



The Spirit

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MARCH

March, 2017

Growing in Christlikeness

INTER-MISSION? OR ENTER MISSION!

A football game has halftime. A baseball game has the seventh inning stretch. A play has intermission. A church has interim.

“Interim” means intervening time. It comes from Latin for “meanwhile.”

PCPC is in an interim time between senior pastors. Every church goes through such a time every now and then. Every pastor will eventually leave for one reason or another. They will either move, retire or die. (Eventually, they will do all three!) But not every church goes through an interim time in the same way. Some churches treat an interim time as a time to wait until real church life starts again.

Fortunately, you aren’t treating this interim time as intermission. You aren’t just waiting for action to resume. You aren’t marking time, wasting time, or killing time. You are using time.

You are not just counting time; you are making time count.

I admire the way you continue to make the most of your time. You continue to hold services, classes, and groups. You continue to maintain building and grounds and finances. You continue to pursue outreach and missions. And you are not just in maintenance mode. You are striving to improve and enhance each of these areas. Every service, class, group, activity, and team is striving to be busy and to be better.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians (5:15-16): “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, *making the best use of the time*, because the days are evil.” Paul is focused on what happens inside the church in Ephesians. He goes on to say: “...Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (5:18-20)

In a similar thought from his letter to the Christians in Colosse, Paul focuses on what happens outside the church: “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; *make the most of every opportunity*. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:5-6)

Paul encourages us, whether within the walls or beyond the walls, to make the most of our time even during an interim time. Every week, every day, every hour of time is a unique opportunity. Make the most of it!

As someone has well said: Don’t just add years to your life; add life to your years!

Continue to live beyond “INTER-MISSION”. Continue to “ENTER MISSION.”

OUR STRATEGY

BY REV. DR. BRAD KLOSTREICH

Last month I wrote about our church's new Mission Statement which is "To unite with Christ and make Him known." In addition to developing a concise mission statement, our Mission Study Team also developed a strategy for ministry involving five precepts.

1. **Worship:** We honor God through both our corporate worship and our individual lives.
2. **Fellowship:** We relate to one another and to Christ through gospel-based community.
3. **Education:** We learn about the person and work of Christ through bible-study, prayer, and corporate worship.
4. **Ministry:** We serve God, our fellow Christians, and those who don't know Christ through our spiritual gifts.
5. **Mission:** We reach out to a world in need through charity, giving, witness, and time.

Many who are familiar with church growth principles will recognize these elements from Rick Warren's famous book "The Purpose Driven Life" which has sold millions of copies throughout the world. However, it should be pointed out that these five strategies have existed in the Protestant Church for hundreds of years and are not necessarily "new" ideas. What is new is understanding how they relate to each other.

Worship is number 1! Presbyterians are known for their "Regulative Principle" which teaches that everything in our corporate worship should have its foundation in scripture. This is where Calvin differed from Luther who had a much more libertarian view of worship. Luther believed that if it wasn't forbidden by the bible, it was acceptable. Calvin was much more restrictive. For him, if something wasn't commanded by the bible, it wasn't permitted.

Another unique concept is that four of these five principles will continue on for the Christian into eternity. In heaven we will continue to have worship, fellowship, education, and ministry. But the one strategy that will be missing is the opportunity to evangelize. There is coming a time when it will simply be too late. This is why genuine evangelical churches have a zeal to share the message of Christ while they have the chance here in this life.

So how do these strategies work together? On the surface, it seems like these strategies focus on church growth. But the real goal is to focus on church health. If we focus on health, our organization will grow by necessity because all healthy organisms (and organizations) grow. The way we create "health" between these five strategies is to have balance. All church leaders will have a natural tendency to focus on one or two strategies to the neglect of the others. Some pastors are naturally gifted in worship or fellowship, but may be weak in education and mission. This is why good leaders will surround themselves with people who are strong in the strategies they are naturally weak in.

So how do we accomplish balance which leads to health which leads to growth? There are two areas in which churches historically show their true interest. The budget and the calendar. If we don't budget for education, then it won't be a successful strategy. If we don't schedule opportunities for mission and outreach, then they won't be successful strategies for us. Many churches have a tendency to focus on only one strategy to the exclusion or neglect of all the others. That strategy tends to be the one that the leader is most naturally gifted in. Unless we establish an intentional plan to balance our five strategies, our church will tend to overemphasize the strategies that the leader/pastor is most passionate about.

Our strategies are not the goal. The goal of our mission remains to "unite with Christ and make Him known." But our strategies are the instrument towards accomplishing that goal.

Angel of the Church

Janet Sallman



She is small in stature but carries a BIG punch. Our angel for this month has such a quick wit and is so knowledgeable about the happenings in and around Palm City and the country and how it all relates to our church. She is busy from early morning light till the day is done and much of that busyness pertains to activities going on here at PCPC.

