



# FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

## Slowing Down Can Help You Do More

This summer at FPCVB we are not stopping ministries, we are ramping up. This is the time of year when we have the opportunity, and the responsibility, to welcome year-round guests and new members. Thus, we will ramp up our ministries while taking a deep breath and slowing down at the same time. While this sounds like an oxymoron, it is not!

Slowing down is not about reducing our ministries – it's about **optimizing for quality and effectiveness**, which can actually lead to greater long-term success.

### **Quality over quantity**

When we rush, we often sacrifice precision and form. For example, in golf, swinging harder (which I do) does not make the ball go farther – swinging fast makes our swing less accurate and more exhausting. Slowing down allows better form, leading to straighter, farther hits. In work or learning, this means focusing on doing things well rather than adding more and more ministry activities.

### **Intentionality over reactivity**

Slowing down helps you decide what matters most, rather than reacting to demands or distractions. This clarity can prevent wasted time and effort on low-priority tasks.

### **The “slow is smooth, smooth is fast” principle**

When you move deliberately, you reduce mistakes, improve execution, and maintain momentum. This “smooth” performance can be faster and more efficient in the long run.

Slowing down does not mean less ministries, slowing down means we can be more productive, creative, and resilient. This summer FPCVB will not be doing less – FPCVB will focus on doing what matters most, in the most effective way possible. Keep our ministries in your prayers.

May God Bless.  
Sincerely,

Tim

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Summer 2026

June, July & August



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## Praying for Our Missionaries

It has been a joy to talk to a number of you about my time in Zambia and travels through Africa and Asia. We have a few more countries we could explore sometime in the future. It was good to join the Presbyterian Women to talk about my time in Bahrain (Middle East), also.

When I went to interview for the position in Bahrain, a group of Shiites exploded a pipeline outside of the capital city where I was. While I lived there, Iran (or the Houthis) sent drones into two Saudi Aramco facilities to explode and destroy oil infrastructure with some success. One of those facilities was in an area of Saudi that was close to Bahrain. Further, as I would drive around Bahrain, I would occasionally see armored police vehicles sitting along the roads and, very occasionally, the use of tear gas related to local uprisings against the government. Missionaries with whom I served described much more dangerous circumstances in 2011 when the Shiites rose up against the Bahraini government (Sunni) – a rebellion that was put down violently when military forces from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates came to the island nation to help put down the rebellion. The political situation there is complex – not entirely aided by their time as a British Protectorate and the jostling of various, larger powers active in the region in this day. Despite all this, I generally felt very safe in Bahrain; though, I had some danger related to the work that I was doing.

These last few months have presented a danger much greater than what I experienced while there. As I was reviewing email today preparing to write this article, I read an email update from a friend serving with his wife and multiple children in the United Arab Emirates. I can't write details of their great work there in this forum, but I can share that the rather small nation of the UAE (1.3x the size of West Virginia) has reportedly intercepted over 500 ballistic missiles, over 2000 drones, and around 26 cruise missiles in this war. I understand 95% of these weapons have been intercepted, but these still pose danger as they fall from the sky. Attacks have reportedly killed 13 people and injured at least 224. Even during the ceasefire on May 4, Iran sent 12 ballistic missiles, 3 cruise missiles, and 4 drones into the UAE; one weapon that was not intercepted hit the only nuclear power plant in the UAE, which can generate 25% of the nation's electric power.

When I reached out to my friends in the UAE before the ceasefire, they responded that they were doing fine and living into a new normal. They described hearing interceptors being fired near where they live and hitting missiles a few times a day, but that has become the new normal for their family. He noted the missiles were headed beyond them. Having worked in the defense industry, I know also that the interceptors are likely bringing debris down around the general area where they live.

I don't share this to alarm you but to call us to prayer – regarding the current war but also for those who have given up the comforts of living in the United States (and other places), their home countries, to serve Jesus in foreign lands. I've communicated with missionaries doing great work but risking much in the greater Middle East, North Korea, Russia, Ukraine, China, Burma/Myanmar, northern Africa, and other places. I've heard of such people arrested and even killed for the work they are doing.

