



The Messenger

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OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

LOVING.... GROWING.... GOING.... in JESUS!

*Loving... God and others through worship and fellowship.
Growing... in our understanding Jesus and God's purposes for us through Bible study, and developing our ministries to serve God and others.
Going... into God's world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, and with His ministries of compassion and mercy.*

Stay connected when you're away. Watch our worship service LIVE! Go to our website at: www.fpcpunta.org and click on the link "Watch services LIVE here" on our homepage.



MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor

There are times in the life of the church when we face major decisions. This is one of those times. Changes in our Constitution and in our ordination standards require us to take a look at our place in God's church. Therefore, we will be scheduling a series of small group meetings of the active membership in the months of February and early March.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss these issues and to listen to what your thoughts are. We hope to be able to discern God's will for our future. We will be presenting all the options and issues that we are facing and the history of how we got to this point. The small groups will be for active members of the church only. We plan to hold a meeting for affiliate members and friends of the church separately.

There will be sign-up sheets on the sign-up table for the small groups, as well as a sign-up sheet for affiliate members and friends of the church. Please sign up for one of the groups. It is very important that you sign up so that we can get your input. We want all the active members to participate if at all possible.

This is an important time in the life of our church. Please help us as we seek God's will. The session has called for the small groups and is desiring your input so that we can do what God wants us to do.

As of now, we have no plans to recommend leaving the denomination. We are hoping that through this process we will become a better and stronger church wherever God calls us to be.

Please pray for the leaders of our church and for our denomination during these troubled times.

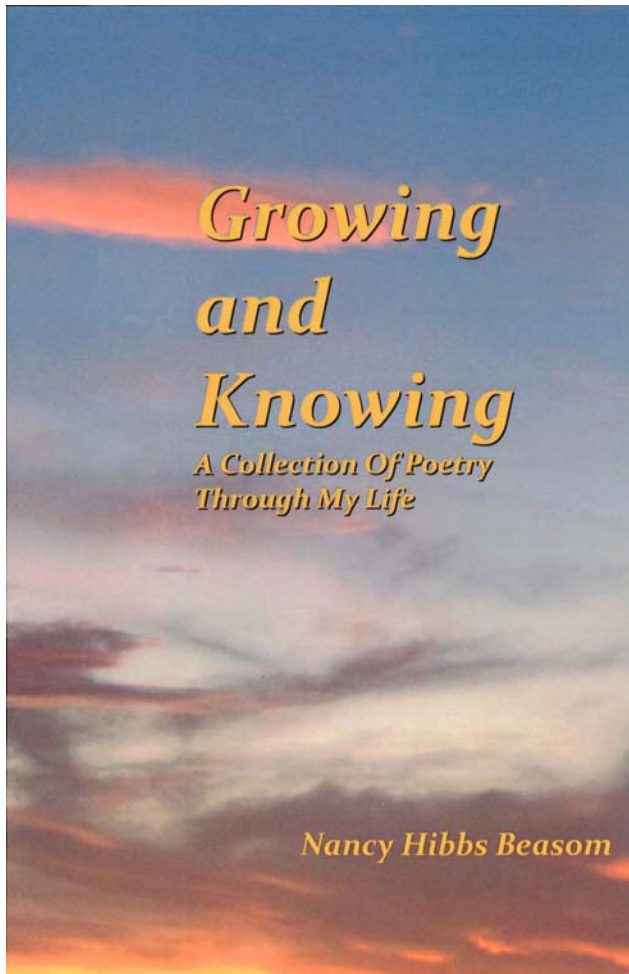
God bless you all.

Steve

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SALE OF BOOK TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS



Do you enjoy reading Nancy's poem in the monthly newsletter? She now has compiled a book of all her poems written throughout her life, including photos and art by Nancy and her granddaughter, Brittany.

This beautiful book is available in the church entrance for a \$10 donation to the Mission Team earmarked for the HOMELESS VETERANS.

Cash or check accepted. If paying by check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church and note Homeless Veterans on your check.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be February 5th after the 10:30am service. Please plan on attending.

