



The Spirit

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Growing in Christlikeness

LIFE EXPECTANCY IS MORE THAN NUMBERS

Life expectancy usually refers to the quantity of our years. That can vary dramatically due to prenatal care, early childhood care, location, wars, plagues, race, gender, and other factors. Right now, people in America can expect on average to live into their 70's. That is an interesting statistic in view of Psalm 90:10, where Moses wrote: "The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty." Everyone who gets beyond 70 is in the "bonus" round!

Life expectancy should also be about the quality of our years. I am not talking about how good we feel although that is important, too; I am talking about how well we live. Moses told us in that same verse that life would be tough: "Yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away." He also said in Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." He was not talking about a careful count of birthdays; he was talking about a careful use of every day. Someone has well said, Don't just add years to your life; add life to your years! That applies to people of all ages. But life is short at best. In light of eternity, it is all so very short. Even if we become a triple digit wonder who lives to be a centenarian, life is relatively brief. It is just a blip on the EKG of human history. James put it this way: "You are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." (James 4:14) Be ready for the next life by receiving Jesus in this life - and then by living like it. Simon Peter said, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Peter 3:18) Don't just live; live well! Let's make the most of life here and hereafter as we grow in His grace for His glory!

ON-RAMP AHEAD! If you don't have a Bible Time plan (or if you want to add reading to your current plan), then a great opportunity is just ahead to join us for 89 DAYS WITH JESUS. (pick up a brochure in the office, sanctuary or HFLC). This reading plan will take us through the authorized and inspired biographies of Jesus between His birth (Christmas) and His resurrection (Easter). On Thursday, we complete the Gospel of Matthew. **On Friday, February 3, we begin Mark chapter 1.** Jump in on Friday with Mark 1. No make-up reading required! You are welcome to join the journey!

On FEBRUARY 12th, we will begin a series of studies in our sermon times called **TOP TEN COMEBACK CHARACTERS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST.** Everywhere he went, Jesus created comeback stories. Join us each Sunday from now through Easter as we reveal a new comeback



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character
each
week
and

count down to *the greatest comeback in history!*

Joel

PASTOR NOMINATION TEAM UPDATE

January has been a very busy and productive month for the Pastor Nominating Team (PNT). Five, live interviews, either in person or via SKYPE, have been conducted and the team is preparing to narrow the list of candidates down to two or three finalist. Without question, we have been blessed by the quality of people the Lord has brought to us for consideration. The month of February will be critical in the decision making process for the PNT and we are asking for everyone to be daily in prayer for unity and discernment as we move forward.

Blessings,

Brandon Tucker

“The Teacher We Always Wanted”

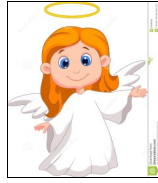
Understanding the Parables of Jesus

A 12-week teaching series with Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich
Sundays @ 9:45 am in Lower Langill beginning January 8th, 2017

During Jesus’ earthly ministry, one of the primary ways He would instruct His disciples was through parables. People would gather from far and wide in order to listen to what Jesus said about the kingdom of God, and the most common way He would explain the kingdom was in parables. But what does God want us to learn from these parables? In this series, Dr. Klostreich examines several parables of Jesus, exploring the rich truths they reveal about who Jesus is and what He came to achieve through His life, death, and resurrection.

Angel of the Church

Janet Sallman



Our angel and her husband moved to Palm City in 2004. She is a true saint of the invisible Church of Jesus Christ and a loyal member of PCPC. She has served as a deacon and also has been part of the Membership Team. She was (and still is) one of our faithful prayer warriors. PCPC's prayer warriors pray over the prayer cards that are turned in by the congregation. In addition, she is the hostess of one of our church's small growth groups in which they study the Bible in detail.

Our angel spreads the love of Jesus every day. It has been said that "When she enters a room the lights come on." Her bright eyes and beautiful smile give joy to all she meets and she lives the words "The only way to have a friend is to be one." Another one of her gifts is to attract others to PCPC by placing her focus on them by asking questions and listening to them!

