes destroyed and the National Guard providing drinking water. We will join our Christian brothers and sisters from Amelia Baptist and other Fernandina churches. Disaster assistance, home repair, Vacation Bible School for children in subsidized housing complexes, Ladies Bible Study and Craft Circles, Food Pantry, Senior Center hot meals, Music ministry, and an exciting new Drive-in Christian Movie Outreach, are some of the wonderful ministries planned.



There are a few spaces left, and the cost is reasonable, so come with us! The main week is June 22-28. You can also go June 8-13 with an "advance team" to man the Matewan Ministerial Association's tent at the County Fair (provided flood conditions allow) which will have free games, water, bibles and literature, and to advertise the free movies and programs offered later in June.

If you can't go, you can participate by donating money for gift bags of toiletries and disaster relief supplies, or donating Walmart Cards which will be used in WV to stock the Food Pantry and purchase food for the Sr Center Hot Meal program. Make checks payable to FPC (WV Mission). Checks and Walmart Cards can be given to Marlene Strobach or sent to the Church office at 9 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Call Marlene (277- 4486) or Gene Sovereign (261-5816) for more information and check out the display in JTH.

### Did you know.....

If you aren't able to attend a service on Sunday, visit the Home page of our website ([www.1stpres-fb.com](http://www.1stpres-fb.com)) to access the service in audio form.



**Summer Camp at First  
Presbyterian  
June 22-26**

**5 days of fun in the swamp for  
kids going into  
Kindergarten thru 5th grade in  
the fall**

**Register early online at  
[www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/fpcfb](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/fpcfb)  
Volunteers can sign up online, too!  
Nursery and Preschool classes  
will be provided  
for children or grandchildren of  
volunteers.**

### MOM, ME PLAYGROUP

THURSDAY MORNINGS  
9:30—11 a.m.  
IN NOAH'S PLACE

FOR MOMS, BABIES & TODDLERS  
MOM,ME is a wonderful outreach to the  
families of our church and community.  
Participation is open to all.  
Spread the word.



MOM,ME will not meet on June 25<sup>th</sup> due to  
Vacation Bible School.

# MEET & GREET



## Our NEW Members

**Chris and Melissa Nau** moved to Fernandina a year ago from the Atlanta area. Chris is originally from Florida, growing up in Indian Harbour Beach and wanted to make his way back to the beach. Melissa, however is a Georgia peach, growing up in Cartersville, Georgia. They have two sons, Tyler who is 4 and Carson who is 22 months. They live in Amelia Park and love the community and the relaxed atmosphere

**Tibby and Mike Luke** met in Sunday School in Gainesville, GA. Both widowed, they were married and have just moved to Amelia Island and made Osprey Village their new home. Tibby is a native of Shirlanka, and Mike is a USCG veteran from Fitzgerald, GA.

**John and Nicole Stillwell** will celebrate 10 year's of marriage in October and have two children, Emily and Matthew. John is a realtor with Century 21, John T. Ferreira and Son, and Nicole is a paraprofessional at Southside Elementary and has worked for the YMCA for the last seven years. Both are active in the community through sports and the YMCA.

**Katie Burgess** grew up attending FPC with her grandmother and father. After graduating from FBHS, Katie attended FSU and received a Master's degree in Information Studies. After college she worked in Washington, D.C. for the Heritage Foundation and as an Executive Assistant to a retired four star general. She currently works at the Amelia Island Plantation as a Real Estate Sales Executive.

Special Welcome to our new members from the Confirmation Class: **Emily Kirkendall, Taylor Wilson, Samantha Sturges, Alex Enlow and Jessica Reaves.**

## An Old Tradition Returns

Do you remember attending the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction? We are reviving this old favorite on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after the 11 a.m. Worship service. Tickets went on sale in the fellowship hall on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This event will be a joint effort between the Youth and Mission Committees, and proceeds will go toward the summer youth and adult mission trips to Puerto Rico and Matewan, West Virginia.

You'll want to come to bid on some of the exciting items in the Silent Auction, including:

- A fun fishing excursion on the river with our own Pastor Holton.
- A relaxing golf outing (green fees and carts for a foursome included)
- A custom-made stained glass piece designed specifically for you by our talented Pastor Doug
- An elegant musicale featuring delectable desserts and performances by our own Carol Whitman and Gabriela Stegmann – your private party for up to six people at the Drewry's home on the river.