SESSION NOTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 16TH SESSION

- Prayer time was had for conference in Orlando and members who are in need.
- Pastor Steve said no matter what the decision of our church was, he would stay with this congregation.
- Balance on mortgage with SBA is \$111,157.02.
- Discussed plans and dates for the Small Group Information Sessions on the decisions facing our congregation in the future.
- Called a special session meeting to be held on Sunday, January 29th, at 3pm.
- Reviewed Organization Chart, responsibilities are as follows:
 - Fellowship - Phyllis Botticelli & Nancy Beasom
 - Discipleship - Gail Thornton
 - Worship - Don Washabaugh & Elaine Schultz
 - Ministry - Joan Hoffman
 - Mission - Dianne Sizemore
 - Administration - Marguerite O'Brien & Joe Cherny
- Dianne Sizemore and Gail Thornton to review and modify the Peace River Presbytery's Clergy Sexual Misconduct Policy and adapt it for our church use.
- Approved February 5, 2012, after second service, for the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- A deacon and elder retreat will be held on February 18th at 9am.
- Shut-in communion will be done by Marguerite O'Brien, Phyllis Botticelli, and Phyllis Ehrhardt on January 24th and 25th.
- Approved Gail Thornton as a commissioner to all the Presbytery meetings for 2012.
- Marguerite O'Brien was also approved for the February 23rd Presbytery meeting.

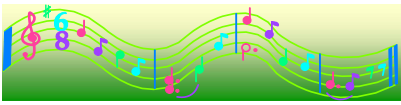
Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session

CHURCH LIBRARY NEEDS HELP

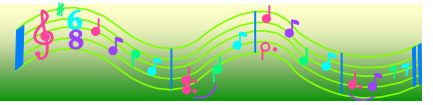
WANTED

Someone interested in keeping the church library tidy, books put away, etc. Also needed is someone interested in cataloging books to add to the library. Please talk to Connie Johansen at 941-286-9923 if you are interested. No experience necessary.

We are discarding a number of Christian fiction soft covered books from the library. They will be out on a table in Fellowship Hall ready to take for free. Please do not return them. We are trying to make room for other non fiction books.



MUSIC NOTES



This month, I would like to give everyone a little info on the two main instruments we use in worship each Sunday. At the early service, we use a Yamaha Clavinova keyboard. This instrument has over 120 pre-recorded background tracks with instrumentation that allows you to record backgrounds by chording. These backgrounds use 8 tracks to record and are programmable in meter and tempo. There are an additional 8 tracks that can be recorded over top of the backgrounds. These include over 800 different sounds to choose from including a variety of piano, woodwind, sax, strings, organ, and synthesizer sounds. All the music we sing is recorded by me on this keyboard and played back during the service. The files are saved on a floppy disk in a MIDI format.

The Allen organ is a 3 manual, 50 rank with Midi. Each knob on the side represents a different sound and octave. There are 10 general pistons that allow you to preset all 3 manuals and pedals with the push of one button. There are 16 levels on these general pistons allowing you to preset 160 combinations. Each manual also has 10 pistons on each level allowing you to change the combination of stops on that manual individually. There are also pedal toe pistons allowing you to change the combinations on the pedal board.

If this is not enough, there are 264 midi sounds in the small pullout drawer on the organist's right that allows you to add two additional stops or sounds to each manual and the pedals. These can be adjusted by octave, loudness, and pitch. One of my favorite midi stops is the cello. I have used this many times over the years. There are also a wide variety of bells and chimes on the midi board which I used during the Christmas season. More to come on the rest of the pistons and pedals on this wonderful instrument.

There are so many things that these two instruments can do and I am continually learning different combinations and settings. I hope you enjoy listening to the music as much as I do preparing it for worship.

May our music always glorify our risen Savior.

For Him,

St. Valentine's Sacrifice

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM

In social circles, when a friend dies, one of the group will eventually express his opinion and reiterate the fact that he would like to “go” peacefully and in his sleep. However, living well before this time may be the best practice as a rule of thumb.

Cancer, pneumonia, heart problems and other medical diseases skew the process, but a life lived well is always a plus in God’s eyes.

How do we achieve a life well spent?

1. Give yourself a way via aid, knowledge and understanding.
2. Be ready to face death by doing God’s will.
3. Remember the young die too, from drugs, accidents and disease.
4. Keep the faith when criticized, during conflict and trials, and when we are called upon to stand for truth.
5. Do not go by feelings alone but by God’s instructions which involve trust. Feelings alone are not a reason to quit.
6. Constantly remember eternity will be a reward and seeing Christ will be the only perfection we will ever see.
7. Discard all bitterness, anger and unforgiving.
8. Commit each day to God.

Bereavement Meet & Chat will meet **Friday, February 3rd at 10am** in the Conference Room. New members welcome.

God bless you,
Joy Kiser

Trusting the Unseen

A gardener planted two peony bulbs side by side. In a few weeks, as expected, the first one poked a single stem through the ground. The other would soon follow, the gardener thought. But it didn't. Many more weeks went by with no sign of life.

Then one day, to his surprise, not one but five leaf points poked through the soil at once. When the peony bloomed, its flowers were more beautiful and numerous than those of the first bulb.

John Piper said, "In every situation God is doing a thousand things that we cannot see and do not know." When God seems to have forgotten you and hope fails, don't despair. God is at work, and someday you will see.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study convenes the **first and third Tuesday of the month** through May at the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, PGI. We will continue to study women of the Bible. Our text will be "*Life Principles from the Women of the Bible.*" This study is arranged so that at each session we will look at a different woman in the Bible. We will study Eve, Sarah, Mary and Martha, and Mary, Mother of Jesus among others.

As in the past, our studies start at 10am and last for about one and one half hours, with time for fellowship and coffee. They will be held the first and third Tuesday of each month through May. All women of the church are invited.

Valentine Tea

Presbyterian Women will meet on **Saturday, February 11th at 11:00am** for a Valentine Tea. Ladies, where your hats and gloves if you wish. We will have a judging for the most elaborate.



All women of the church are invited. Come and bring a friend for an enjoyable social. Bring a salad or sandwiches to share. Dessert and tea will be provided. See you there.

CHRISMON CRAFTERS



The Presbyterian Women "Chrismon Crafters" are ready to get started again. We'll be making smaller Chrismons this year to fill in between the larger Chrismons on our trees.

The plans are to meet once a month, on the third Wednesday, in Fellowship Hall from 9am to 12 noon. So mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 15th** for our first gathering of 2012. New crafters are always welcomed.



- PV2 Alexander Fogg, grandson of Bob & Carol Fogg, stationed at Fort Polk, LA.
- Captain Ryan Hobert, Army-23rd Infantry, grandson of Mel & Rose Ann Hobert, 2nd deployment to Iraq.
- CW5 Donald L. Washabugh, Jr., Army, son of Don & Mary Anne Washabaugh, stationed in the Pentagon.
- Sgt. Ian Hendricks, Marines, grandson of Dianne Sizemore, stationed in Jacksonville, NC.
- 1st Lt. John McPherson, Air Force, grand nephew of Marguerite O'Brien, stationed in Scott Air Force Base, IL.
- Capt. Ryan Swisher, Army Ranger, grandson of Fred & Rachel Pfaender, stationed in Ft. Benning, GA.
- 1st Lt. John Mock, Army, nephew of Steve & Joanie Mock, stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord in WA - slated to be deployed to Afghanistan late spring, early summer 2012.
- Jacob K. Crockett, Army, grandson of Sam & Carol Crockett, stationed at Baylough Afghanistan.
- Sgt. Jason Douglas, Marines, step grandson of Mary Stones, stationed in Afghanistan.

Do you have a family member serving in the military? If so, we'd like to add them to the newsletter prayer list. Fill out the form that's on the sign-up table in the church entrance and place in the HELMET or let the church office know.

THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Pack Well



During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

—Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series, www.rethinkchurch.org/lent

Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown





SEASIDE

I WALKED ALONG THE WATER
THOUGHTS FLOWING WITH THE BREEZE
EACH MOMENT TURNED TO JEWELS
LIKE SPARKLING, RIPPLING BEADS.

AND EVERYWHERE I LOOKED
MY EYES COULD SEE THE JOY
AND VISIONS OF GREAT GLORY
CAME DOWN TO MEET MY SOUL.

I FOUND THE PEACEFUL ESSENCE
OF SUNSHINE ON THE BEACH
OF HUSHED VOICES OF THE WATERFOWL
ECHOING AS FAR AS I COULD REACH.

THE GREAT BLUE AND SNOWY EGRET
CAME PROUDLY STALKING BY
OUR EYES MET BUT A MOMENT
CREATURES CAUGHT AS IF TO SPY.

FROTHY SANDS UPON THE TIDE
SURROUNDING EVERYWHERE I TROD
EMBRACED MY VERY BEING
WRAPPED IN THE ARMS OF GOD.

-- NANCY BEASOM

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

JESUS SAID, “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15

February is always Healthy Heart Month. We are bombarded daily with healthy behaviors including: lose weight, eat more fruits and vegetables, use spices like tumeric and cinnamon, add more onions and garlic, quit smoking and drinking, good hand washing, abstinence outside of marriage, and exercise. Conversely, we rarely hear about the dangerous and unhealthy emotion of **unforgiveness**, which is linked to headaches, backaches, high blood pressure, cancer, arthritis and heart disease!

How does one forgive the terrorists of 9/11, if a spouse perished from the Twin Towers? I am amazed at the love shown the family of gunman Carl Roberts in 2006 in the Nickel Mines Schoolhouse Massacre, after he shot 10 Amish girls, murdering 5 of them. The emphasis on forgiveness and reconciliation of the Amish community was widely discussed in the national media. The Rev. Schenck reports a grandfather of one of the murdered girls said of the killer on the day of the murder, “We must not think evil of this man.” This response can only come through a committed relationship with Christ.

The University of Tennessee tracked subjects’ blood pressure and heart rate as they discussed being betrayed by a parent, friend or spouse. As the interviews began, blood pressure shot up for all of the participants. The blood pressures of those who forgave soon returned to normal. The readings of those who were grudge-holders stayed high. It was noted that women were more likely to be unforgiving than men.

Here is what you need to know to begin a life of forgiveness:

- 1- Decide for whom you hold a grudge. Write down this person’s name.
- 2- Make up your mind that you want to forgive this person.
- 3- Make a deliberate and irrevocable choice to tell no one how this person hurt you.
- 4- Be pleasant to this person should you be around him/her.
- 5- If conversation ensues, say that which would set him/her free from guilt.
- 6- Let the person feel good about him/her self.
- 7- Protect him/her from their greatest fears.
- 8- Keep it up today, tomorrow and in the future.
- 9- Pray for him/her.

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. Job 42:10

Forgiveness is the gift you give yourself. This road is not easy and it would be prudent to seek wise counsel. I have some written materials that will help. Also check out www.forgiving.org.

FREE LUNCH 'N LEARN

On **Wednesday, February 1st from 11:30am-1pm** we will have the second part of a series from Dr. Jeremiah Joseph titled, “Cancer – Step Outside the Box.” Learn tips about cancer prevention and treatments that your doctor might not know. If you missed the first part, you can still attend. Sign up in the church entrance to be sure you get a seat. Dr. Joseph is our most popular medical speaker.

Because He lives!

Debbie Carney, RN, Parish Nurse

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MISSION MINISTRY NEWS

YAH YAH GIRLS

Last month we visited the Yah Yah Girls Community Storage to see how they run their Back Pak for Kidz Ministry. They have three rooms set up with long tables and bins with the correct number of back packs for each school laid out. After filling, the back packs are put into tubs and later delivered to the schools.


In one of the schools, the food is delivered for the fifth graders to pack in the back packs as a community service. Some of these helpers are also recipients of a back pack. This is a way to teach them giving back to their community.

The Yah Yahs are now giving approximately 1,000 back packs each week. Each back pack has the name, grade and teacher on it so that it goes to no other person. A back pack is filled with two cereals and juices then other things like oatmeal cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit wraps, etc. If there are several children in one family, each child receives his or her own back pack. Next year they want to add two more schools.

Anyone wanting to help fill or deliver back packs contact Dianne Sizemore and she will give you the information you need.

**BACK PACK
KIDZ**

A project of
The Yah Yah Girls, Inc.



Dedicated to the children
of Charlotte County

WHAT YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL DO

- \$20 will feed one child for four weekends
- \$50 will feed 20 children for one weekend
- \$100 will feed one child for 10 weekends
- \$200 will feed one child for 40 weekends
- \$500 will feed 100 children for one weekend
- \$1,000 will feed five children for 40 weekends
- \$2,500 will feed 50 children for 10 weekends
- \$5,000 will feed 100 children for 10 weekends

Make checks payable to The Yah Yah Girls, Inc.
Mail to: Patricia Mousley, Treasurer, 1106 Muscovie
Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. You will receive a
thank you/receipt for your tax deductible gift.

MISIÓN PENIEL

Thank you for your generous giving of rice and pinto beans to our dear friends at Misión Peniel.

Rice, pinto beans, canned vegetables and fruit are great needs for the migrants of Immokalee to sustain them and their families throughout the week. Let us help them by providing our love and God's love through filling the tall, white container in the church entrance with these needed items.

NANCY BEASOM'S POETRY BOOK

Give a special Valentine gift to that special someone - Nancy Beasom's book, which is compiled of poems written throughout her life. The book also contains wonderful photos and artwork by Nancy and Nancy and Ron's granddaughter, Brittany and is available now in the church entrance for a \$10 donation, which will be used by the Mission Team to help homeless veterans. What a wonderful way to say thanks to those who have fought for you and me and for peace, here and abroad. Place your money or check (written to First Presbyterian Church earmarked for Homeless Veterans) in the available basket.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5TH

Please bring your cans of soup and your dollars on **Sunday, February 5th** for the soup pot to feed the hungry. Your \$\$\$ can be put in either the New England Patriot's or the New York Giant's pot and your cans of soup in the blue bin in the church entrance. Let no child in Charlotte County go hungry!!! Let us go over our last year's gifting by donating 150 cans of soup and \$200.

BUTTER BRAID COFFEE CAKES



Your Mission Team is selling coffee cakes—the perfect special breakfast surprise for that special someone. The coffee cakes are frozen dough that you thaw, let raise overnight, and then bake. The cost is \$12 each, with \$5 going to the Mission Fund. Pre-order your favorite coffee cakes on the form on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

Thank you so much for all your gracious giving.
Your Mission Team

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Version of Olive Garden Pasta E Fagioli

Compliments of Kay Callahan

INGREDIENTS:

1 tablespoon oil
2 pounds ground beef
12 ounces onion, chopped
14 ounces carrots, slivered
14 ounces celery, diced
48 ounces tomatoes, canned, diced
2 cups cooked red kidney beans
2 cups cooked white kidney beans
88 ounces beef stock
3 teaspoons oregano
2 1/2 teaspoons pepper
5 teaspoons parsley (fresh chopped)
1 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
48 ounces spaghetti sauce
8 ounces dry ditali pasta (or other pasta)



PREPARATION:

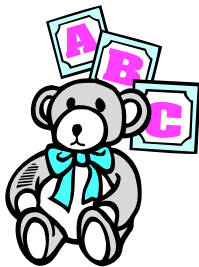
Sauté beef in oil in large 10-qt. pot until beef starts to brown. Add onions, carrots, celery and tomatoes and simmer for about 10 minutes. Drain and rinse beans and add to the pot. Also add beef stock, oregano, pepper, Tabasco, and spaghetti sauce. Add chopped parsley. Simmer until celery and carrots are tender, about 45 minutes. About 35 minutes into simmering, cook the pasta in 1 1/2 to 2 quarts of boiling water. Cook for 10 minutes or just until pasta is *al dente*, or slightly tough. Drain. Add the pasta to soup and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes more.

COOK'S NOTES:

Just cut the recipe in 1/2 for smaller family needs!

NUTRITION:

219 calories, 9 grams fat, 24 grams carbohydrates, 10 grams protein per cup.



Congratulations to:

- ♥ Paul & Arlene Gebel on the birth of their great-grandchild, Joshua James Adams, on January 3, 2012. Joshua's proud parents are James (J.J.) Adams & Lynn Fermato Adams.

FEBRUARY 2012 CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders - We pray for....

The elderly, the infirm, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, the homebound and lonely, and all those who have requested our prayerful support.

Each month we remember church members and friends on a rotating basis

FEBRUARY

- 1 Dorothy Blue
- 2 Lynda Borg
- 3 Dick & Phyllis Botticelli
- 4 Lloyd & Loriania Brenton
- 5 Jim & Marion Brown
- 6 Kay Callahan
- 7 Bonnie Carey
- 8 Dave & Debbie Carney
- 9 William & Mary Carrier
- 10 Howard & Mary Chamberlain
- 11 Joe Cherny

FEBRUARY

- 12 Al & Helina Churchill
- 13 Jean Cleffi
- 14 Sam & Carol Crockett
- 15 Irene Csontos
- 16 Randy & Diane Curtis
- 17 Jill, Daniel, & Michael Curtis
- 18 Robert & Sharon Cuzner
- 19 Donald & Annabelle Deblauw
- 20 Connie Diller
- 21 Dave & Beverly Doupé
- 22 Don & June Drake

FEBRUARY

- 23 Millie Drum
- 24 Kathryn Duke
- 25 Elizabeth Dunn
- 26 Helmut & Phyllis Ehrhardt
- 27 Chris, Laura, Jonathan, & Timothy Epperly
- 28 Fran Farris
- 29 Sarah Ferry



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| Dick Botticelli | 3 | Joe Cherny | 20 |
| Richard Hill | 3 | Arlene Gebel | 25 |
| Bob Kiskaddon | 3 | Dave Carney | 26 |
| Janet McLemore | 3 | Stan Smith | 27 |
| Veralou Scott | 8 | Marcia Ling | 28 |
| Margie Smith | 17 | | |

Bob & Joyce Kiskaddon 3

THIS 'N THAT

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

We welcome material for our church newsletter. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements. Articles for the March issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by **Tuesday, February 14th**.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join your church family in the Conference Room Sundays at 6pm. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

SPONSOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35. To sponsor the flowers, please sign up on the sheet in the church entrance or call the church office. If you sponsored flowers for a Sunday and would like to take them after the service, please let the church office know before the date sponsored, or stop in the kitchen after the last service and see the deacon in charge that day.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our church music is available to you on the internet at <http://public.me.com/rpc1220>. Click on one of the folders to view Organ Music, Choir Music, Praise Team Music, or *Music On a Winter's Eve* concert. Feel free to share with friends, family or potential members. Questions or comments may be directed to Randy Curtis at rpc1220@me.com.

R.O.M.E.O.S. BREAKFAST MEETING



R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) will meet for breakfast at 8am at Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport on **Thursday, February 9th & 23rd**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

EMAIL UPDATE

Please advise the church office when you change your email address. Thank you.

COMPUTER AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE



We've set up a computer in the Conference Room for those of you who need the use of one. It has high-speed internet access and is available during office hours. We suggest you call to reserve the time before coming to use it.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER

Presbyterian Women (PW) are selling note cards as a fundraiser. There are 5 cards in a set for a cost of \$2.50. A sample & an order form are on the PW table in the Narthex.

LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY



Loaves & Fishes Ministry is a great opportunity for those of us who like to cook to share a meal with a church family in need after surgery or illness. Having a familiar, friendly face at your door with cooked food when you return home from the hospital is a very loving experience for both the cook and the recipient. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the table in the church entrance or contact Kay Callahan.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, February 13th at 10am**.



Love Never Ends



BIBLE QUIZ



During Jesus' time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not one of the temptations?



- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God's Son
- B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
- C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
- D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world's kingdoms

(Answer: A (See Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13))

HOLY HUMOR

SAY A PRAYER —

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Walking with God

The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with him. It's about sticking with him when the sky is blue and also when it's filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It's about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.

—Greg Laurie



MEET OUR OFFICERS

ELDERS

Nancy Beasom — Fellowship	505-9383
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Joe Cherny — Administration	575-2186
Joan Hoffman — Ministry	639-4907
Marguerite O'Brien — Administration	639-7226
Elaine Schultz — Worship	505-8339
Dianne Sizemore — Mission	743-5637
Gail Thornton — Discipleship/Clerk of Session	639-5510
Don Washabaugh — Worship	255-8616

DEACONS

Debbie Carney — Parish Nursing	637-9389
Paul Gebel — Helping Hands	637-8655
Nancy Julius — Communication	575-7491
Joy Kiser — Bereavement	575-9745
Elaine Schultz — Flowers	505-8339
Margie Smith — Prayer Shawls	833-0185
Barbara Ryan — Communion	575-8141
Kay Callahan — Loaves & Fishes	916-9252

MEET THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN STAFF



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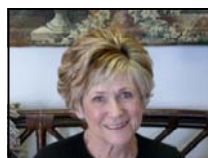
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