

September 2021



# First News

**Building Faith, Changing Lives,  
& Sharing Christ.**

## All Your Heart, Soul, and Mind

The Great Commandment is Jesus' summary of law. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus responds to a basic question from the scriptural lawyers, "What is the greatest commandment in all the Law and Prophets?" Jesus quotes a familiar verse known as the *Great Shema*, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." He then makes an addition, "and, love your neighbor as yourself."

In hearing these words, we are inclined and tempted to respond to this summary by saying, "Oh wow! I already do that!"

Really???

If we live out the great commandment will *all* our heart, with *all* our soul, and with *all* our mind... where's the evidence? The old idiom points to the truth of the need for evidence. "Where there is smoke, there is fire."

So, is there any smoke?

If Jesus was satisfied with us simply being nice people, he would have responded to the lawyers by saying, "Just be nice people." If it were enough to love only our biological families, then he would have said, "Love your families, that's enough."

In summarizing the law, Jesus says that *all* the law and the prophets require much more. So, where is our evidence? Are we doing anything in service to God that is demanding?



Is there a spark for the fire?

Jesus says we are to love with all of our heart, soul, and mind. *All* demands a lot from us. Maybe if Jesus used our modern vernacular, he might have said, "Give God 100%! Nothing less! Give all you can!"

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The instrument that Jesus gives us to love with all our heart, soul, and mind is the church! Jesus is saying that the church becomes His body and, as members of it, you make this body strong. Traditionally, we have given our all through serving in Discipleship, Fellowship, Hospitality, Mission and Worship.

So again, where is the evidence of your commitment to the Great Commandment? Are you teaching the faith to your family and others? Are you engaged in fellowship with others who share the faith in meaningful and expressive ways? Are you extending hospitality to friends and strangers alike? Are you serving and caring for those in your midst who are hurting and those far from us oppressed? Are you worshipping your God regularly with joy, reverence, and praise?



Is there a wisp of smoke, or is it a billowing plume?

Jesus is clear. All. All. All. If you have backed off recently and are falling into patterns of producing little evidence of your commitment to Christ, now is the time to fan the flames of your faith. Let's produce some evidence of our love for God. We are not saved by such evidence, by our works, yet a burning faith reveals evidence that all can see.

Get involved! Serve! Watch the e-mail posts and the bulletin boards around the church for ways to serve. From small steps to giant commitments, your opportunity to *love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind* is before you!

Let's show some evidence!

In Christ,

*Tim Womack*



## Grab and Go Wednesdays are back!

Starting on September 1st, we will be offering our Wednesday Night Dinners as a "Grab and Go" for those who would like a meal. The suggested offering is \$5.00 per meal.

Reservations are requested so that we may have an accurate count of how many meals to prepare. Gluten-free meals are available, but must be specified when you make your reservation. Please call the church office by noon on Mondays to reserve your meal each week. (772) 562-9088. Meals will be passed out in the circle drive in front of McAfee Hall from 5:00-5:45 PM each Wednesday.



We are keeping an eye on the current health situation in our community and will offer these Grab and Go meals until further notice. As things improve, a decision will be made closer to the end of September regarding the continuation of Grab and Go dinners or moving back to in-person Fellowship Dinners in McAfee Hall.



# Worship, Music & Arts

## Our Youth Orchestra's trip to Colorado was quite an experience!

The plan on Saturday July 31st was simple. The group was to fly into Denver, pick up instrument rentals, and then travel by charter bus to Aspen. On a normal day in Colorado this trip would have been roughly 3.5 hours. However, last year's wildfires burned up a significant amount of vegetation around Glenwood Canyon, a lengthy stretch of the I-70 interstate through the Rocky Mountains - and the only direct route from Denver to Aspen. Heavy rain just days before the Orchestra trip proved to be detrimental. The lack of vegetation made it impossible for the soil to hold on the steep hillside, resulting in devastating mudslides that shut down the interstate indefinitely and the Governor of Colorado declaring a State of Emergency.



