



# First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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## Wrapping up the Year



by the Reverend Dr.  
L. Holton Siegling,

After reviewing many resumes, conducting numerous phone interviews, and engaging in several on-site interviews, the search committee responsible for locating our Director for Youth and Their Families was pleased to present into nomination Mr. Forrest Foxworth, who was received unanimously by the Session on Sunday, October 7.

Having had the opportunity to meet with Forrest on a couple of occasions, I am very pleased with this decision. In addition to Forrest's spiritual maturity, one of the most admirable characteristics that you will surely notice about him is his disarming and endearing personality. Forrest's wife Ginny is a wonderful complement to him in life and in ministry, and their daughter Ruby is absolutely precious. I encourage you to take a closer look at Forrest's biographical sketch which is included in this month's edition of the newsletter.

Looking ahead, I trust that you have heard by now that our special guest over the final weekend of October is the Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the PC (USA). Gradye joins us as part of our annual Theologian in Residence program. I encourage you to come to the Anchor and hear what Gradye has to say to us on Saturday morning, October 30, at 10 a.m. Gradye will also be leading us in our worship on Sunday, October 31, during which his sermon will be entitled "Are You Reformed?"

Speaking of worship, we have already

held our first two Sunday evening services and will continue to do so on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of each month at 5:30. During that time we have seen jars and candles used to help communicate for us the importance of living our faith outside the proverbial jar. Also, after having witnessed ceiling tiles removed, we have reflected upon the rigging of the paralytic and about the need for us to live our lives in relationship with the Great Physician, oftentimes well beyond the waiting room. Join us as we approach the throne of our gracious God, praying and lifting our voices in song on Sunday, November 21, at 5:30 in the Anchor.

It is hard to believe that we stand on the threshold of Thanksgiving and are rapidly approaching the season of Advent. It is no coincidence that our stewardship season finds its place during such a time when we intentionally respond with thankful hearts to God's goodness. This year you will notice that, in addition to the emphasis that we will place on financial giving, there will also be emphasis placed upon each member's being called to ministry in some form or fashion; indeed, every person has been given both substance and spirit, which are to be used to the glory of God.

The Apostle Peter writes: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

With Thanks and Praise,  
Holton



Check out the new lights and sign in front of the ANCHOR! Now, we'll be easier to locate, without saying 'Do you remember the old Waas Drugstore?'.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RING THE BELL!

First Pres will have its own kettle in downtown Fernandina Beach again this Christmas season. We will be ringing on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from November 19th – December 24<sup>th</sup>. The funds we raise benefit the local Hope House and its ministries. ***All funds*** raised through the Red Kettle Campaign stay right here in Nassau County. Just 1 two-hour shift of ringing the bells is all it takes to make a difference!



***To participate in this wonderful ministry of hope, please stop by the kettle in JTH.***

### Coffee Service

- November 7 - Communication Committee
- November 14 – Esther Circle
- November 21 – Elizabeth Circle
- November 28 - Evangelism Committee



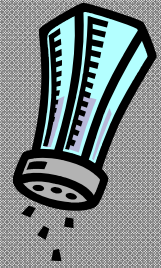
### Cold Night Shelter

As we enjoy this beautiful fall weather, let us not forget that the colder months are coming soon and that there will be people in need of a warm place to stay the night. Again this year, First Presbyterian plans to support Cold Night Shelter on Thursday nights when the temperature is 40 degrees or lower. We will staff the shelter in three shifts: 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, 10:00 pm-2:00 am, and 2:00 am-6:30 am. Please plan to be a part of this ministry which serves the homeless in Fernandina Beach. For more information, please contact Rich Lang or Gene Sovereign.



### OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER!

After finishing our study "One minute After You Die" in early November, we will continue the theme using Anne Graham Lotz 4 part study "Heaven: My Father's House". Please join us on Sundays at 9:50 am in our Jim Thomas Hall classroom.



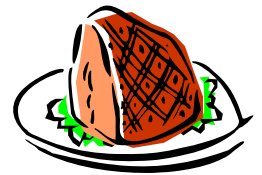
# Looking Good

# ROAD SCHOLAR

*Adventures in Lifelong Learning*

## MACs November Luncheon

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Jim Thomas Hall for a covered dish luncheon followed by a delightful program with Marilyn Tomlinson, Ambassador for Road Scholar, formerly known as Elder-Hostel. We will be entertained with stories from her travels, as well as future trips and programs for seniors.