  
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First Presbyterian Church supports a number of programs and missionaries – local and international. Work is being done in and around Vero Beach and in places such as Cuba, South Africa, Ukraine, Guatemala, Madagascar, and missionary support throughout the world. You can find a little more information on our website at <https://www.firstpresvero.org/mission>.

My service in Zambia and Bahrain was short and relatively safe, but I invite your prayers for these people who sacrifice much to bring Jesus and the work he calls them to in various parts of the world with significant sacrifices but, hopefully, with great fruit for God's kingdom.

When I was in Bahrain, we enjoyed celebrating Bahrain National Day. The colors of Bahrain's flag are red and white, and the holiday falls rather close to Christmas. Government buildings and other places would be decorated with the colors (sometimes even the design) of the national flag. We saw more in that imaging, though. Falling close to Christmas, we saw opportunity to talk of a holiday that often is celebrated with red and green. It seemed the government was decorating for Christmas!

Have a wonderful summer as I see many of you in worship!

*Candy*



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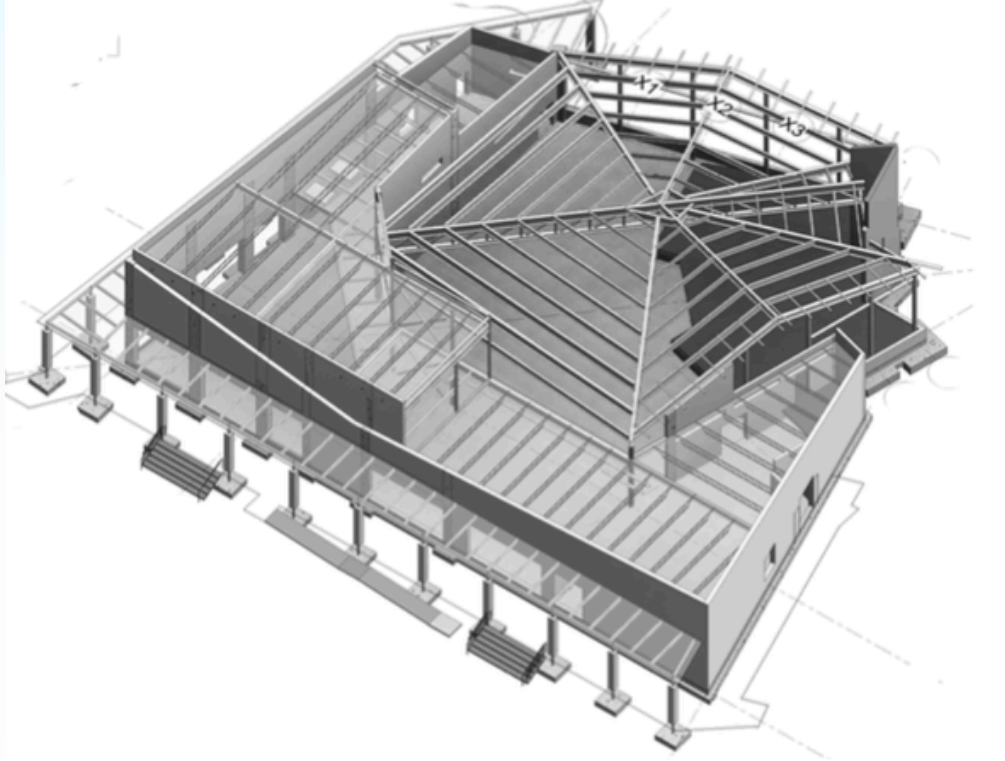


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# New Sanctuary Fund

**We are going vertical!**

**The construction expression used when all foundations are poured followed by block and steel framing the building - an exciting time at this point in a project.**



**As shown in the diagram, our church structure is a complex bit of engineering to design and build. Although some of the concrete floors were recently placed, the main Sanctuary area will not be poured until most of the steel is in place. This is to allow cranes to operate within the Sanctuary while the church is built from west to east. One of the cranes will be a massive 140 ft tall. It will be a lot of crane work until we get all the roof decking installed, sometime in August. Then, the beautiful blue curtain wall windows will be installed.**