After a 4am departure from Vero Beach to the Orlando airport, a 4-hour plane ride and finally their arrival in Denver, their large charter bus needed to be rerouted at the last minute. Plans were to travel over Independence Pass to avoid the closure on I-70. The expected trip time: 4 hours (plus a rest stop). Unfortunately, upon their arrival at 5:30pm to the gateway to Independence pass (expecting only another 90 minutes of driving) they suddenly were faced with a bit of a conundrum. They had been unaware that vehicles over 35 feet long were not allowed on the pass, as the road is very narrow in some places and unsafe for larger vehicles. They were turned around by the rangers and suddenly detoured an extra five hours to the south, through Gunnison and over the breathtaking views through Cottonwood Pass (elevation: 12,126 feet - about 2.3 miles- above sea level). Exhausted from already traveling for 14 hours, they continued on their way. Heavy rains and treacherous terrain along steep roads and cliff edges made for slow driving with a very careful, skilled bus driver named John (and some terrified chaperones in the fetal position.) They finally arrived at their hotel in Basalt at 1am. Along with the time change, that's a total of 23 hours of traveling from the minute they left Vero Beach. The silver lining: they saw much more of the beauty of Colorado than they expected!



On Sunday, August 2nd, the group performed for church services at Christ Episcopal Church followed by an exceptional masterclass clinic given by Juilliard Professor Erica Oghara. Each student also received a private lesson from world class musicians, Lindsay Bobyak (bass), Dr. Emily Acri (viola), Erica Oghara (cello), and Delaney Myers (violins). Although it was a bit rainy, they were still able to enjoy a bit of a concert by the Aspen Music Festival Orchestra before heading back to their hotel for dinner and much needed rest. The next day the group attended private lessons, hiking, and offered a concert at Christ Episcopal Church.

After more hikes and a trip to Glenwood Hot Springs, the group made their way back around the long detour (a 7-hour trip that would have been 2.5 had the interstate been open), over to Breckenridge, where they enjoyed more hiking, a gondola ride, and a wonderful dinner at the hotel.

The last few days of the trip were much better in the area of travel, as they had made it back to the "safe" side of the canyon. Smooth sailing along the roads, and they stopped in Idaho Springs for a memorable whitewater rafting trip down the Clear Creek. Even more hiking, two visits to Downtown Littleton, a sunrise and breakfast at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, and a visit to Urban Air (a trampoline park with climbing, zip lines, and more) rounded out the last full day of their trip with some much-needed fun and stress relief.



The grand finale of their Colorado tour came in the form of another concert, this time at Grace Presbyterian Church in Littleton. The group chose to have a lengthy dress rehearsal followed by a concert that was well attended. Near the end of the performance, Jacob had a special announcement to share with the students: the reveal of the location for their next international trip. A short video revealed the words "SCOTLAND 2023" to the confused, shocked, and suddenly excited students. Then a big surprise! Everyone gasped as a full pipe band in uniform marched into the sanctuary playing "Scotland the Brave".





# Worship, Music & Arts

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The event was the "cherry on top" of what turned out to be a very good trip after all. Mr. James Connell, owner and operator of Sol Vista Violins in Lafayette, CO, (the shop where the group rented their larger instruments) had this to say of the performance: *"I have heard orchestral groups in the same age group throughout Colorado and I have to say that I am very impressed. What a talented group of kids playing some very serious music! Their selections were amazing and they were very professional. My sincerest congratulations go to Dr. Craig for his work with them!"*

The group returned to Vero Beach around 10:30pm on Saturday, August 7th. They were tired and ready for some rest, and even so, the dedicated group of youngsters still showed up at 10am to play for our church services the next morning!

Fundraising efforts are under way to help bring this group to the Land of the Brave, where preliminary plans include attending a weeklong residency full of masterclasses, lessons, and concerts at the world-renowned St. Mary's Music School and Cathedral in Edinburgh, and hopefully a chance to attend a night of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. If you would like to donate toward this endeavor, please visit [www.firstpresvero.org](http://www.firstpresvero.org), and click on "giving". Choose "all other gifts" in the dropdown, and type "Youth Orchestra" in the memo.

*Jacob and the Orchestra would like to offer their sincerest thanks to all those who donated toward this endeavor and made the trip possible. Despite the hiccups they had an incredible time, learned a lot, and made some wonderful memories along the way!*



## A note from our Assistant Director of Music & Arts

I would like to thank you for welcoming me as the new Assistant Director of Music and Arts for this incredible community. My hope is to continue to develop our vigorous music program by creating additional musical opportunities for the youth. Because recruiting is very crucial in these initial stages, I am looking for some help to spread the word about these new programs. Please feel free to pass this information on to children, grandchildren, friends, coworkers, and fellow educators. In the coming months, we plan to offer the following three youth programs for our surrounding community:

**Youth Choir** - This is a community choir that is completely free to join for all middle and high school aged students. My hope is to build a youth choral program that will help the students grow spiritually and musically while worshiping, competing, and traveling. Youth Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm. All are welcome, and no experience is required!