The MAC committee will provide the entrée, bread, beverage, and dessert. Bring a favorite side dish to share with others. RSVP to the church office 261-3837 by Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for this event, what a deal!!

A Special McThanks to Stephen Gillespie for assisting us in our wonderful adventure onboard a nuclear powered submarine and lunch at the King's Bay Galley on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We presented a check for \$561 to Chaplain Bell for the purchase of phone cards for troops in Afghanistan.

Contemporary Worship Reinvented on the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. with Dr. Holton Siegling presenting the gospel truth, live and in person. Music will rock the Anchor as we gather to praise and worship through multi-media presentations, drama and communion.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
YVONNE

Clay Treska gave his wife, Yvonne, a new sign for Noah's Place for her most recent birthday! Way to shop, Clay!! Yvonne insisted we keep it here at the church.

## Friday Night Dinner and a Movie

November 5 and 19  
FPC Youth  
In the Anchor  
6 pm - 9 pm



\$5.00 - pizza, drink and popcorn

Hang out, eat pizza and enjoy a cool movie on the big screen!

\*\*\*PARENTS & YOUTH - sign up on FACEBOOK with First Presbyterian Church Youth Group page to get updates

# THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE

OCTOBER 30-31, 2010



REVEREND GRADYE PARSONS

STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PC(USA)

October 30th Saturday Seminar:

Where are We Going?

10a-12p in the ANCHOR

Open to the community,

Nursery available with reservations 261-3837

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31

WORSHIP AT 8:30 AND 11:00A.M.

ARE YOU REFORMED?

## 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

Christmas is on the horizon, and it's that time of the year to buy our Christmas presents. The Presbyterian Women sell Cookbooks, Ornaments and Note cards to support the Interfaith Dinner Network. If you are looking for a present you might check with the church office to find out how to buy one of these gifts. The cookbooks also make good bridal gifts. Other than individual donations this project has been the sole support of the Interfaith Dinner Network. From these funds we have been able to pay \$80 to \$100 a month for food, and we also donated a \$1000 to the IDN for supplies at Hope House. Other churches have taken up special offerings or declared an IDN month. Our church has been able to sustain our funds through the Cookbook, Ornament, and Note Card project. Please consider this when buying a gift.

A special thanks to Joy Drewry and Faith and Friends for preparing and serving our Hope House dinner for the month of September. And we are so grateful to the Mission Committee for preparing and serving the October dinner. If you or your special group would like the opportunity to assist with Interfaith Dinners you may contact Marilyn Showalter at 261 4885 or showalte@bellsouth.net.

We also are thrilled to have monetary donations to support our dinners and the IDN. If you would like to give an offering to this ministry you can make out a check to First Presbyterian Church and designate it to IDN or put cash in offering in an envelope designated to IDN.

# 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off



ENTERTAINMENT



## And the Winner is....



L to R Stephanie Kirkpatrick & Xander Everett-Most Unusual Chili, Charlotte Bowling-Meatless Wonder-Full Chili and Trish Booton-Best Chili in Fernandina



## 1st Cafe Fellowship 5:30 P.M.

### Wednesday Night Dinners November 3rd – November 17th

#### Menu:

- Nov. 3rd – Beef Stroganoff
- Nov. 10th - Turkey and Dressing
- Nov. 17th – Pulled Pork

Weekly 1st Café Dinners:  
 Adults/Youth--\$7.00 each  
 Children--\$3.00 each (6-11)  
 Family--\$20.00

Three ways to participate:

1. Call in your reservation by Tuesday@ 4:30 P.M.
2. Sign up at dinner each week
3. Sign up between services on Sunday

### Wednesday Night Programs:

6:15 – 7:15

- **“Presbyterian Christian Beliefs”/Part II** - Dr. Siegling
  - ★ **Nov. 3** - Purgatory, Heaven, Hell
  - ★ **Nov. 10** - To Whom Do We Pray?
  - ★ **Nov. 17** - Ranking Sins
- **“Walking the Holy Land”** - An inspirational and multi-media experience - Dr. Ganyo, **Nov. 3 -17**