**CONTACT Your New Sanctuary Awaits Capital Fund  
Committee Officers**

**Co-Chair: Bill King cell: 917-375-7160  
email: billking28@gmail.com**

**Co-Chair: Scott Westermann, cell: 719-649-1214  
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**Financial Administrator, Kimberly Ball: tel:772-562-9088, ext.  
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email: kimberlyb@firstpresvero.org**



# Worship

Each summer, Vero Beach becomes a gathering place for extraordinary musical collaboration through the Mike Block String Camp and the Vero Beach International Music Festival. This year's camp will take place July 6-11, 2026, bringing together string players of many ages and backgrounds for an intensive week of workshops, classes, collaboration, and performance.

Mike Block String Camp is devoted to musical exploration beyond the traditional classical model, with a focus on non-classical traditions, contemporary styles, learning by ear, creativity, collaboration, and performance. Students work closely with an outstanding faculty of professional musicians, developing not only technical skill, but also musical imagination and artistic flexibility.

I am thrilled to be serving on the faculty this year as a jazz pianist, joining an excellent roster that includes Lauren Rioux, Jenna Moynihan, Kimber Ludiker, Natalie Haas, Eva Scow, Farayi Malek, Hanneke Cassel, Mike Block, Zachary Brown, and Taylor Morris.

The public performance series is one of the great highlights of the week. The Vero Beach International Music Festival will present Mainstage Show 1 on Wednesday, July 8, and Mainstage Show 2 on Friday, July 10 (both at 7:30pm). These concerts feature world-class musicians in one-of-a-kind collaborations, reflecting the camp's wide-ranging musical spirit and its mission to bring the whole world of music to the Treasure Coast

The week concludes on Saturday, July 11, with the Mike Block String Camp Culminating Concert, a free performance celebrating the students' work and growth throughout the week. Mainstage tickets are \$25, and donations are accepted for the Mike Block String Camp scholarship fund.

For those who value high-level artistry, education, and creative community, this week offers something truly special in Vero Beach. I hope many from our community will attend the performances and experience the remarkable music-making taking place here.



## VERO BEACH *international* MUSIC FESTIVAL

JULY 9

MAINSTAGE: FACULTY CONCERT

JULY 12

MIKE BLOCK STRING CAMP CULMINATING CONCERT



**MCAFFEE HALL - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VERO BEACH**

**\$25 TICKETS - DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO MIKE BLOCK STRING CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**INFO AT VERO.SHOW**

# Youth Music

## A Heartfelt Thank You and a Joyful Send-Off!

Dear Church Family,

First and foremost, we want to extend a tremendous **thank you** for your overwhelming generosity during our fundraiser in March. Your faithful support and outpouring of love have made our upcoming youth music tour a reality. We are so incredibly blessed by the way this congregation pours into the next generation!

As many of you know, our youth will be traveling to Puerto Rico from June 14th through June 19th. While we are keeping the exact itinerary under wraps for now (the kids are still in the dark and we have a few wonderful surprises planned for them!), we can share that this trip will be a beautiful blend of ministry and fellowship. The students will be immersing themselves in the rich, vibrant culture of the island, visiting breathtaking historical landmarks, and putting their faith into action through dedicated service projects for local ministries.

### Join Us for Our Send-Off Concert!

Before we head to the airport, we want to bless you with the fruits of the students' hard work. Consider this a dedicated "Thank You" concert for our amazing church family and the surrounding community.

- **When:** Sunday, June 14th
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Where:** Here in the Sanctuary

During this concert, we will be sharing the beautiful repertoire we have prepared to minister to the people of Puerto Rico.

### Follow Our Journey

Even though you aren't flying with us, we want you to be part of the fellowship! You can follow along with our daily adventures, see photos of our ministry in action, and stay connected with the team throughout the week.

### To get live updates:

1. Download the **Remind app** on your smartphone.
2. Join our group by entering the code: **@PRFOLLOW**

### Partner with Us in Prayer

As we prepare our hearts and voices for departure, we humbly ask for your continued prayers. Please pray for traveling mercies, health, and safety for our students and chaperones. Pray that the Lord will use our music to touch the hearts of the congregations and communities we visit, and that this trip will be a season of profound spiritual growth for our youth.

