



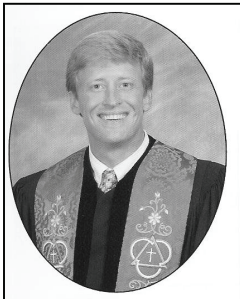
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The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

January 2010

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

FPC and the Acts 16:5 Initiative



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

Dear Friends,

As we find ourselves on the threshold of a new year and look forward to participating in some exciting ministries within our church family, please allow me to make you more aware of the one known as the Acts 16:5 Initiative. Placed just outside of the Jim Thomas Hall each Sunday morning, the Acts

16:5 banner declares the following goals: "Glorifying God, Making Disciples, and Meeting Human Need".

That defining vision sets the tone for what we are seeking to accomplish by God's grace. The hope is that every ministry in the life of our church will be able to make the connection between its own unique ministry vision and that of the Acts 16:5 Initiative.

At our recent Annual Officer Training Event, our leadership decided to request that for a period of one year every committee in the life of the church begin each meeting with a variation of the Word/Share/Prayer devotion. This significant spiritual practice, which will help us further empower our ministries and personal lifestyles, will also better equip us to be the people of God before we begin our work as the people of God.

The more I engage in this process, the more I realize that our church family is already a transformational church in a variety of ways. By being intentional about growing in our faith and in our practices of this faith, along with our being "missional" in the sense

that we have an impact on our surrounding community, God's transformative power in our midst has enabled us to remain inwardly strong and outwardly focused.

There are always, however, adaptive challenges that churches face. When there are no ready made solutions, the Acts 16:5 Initiative provides an exciting Action Learning process to call forth fresh, imaginative thinking that may result in new solutions and new ministries.

Members of our Acts 16:5 Leadership Team may soon approach many of you and ask one or more of the following questions: What needs do you see in our community? What needs do you see within our church? What resources do you think we have to meet such needs?

The intention of the aforementioned questions is twofold: to honor and express appreciation for past and present ministries and members of our congregation and also to acknowledge the expectation that God has new vision for us as well.

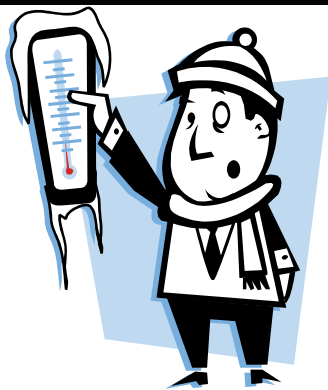
I trust that, as you face a New Year, you will find confidence and joy for living; and I pray that you will expect God's transformative presence to be at work in your life and mine and in the life of His church.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:19).

In Christ's Service,

Holton

Cold Night Shelter



It's a cold night, you are hungry, and you have no warm place to stay. Perhaps you are living in your car—yes, that has happened right here in Fernandina. Imagine being in such a situation.

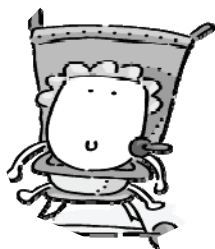
Where would you go?

The Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County has established a shelter at the Church of Christ on 14th Street that will be open this winter on nights when weather conditions necessitate – on cold, rainy, or windy nights when the temperature hovers near 40 degrees. First Pres plans to be a part of this ministry by volunteering to be available to run the shelter one night a week when conditions warrant its opening. To be a part of this ministry, sign up in Jim Thomas Hall or call Trish Booton, 491-1814.

Intergenerational Mission Trip June 13-19, 2010

MOM,ME Playgroup

MOM,ME meets every Wednesday morning 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Noah's Place. MOM,ME is a delightful and interesting group of moms and children growing and nurturing, networking and socializing, sharing and caring with all who come. This gathering of moms and children meets year round. Spread the word. This ministry is open to the public. No reservations are needed, just drop in. Park your stroller out front. You never know who might stop by with a guitar and a song.