**Nursery** available 6-7:30p  
**Children**– What’s in the Bible?  
**Youth W3**

**WALKING WISELY ON WEDNESDAY**

**Lydia Circle** - Nov. 10 in Faith Cafe

## PEOPLE IN TRANSITION?

First Presbyterian Church will host an informational gathering for those out of work or underemployed on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9:30a.m. until noon. A speaker with experience in an annual Employment Workshop will be on hand to encourage and assist those looking for work. Light refreshments will be served. Dates and information about the next Employment Workshop and a discount on building your resume with a nationally certified expert will be available. For those seeking continued support and encouragement here in our church we will explore the option of a regular support group meeting at the church. Please pass the word along to your friends as this is a community-wide event.

## Think Christmas Giving

*KNOW DOUBT by John Ortberg*

Many have enjoyed "The Life You've Always Wanted" and, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat". In his latest book, Ortberg writes candidly about his own struggle with doubt. He maintains that the process can actually strengthen ones relationship with God. Ortberg writes, "I must have truth. Therefore, I doubt. If I did not doubt, I'd fall for every delusion that comes along. And, I scorn delusion. I must have hope. Therefore, I believe. If I did not believe, I would cave in to despair. And, I dread despair. In addition to believing and doubting, there is choosing. I must decide which road I will follow. I must place my bet." You'll find copies of KNOW DOUBT on the Good News Table. Challenging books on a variety of subjects are offered on the third Sunday of every month, before and after services. Come browse!

Your Evangelism Committee

The Mission Committee thanks you for supporting the Blood-mobile on October 31!

# Presbyterian Women's News

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.*



**Fair Trade Festival** - Our October fair trade sale was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who gave of your time and talents to make this a great event. The most wonderful news is that the sale of the beautiful items, made by people around the world who are learning trades to provide a better way of life for their families, earned over \$6,000. Thank you for supporting Amani, Beatitudes, Chikumbuso, MayaWorks, Rahab's Rope, and SERRV, the PW international missions for 2010—all money was given directly to these organizations.

**Bags for Micah's Place**—The PW has delivered 40 bags to Micah's Place. They were thrilled and excited to get them in the hands of the children! We have used many of our resources and need to restock. We will be making more pillows in November and December. Please donate the following items to the PW Basket in Jim Thomas Hall:

- small flashlights (\$1 at Wal-Mart)
- plastic travel soap dishes (\$1 at Wal-Mart)
- small bars of Ivory soap in package
- washcloths
- small writing tablets at Dollar Tree (3 for \$1)
- pencil sharpeners (\$1 at Wal-Mart)



Once again, thanks so much for donating to this worthwhile project.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**—All women of the church are invited to join this group which meets twice a month to knit and crochet prayer shawls. Many beautiful shawls have already been given to people who are ill, grieving, or in some way in need of a special blessing. Yarn and knitting needles are available for use by anyone who wishes to join in this ministry. Prayer Shawl Dates for this month: **Monday, November 1 and Friday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Jim Thomas Hall.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ♥ **PW Christmas**—Thursday, December 9—Luncheon to celebrate Christmas with our sisters in Christ. On that day, the individual circles will meet before or after lunch for their monthly Bible studies.

## **November Circle Meetings**

- ♥ Elizabeth Circle - Thursday, November 11, 1:30 p.m., Jim Thomas Hall
- ♥ Esther Circle - Thursday, November 11, 12:30 p.m., Home of Charlotte Collins
- ♥ Lydia Circle (Young Women) - Wednesday, November 10, 6:15 p.m., Faith Cafe
- ♥ Martha Circle - Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m., Jim Thomas Hall
- ♥ Ruth Circle - Thursday, November 11, 9:30 a.m., Home of Jane Marmontello

**Barnabas Needs** - Barnabas is experiencing a food shortage in the pantry. Please bring nonperishable items to the grocery basket in Jim Thomas Hall. Especially needed are rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal. Check out those BOGO (Buy -One-Get-One) specials at the local grocery stores. Thank you for helping people in need right here in our own community.