Thank you again for equipping us to be His hands, feet, and voice. We can't wait to worship with you on June 14th!

# Youth Music

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VERO BEACH, FL YOUTH MUSIC 2026 TOUR, PUERTO RICO



### WE ARE GLADLY TOURING TO

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

520 Royal Palm Blvd. Vero Beach, FL  
Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 1PM  
Send-off Concert

#### UNIVERSIDAD DE PUERTO RICO EN CAROLINA

South Avenue 2100 Carolina, Puerto Rico  
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7PM

#### THE UNION CHURCH OF SAN JUAN

2310 C. Laurel, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7PM

#### CONSERVATORIO DE MÚSICA DE PUERTO RICO

951 Ponce de León Ave. San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 4PM

## Discipleship

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS!

It's a rewarding week for all!

June 8-12 | 8:30 AM-12 PM

We need teachers, assistants, craft assistants, and snack assistants.

Please contact Lyn Smith (772.539.1113 or email [smilyn132@aol.com](mailto:smilyn132@aol.com)) if you can volunteer for the week of VBS.

#### Kids In the Kitchen

July 13-17

9AM-12PM

\$60

completed 3rd grade-completed 6th grade



#### Teens In the Kitchen

(youth only)

July 13-17

12:30-2:30 PM

Bible Blast | July 20-24 | 9AM-12PM | \$50  
(completed VPK- completed 5th graders)

#### Mallets and More

July 20-24 | 12:30-2:00PM

(completed 3rd graders -  
completed 5th graders)



# Discipleship

2026

## Confirmation Class

Parents of Middle School (grades 6-8) and High Schoolers (grades 9-12),

We are excited to offer a confirmation class for our middle and high school youth. It will begin in the Fall of 2026 at First Presbyterian Church! Start date to come. It will be on Sundays from 4:00 to 6:30 with a light dinner.

Confirmation is a meaningful step in your child's faith journey, offering them the opportunity to explore their beliefs, learn more about the church, and grow in their relationship with God. Throughout the program, students will participate in engaging lessons, discussions, and activities designed to help them better understand what it means to be a member of the church.

We will also have an informational meeting for parents and students prior to the start of classes to go over expectations, schedule, and answer any questions. The first parent meeting will be on August 16, 2026 at 11:15 a.m. (after the 10:00 a.m. service). It will be held in the Earnshaw Room (Building D) in the Womack Center for Christian Life.

Please RSVP to [lisaj@firstpresvero.org](mailto:lisaj@firstpresvero.org) if you would like your son/daughter to be part of this wonderful Confirmation Group! We look forward to walking alongside your family during this special time!

### Confirmation Planning Team

Christie Jeffries  
Rebecca Palmer  
Melissa Snyder  
Lyn Smith  
Rev. Andy Smothers  
Dr. Rev. G. Timothy Womack

### Wednesday Quest Update

Plans for our Wednesday Quest program are still being finalized. Additional information will be available soon.

Please check with the church office after July 15 for the latest details and registration information.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

During the 10:00 AM service  
on August 9th.



*Save the Date!*

First Presbyterian Church  
Vero Beach

THE RETURN OF  
**THE TIM CUP**  
GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Saturday,  
October 31, 2026*

JOIN US AS WE TEE IT UP ONCE AGAIN  
IN SUPPORT OF A GREAT CAUSE!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SHOTGUN START  
8AM AT SANDRIDGE GOLF CLUB!

  
**\$125.00**  
PER PLAYER

  
**\$500**  
PER FOURSOME

  
INCLUDES  
A LIGHT LUNCH & AWARDS  
AFTER THE TOURNAMENT



**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE**

A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT THE EVENT AND OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!



**TEE SIGNS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$150**

A MEANINGFUL WAY TO SUPPORT THE EVENT AND EITHER PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS OR PAY TRIBUTE TO A LOVED ONE.

*More details to come!*

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: JOHN BARLEY, NOEL THOMPSON & ROBYN THOMPSON | 772.321.3834

**Preschool**

**2026-2027 School Year**

**First Presbyterian Preschool**  
**Now Enrolling...**

- 2 Year Old Classroom (2 by 9/1/26)
- 3 Year Old Classroom (3 by 9/1/26)
- VPK Afternoon (4 by 9/1/26)



**2 & 3 Year Olds - 8:30am - 11:30am\***

**VPK Afternoon - 12:30pm - 3:30pm\***

**3-Day Program (2 year olds only) Mon/Wed/Fri**  
\$345 per month

**5-Day Program (2 & 3 year olds)**  
\$460 per month

**VPK Program - Mon-Fri - FREE**

**\*Lunch bunch/Aftercare available to 5:30pm**

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**Preschool**

**Email:**

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**Florida License #**  
**C19IRO111**

**[www.firstpresbyterianpreschool.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianpreschool.org)**

To apply, we will need:

\*Completed FPP application form

\*\$150 Registration Fee (non-VPK Students)

\*VPK Certificate (VPK Students)

\*Physical from Pediatrician

\*Immunization Record from Pediatrician

## Mission

### Sunset Apartment Food Distribution

Food from the Treasure Coast Food Bank is delivered to the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, where volunteers package and distribute it to residents of 36 Sunset Apartments, a subsidized housing community primarily for seniors. Distribution is typically held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Through this ministry, we build Christian friendships while meeting practical needs. Volunteers are always welcome to help package and deliver groceries just a short drive from the GYAC.

#### **GYAC location:**

4875 43rd Ave, Vero Beach, FL. 32967

We meet at the GYAC at 8:30 am on the following Wednesdays. Please volunteer. For more information call or text Carol Smoyer (772-538-8795) email: [clsmoyer@bellsouth.net](mailto:clsmoyer@bellsouth.net)

#### Remaining Dates of Distribution for 2026

June 24	October 28
July 22	November 18
August 26	December 9
September 23	

## Fellowship

**Wednesday Night Dinners  
will resume September 16, 2026**

## Hospitality

### SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**Join us for a Precept Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. Led by Anne Adams, this six-week study will meet weekly on Wednesday mornings at 11:00am, in the Heritage Room, beginning on July 15th thru August 19th. By discussing the historical details of Levirate Law, you will understand how Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer, helps rebuild the lives of Boaz and Ruth to become the great grandparents of King David! For further information/registration contact Anne Adams in the Church Office, ext. 115 or by email: [anneadams@firstpresvero.org](mailto:anneadams@firstpresvero.org)**

## **SCOTLAND JOY JOURNEY**

There is still time to register for the September Joy Journey to Scotland! This 10-day trip, led by Jacob Craig, will fly from Orlando International Airport on 9/28 thru 10/7 and visit such places as Isle of Skye, Lock Ness and the Victorian town of Pitlochry! For more information and pricing contact Anne Adams, ext. 115 or go directly to Collette Travel at: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1433181>.

## **SINGLE SENIORS**

If you are single and a senior then come and join us for lunch/brunch and enjoy great fellowship and brunch. We meet on the last Sunday of each month and visit the top restaurants in Vero Beach. Below, you will find the dates/location we will be going to

this summer:

- 6/29 @11:30, Sean Ryan's Pub, 2019 14 Ave., VB 32960

- 7/26 @11:30, Tequila Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 398 21 Street, VB 32960

- 8/30 @11:30, The Twisted Lime, 710 South US1, VB 32962

Please RSVP on REALM or contact Anne Adams, ext. 115.

## **YOUNG AT HEART JOY TRIP**

Join us as we travel to Sebastian for a tour of Triton Submarines on June 4th. Transportation is provided from the Church and will depart at 9:00am. Afterwards we will lunch at the Portside Pub & Grill - 717 Coolidge Street, Sebastian. Register on REALM or contact Lisa at: [lisaj@firstpresvero.org](mailto:lisaj@firstpresvero.org)

## **MEET & GREET DINNER**

Enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship on June 18th, when we dine at The Tides Restaurant, in Vero Beach - 3103 Cardinal Drive. Seating is limited so register early on REALM or email Lisa at: [lisaj@firstpresvero.org](mailto:lisaj@firstpresvero.org)

## **PASTRIES WITH THE PASTOR**

If you are thinking about joining our Church Family but have questions, then consider attending "Pastries With The Pastor" in the Schumann Conference Center. Just take the elevator to the second floor, after Worship and meet Dr. Tim to find out the many faith base and fellowship opportunities that First Presbyterian Church has to offer. We are a Church larger enough to meet your needs....but small enough to need YOU! We will be meeting throughout the summer on: June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th.

# Presbyterian Women



As many of our ladies begin their summer travels north and west, we want you to know how much you will be missed. Wishing each of you safe journeys, sunny days, joyful adventures, and a summer filled with laughter, relaxation, good health, and special memories with friends and family. Enjoy every moment of the season, and know we look forward to welcoming you back again soon!

The June business meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be replaced by a group field trip on Wednesday, June 3rd at 10:00 am to the Gifford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, followed by lunch at the home of Laurie Peterson. The address for the museum is 2880 45th Street in Gifford. An email will be sent through Realm where you can sign up for this event. Further instructions and directions to Laurie's house will be included. Hope you can join us for this very interesting visit to one of our community's best kept secrets as well as an afternoon of good food and fellowship.



*Unique Boutique will see you in September. Donations are not being accepted through the summer months of June, July and August but will resume Thursday September 3rd. Please take some time during our toasty afternoons to make your cupboards clap and closets sing by saving items you no longer need for a Unique Boutique donation in September. Have a wonderful summer!*



**Please note that the PW monthly meeting will not take place in the months of June, July and August. Business meetings will resume in September, with the date to be announced at a later time.**

# Presbyterian Men

## The Safety and Security Team – May 7, 2026, Security Audit

by Phil LoGiudice

Our First Presbyterian Church campus just had a security and safety audit by the Indian River Sheriff's Deputy Justin Hartley. His first observation to us was that FPC is "ahead of the curve" compared to other churches in Indian River County with preparedness, camera surveillance and pre-school facility security.

However, there are areas where we can improve based on his recommendations for the WCCL Building. Glenn Conn, leader of the Security Team, created a list of recommendations based on Deputy Hartley's review.

- Floor Dead bolt and/or additional locking mechanisms on doors leading into the preschool and church area for the kids on Sunday services in building D. These floor bolts could also be used in the hard rooms within Building C (office).
- Trauma (stop the bleed)/ TCCC style med kits placed within the AED's location and in hard rooms within each building.
- Discreet indication for the identified hard rooms such as a cross or marking above the door in each building.
- Upgrading the doors or means of egress in building D that separates the preschool and/ or if able to lock the main entrance door to the building and have better control of who has access into and out of the building foyer during preschool operating hours.
- Real Time Crime Center installation of fuses core for remote video monitoring and aerial drone mapping.
- Discussed levels of deterrence with having greeters/ parking teams in the parking lot area during the beginning of church service arrivals for detection of threats and/or placement of a sign that would deter large luggage/ bags or open carrying of firearms being brought onto the campus and into the worship center.
- Ensuring there are no blind spots on the camera angles. Having someone watch them during church gatherings to help detect threats before they reach the buildings.
- Discussions were had about tinting the glass walls vs solid wall replacements (due to expense and major structural changes) as a possible deterrence of not being able to visualize the congregants inside during gatherings.
- Discussed solid core doors or doors that have window mesh for classrooms and curtains/ blinds to cover the windows in the event there is an incident on the campus to alleviate visualization of students.

### Here are some of the suggestions for the WCCL building:

1. Live monitoring of perimeter camera's during worship services and events.
2. Real Time Crime Access to cameras. This would give law enforcement access to inside situations during threat.

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3. Drone photo of the campus that would give law enforcement a better idea of the campus and the entry/ exit points of the buildings
4. Doors with windows to be fitted with interior blinds in the event of a lockdown threat. This would include all classrooms upstairs and the youth room.
5. Evacuation floor plan during a threat and a “stay in place” plan as well.
6. Window tint that would allow sight outward and reduced inward. The tint would also provide another layer of protection should an intruder attempt breaking through the impact glass.
7. “Stop the Bleed” tourniquet kits at AED locations
8. Parking S&S team members for detection of threats
9. Security greeters at entrance need to be aware of backpacks and unusually large handbags.

## Pre-School

1. Floor deadbolts on doors that would deny entry during a power fail and battery backup failure. The “crash bars” would allow entry by unwanted persons giving access to the children during weekday classes.
2. Door blinds on inside of classrooms
3. Solid core door glass could be replaced with laminated wire glass.

## Office and Music Building “B and C”

The windows in building “B & C” are single pane and can be shattered easily. A window tint would give reduced inward visuals and a small layer of protection (time) for staff in event of threat intrusion.

1. Window tint at main office entrance
2. Evacuation/ escape plan
3. A designated “safe room” with a commonly known item above the door (cross or picture)  
This could be the storage room across from the cubicles or Peter’s office. Floor dead bolt should be installed here as well.

## Gietz Library & Music Room

1. Window tint for west and East entry doors
2. Safe room with commonly known items above or beside doors.

# Presbyterian Men

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3. **Chapel.** The Chapel presents a difficult threat situation because it is basically a hallway with open windows at each end with two escape options and no safe space available. Window tint for East doors.

### S & S Team Goal's

1. To protect members and guests during worship and events without causing anxiety and fear by overreacting.
2. Work with IRCSD to train S&S team in response to threats and medical emergencies.
3. Range time for S&S team who conceal carry.
4. Dedicated person for monitoring cameras during weekly services and events.
5. Real Time Crime Center access to cameras that can be accessed.
6. S&S team members to assist with parking while being aware of potential threats.

The recommendations include a variety of updates to our current facilities. You will have noted that several of the ideas are dependent on adequate staffing levels. We desperately need more men and women to step up and get involved. We need people for parking and greeting, monitoring our cameras before and during service. We can easily give law enforcement real time access to the camera system during potential incidents and threats. The recommendations are being reviewed. This message is our team's communication so we can begin the discussion phase and make improvements.

## Justice and Honor

**On Tuesday, May 5th, members of the Justice and Honor Team delivered cookies to the IRCSD in grateful appreciation for their service to our community and to First Presbyterian Church each week.**

**We are grateful for their tireless support and protection in today's chaotic world.**

**Stay tuned for Fall events in conjunction with our local officers.**



(Front row: pictured)

Deputy Darrell Rivers, Anne Posey, Captain Joseph Abollo, Mimi Rutland and Tim Womack

# Happy Birthday



1. Alissa Bates, Stephanie Moore
2. Donna Blankenship, Kathleen Maier
3. Beverly Redpath
5. Kim Conn, Rose Farr, Carmen Franek, Linda Gierer, Margo Hamilton-Stynchcomb
6. Bill Burrows, Phil Schwin, Bob Stuart
8. Bill Friesell, Jackie Smith, Libby Thompson
9. Ken Foster
10. Chris Roberts, Nancy Rumford, Dave Stewart, Jon Womack
11. Sally Smith
12. Violet Moyer, Lorna Oswald
13. Joe Bauer
14. Bill Bucher, Mary Husman, Mary Ann Renz
15. Susan Foster, Erin Franko, Larry Murphy, Cherrie Schreiber
16. Cynthia Welford
17. Robbi Peirce, Ann Risinger
18. Nancy Forlines, Mike Goodfellow
20. Mary Blair, Linda Johnson, Stephanie Womack
21. Ben Humphries
22. John Davis, Bill Guyton
25. Challis Russo
26. Mary Collins, Fred Nordstrom, Carol Smoyer
27. Gerry Peterson
28. Joel Shine
29. Ryan Hargreaves, Lizzie Tuite, Karen Bolle Wyderski



1. Jim Armstrong
2. Jill Maroney
3. Savannah
4. Jillian Conway, Oscar Diaz, Cris Gillespie, Cathi Hill, Shirley Powell
5. Helen Nugent
6. Bob Byrket, Sumner Case Jr., Pat Pritchett, Cheryl Schregardus
7. Gary Carmichael, Paul Johnson
8. Toni Evanguelidi, Virginia Gowell
9. