Palm City Presbyterian Church



The Spirit

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April, 2017

Growing in Christlikeness

A SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR

HOLY WEEK is upon us. The week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday is called that because of all that happened during those eight days.

PALM SUNDAY is coming. That is the day of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. It was one final offer of the King to His Kingdom. He was rejected by Jews and Gentiles. He spent that week preparing his disciples for his impending death on the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY is coming. This is the time we mark the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. He was arrested, tried, and crucified. He was not a sinner, but he died as if he were so he could take our place. On Good Friday, we will worship in a service of remembrance including Communion. You are invited to join us on that night at 7:30 as we focus on the sacrifice of Christ.

EASTER IS COMING! Easter is the most important time of year for the Christian because Easter is when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It wasn't just the sun that rose on that first Easter Sunday; it was the Son who rose! The resurrection ushered in a whole new day. Everything looks different in light of the risen Son. You are invited to join us on Easter Sunday morning at our regular service times for a special worship services as we celebrate the life of Christ and life in Christ.

BIBLE READING BEYOND EASTER

The Bible reading plan, 89 DAYS WITH JESUS, completes the Gospels on Good Friday, April 14th. Now what? Let's just keep going! On April 17th, for 14 days, read two chapters of the book of Acts (perhaps one in the morning and one in the evening). Let's see what Jesus continued to do in the early church. Then, on May 1st, we will begin the journey through the LIVING LETTERS of the Bible. Just one chapter a day will take us through all 121 chapters from Romans through Jude from May through August. If you don't already have a reading plan, you are invited to join us. We will make a brochure available soon so you can mark your progress.

FINANCE UPDATE

Preliminary figures show giving very close to spending (within less than 1% of spending). That's great for a \$1.3 million budget during a transition year. This is a good time for those who call this church home to begin, renew or catch up on your giving. You help meet practical needs now and store up treasure in heaven. *Thank you* for your partnership in supporting the vision and mission of this church!

Mission Study Project (part 4) by Dr. Brad Klostreich

The last few months I've been using the newsletter to discuss the output of our Mission Study Team. I've talked about our Mission/Purpose. I've talked about our Strategy. This month I want to begin talking about the largest part of our Mission Study which was subtitled "Our Identity."

The full Mission Study Project can be found at our new website under the "About Us" tab at www.palmcitypres.org.

The "Identity" section of our Mission Study is divided into three subsections.

Christian

Evangelical

Reformed

To be Christian means we hold a set of doctrines that are held by all Christian groups.

To be Evangelical means we are part of the Protestant Reformation which broke from the Catholic Church in the 16th century.

To be Reformed means we follow the system of theology developed by Swiss reformers such as John Calvin in the 16th century.

The first of these three subsections is entitled "Presbyterians are Christian." This means we share a common core of values and beliefs with all other religious bodies and denominations. Failure to adhere to these common beliefs would in effect cancel an organization from being labeled "Christian."

They include beliefs such as the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, the Inspiration of the Bible, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of Christ, and a host of others. In fact, what we recite in the Apostle's Creed each week is an example of a set of beliefs that are held by all Christian groups. These beliefs are held not only by evangelical Protestants, but also by Roman Catholics, as well as Eastern Orthodox churches. If someone cannot affirm the doctrines taught in the Apostles Creed, they should refrain from calling themselves Christian.

Examples of religious groups who claim to be Christian but do not qualify are Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormon Church. Both groups deny the Deity of Christ (along with a host of other basic doctrines), and thereby cannot be considered to be Christian. They may display behaviors and religious tendencies that look, smell, and sound similar to orthodox Christian groups, but that does not negate their failure to comply on mandatory issues.

What these core beliefs show us is that there's usually more we have in common with other denominations than not. While we may disagree on important issues such as justification, sacraments, and ecclesiology, what unites us across denominational lines is significant. These core beliefs show us that there is more to the world than just what is observed in ECO, or the PCUSA, or the Southern Baptist Convention. God moves in mighty ways amongst those we would least expect.

The tragedy of theological liberalism is that even many of these basic doctrines that Christians have always held in common, are now under siege. Many churches that have Christian or denominational labels attached to them are jettisoning the basic beliefs that made them Christian in the first place. Years ago I listened to a minister who was part of another Presbyterian denomination deny the death and resurrection of Jesus. How that person remains employed is a mystery to me!

The challenge of Christianity in the future is not defending those particular doctrines that define our denominational identity, but now we're having to defend doctrines that were agreed upon by all Christian groups. This is why having a clear statement of Our Mission, Our Strategy, and Our Identity is so important.

Angel of the Church Janet Sallman



She's SUPER angel.

She is super organized, super efficient, and to top it off she is super sweet. Her voice even mimics that of an angel. This is our special angel of the month.

Our angel does so much here at PCPC that it's hard to know where to begin. She is a deacon first off and has her own flock of people that she tends to. Whenever there is a memorial service that incorporates a reception, she is the one who organizes it and tries to surmise how much food will be need-



ed. As a deacon, she is also in charge of rounding up people to distribute the food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank. Which is no easy feat to get people to come out bright-eyed and bushy-tailed early on a Saturday morning to help out. In addition, she serves on both the Mission Committee and the Worship Committee in our church.

Her capacity for caring is boundless, and it shows in everything she does, and if you are working on a project with our angel, she always makes it fun and enjoyable. Oh, and I almost forgot to mention that she is a super baker. At Christmas time she puts together an assortment of treats that are arranged very creatively in a little box and absolutely delicious, then deliveries them to unsuspecting recipients. She has a heart of gold and we are super blessed to have her here at PCPC.

Our angel of the month is the lovely Jane Shubert.

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KIDS RING! BELL CHOIR



They are, left to right: Erin Mooney, Abby Leiblein, Amelia Johnson, Giovanni Gonzalez, Zachary Tucker, Madison Artman, Janet Sallman, Abby Bean and Annika Tucker. Miss Joanne loves working with them. They are a great group, so faithful, and SO musical!



KIDS BAND

FIRST PRIORITY AT
HIDDEN OAKS MIDDLE
SCHOOL



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Youth News

Kristen McWilliams

Maybe you can relate-- I love the HGTV show "Fixer-Upper." Even my manly husband is excited to sit and watch it with me, so it must be entertaining. To me, there is something so fulfilling in seeing that which is ugly become beautiful; that which is broken become restored.

This concept reminds me of Isaiah 61:1-3. In this passage, there is a similar message of "fixing-up." The Lord proclaims His desire to give us things like garments of praise, beauty, and freedom for our heaviness, ashes, and captivity. How wonderful it is to be pursued lovingly by a God who is not intimidated by our extensive need for renovation.



In case you are not familiar with the show, let me give you a brief summary: an adorable couple (Chip and Joanna Gaines) finds a dilapidated house to "fix-up" for an appreciative family. No matter what hilarious mishap the couple faces, they continue with their purpose: to change the old and make way for the new.

If our lives as Christians were depicted as a television show, perhaps it would look something like this one. God finds a "house" (life) and offers to "buy it" (with the blood of Jesus) and begins to remove things that no longer serve us.

Then, He provides us with things that bring glory to Himself and abundant living to us. The hilarious parts come when we, not the professional, try to step in and take control back from God. Sometimes it even turns painful, much like when Chip and Joanna find hidden issues within the home. But as long as our "house" remains in the capable hands of almighty God, we too will have a "great reveal." It is a trust exercise, but certainly worth the discomfort.

Unlike the house at the end of the show, we will not obtain perfection until the end of our earthly "show." In the meantime, we can walk in the fullness of Christ's restorative power, knowing that one day we will go to the home Christ has prepared for us-- one that sits on streets of gold (top that, Chip and Joanna!). As grateful as I am for a night to sit quietly and watch this show, I am eternally grateful for God's salvation, sanctification, and my heavenly home.

Calling all parents/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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DNOW WEEKEND









Refuge Ranch Quarterly Dinner & Fellowship

On March 14th, twelve church members and a guest (Deanna's niece) gathered at the Refuge Ranch for our first quarterly dinner and fellowship for 2017. We were introduced to several new residents who have joined the current residents in the regeneration program for alcohol and drug addiction for women. It was a warm and friendly group of women sharing how the Lord is changing their lives and giving them hope for the future. In this year-long program the women develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and a strong work ethic while examining their past lives and decisions that ultimately brought them to the Ranch for the help they were seeking. We will be going to the Ranch in June for our next dinner and fellowship. If you would like to join us in this ministry, please call Marcia Jakeway (284-2247).









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April Birthdays

4/1 David Knight, Tammy Steckler

- 4/2 Robert Kane, Stephanie Neff
- 4/3 Jody Armstrong, Pat Johnson
- 4/4 Gary Damen, Mike England
- 4/5 Ron Bartnick
- 4/6 Robert Drisner, Mary Rosseau, Donna Server
- 4/7 Charles Rosseau, Ryan Schueler
- 4/8 Bill Bryant
- 4/9 Marjorie Cody, Audrey DeLoffi
- 4/10 Jan Coton, Bob Hart, Marilyn Wood Patricia Lichtenberger, Ben Zsoka
- 4/11 Dorothy Ohlbach
- 4/12 Patty Klein
- 4/14 John Coblentz
- 4/15 Ted Cedarstrand, Jake Cioffi, Jane Karraker, Michelle Mullen
- 4/16 Amy Kitchell, Wyatt Legg, Jean McClure
- 4/18 John Adams, Bill Betes
- 4/20 Elsie Martineau
- 4/21 Janine Wiegold
- 4/22 Nancy Korpady, Laura Moore
- 4/23 Jerome Peterson
- 4/24 Susan Hastings, Harold King, Jesse McNeill, Marti Sellers Joan Sheldon
- 4/25 Claire Austhof, Michael Marino, Susan Rosseau
- 4/26 Jane Ferguson
- 4/27 Michele Bouche, Dale Spicer, Barbara Susdorf
- 4/29 Brandon Tucker
- 4/30 Nancy Klein