If you haven't guessed it already, this angel/saint is Mrs. Sarah Bangley.

A New Direction for our Deacon Ministry by Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich

This year has been one of changes here at Palm City Presbyterian. We've seen changes in leadership, changes in ministry, as well as changes in some of our structures. Last spring I approached our Deacons about a new way of looking at their ministry.

Traditionally, our Deacon ministry has focused on giving assistance to local mission projects here in Martin County. We've helped out organizations such as House of Hope, Refuge Ranch, CareNet, and many others. We've helped both financially as well as engaged in service. These are important ministries in our area that serve those with less resources or have experienced great loss and hardship in life. It's important that we continue to engage in these important community para-church organizations.

However, the traditional role of Deacon ministry, both biblically and historically, is that of Pastoral Care. Which is why our Deacon ministry, beginning with 2017 is changing its mission focus to that of focusing on the needs and cares of our congregation. We will still continue to support our great local mission causes like House of Hope and the Salvation Army, but will do so from within our Missions Team headed by Elder Sue Henrich. The Missions Team, which historically has focused solely on foreign missions, will now be responsible for local missions as well. Our Deacons will focus on our people.

Each member of our church will be 'assigned' to a Deacon who will hopefully be in contact with you in the following weeks.

The model verse for our new Deacon ministry comes from Ezekiel 34:16 "I will *search* for the lost and *bring back* the strays. I will *bind up* the injured and *strengthen* the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will *watch over* and shepherd with justice." NRSV.

This verse shows us five principles for Pastoral Care within a local congregation.

1. **To lead** to Christ those who are lost. Luke 14:23
2. **To restore** to Christ those who have fallen away. Luke 15:4
3. **To heal** those who are wounded. 2 Corinthians 2:7-8
4. **To strengthen** those who are weak. Luke 22:31
5. **To guard** those who are strong. John 21:17

Some of our Deacons will be strong in some areas but weak in others. Some of the needs of our people will force certain deacons to focus on some areas to the exclusion of others. But all of our people fit into at least one (possibly more) of the above categories.

Look for a contact with your new deacon in the upcoming weeks ahead. Share with them how your spiritual journey is going. Share what your needs are. Let them care for you in the way Jesus shepherded his sheep.

In Christ,

Pastor Brad Klostreich

Mission Statement 2.0 by Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich

Last month I shared some thoughts about our new Mission Statement for Palm City Presbyterian ; *“To unite with Christ and make him known.”* I mentioned some of the defining characteristics of a good organizational mission statement. This month, I’d like to look at what it means to ‘unite’ with Christ. Most Christians have a concept of what it means to ‘know about’ Christ. We might even understand the difference of what it means to ‘know’ Christ. But what does it mean to ‘unite’ with Christ?

One of the greatest theologians in church history who is the most underrated was the English Puritan John Owen. He lived in the 18th century and is sometimes referred to as the “English Calvin”. His definitive work is entitled “Communion with God” where he expounds the importance of being united to the Triune God in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It’s a difficult work to read because Owen exclusively wrote in Latin which doesn’t always translate into English with much readability.

Paul stated in I Corinthians 1:9 that God the Father calls us “...into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” This is one of the key verses describing the importance of being in relationship to Christ. However, as I said last month, this relationship is built on knowledge, not just experience. You can’t relate to someone whom you know nothing about. Knowing about Jesus is more than just knowing what He did and what He said. It involves knowing about His attributes and His traits. It involves knowing about His deity, His omniscience, His passive and active work of obedience. So we start with our knowledge of who Jesus is in our endeavor to be in His ‘fellowship’. To become a Christian is to have fellowship with Christ and enjoy all the benefits of what He has accomplished for us. Jesus himself invited those who trust in Him to ‘sit and eat’ with Him.