**Youth Handbells** – Students in grades 4 and up are welcome to join this ensemble where they will learn how to play handbells. My hope for this group is to bring a new excitement and experience to handbell performance! We will be working on several musical skills, specifically rhythm and musical interpretation. I am also planning to compete, travel, and worship with this group. Again, no experience is required and there is no cost to participate. Rehearsals are planned to be on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30pm after the Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners, start date TBD.

**Worship Team** - I am looking for a group of vocalists and instrumentalists to assist in leading worship during the 8:30am services. This group is for all ages! We currently meet on Thursdays at 1:00pm.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in any of these programs. Thank you for your continued support of our Music and Arts department!

Sincerely,

**Peter Mahtani**  
Assistant Director of Music & Arts  
[petermahtani@firstpresvero.org](mailto:petermahtani@firstpresvero.org)



# Discipleship

## DATE CHANGE: QUEST will return on September 8th

Contact Carie Robbins at [childrensministry@firstpresvero.org](mailto:childrensministry@firstpresvero.org) to sign up!



On Sunday, October 31st from 4:00-5:00pm, we will be bringing back Trunk-or-Treat and the "Pumpkin Patch" for our children and youth. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some intergenerational fellowship! Trunk or Treat events have been around for many years- and if you haven't been to one, you've been missing out! It's a one-stop-trick-or-treat experience for our children to enjoy in a safe environment. It's also a great opportunity for our older adults to come out and see the adorable costumes all in one place!

Any and all church members and friends are welcome to participate in the Trunk or Treat! Families with children should plan to arrive around 4pm for the start of the event. Don't forget those trick-or-treat bags! Also, If you have a vehicle with a cargo area, pickup bed, or trunk, we would love for you to come participate as a "trunker treater" and hand out candy! All you need to do is choose a theme (some people go all out and decorate their hatchbacks with spooky spider webs and more!), bring a big bowl of candy, some lawn chairs, and you can even dress up in costume for the occasion! Come to the church parking lot on Sunday, October 31st around 3:30pm to set up your "trunk" and get ready for the kids to start showing up by 4pm for all the fun! It's a great event with fun, fellowship, lots of smiling faces, and of course CANDY!

Due to the ongoing pandemic, please be aware that we may need to cancel or adjust this event. Currently, we expect social distancing for all, and masks for unvaccinated individuals including children under 12. We plan to follow CDC guidelines and adhere to their recommendations going forward. Please stay tuned for any announcements regarding changes to this and future events as the situation is still fluid.

Contact Carie Robbins at [childrensministry@firstpresvero.org](mailto:childrensministry@firstpresvero.org) if you have questions, would like to participate, or need ideas for your trunk decor/theme.

## Youth Fellowship

Please contact Pastor Michael for more information on any of the events and opportunities listed below!  
(803) 627-9590 or [michaelyork@firstpresvero.org](mailto:michaelyork@firstpresvero.org).



### September Sunday Funday

Join Jacob Craig, Peter Mahtani, Pastor Michael and others each Sunday in September following the 10:30 Worship Service. We will meet in McAfee Hall for food, fun, and fellowship.

### Rock Climbing - Save the Date

Youth Fellowship will go Rock Climbing on September 26th following the 10:30 Service.



### The Youth Ministry Team Needs Help!

We are gathering a team of Faithful Youth and Adults to help coordinate the Goals and Activities of the Youth Ministry of First Pres. You are never too old to nurture the faith of young people in our church and community. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry, please contact Pastor Michael.



# Mission

## Locally Serving God



### Reading with Second Graders at Dodgertown

Mrs. Kristen Racine (Assistant Principal of Dodgertown Elementary) has informed us that, due to current SDIRC and county health protocols, no volunteers will be allowed on school grounds during the first nine weeks of the school year. The district will re-evaluate the COVID situation and update how they will proceed sometime during mid-October. Because of this, we will have to unfortunately wait it out to see how things unfold. Your Mission team will stay in touch with the school and be notified of any changes in the volunteer situation.