CHILI COOK-OFF



For the very first time, First Presbyterian will host a CHILI COOK-OFF to determine the best Chili cooker in Nassau County. There is no entry fee and all members

of the congregation, young and old, are encouraged to participate. Stir up your favorite, famous or fearsome chili recipe (enough to feed at least 10 people) and deliver to Jim Thomas Hall on Wednesday, January 13th by 5:00p.m. Please include your recipe and name on your chili pot. Judging will take place between 5:00 and 5:30p.m. Chili will be served at 5:30p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Chili, Most Unusual Chili and The Meatless Wonder Chili (vegetarian). Pick your category and start gathering your secret ingredients. Call Doris in the office to enter your chili. Come prepared for a gastronomical treat (Roloids will be available) and musical entertainment followed by the Awards Ceremony. This Chili Cook-Off is a fundraiser for our Camp Montgomery Family Weekend in April. ALL proceeds will help to reduce the cost for everyone who attends. Tickets for the Chili Cook-Off will be on sale in the church office, Jim Thomas Hall and the ANCHOR for \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 children under 10. Support this worthy cause and enjoy some great chili, fun and fellowship!

Coffee Service

- January 3 - Esther Circle
- January 10 - Evangelism Committee
- January 17 - Finance Committee
- January 24 - Martha Circle
- January 31 - Member Care Committee



Presbyterian Women News

All the Women in 1st Presbyterian Church are members of Presbyterian Women. We are always looking for ladies to join us in one of our 4 circles for fellowship, bible study and mission opportunities. January would be a good time to begin the year with one of the circles. Please contact the Church office or Marilyn Showalter, 261 4885.



At the December Coordinating Team meeting we were able to choose the Missions that would receive our Bazaar Funds. After prayerfully considering the projects with our circles and the CT we all felt good about the Missions that were chosen. Donations will be given to:

1. First Presbyterian Church Inter generational Mission Trip to Mexico
2. Little House Ministry (10 Mattresses)
3. Nassau Jail Ministry
4. Montgomery Conference Center
5. FPC Kitchen Fund
6. Circle of Friends Emergency Call Pendant Program
7. Kiva
8. Voice of the Martyrs
9. Chaplain's Fund

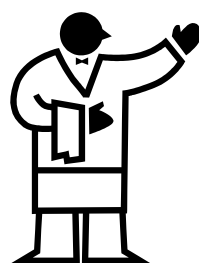
The Presbyterian Women's Gathering, *The Wonders of it All*, will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala on January 30, 2010. Registration is \$11.00 and the deadline for registering is January 15. Anyone interested in going should contact Trish Booton or Marilyn Showalter to get a registration form.

January Circle Meetings

- Elizabeth Circle - January 14, 10 a.m., Jim Thomas Hall
- Esther Circle - January 14, 1:00 p.m., Charlotte Collins' home
- Martha Circle January 13, 10:00 a.m., Barbara Burton's home
- Ruth Circle - January 12, 10:00 a.m., Jane Marmantello's home

Presbyterian Men

The speaker for the January meeting of Presbyterian Men will be Val Schwec, Commercial Director, Southeast Region, Kinder Morgan/ Nassau Terminals. Nassau Terminals is the operator of our local port. The port specializes in forest products and container cargo. Val will give us an overview of port operations and give some idea of how cargo volume has changed over time, particularly with the economic conditions of the past year and a half. Join us on January 14th at 6:30. We will start with a meal followed by Val's presentation. Bring a friend.

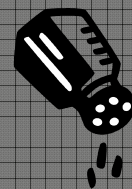


Groups of 8

It's time to kick it off again, one of our favorite fellowship activities, *Groups of 8!* If you have not participated before, you have missed a wonderful time with other members of our congregation. Those of you who have signed up in the past are chomping at the bit to get started, dining in or dining out with new friends. Look for registration forms in the bulletins in January and turn them in quick. The first gathering to discover who will be at your table is scheduled for Friday, January 29th, at 6:30p.m.

Out of the Saltshaker

Beginning in January the **Saltshakers** Adult Sunday school class will continue their study on the "End Times". Best selling books like **Left Behind** and apocalyptic movies are popular, but are they biblically correct? Please join us for a DVD presentation by Steve Wohlberg on "**End Time Delusions**" on Sunday mornings at 9:50 a.m.



Mission Committee News

The Mission Committee sends its heartfelt thanks to the congregation for your support of God's Gift Shop this Christmas season. Because of your purchases of the alternative gifts and your contributions, several of our church's ministries have benefited.