One of her many activities that she does here at PCPC is working with the children in AWANA. She is so good interacting with them and the kids just love her. She also represents our church as a deacon at LAHIA (Love & Hope in Action) in which she is in charge of serving a meal to the homeless once a month. In addition, every Wednesday our angel goes into the chapel to pray over the prayer cards the congregation turns in. She is one of five prayer warriors here at the church. And then for her own enjoyment she struts her stuff in Amy Kitchell's exercise class every Monday and Wednesday evening. She is a very familiar face around the church and one I think most everyone recognizes and knows by name.



Our angel for this month is Ms. Phyl Sullivan.

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

In the last communication to the church family, the PNT announced that we had selected a candidate and had forwarded information on the candidate to the Presbytery for further vetting and consideration. Since the time of that announcement, we were notified that the candidate has accepted a call to another ECO church in Florida. We are excited that ECO will be receiving such a well-qualified individual into the ECO family and look forward to seeing God use this individual for His Glory! Your PNT now continues to interview candidates and pray for the Lord's leading and discernment. Please continue to pray for the leadership of our church and for the team.

Blessings,

Brandon Tucker
PNT Chair



SALVATION ARMY AWARDS &
RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

YOU'RE INVITED!

Compassion House's 5th Anniversary Open House

Monday, March 6th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Take a tour of our transitional shelter for homeless women and children and learn more about the Salvation Army and its mission.

- Pathway of Hope presentation 11:30 & 12:30
- Tour our shelter
- Meet Women's Auxiliary
- Light lunch provided

821 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in East Stuart
772-288-1471



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN



Youth News

Kristen McWilliams

The theme for DNOW2017 is spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-20). “DNOW” stands for Disciple Now and it is a local event that unites eight churches with a focus of equipment and encouragement. The first two days of the conference cater to our youth ministries specifically. Then, we end the weekend with a night of worship for the whole community.

I think this topic is an appropriate response to the division we have experienced lately in our world. The Bible assures us that we will face many hardships this side of heaven (temptation, trying circumstances, and the unraveling of relationships) . Additionally, it assures that the division among us is not flesh vs. flesh, but instead reflection of a battle in the heavenly realms.

In all of these things, we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. However, we have to be aware of the battle and our role in it in order to be effective.

I pray that our teens and their families feel empowered to fight against our enemy, the devil, and his plans. Through worship, prayer, love, reflection, Bible study, and unity we are able to “stand firm” this weekend and beyond.

When struggling, use your SWORD-

S: Scripture. Hebrews 4:12. Colossians 2:8

W: Worship. Psalm 29:2. Psalm 22:3.

O: Obedience. 1 Peter 1:14. Romans 12: 21 . 1Corinthians 10:13

R: Reverence. Hebrews 12:28-29 . Psalm 91:1-4

D: Discernment. 1 John 4:1. Hebrews 5:14. John 10:10.

The elements of the SWORD help us to look to Jesus; to trust Him; use His strength; focus on His glory. Additionally, they help us to let go of things that hold us back and to stand against the enemy. Prayer is a good sheath to cover the SWORD.

Calling all parent/grandparents of SENIORS in High School –KT and PCPC would like to do a special “senior salute” for your senior this year in May. We need YOUR help to make it happen. If you are interested in participating in this special project, please contact KT at Kristen@palmcitypres.org for details.



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The Youth , led by KT, took over the 9:30 service on January 29th



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 Dawn Abate 772-286-4673 x1002.**
- 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).**

This list does not by any means include all the worthy Christian organizations providing love and assistance to our local population. Please consider contacting one or more non-profits listed to begin serving as Christ has instructed us to do.

COMMUNION PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP is a vital service to your church family. Prep occurs on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month from 9 to 11 am. Clean up occurs after each service and takes about half an hour. Want to learn more? Contact Renee Gould at rdandtheboys@att.net or 954-401-8259.



OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF PCPC KEVIN BEDNARZ

CHOIR CELEBRATING BETTY NICHOLSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



March Birthdays

- 3/1 Dick Stuart
 3/2 Kristie Thomas, Dale White
 3/3 Emily Adkins, Robert Sonneman
 3/4 Thomas Wood
 3/5 Richard Munn
 3/6 Alma O'Quinn
 3/8 Alex Thorpe
 3/9 Stella Brinkley, Sandra Fehribach,
 Linda Sanders
 3/12 David Baldwin, Eugene Schulz
 3/13 Nicholas Gunn, Jacob Klostreich,
 Don Metz
 3/14 Marti MacDonald, Jane Sonneman
 3/15 Ron Morrow
 3/16 Tim Bryan
 3/18 Brad Klostreich
 3/19 Judy Jackson, Debbie Sahlberg
 3/20 Dorothy Frey
 3/21 Fern Randall
 3/25 Melissa Thibodeaux
 3/26 April Day, Andy Johnson
 3/29 Cheryl Burns
 3/30 Eugene Chenault, Bartholomew
 Levengood, Eleanor Wishart
 3/31 Jon Albright, Delores Rice