The good news is that our Mission team helped purchase hundreds of school supplies for all the students! We also helped to establish a "clothes closet" full of all sizes of school uniforms, shoes, socks, and even underwear!

### Delivering Food to our Neighbors in Need

During the 4th Wednesday of every month (except November, which is instead on Wednesday the 17th), we package and deliver food to the 36 residents at Sunset Apartments. The food is supplied by the Treasure Coast Food Bank and is delivered to the Gifford Youth Achievement Center. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 am where we package the food and then deliver these packages to the apartment residents. We need more volunteers to help with this opportunity to serve. This is very rewarding and only takes an hour or two. There is some moderate lifting but the apartments are all on the ground floor. Please call Carol Smoyer at (772) 567-0929 or email [clsmoyer@bellsouth.net](mailto:clsmoyer@bellsouth.net) if you would like to participate.



### United Way Day of Caring



On Saturday, October 2nd, the United Way will hold their kick off breakfast in McAfee Hall at 8am. From there, volunteers will go to their place of service for the morning. We would like to have a team from our church to be part of this great service event. Indoor service locations are available. For more information, contact Carol Smoyer at (772) 567-0929 or [clsmoyer@bellsouth.net](mailto:clsmoyer@bellsouth.net).



## Presbyterian Women

### Christmas Tree Lane - December 4th, 2021



Unique Boutique will begin accepting drop-offs for this year's annual event on Thursday, September 30th, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. New and slightly used items may be dropped off at the side door of the Center for Christian Life where the hard-working committee will be waiting to help you unload and store them until they are ready for the sale during Christmas Tree Lane on December 4th, 2021. Please note that we cannot accept clothing, shoes, electronics, or large furniture. Please do not leave any items for the Unique Boutique in the church office. For pick up, please contact Maggie Fleming at [margaret.fleming48@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.fleming48@gmail.com).

We are always looking for volunteers to help this annual Presbyterian Women fundraiser for missions. This fund-raiser by the Presbyterian Women has become a popular community event with venues for cookies, baked goods, artisans, Unique Boutique, crafting, quilting and sewing.

For more information, please contact Maggie Fleming or Joan Irvine at [joanirvine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joanirvine@sbcglobal.net). Many hands make light work, please consider helping with this event on December 4th, 2021.



# Presbyterian Women

## Profile of a Presbyterian Woman: Linda Johnson

by: Joan Irvine



Leading our singing on Sunday Mornings for worship service during the pandemic, Linda shares her gift of music. Landing in Vero Beach over 20 years ago and making First Presbyterian their church home, Linda's story is one of many moves and many churches before "blooming where's she's planted" here in our church family.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, soft-spoken and shy, Linda's earliest memories of her family, Mother, Father and older brother, are centered around the farming communities of central Iowa. A devout family, wherever they lived, they attended the local church every Sunday and she was baptized at age 12 in the Methodist Church. By high school, the family lived in Webster City, Iowa and she played piano and organ in the Methodist church, sang in the choir, was in the Youth group, school chorus and Future Nurses of America. After graduation, she earned a 3-year Nursing Diploma at the teaching hospital in Des Moines.

Relocating to Chicago, Linda worked at Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, a position she held for 11 years. It was on a "blind date" that she met Bud, a single father with a 6 year old son. They married in 1969 and four years later, Danielle (Dani) was born. Bud's work as a trouble shooter for the packaging industry, led them on a lifetime of nomad's journeys as he was assigned to various plants around the country.

The family bought a house in Hanover Park, IL but in a short time, left for Bowling Green, Kentucky, then to Denton, Texas and to Midwest City, Oklahoma. "Every five years we moved", Linda laughs softly. They attended the local churches, many Methodist and some small rural congregations. However, at the First Presbyterian Church-Midwest, with Dani school-age, the Johnsons became very active—choir, Senior Youth Group advisors . Linda, taking a break from work, completed her B.S. of Nursing at Oklahoma City University. By the time Bud was assigned again—this time to Three Rivers, Michigan, Dani was a senior in high school and after graduation, stayed close to the family graduating from Central Michigan University.