April Anniversaries

- 4/2 Polly & Victor Forestier
- 4/8 Diane & David Bates
- 4/15 Marion & Wayne Roberson
- 4/18 Kristen & Jason McWilliams
- 4/22 Kate & Tom Wiegerink
- 4/23 Bonnie & Frank Meyo
- 4/25 Patricia & Tom Doyle
- 1/26 Tina & Bill Boswell
- 4/28 Amy & Craig Kitchell Jennifer & John Legg

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:45a Adult Sunday School 4:00p Kids Ring! 5:30 p Awana	3 7:00 p Small Groups	4:00p Deacons Mtg 4:00p Middle School 6:00p HS Youth	5 3:45p Missions 8:00p Cornerstone Praise Band	6 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	7 10:00a Pastor's Bible Study	8
9 PALM SUNDAY 4:00p Kids Ring! 5:30 p Awana	9:30 a MOPS 7:00p Small Groups	3:30p Membership 4:00p MS Youth 6:00p HS Youth	8:00p Cornerstone Praise Band	13 Maundy Thursday 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	14 Good Friday 10:00a Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 P Good Friday Service	15
16 EASTER	7:00p Small Group	4:00p MS Youth 6:00p HS Youth	19 10:00a Finance 5:00P Worship 8:00p Cornerstone	20 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Bells of Praise 6:30p CBS 7:00p Choir Practice	21 10:00a Pastor's Bible Study	22
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Palm City Community Bible Study

New Study

Join us at 6:30 PM in the Chapel

NEW STUDY:

James

Study is available to Men, Women and Children*

*Please note, children must accompany a registered adult

For more information, contact Beth Welmaker bwelmaker@gmail.com or 772-971-4229 http://palmcityeve.cbsclass.org



There will be a New Members Class on April 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

If you are interested in joining PCPC, please contact the church office, Susan Rosseau or Ruthann Hewson.



Palm Sunday April 9 8:20, 9:30 and 11:00

Palm processional; Bells of Praise

Good Friday April 14 7:30 p.m.

Communion served

Bells of Praise

Chancel Choir with PCPC Brass Choir

Easter Sunday April 16 8:20, 9:30 and 11:00

Soloist - Cait Willis

The next lay-led weekend, designed for and offered to members of all Presbyterian churches begins at 5:00 pm on April 27th, and runs through April 30th. It will be held at the Christian Conference Center In Silver Springs, FL. Registration forms and more information are available in the church office, or by contacting Vic Simonsen at 772-708-6963.



PNT UPDATE

The PNT continues to pursue three incredible candidates from across the country in the month of April. We are excited to see how the Holy Spirit is working in this process and ask for your continued prayers and support. Be confident the God is Sovereign and at work in our midst! Blessings,

Brandon Tucker, Chair PNT



If you are new to the church family, the Building & Grounds team invites you to tour the memorial garden and columbarium area behind the sanctuary and enjoy the handy work of God and the grounds professionals and team. The Smith Garden is in honor of Doris Smith by her husband Ellis, and is a work

of love, with flowers in color every season of the year We invite you to walk through and enjoy, or stop and enjoy the pagoda in thought or prayer.





YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, May 6th at the Martin County Fairgrounds (2616 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart). We will be distributing food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank. We will begin at 8:00 am and conclude around noon. Please come dressed for the weather-sunscreen, raincoat, closed-toed shoes etc.

We need 40-45 volunteers for this activity. To volunteer please register at www.Stophunger.org or for information contact Jane Shubert 772-8089 (H), 772-215-9171(C).



Are you looking for a way to serve at PCPC? The Shepherd Program is looking for one new shepherd! Responsibilities are to send birthday, anniversary, get well, and other cards to members in your flock. No home visits required! Please call Susan Rosseau -772-286-8437.

Easter Lilies are available for purchase from now until April 10th. They are one for \$10 or two for \$18. Please see the insert in your weekly bulletin. Checks made payable to PCPC and drop them in the collection plate along with the form or return to church office.



Worship Times

Traditional 8:20 am & 11:00 am Sanctuary

Contemporary 9:30 am HFLC

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Check out our new and improved website at palmcitypres.org

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