There will be gift certificates and special items to bid on as well. If you can't be there in person, don't miss this opportunity to bid. Give your bid instructions to a friend, or call Marlene Strobach at 277-4486.

## Out of the Saltshaker!



The Saltshakers Sunday school class is continuing to study the series "**Foundations of Apologetics**" from Ravi Zacharias International Ministry. We view the lecture on DVD one week and discuss it the following Sunday. Even if you haven't joined us before, it is not too late to get in on the series. Please join us at 9:50 am on Sundays in our classroom in Jim Thomas Hall.

## Make Someone's Day

Here are some questions to mull over and then hopefully do something about. How are we as Christians making the world a better place for people who aren't Christians to live? Are we improving the lives of those around us? Are we adding to someone's day or taking away from it? Can you honestly say that the world around you is a better place because you are in it? Are you making a contribution in the neighborhood? Did you smile at someone today?



Did you ask someone to tell you about their hopes and dreams? Did you ask them about their kids? And did you listen when they told you? Five minutes to show that you recognize someone as a person and an individual can make that person's day! Churches provide lots of teaching on evangelism, which admittedly is important. However, maybe we need more teaching on neighborliness. Who is my neighbor and how do I love him?" It just might be that if we were friendlier neighbors, kinder customers, more gracious hosts, that more people will end up knowing Jesus because of us.

In a fragmented society where not everyone speaks the same language, everyone understands a message of loving service. A cup of cold water offered in the name of Jesus needs no translation. In his letters to the early Christians scattered throughout Asia, the apostle Peter wanted them to have a reputation for making their towns better places in which to live. The point was to silence the critics of the gospel by the contributions Christians were making in their communities. Do you know Jesus? Do you want others to know Him too? A good place to begin would be to make someone who doesn't know Jesus happy that they know you. Remember, caring for people doesn't take a Bible scholar; it only takes a minute.

From your Evangelism Committee  
(condensed from [thecatch@fischtank.com](mailto:thecatch@fischtank.com) by  
John Fischer)

## Communication Committee News

After much work by committee members, the new "Ministry Opportunity" form is ready for final Session approval. This was the former "Time and Talent" survey, now in an easier to use format. Also, under development is a new brochure for distribution to B&B's, motels, and hotels in the area inviting visitors on and off the island to avail themselves of our worship services and other opportunities.

The committee continues to collect e-mail addresses of members and other church participants in order to utilize more electronic presentations of newsworthy articles, 1st Pres newsletter included. This would eventually save lots on printing costs and mailing. Please check our website regularly. You'll find it very informative and produced in a highly professional manner. The committee will continue to deal with A/V issues in order to provide the best quality sound possible at services and other church functions. We continue to explore opportunities for signage to further advertise our church. The Amelia Island Film Festival would like to add religious themed movies to their repertoire in 2010, and has chosen 1st Pres to participate in this project. Communications and Evangelism committees will be working on this presentation in the future.

## Garage Sale

Have you been doing too much consuming? Acquired so many treasures you need a storage unit? Collect up all of those extra treasures and get ready for the annual church garage sale on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed on the days leading up to the sale for sorting, pricing and setup. The church office has set aside a room for donations. We discourage clothing and exercise equipment. Contact Nancy Scofield or Carol Whitman to volunteer. Trucks are needed on Saturday for taking the left-overs to Barnabas.



To our Wonderful Christian Education Leaders for faithful and loving service this past year!

**3 & 4 year olds**

JoAnn Hord & Kim Scheele

**Kindergarten-1st grade**

Jana Rainey & Carrie Sturges

**KIDMO 2nd-5th grade**

Susan King  
Tricia Kirkendall  
Shirley Owens

**Youth-Sunday School**

Doris Holloway  
Barbara Kent  
Darren Smith

**Original Adults**

George Geiger  
Mac Noden  
John Patterson  
Bill Wade

**Saltshakers**

Sally Ericksen  
Bob Jones  
Rich Lang

Will Reingold  
Harry & Denise Saxton  
Charlie Schaefer

**Faith & Friends**

Buddy & Joy Drewry  
Stan Everett &  
Stephanie Kirkpatrick  
Barb Kent  
Claudia & Rich Welshhans

**Faith Cafe**

Amy Bunk  
Marissa Chenoweth  
Jesse Duke  
Roger Martin  
Stephen Noden  
Mara Reaves  
Martha Ann Siegling

**Children's Church**

Karla Bowers  
Lynn Hicks  
Emily & Grace  
Kunzelmann  
Shirley Owens  
Martha Ann Seigling  
Kim Scheele  
Hope Starke

**Power Lab**

Darren & Terri Smith  
Selena Smith

**Confirmation**

Becca Gillespie  
Larry Williams

**Youth Group Leaders**

John Cazell  
Mike Flynn  
Becca Gillespie  
Doris Holloway  
DeAnn Johnson  
Dick Kenner  
Roger & Dina Martin  
Lew Reaves  
Moiria Sager  
Katherine Scofield

**CE Committee**

Roger Martin, Chairman  
Trish Booten  
Marissa Chenoweth  
Pat Ermold  
Ginny Grupe  
Marilyn Flynn  
Shirley Owens  
Bunny Selby  
Darren Smith  
Claudia Welshhans

**End of School Year Party**

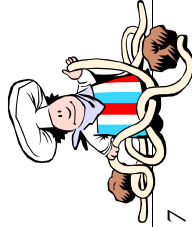
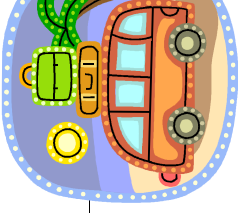



- Middle school and Sr. High youth bring your friends and a change of clothes for the end-of-school year party on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. after Spaghetti Dinner clean up.
- There will be a 30 ft. two-lane slip 'n slide and an 18 ft. screaming fast water slide, so bring a swimsuit and towel.
- We'll also have volley ball and music.
- Enjoy burgers and hot dogs from the grill.
- Parents can pick you up at 6:30 p.m.
- This party will take the place of the regular youth group meeting that evening.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 Mission Spaghetti Lunch & Silent Auction 3p Youth Party	1 4p Christian Ed 6:15p Communication Comm. 6:30p Youth Comm.	2 7p Mission Comm	3 <b>last day of school</b>	4 9:30a MOM, ME playgroup 2:30p PW Ct mtg. 4:45p Worship	5	6 11a Martens Memorial Service
14 12p Evangelism Comm.	8 4p Member Care 6p Property	9	10	11 9:30a MOM, ME playgroup	12	13 Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico  Youth Return
21 <b>Communion</b> Father's Day 12p VBS Dock Party & Set up	15 4p Finance Comm. 5:45p Deacons 7p Session	16	17	18 9:30a MOM, ME playgroup	19	20
22 Adult Mission Trip to Matewan <b>VBS 9-12</b>	23 <b>VBS 9-12</b>	24 <b>VBS 9-12</b>	25 <b>VBS 9-12</b>	26 <b>VBS 9-12</b>	27 <b>10:30-2:00 crocodile Dock Finale</b>	28
28	29	30	<b>SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES</b> 8:30a Early Morning Worship 9:30a Coffee Break 9:50a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 11a Contemporary Worship-the ANCHOR			

## Summer Schedules

There will be no Children's Church for Kindergarten through 2nd grade during the summer months. Nursery and preschool are available for all services.

Middle and High School Sunday School will be combined during the summer.

The last night for SNL will be June 7 until September.

### Coffee Service

- June 7<sup>th</sup> - Evangelism Committee
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Lydia Circle
- June 21<sup>st</sup> - Martha Circle
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - Mission Committee

## Middle School Summer Trip

The Middle School Summer Trip will be to Southwind in Ocklahaha, FL (just east of Ocala in the Ocala National Forest). The trip will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost

will be \$200. Activities include tubing on the lake, two swimming pools with a giant water park slide, game room, SNL-style events each night, giant swing and ropes activities. There will also be a camp store, snack bar, vending machines, and craft cart. Contact Wade Preston at the church office to reserve your space.