- All of the proceeds from the sale of the Amani products from Africa go directly to the people there. The skills they learn to make these beautiful items enable them to provide a better life for their children and families.
- Your donations to Barnabas' Samaritan Medical Clinic provide health care to those adults in our community who do not have private or governmental insurance.
- The money presented to the DeLille family (former members of First Pres) and the South American Mission in Brazil will be used to build a home for a needy family there. The cost is \$3500, and with your help, we are well on our way to building a home there funded by the people of First Pres.
- Your contributions to Kim Brown's ministry In Thailand support the House of Love home for HIV affected children, House of Blessing daycare, a community-based rehab program, and the Health Project for Tribal People (HIV education).

Throughout the year, the missions of First Pres have been blessed by your prayers and your gifts. You have shared God's love by supporting the mission team to Matewan, the Two Cents a Meal campaign, God's Gift Shop, the Interfaith Dinner Network, the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign, and the many other opportunities to offer assistance to the hurting and hungry of our community and of the world.

You are a loving community of faith. May God's blessings be with you in the New Year!

Faith Walk For Christian Unity

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Begins at 9:30a-First Presbyterian Church

10a-Memorial United Methodist Church

10:30a-St. Peter's Episcopal Church

11:00a-Macedonia AME Church

And ends with a Light Lunch

*At 11:30a-First Baptist Church.

On this day members from First Presbyterian will join other members from community churches in prayer and fellowship as a finale to the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each Church in the walk will include music, intercessory prayer for our city and churches, and brief presentations/reflections.

*RSVP for Lunch at 261-3837 or email

churchoffice@1stpres-fb.com

Please Bring: Non-perishable food items for Barnabas.



A special thank you to Go Fish for the donation of the 3 mannequins used for the Wise Men in our Centre Street window display this year. Make a point to stop in and thank them when you are downtown. They are located next to Amelia Island Coffee in the 200 block of Centre Street. They are a Christian based company selling a variety of goods.

1st Café Fellowship

Wednesday Nights
January 20th – March 17th
5:30-6:00p.m.

January 20:
Baked Pork Chops

February 24:
Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

January 27:
Shepherd's Pie

March 3:
Chicken Tetrizzini

February 3:
Ham Steaks

March 10:
Meat Loaf

February 10:
BBQ Chicken

March 17:
Corned Beef & Cabbage

February 17:
Beef Stew

1st Café Reservations

Series of 9 Wednesday Night Dinners:

Adults/Youth--\$54.00 (\$6.00 x 9)

Children----- \$27.00 (\$3.00 x 9)
(11 and under)

Family-----\$162.00 (\$18.00 x 9)

**(Series of dinners prepaid or paid in full
the first night of dinners)**

Please complete a reservation form below indicating the # of family members. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

Weekly Dinner: (with reservations)

Adults/Youth-----\$7.00 each

Children----\$3.00 each (11 and under)

Family-----\$20.00

Reservations may be made on a weekly basis by phoning the church office (261-3837) no later than **Mondays** at 4:30 PM. **A sign up sheet will be available each week for the following Wednesday Dinner.** Walk-ins without reservations will be charged \$1.00 extra per meal. The family rate without reservations will be \$22.00.

Name: _____

of Adults/Youth: _____

of children: _____

Family reservation: _____
(please indicate number of
adults and children)

Total Amount: _____

Wednesday Night Programs

6:00p.m.



**Jan. 20—"Speaking for
Barnabas"**

(Susan Holden-Dodge)

**Jan. 27—"Searching for
Water in Kenya"**

(Harry Mathews)

Feb. 3—"Crime-Proofing Yourself"

(Kevin Gilpin, nationalcrimestop.org)

Study Series Feb. 10- March 17

"Love Talk"

Communication for Couples

The Faith Book Discussion Club

In the Library with Sandi Neal

"Peacemakers"

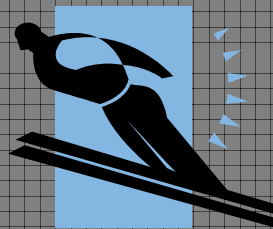
Learning to live in peace

Hand bells Practice @ 4:00p.m.

Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30p.m.

Nursery available from 6-7p.m.

What Are You Doing Over Spring Break?



Families and youth are invited to a ski trip to Estes Park, Colorado, during spring break week – April 5 - 9. If you are interested in this trip and would like more information, contact

Wade Preston, our Director of Youth and Families, at 261-3837 to reserve your space.