In 1993, the Johnsons moved to Vero Beach while Bud worked in Ft. Pierce. Linda began working at the Doctor's Clinic retiring in 2001 when she then volunteered to serve on the Board of "Healthy Start", a community organization that aids mothers and babies.

Bud "discovered" The First Presbyterian Church lured by the friendly people and music. They became members in 1995. They were thrilled that the newly installed Pastor Tim conducted his first marriage in this church to their daughter Dani in 2000.

Encouraged by our Music Director, Dr. Jacob Craig, both the Johnsons are mainstays in the choir; Bud is an Elder and Trustee and part of our Security Team; Linda supports PW and plays handbells. They spend quality time with Dani and her family including two grandsons, "and many baseball games".

A poignant Bible verse for Linda is: "Let the fields be jubilant, and everthing in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy." Psalm 96: 12



# Presbyterian Men's Corner

## Honoring Our Veterans

by Glenn Conn, President



Space Coast Honor Flight, which takes veterans for a day-long trip to Washington, D. C., is one the organizations supported financially and with volunteers by the FPC Men's fellowship.

Many of our church family veterans have been a part of Honor Flight. I personally served as a guardian for two flights. Being a U.S. Navy veteran myself I not only considered this an honor, but a duty.

Members of our Congregation may consider serving in this capacity. You need to attend a two-hour orientation on Sunday afternoon

two weeks before the flight. Each veteran and guardian are provided a backpack for personal items. Every veteran is assigned a wheelchair for the day and is only mandatory for the changing of the guard ceremony. As a guardian your job is to be the pusher of the wheelchair. It is also your responsibility to insure the hydration for the veteran. Washington, D.C. can be very hot and humid. Veterans and guardians are also provided with snacks, water and food.

The real work begins on flight day, beginning at midnight Friday for set up at Wickham Park Senior Center in Melbourne. Veterans begin to arrive at 1:00am Saturday morning. A Safety and Responsivity Orientation then takes place by the Space Coast Honor Flight staff. Around 2:30, the veteran's and guardians prepare for the bus trip to Orlando Airport. On the bus are 25 veterans, 25 guardians, 6 Space Coast Honor Flight staff members and 25 wheelchairs. Once boarded on the airplane we then fly to Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Airport.

Upon arrival at BWI, we then board another bus to D.C. to begin the tour of seven military memorials.: Air Force, Iwo Jima, WW2, Korea, Viet Nam, Women's memorial and then the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington, Va. Here our veterans get a front row viewing. Two of our veterans from FPC have been selected to lay the wreath on past flights.

During the return flight to Orlando, the veterans usually discuss the day's events with the guardians and catch a nap. We arrive back at Wickham Park well after midnight Sunday morning where the veterans are greeted by the Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard, friends, family and volunteers.

It is a long day but a rewarding one for the veterans and the guardians. If you are interested in becoming a guardian or volunteer, contact Glenn Conn at [gconn@msn.com](mailto:gconn@msn.com).

## Missionary Flights International: help needed

The First Presbyterian Men's Fellowship has donated \$400 to Missionary Flights International, a Fort Pierce based non-profit that airlifts food, clothing, shoes, home products, and equipment to Haiti. The recent civil unrest and

now the earthquake has put this population of 11 million people in dire straits. The pilots and mechanics of the organization are among those who must raise their own financial support to work at Missionary Flights. If you are willing to offer assistance through donations or volunteer time, please call (772) 462-2395 or visit <https://missionaryflights.org/give>. Missionary Flights International is located at the Treasure Coast International Airport in Fort Pierce.





# Fellowship

## YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY: The BIG ANNOUNCEMENT you've been waiting for!



### YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

The Young at Heart Ministry is a program focused on serving adults age 60 and over; is managed by a Team of seven volunteers: Frances Archibald, Dr. Bertie Centerbar, Glenn Conn , Stephanie Moore, Michael Timmons, Deb Alich, Chair, and Rev. Michael York, Team Advisor/Staff Leader. This team falls under the umbrella of the Fellowship Talent Committee, and is focused on recreating a program that could become the standard for First Presbyterian Church.