One of the most frequent descriptions of a believer in the New Testament is that they are a man or woman who is “in” Christ. That preposition makes a difference. Most of the Apostles use this language. Paul uses the same terminology in His writings. Paul even goes so far as to describe the union between a believer and Christ as similar to that union that happens only between a man and a woman within the context of marriage. Christians are even called the “bride” of Christ. In the same way that a man and woman become “one flesh”, the New Testament picks up the same concept in describing the oneness between Christ and His church. The picture of oneness in the Old Testament comes to fruition or fulfillment in the New Testament.

Not only do we have a knowledge of who Jesus is, but we have an affection for Him. Owen stated that there is “endless, bottomless, boundless grace and compassion in Christ, a fullness of grace in the human nature of Christ.” I know that it is possible to obey the commands of God and not be a Christian. Atheists believe commandments such as “Thou shalt not steal.” Jonathan Edwards called this aspect of obedience “Civic Virtue”. But the reason we obey is not because we have a love or affection for Jesus, but rather we have a love and affection for ourselves. Sometimes we do noble or sacrificial things not out of a love for Christ, but because of how those acts make us look in the eyes of others. We want to appear noble and caring even when we are not so inwardly.

Early in my journey into Reformed Theology I heard a great series of questions related to love for Christ.

Do you love Christ perfectly?

Do you love Christ the way you should?

Do you love Christ at all?

Anyone who has ever sinned cannot claim to love Christ perfectly because their sin cancels out their perfection. So the answer to the first question is “no.” The Bible commands us to love Christ perfectly and since we’ve just established that we don’t love Him perfectly, the answer to the second question is also “no”. That leaves one more. Only you and God know whether you love Christ at all. It is entirely possible to perform all the outward manifestations of that love and yet not have love on the inside. Jesus warns at the end of his Sermon on the Mount that many will *“come to me in that day saying, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’”* There are people who are involved at a high level in the mission of the church; even to the point of performing miracles. Jesus response to them is that they have only been pretending to love Him. *“Then he will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me,*

Youth News

As many of you know, I am currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling. This has been an enriching process. As I add to my secular undergraduate work in this field a Christian perspective, I find the information becoming even more pertinent. Because of this, the things I am learning quickly become integrated into my conversations, lessons and ultimately, my way of life. In this article, I would like to highlight some of the recurring themes that are applicable to teenagers and adults alike. Maybe then you will have some new things to integrate into your life as well.

The power of listening. Some time ago, I was given the opportunity to share a message with the congregation entitled "The Art of Listening". The purpose of this message was to highlight the value of listening to (vs. simply hearing) God. Similarly, I am reminded of how important this same skill is within our relationships. Simply hearing someone speak often leads to misunderstandings. Whereas listening to someone validates their experience and allows for effective communication.

The presence of dysfunction. On this side of heaven, we all will struggle with some form of dysfunction in our lives. For teens and adults, this could be addictions to technology, status, substances, and so forth. Pretending like we do not struggle with things will not make the struggle disappear. Instead, when we acknowledge our shortcomings to a trusted brother or sister in Christ and bring His light into the darkness, we open ourselves to begin the recovery process.

The possibility for change. Through Christ's transformative power and personal dedication, coupled with supportive Christian community, we can change. Understanding these principles and utilizing a few tools can save marriages, repair sibling relationships, help friendships, and better ourselves.

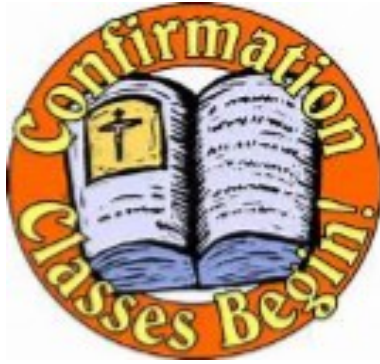
My prayer for us all is that we will engage each other in active listening, humble openness, and belief in change.

Kristen McWilliams



Youth News:

Registration for DNOW, MT2017 and Confirmation are all open! Please contact KT ASAP for questions or to register.



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Confirmation Classes begin on February 26th. There will be nine classes held between that date and Mother's Day (no class on the Sunday leading to Spring Break on Easter). These classes are for 8th grade students

who are ready to become members of the church and deepen their faith.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Palm City Presbyterian Church members support many local Christian non-profit organizations. Financial support is very important to each of these organizations. Equally important is the time we spend helping with various tasks required to successfully serve clients.

Help is needed in the following areas:

- LAHIA** Preparing breakfast items **once a month** for delivery to their location
Call Phyl Sullivan 772-240-5473 for details.
- Treasure Coast Food Bank** - Volunteer to help **distribute food one to two times a year.**
Call Janie Shubert 772-215-9171 to sign up.
- House of Hope** Collect non-perishable food, clothing, and furniture to donate to them directly to help Martin County residents in need. **Call Kelly McIntyre 772-286-4673.**
- Gertrude Walden Child Care Center** - Read to young children when you are available.
Call Thelma Washington 772-283-6321.
- Grandmothers & Others** - A PCPC group that gets together regularly to sew clothing for needy children.
Call Larry Jones 772-324-9393.
- Habitat Angel** Loving God & others through rehabbing depressed neighborhoods.
Call Hank Meira 772-286-9958.
- Habitat for Humanity** Bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope.
Call Nancy Prywitowski 772-223-9940.
- Hope Rural School** Bringing education & hope to immigrant families. Volunteer time.
Call Sister Mary Dooley 772-597-2203.
- Dunklin Memorial Camp** - Collect men's work clothes for residents at the alcohol & addiction faith-based program center. **Call Terrell Rowland 772-597-2841.**
- Refuge Ranch** Take a food dish to share and fellowship with female alcohol & drug addiction residents quarterly (March, June, September, December)
Call Marcia Jakeway 2284-2247.
- Salvation Army** Volunteer at the Booth Café (**3rd Friday each month**) serving food to local residents in need. **Call Kim Johnson 772-288-1471.**
- Project Lift & Willow House** Volunteer to **mentor, provide transportation, or take meals** to at risk teenage boys and/or girls. **Call 772-221-2244 (Project Lift/Boys) or Nicole King 772-631-8496 (Willow House/Girls).**

NOTE TO OUR SHEPHERDS

I am so thankful for our Shepherd ministry at PCPC! I was reading though the current Guidepost magazine and came upon an article in the SOMEONE CARES-Pass IT On section. A Presbyterian Church in Latrobe, PA came upon an idea of less mobile members sending cards to their members and it was called the Caring Christians Ministry. Eight years later is it going strong and connecting with their Church families. I immediately thanked God for how blessed we are that about 26 years ago Mrs. Enid Tatje felt that same concern and developed the Shepherd Ministry at PCPC. We are still going strong and I thank each and every Shepherd for the cards they send, the love they give, and prayers that are offered for the ones in their Flocks! It is a connection we have with our people and a way to show that we care about their lives, the events they share and how meaningful each and everyone's life is at PCPC. Thank you Shepherds, all 35 of you. You continue to bless this church family!

UPDATE ON YOUNG LIFE

Young Life Martin County is growing and opening doors for young people to meet the Lord, Jesus Christ. The Founding Committee of seven couples met in 2016 to establish the commitment to bring YL to Martin County. The vision????? Go into the middle and high school world, on their turf with the Good News. Financial goals were set and a donor based was established. What happened from there is amazing....We threw a 80's Night Young Life Club for Adults at the Huizenga Family life Center at PCPC. It was a great night and brought in families who raised their hands and said "we're in!". Three more couples joined the Board. We gave the call and Regional gave us 12 spots to send kids to camp. Five girls from PCPC attended camp and several families helped with financial support. Then the work began. Leaders went into the high school and attended volleyball, football, homecoming events to meet more kids. By Christmas there were 45 kids coming. Prior to that event HANG OUT TIME was held....water slide and family pig out; Friday night lights tailgate and big screen night, taco night, horseback riding. All these events introduced kids to the love of Jesus.

Currently the Board is very strong with members all serving in different capacities. I have stepped off the YL Board to allow myself to concentrate on other areas of service. David and Buffy Kadela and KT McWilliams continue to serve on the Board and will keep us advised of YL progress in Martin County.