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

The Interfaith Dinner Network is a very important ministry for our church and community. It is churches in the community working to serve the Homeless and Needy on Amelia Island by serving dinner 4 nights a week at Salvation Army Hope House. First Presbyterian Church is responsible for dinner one night a month. Our next dinner is Dec. 29. Some people have asked how we get funding to purchase the food that we prepare and serve. At the present time most of the funds have come from the Presbyterian Women's sale of Cookbooks and Note Cards and some generous donations from members of the congregation. Thanks to all who have purchased these cookbooks and note cards and to those who have donated. Because of these purchases and donations we have not had to have special offerings to support the IDN.

To make this program continue to be successful we need volunteers help. For January and February the Esther and Ruth Circles have graciously offered to prepare and serve dinners for those two months. Some of the churches have started having a couple of individuals that just come in at the end of the dinners to clean up. Usually this involves cleaning tables, vacuuming and mopping floors and making sure the kitchen is clean. If anyone would be interested in doing this on a monthly basis please let us know. We also need individual volunteers that we can add to our list. If you feel that you cannot physically help we love monetary donations. If you can help out please contact Bill Erickson, Trish Booton, Eunice Kurtz or Marilyn Showalter.

FPC Faith Book Discussion Club

Something new is coming during the program hour following the meal at 1st Café. Your worship leaders, in conjunction with the FPC library, will begin a book discussion group. The first group will meet on February 10 and continue on Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks. Sign-up will begin on January 20 during 1st Café. At the time of sign-up, the title and a short review of the book to be discussed will be presented. The concept of book discussion groups may be new to some of you while many of you have participated in groups outside of church. It is hoped that this idea will present a new avenue for exploring our faith.



MACJANUARY



The MACs (Mature [or over 55] Adult Christians) will travel to Kingsland, GA, on January 21st to feast at Aunt B's Restaurant, followed by a tour of the oldest Presbyterian church in the state of Georgia, First Presbyterian Church of St. Mary's.

We will also tour historic Orange Hall. Our group will carpool from the church at 11 a.m. If you can drive, please contact Alice Payne @277-2001 and let her know how many people you can accommodate. Paid reservations should be in the church office by January 18th. Cost for this trip including lunch and tours is \$15.00. Come along and have some fun, eat some great food, maybe even learn something.



RELAY FOR LIFE – A SUCCESS!



For the third year, First Presbyterian participated in the island's annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Under the leadership of Team Captain Caroline Tunkel, the team raised money for cancer education and prevention, patient support, and research to find a cure for cancer. This year's Relay, SURVIVOR AMELIA ISLAND, was held Saturday, November 7, at Main Beach, and the theme of the First Pres campsite was *Join Hands to Kick Cancer Off the Island*. The team walked in honor of our church members who have fought the battle against cancer, and luminaries were lit in tribute to them. In the evening, spouses joined the team for a meal and fellowship at the campsite.

Team members included Jan Gunderson, Barbara Mann, Trish Booton, Caroline Tunkel, Bob Tunkel, Linda Palumbo, Julia Nowlin, Pat Ermold, Pam Rea, Paul Griffin, Lynne Stafford, Linda Johns, Ginny Grupe, Holton Siegling, Nancy Inboden, Trish Kramer, Sue Schraft, Barbara Pezzulo, and Lavaba Timmons.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the First Pres team!

BOGO—Buy One Get One; KOGO—Keep One Give One

Please remember to take advantage of those BOGOs at local grocery stores. Keep an item for yourself and bring one to Jim Thomas Hall for Barnabas!

Children's Church *Leaders in January*

Our Children's Church leaders in January are:

Jan 3rd—

Jan 10th—Doris Holloway

Jan 17th—

Jan 24th—Amy Steffen

Jan 31st—Sherri Braeger

Stephen Ministry Revitalized!

Are you going through a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times.

The care you'll receive is one-on-one, confidential, free, and very helpful. Who are these people? Our newly commissioned Stephen Ministers are: Dot Bell, Charlotte Bowling, Sandi Bowers, Terri Cunningham, Courtney Fassbender, Anne Friend, Vivian Geiger, Mary Hunt, Linda Johns, Malcolm Noden, Ron Palmquist, John Patterson, Liz Pipes, Anne Quicke and Denise Saxton.

These women and men have heard God's call and responded to the word, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion" Colossians 3:12. As they strive to meet the needs of people gathered here they will "encourage one another and build one another up" I Thessalonians 5:11. And they will confidentially help us, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

The people who receive care from a Stephen Minister will receive quality care and deepen their relationship with their Lord. They will also grow in their desire to be part of our Christian community as well as come to value ministry from another member while continuing to receive ministry from a pastor.

Please support this ministry by encouraging those who serve and by accepting their care for you and/or a loved one. Thank you and may God bless our church family.

Evangelism in a Word

When you think of the term *evangelism*, what picture flashes onto the wall of your mind? A large stadium filled with people? A small booklet with a set of diagrams? A Christian wearing a pin with the symbol of a fish? A zealous believer playing intellectual chess with a pagan opponent? A salesman convincing a reluctant person to "try Jesus"? Evangelism is a 10-letter dirty word to some of us. While we think it's a dandy idea for others, we're sure it isn't for us. We're not cut out to sell, nor shrewd enough to play intellectual games with non-Christians.

Evangelism, though, isn't about being a huckster who cons people into buying what they don't need. It has nothing to do with grabbing people by the lapels and shoving on them a faith that goes no deeper than the shirt pocket. What a grim indictment resides in the remark, "You could identify the people she had witnessed to by their haggard look." Evangelism is simply sharing with others what we know about Jesus. "We do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord" (2 Corinthians 4:5). No tricks. No deception. Speak the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth—in love. Then leave the results with God.

— [Haddon W. Robinson](#)

From your evangelism committee

Flower Calendar

- January 3 - Linda and Myers Kurtz in honor of their 21st Wedding Anniversary
- January 10 - Gretchen and Ken Williams in loving memory of their daughter, Peggy Stermer
- January 17 - To the Glory of God
- January 24 - In Loving Memory of Alma Conner by her children
- January 31 - Sally and Bill Bailey in loving memory of his mother, Miriam Bailey.

If you would like to sign up for flowers, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Fellowship Hall.



Camp Joy

It was a treat and a pleasure with the help of these hard working elves:

Trish Booton

Rob Davis

Pat Ermold

Carey Foley

Jena Foley (youth)

Marilyn Flynn

Peyton Guerrin (youth)

DeAnn Johnson

Ed & Trish Kramer

Roger Martin

Barbara Noden

Shirley Owens

Bob & Jana Rainey

Martha Ann Siegling

Darren & Terry Smith

Amy Steffen

Samantha Sturges (youth)

Kory Wall (youth)





Claudia Welshans

Many, many thanks for your wonderful gift of service to the children of our congregation.

Three Saturdays were spent cooking, wrapping gifts, decorating baskets and making Christmas cards for our sick and shut-ins. The children visited a different person each week delivering Christmas Joy, treats and treasures to fill their hearts. This perfect Christmas experience was the idea of Jana Rainey who developed the program and activities. She also was chief cook providing soup for the visits and also lunch for all at Camp JOY. Her inspiration and skillful execution were a joy for all who attended, parents who had a few hours free and especially those we visited. Great Idea, Jana, well done, good and faithful servant.



January @ 1st Pres

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Jan 13 CHILI cookoff</p>		SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES 8:30a Early Morning Worship 9:30a Coffee Break 9:50a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship 11a Contemporary Worship in the Anchor			1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2
3	4 4p Christian Ed Comm 5p TEEN CBS 6:30p Youth Comm 8:30p YA prayer grp	5 Noon Wholeness/ Healing Service 4p Membership Care Comm	6 9a Prayer for Youth 9:30a MOM,ME 5p Worship Comm	7	8	9
10 6:30p Youth SNL	11 5p TEEN CBS 8:30p YA prayer grp	12 6p Property Comm	 13 9a Prayer for Youth 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Hand bell Choir 5p Chili Cookoff 6:30p Choir	14 6:30p Pres Men	15	16
17 COMMUNION	18 5p TEEN CBS 8:30p YA prayer grp	19 4p Finance Comm 5:45 Deacons 7p Session	20 9a Prayer for Youth 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Hand bell Choir 5:30p 1st Cafe 6:30p Choir	21 11a MAC'S Trip to St Mary's GA	22	23 8a Faith Walk for Christian Unity
24	25 5p TEEN CBS 8:30p YA prayer grp	26	27 9a Prayer for Youth 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Hand bell Choir 5:30p 1st Cafe 6:30p Choir	28	29 Groups of Dinner Kickoff 	30
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CAMP JOY

Cooking-Yuk!



Visiting



Licking-yummy



Delivering JOY