## MOM,ME



Some of the moms and toddlers gathered with their new sign that goes out each Wednesday morning to identify the location of the popular playgroup sponsored by our church in Noah's Place. It has become quite the venue for networking and fellowship. MOM,ME is an outreach ministry of FPC open to one and all every Wednesday 9:30-11a.m.

## Count Your Blessings

How many times have we heard the admonishment "Count your blessings!" I know that this year has been very good to Jane and me. We welcomed a new granddaughter, baptized in our sanctuary. We had a grandniece successfully complete a two-year treatment regimen for leukemia and all other family members are currently in good health.

However, as Christians, we have the responsibility to reach out to others whose blessings are slow in coming, if they arrive at all. A drive through the back roads of our county or certain of our city streets reminds us of the hunger and want that still stalk our bounteous land. As this year's Stewardship Campaign Chairman, I want all members of First Presbyterian to recognize all that our Heavenly Father has bestowed on us; health, material success, a sense of humor, a charitable heart and many other gifts derived from His goodness. Now is the time to listen to our hearts and consciences and give back to God through a pledge to our church.

Stewardship Sunday is November 14 and last year's chair John Drew is already planning a scrumptious breakfast between services to provide Christian fellowship and to prepare us for generous giving. You will be hearing more from me and from other church members in the weeks to come. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Jack Dickison

## Getting Through Tough Times

Several years ago in my quiet time I came across this verse in Psalms 71:18, "Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, O God, til I declare Your power to the next generation. Your might to all who are to come," and this verse really hit me. I wondered if our grandchildren know how and when I became a Christian. Our children did, but I didn't know about the grandchildren. I decided to tell each child, one on one, that I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior at a Billy Graham Crusade in July of 1971. After that commitment I knew I needed to know how to live as a Christian, so I began to study the Bible. There are so many wonderful promises in His love letter to us all, and I hung onto them. Sewell and I have had some truly wonderful experiences, some really hard times, and some tragedies, but hanging onto those promises, particularly Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose," have gotten us through the hard times. I told each grandchild that knowing God's word would get them through tough times too. I pray God will bless each one of these precious children and draw them closer to Him. What about you? Do your children and grandchildren know when and how you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Think about it.

Marilyn Harlin

# WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

The Youth Director Search Committee is very pleased to present **Forrest Foxworth** as our next Director of Youth and Families. Forrest's start date will be Monday, November 29. Please give Forrest, Ginny, and Ruby a warm welcome to our church. We encourage you to invite them to dinner and help them become part of our church family and Fernandina community.



Forrest Foxworth comes to First Presbyterian with six years of experience serving as a Youth Director in a Presbyterian church. Since 2004, Forrest has served as the Youth and Community life Director at First Presbyterian Church in Tupelo, Mississippi, where he was responsible for middle school and senior high youth and the planning and utilization of the church Christian Life Center. Forrest was responsible for teaching Sunday school, planning mission trips and other events, organizing service projects and other volunteer work through ecumenical avenues, planning and leading confirmation classes and activities, and managing a church basketball league. In addition, Forrest managed the budget for youth, recruited volunteers for youth events, maintained partnerships with church committees and staff, and managed relationships and communication with staff. Prior to joining FPC in Tupelo, Forrest was

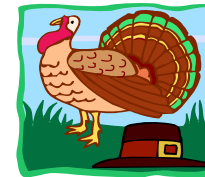
an intern for a couple of years at First Presbyterian Church in Corinth, Mississippi.



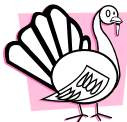
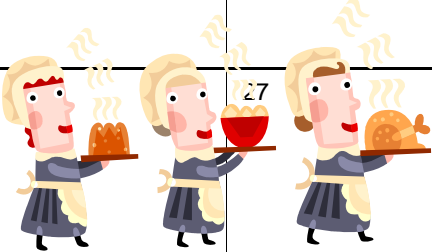
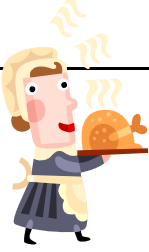

Forrest's dedication to youth outside of his full-time job deeply impressed the committee. Forrest has served as an advisor to the Presbyterian Youth Council in the St. Andrews Presbytery for five years, where he collaborates with other church leaders to provide youth an opportunity to

have input into the presbytery, selects youth leaders, leads activities at monthly planning retreats, and plans and hosts an annual regional event for youth. Forrest has also coached boys and girls soccer teams for the last five years for the Tupelo Futbol Club. He volunteers in his community, having been a Homework Hero for Carver Elementary in Tupelo, a volunteer soccer coach at Tupelo High School, and a youth soccer camp coach at Southern Miss, Belhaven University, and Mississippi Brilla FC.