What can you do? PRAY for Young Life and the leadership. Partner with YL by making a financial contribution. Partner with YL by underwriting the cost of a kid to attend summer camp May 28-June 3. Play or recruit players for our GOLF TOURNAMENT at Sailfish Point May 12, 2017.

Young Life, P.O. Box 2508, Stuart, FL 34995.

Electronic giving visit—giving.younglife.org

Praying for Young Life....Susan Rosseau



February Birthdays

- 2/1 John Lillich
- 2/2 Kathleen Flannery, Al Purino, George Rea
- 2/3 Thomas Savarese, Barbara Spicer, Trent Steckler, Michele Stewart
- 2/5 John Hazelton, Marcia Jakeway
- 2/7 Thomas DeLoffi, Victor Simonsen, Abbie Winterhalter
- 2/8 Marie Acker, Lee England
- 2/10 Edward Sossaman Jr.
- 2/11 Edna Greer-May
- 2/12 Nina Crotts, Nancy McMahon, John Terech, LaVaughn Tilton
- 2/13 Tina Boswell, Sarah Livings
- 2/14 Robert Susdorf
- 2/16 Steve Gable, Bill Gilmour, Jacob Winterhalter
- 2/17 Rosalie Woodard
- 2/18 Carolyn Scocca
- 2/19 Louise Johnson
- 2/20 Mike Cioffi, Lynnell Gandy, Judy Shore
- 2/21 Landon Lankow
- 2/22 John Terech
- 2/23 Caroline Belding
- 2/24 Georgia Fowler
- 2/25 Anna Gandy, Julian Gonzales, Adriel Gonzales
- 2/26 Dot Blake
- 2/28 Ben Coraggio, Ann Raab, Julie Slagter, Natalie Tignor

February Anniversaries

- 2/2 Charles & Susan Rosseau
- 2/8 Shad & Kristie Thomas
- 2/10 Jay & Barbara Spicer
- 2/14 Frank & Sherri Swygert
William & Taunya Bryant
- 2/18 George & Barbara Rea
- 2/19 Hank & Danielle Meira
- 2/20 Larry & Sarah Lankow
- 2/25 Craig & Linda Harlan
- 2/27 Thomas & Juliann Savarese





Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

5
9:45a
Adult Sunday
School

4:00p
Kids Ring!

5:30 p
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12
9:45a
Adult Sunday
School

4:00p
Kids Ring!

5:30 p
Awana

19
9:45a
Adult Sunday
School

4:00p
Kids Ring!

5:30 p
Awana

26
9:45a
Adult Sunday
School
4:00p
Kids Ring!
5:30 p
Awana

6
7:00p
Small Groups

13
9:30a
MOPS

7:00p
Small Group

20
7:00p
Small Group

27
9:30a
MOPS

7:00p
Small Group

7
4:00p
Deacons

4:00p
MS Youth

6:00p
HS Youth

14
3:00p
Membership

4:00p
MS Youth

6:00p
HS Youth

21
4:00 p
Worship

4:00p
MS Youth

6:00p
HS Youth

28
4:00p
MS Youth

6:00p
HS Youth

1
3:45p
Missions

6:00p
Volleyball

8:00p
Cornerstone
Praise Band

8
6:00p
Volleyball

8:00p
Cornerstone
Praise Band

15
6:00p
Volleyball

10:00a
Finance

8:00p
Cornerstone
Praise Band

22
6:00p
Volleyball

7:00p
Session

8:00p
Cornerstone
Praise Band

2
6:30a
Men's Bible Study
9:30a
Women's Bible
Study
5:30 p
Bells of Praise
6:30p
CBS
7:00p
Choir Practice

9
6:30a
Men's Bible Study
9:30a
Women's Bible
Study
4:00p
P & A Mtg
5:30 p
Bells of Praise
6:30p
CBS
7:00p
Choir Practice

16
6:30a
Men's Bible Study
9:30a
Women's Bible
Study
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Grandmothers &
Others
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Bells of Praise
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Choir Practice

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Men's Bible
Study
9:30a
Women's Bible
Study
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Bells of Praise
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CBS
7:00p
Choir Practice

3
10:00a
Pastor's Bible
Study

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10:00a
Pastor's Bible
Study

7:00p
Kellie Haddock

17
10:00a
Pastor's Bible
Study

24
10:00a
Pastor's Bible
Study

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An Evening with Kellie Haddock

Friday, February 10, 2017

7- 9 p.m.

Palm City Presbyterian Church Sanctuary



This free community event, sponsored by PCPC MOPS and TC3 MOPS, and hosted by Palm City Presbyterian Church, and will be held in the main sanctuary. This event is open to the public.

Kellie is a singer, songwriter, wife and full-time mom. Her music draws from personal, real-life stories of beauty, tragedy, hope and the celebration of life. "The Thank You Project," a short film featuring Kellie's story of gratitude after tragedy, has attracted more than 65 million views and has been featured on the Today Show as well as other national and international media outlets.

Kellie has performed in Iraq, China and across the United States, offering music that engages the soul in all of its beauty and vulnerability.

Kellie released "Leave the Light On" in 2013 and "Mandarin Lights" (recorded in Mandarin) in 2014. Her work is featured in "From Smallest Seed: A Nashville A ROCHA Project" and on Sandra McCracken's "Psalms" album, which went to #1 on iTunes. Kellie's new album "Wild Love," with a Spring 2017 release, offers heart-engaging lyrics with a highly emotive groove.

Kellie is accompanied by violinist Dargan Thompson.

For more information about Kellie, please go to our Facebook page and click "going" or "interested." There is also an option available to "invite friends." Please invite friends and share. We would like to see many people blessed by this event.



PALM CITY PRESBYTERIAN DONATES 5K RACE PROCEEDS TO SALVATION ARMY

Palm City Presbyterian Church recently donated the proceeds from its sixth annual Turkey Trot 5K race to the Salvation Army of Martin County. The race, which has grown in popularity among families in the community, drew 600 participants on Thanksgiving morning and netted an amazing \$14,668 in proceeds.

Capt. Samuel Kim, corps officer and pastor for the Salvation Army, met with church staff to accept the check.

“We are so grateful to Palm City Presbyterian for allowing us to be a part of this year’s race,” he said. “We want to thank all the sponsors and participants who helped make it such a successful event.”

The Army plans to put a portion of the money toward the purchase of a new canteen mobile kitchen truck, to be used in its homeless and disaster ministries.



PCP HELPS DEDICATE/BUILD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

PCP's Dr. Reverend Joel Giles participated in the emotional Habitat for Humanity of Martin County home dedication ceremony in December, featuring various presentations from Habitat staff members, the county commissioner, and numerous South Florida PGA Professionals. After breaking ground over 10 months ago, Tandra and her family were given the keys to their very first home. During each dedication ceremony one member of the family is asked to speak to those in attendance. Tanjila, 10-year-old daughter of Tandra, was the featured presenter on behalf of her family, and she wowed the crowd through her humor and gratitude. She expressed not only her mother's joy for this home but the joy her and her brother have, as they now have a permanent place to sleep at night.

Earlier in November, Deacons Tom Wiegerink and daughter Kaj, Tom Rosendahl, Tammy Steckler and daughter Savannah, and Renee Gould participated in PCPC day on the same house and worked along side with homeowner Tandra. The labor of love responsibilities included painting and site cleanup, helping make progress for the recent dedication ceremony.



OFFICERS TRAINING CLASS - SATURDAY, JANUARY 21



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Worship Times	
Traditional	Contemporary
8:20 am & 11:00 am Sanctuary	9:30 am HFLC



"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say anything about running with scissors!"

Please join us!!!!

Awana meets every Sunday night from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, in Langill Hall.

It is open to kids from Pre-K through 5th grade. For more information, please contact Kristie Baldwin at kristie@palmcitypres.org or through the church office, 772-286-9958 ext 102