March Anniversaries

- 3/1 Sharon & David Coleman
 3/2 Jocelyn & Eric Olson
 3/14 Gloria & Jon Gottschalk
 3/16 Irene & Art Kalpin
 3/19 Janet & George Eagleson
 Carolyn & James Livings
 3/25 Debby & Glenn Hedden
 3/26 Renee & Donnie Gould
 3/30 Elizabeth & David Kadela



March

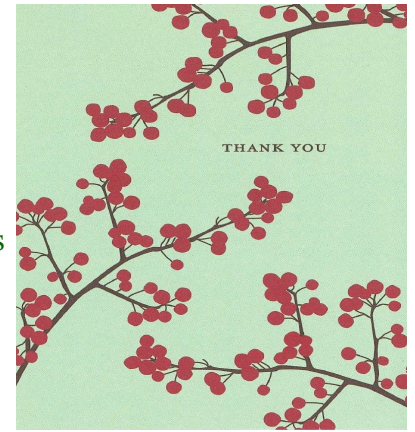
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5 9:45a Adult Sunday School 4:00p Kids Ring! 5:30 p Awana	6 7:00p Small Groups	7 4:00p Deacons 4:00p MS Youth 6:00p HS Youth	8 8:00p Cornerstone Praise Band	9 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:30a Women's Bible Study 4:00p P & A Mtg 5:30 p Bells of Praise 6:30p CBS 7:00p Choir Practice	10 10:00a Pastor's Bible Study	11 9:00a Usher/Greeter Training
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A “THANK YOU” FROM ERIC LOOMER

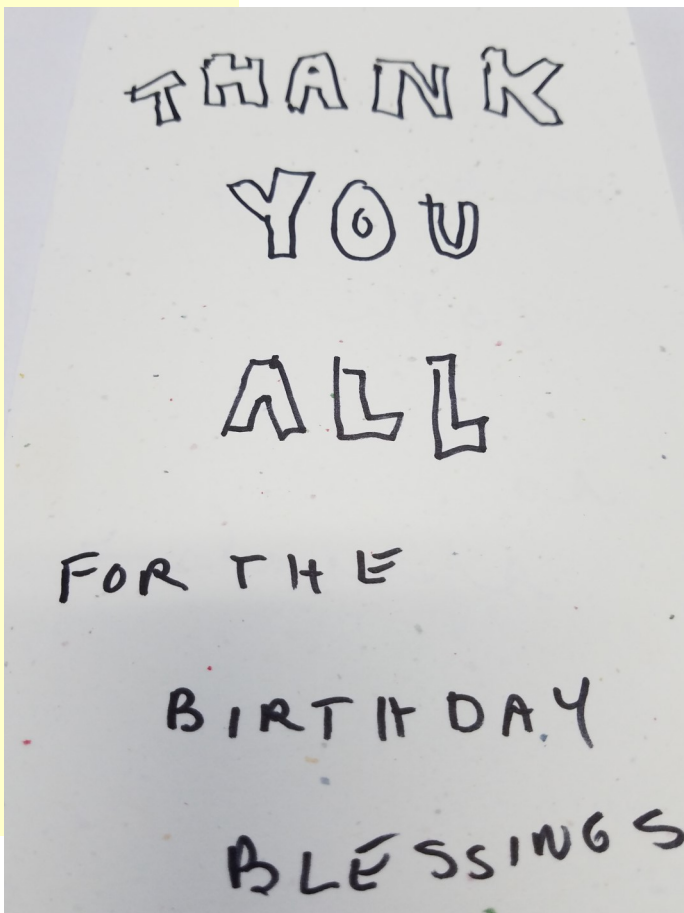
Palm City Presbyterian Church received a letter addressed to “members” from Eric Loomer early in January. Eric is incarcerated in the Martin County Jail. His mother, Shirley Loomer, is a member of PCPC who regularly attends the 9:30 service; she asked church members to pray for Eric and send him cards and letters to help ease the pain of being away from family for the holidays. Eric wrote to thank us for all the cards and prayers. He said, “they made me feel worthwhile knowing so many good people are thinking of me and standing by my mom.”

He shared a little about how he spends his time: he stays to himself and reads his Bible and daily devotionals along with detective novels. The Bible reading is helping him to find and understand Jesus. He said, “I find new verses that apply to me every day.” He gets visits from a travelling preacher once a week. He gets to attend church once a month. He’s requested to move to a different part of the jail so he can become part of the “God Pack” or the Dunklin program which will allow him to attend meetings where they study the Bible. He shares that he takes full responsibility for his actions that landed him in jail, and hopes to change his life and start over when he gets out—both an exciting and scary process.

He closes with “the days are long, the company is awful, and the food is terrible but thank you all.” Let’s keep praying for Eric and sending words of encouragement in cards and letters. If you would like to write to Eric his address is: Eric Loomer, 896166 , 800 SE Monterey Blvd., Stuart, FL 34997.



Marie Acker celebrates her 89th birthday!



SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR BRAD



SPECIAL MUSIC FEB. 12





YOUTH TAKE OVER SUNDAY



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY - FEB. 12



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

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE,
BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A
BETTER OPTION

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