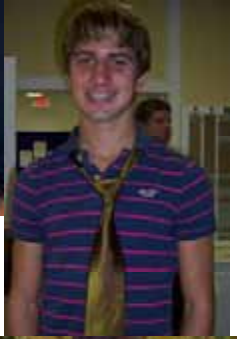
Forrest grew up in Papua New Guinea, where his parents were missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. His family moved back to Starkville, Mississippi when Forrest was in junior high. Forrest graduated from Belhaven University, Summa Cum Laude, in 2004 with a BA in Biblical Studies and Sports Ministry. He is married to Ginny, and the couple have a seven-month old daughter Ruby. They are expecting a son next February. Ginny and Forrest will be residing in the manse.

# November @ 1st Pres



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 All Saints Day</b> 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30p Teen CBS 6:15p Communication	2 9a Staff Meeting 4p Member Care 5p Mission 7p Youth	3 9:30a MOM,ME 12 Worship Comm. 4p Hand Bells 5:30p 1st Café 6:30 Choir	4 12 - 101 Study 12- Wholeness/Healing 2:30p PW Ct. Meeting 7:30p Young Adult CBS	5 6p Dinner and a Movie 	6 Elder/Deacon Retreat
7 <b>Youth Sunday</b> Dedication of shoeboxes 3p Elder/Deacon Training	8 4P CE meeting 5:30p Teen CBS	9 9a Staff Meeting	10 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Hand Bells 5:30p 1st Café 6:15p Lydia Circle 6:30 Choir	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> 12- 101 Study 1:30p Elizabeth Circle 4p Stephen Ministry 7:30p Young Adult CBS <b>Office Closed</b>	12	13
14 Stewardship Sunday 12 Evangelism 3p Elder/Deacon Training 6:30p SNL	15 5:30p Teen CBS	16 4p Finance 5:45p Deacons 7p Session	17 9:30a MOM,ME 3:30p Staff Meeting 4p Hand Bells 5:30p 1st Café 6:30 Choir	18 11:30a MACs Potluck Lunch & Road Scholar 7:30p Young Adult CBS	19 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry 6p Dinner and a Movie	20
21 <b>Communion</b> 3p Elder/Deacon Training 5:30p Contemporary Worship 6:30 SNL	22 5:30p Teen CBS	23 9a Staff Meeting Interfaith Dinner Network	24 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Hand Bells 6:30p Choir	25 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	26  <b>Office Closed</b>	27 
28 <b>Advent</b> 	29 5:30p Teen CBS	30			<b>SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES</b> 8:30a Early Morning Worship 9:30a Coffee Break 9:50a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship	

# UGLY TIE CONTESTANTS



**WINNER**

**KEVIN SAEGERT**



## Flower Calendar

- November 7  
Nancy Sturges
- November 14  
Ruth Reader, in  
memory of Claude  
Reader
- November 21  
Sewell and Marilyn

Harlin, in honor of their 50th anniversary and DeAnn and Richard Johnson, in honor of their anniversary

- November 28 Malcolm and Barbara Noden, in honor of their anniversary

## Welcome New Members!

### Kelly Ann & Nicholas Edward Constant

**Nicholas** is the son of Ed Constant and the late Irene Constant. He & Kelly Ann just relocated to Amelia Island with their 18 month old daughter Juliette. Nicholas is starting his own Heating and Air Conditioning Company. He is an avid golfer and car aficionado. **Kelly Ann** graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Management and minor in political science. Her interests include figure skating, learning different languages and reading.

"So the churches were strengthened in faith and increased in numbers daily."  
Acts 16:5