*Our Mission Statement: To provide older adults with a robust program to enrich their spiritual, physical, and emotional wellness through worship, outreach, fellowship, knowledge, intergenerational activities, recreation, and service.*

### Here are some of the wonderful things we have in the works for you!

YOUNG AT HEART DAY: 1st Sunday in May. YAH Ministry takes part in services by reading scripture, offering the welcome and announcements, help with communion, pastors plan sermon to honor older adults

MEET 'N GREETS: Monthly rotation of restaurant dining- individuals pay their bill

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES: Including a churchwide Easter brunch, and more

JOY TRIPS & RETREATS: Day trips or overnight out of town bus trips; pastor-led workshops; sightseeing.  
Meals/Hotel paid by attendees.

JOY JOURNEYS: National/international trips for fellowship, sightseeing, and/or spiritual enrichment, paid by individual.

BOOK CLUB

PHYSICAL FITNESS CLASSES: Balance class, chair yoga, tai chi, etc.

ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES: Drum circle, game days

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS EVENT

HOMECOMING DINNER 2021: A churchwide celebration of being together again

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS: These will include topics related to our age group, including technology, healthcare, finance, end of life, etc.

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Connecting with the other age groups in the church, esp. children and youth.

Includes mentoring; music; volunteers for Quest and/or nursery; other youth activities

DIRECT SERVICE: Direct services to YAH members, including visitation, transportation, respite, and shopping

*The YAH Ministry will seek to support other churchwide activities and events to enhance coordination, participation and/or assist with volunteer Recruitment. These events and activities include (but are not limited to):*

WORSHIP/MUSIC: Chancel choir, handbells, Bible studies, ushers, greeters, Emmaus groups

FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday Night Worship Dinners, Grief Support Group, Community Nurse seminars (Alzheimer's, diabetes...), Meals to Heal, PW (Christmas Tree Lane, meetings, Bible Study Circles, Sunday receptions), Men's Fellowship Group (Sweetheart Dinners, Car Show), Congregational Care (Deacons/pastors-referring needs, phone calls, flowers...)

MISSION: Local, national, and/or international outreach/service opportunities

DISCIPLESHIP: Volunteers for Nursery, Quest, VBS, and other activities

FIVE TALENT COMMITTEES/TEAMS & OFFICERS: Volunteer Recruitment

*Young at Heart Ministry invites you to join us for our next event:*

### September JOY Fellowship Lunch (Meet & Greet)

Thursday, September 16th, 2021, 12:00pm

RIVERSIDE CAFE

3341 Bridge Plaza Drive, Vero Beach

[Click here to view the menu](#)

Please RSVP on the Church website, via your Realm login, or contact Deb Alich  
at [daalich@comcast.net](mailto:daalich@comcast.net) or (772) 999-3644



# News and Notes

JOIN US

## Ongoing events for those seeking Membership

Anyone who is moved to join our church family is encouraged to contact our pastors anytime!

Pastries with the Pastors - 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10:30am service

Membership Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the month after each service

All meetings take place in the Chapel.

For more information please contact Deb Alich, Membership Coordinator, at 772-999-3644,  
via email at [daalich@comcast.net](mailto:daalich@comcast.net), or call the church office at 772-562-9088.

## Opportunities for Youth Discipleship

### QUEST returns on September 8th

Contact Carie Robbins for more information and to sign up!

[childrensministry@firstpresvero.org](mailto:childrensministry@firstpresvero.org)

Sunday School - Sundays during the 10:30am Service

## Mission Trip Opportunities

Are you interested in a Mission Trip? The Mission Talent Committee is looking into several options for a regional and international mission trip. The regional trip might be as close as the Florida Panhandle to help with Hurricane Recovery through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We are also exploring international opportunities in Guatemala, Cuba, and South Africa.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities,  
please contact Rev. Michael York at [michaelyork@firstpresvero.org](mailto:michaelyork@firstpresvero.org).

## Weekly Bible & Book Studies

### Dr. Tim's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30am

In-Person, or via LiveStream

[Click here to join](#)

### Pastor Michael's Book Study:

*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom

[Click here to join](#)





# Notes and Notes

## Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor  
Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence  
Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music & Arts  
Peter Mahtani, Assistant Director of Music & Arts  
Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministries  
Ginny Bauer, Administrative Assistant  
Kimberly Ball, Financial Administrator

### ELDERS \*indicates Elder/Trustee

Class of 2021  
Deb Alich, \*Harvard "Bud" Johnson,  
\*Carol Marks, Kari Palmer

### Class of 2022

\*Jerry Garrett, Phil LoGiudice, Bonnie Nolan,  
\*Carol Smoyer

### Class of 2023

\*Allan Bixby, James Ewing, Linda Masterson,  
\*Cindy Rogers

### Clerk of Session - Keith Martin

Treasurer - Scott Westermann

Director of Development - Allan Bixby

### Trustees-at-Large

2021 - Melissa Shine

2022 - Bob Satola

2023 - Will Kirk

### BOARD OF DEACONS

#### Class of 2021

Scott Berran, Sue Coffey, Michael Goodfellow,  
Charles Hancock, Jan Satola, Floy Turner

#### Class of 2022

Mary Bingham, Reita Byrket, Keith Martin,  
Barbara Reed, Richard Thomas

#### Class of 2023

Lucille Craig, Shirley Douglas, Jenifer Foster,  
Robin Perry, Mimi Rutland, Bob Stuart

## Monthly Ministry, Committee, and Talent Team Meetings

Please contact your team leader directly to confirm the status of each meeting. *All meeting dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of each committee/ministry team, as needed.*

Deacons - 1st Tuesday; 4:30pm

Discipleship - 1st Tuesday; 1pm

Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday; 11:30am

Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am

Hospitality - 1st Monday; 4pm

Mission - 2nd Tuesday; 2pm

Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm

PW Coordinating Team Board - Last Wednesday, 1pm

Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm

Trustees - Monday of the week prior to Session; 3pm

Worship & Music - 1st Thursday; 4pm

## September Birthdays

1 - Bob Gormas, Anne Gray, Steve Nystrom

2 - Jean Clements, Wrd Gunter, Susie Stoughton

4 - Dave Frantz

5 - Bob Barganier, Anne Cormier, John Edgar

7 - Budd Thompson

8 - Evelyn Barganier, Bill Beaty

10 - Becky Moon, Nancy Smith

11 - Carolyn Grimsditch, Jane Holland,  
Hal Wood

12 - Sally Davis

13 - Beau York

14 - Janet Baines

15 - William Burrows, Sam Murdough,  
Dixie Powell

16 - Griffin Mericle, Bennett Smith

17 - Michelle Barley, Robert DeWaters,  
Mike Stevens

18 - Cal Shields

19 - John Schumann

20 - Peter Crouse, Johntavious Metilus

21 - Judy Knoell, Robin Perry

22 - Barbara Schwin

23 - Jewel Davis

25 - David Kelso, Ron Redpath, Ali Simpson

26 - Paul Ives

27 - Wendy Spalding, Brady Thompson

28 - Deb Fletcher, Jenifer Foster, Eileen Ganser,  
Judy Garrett, Ruth Ann Hauberle, Bonnie Nolan,  
Jim Petzing, Nan Thornton

29 - Bill Brewer, Noel Thompson, Anita Williamson

30 - Kathy Andress, Deb Peirce



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Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

## Sunday Services

8:30am & 10:30am

The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday. If you are worshiping from home via Livestream and would like one of our fellowship cups, please call the church office, and we will see that one gets delivered to you. In addition, you may also procure your own elements. Our 8:30am service will continue to offer communion every week.

Each week, as you are able, continue to bring food items to support the work of our Mission Talent Committee. We will make sure that these food offerings go to those in need in our community.

We continue to offer both Livestream and in-person services. For those of you who do not feel comfortable attending an in-person service in the sanctuary, we honor your decision, and we look forward to having all of you attend worship via Livestream on the church website or our Facebook page.

## September Scriptures and Sermons

To hear the latest sermon over the phone, call (772) 206-3548

### September 5, 2021

*Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor*

Psalm 150

"Worship"

### September 12, 2021

*Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor*

Acts 2:42-47

"Fellowship"

### September 19, 2021

*Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor*

Romans 12:9-21

"Hospitality"

### September 26, 2021

*Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor*

Luke 10:1-12

"Mission"



"For God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Our in-person offertory procedures have changed, and we wanted you to know that your offering can also be accepted via mail or in person via the secure dropbox just outside of the church office door.

*Did you know that you can also give an offering online?*

[Click here to be directed to our secure portal.](#)

Or, use your smartphone for easy mobile giving!

Text "Firstpresvero" to 73256 and follow the prompts!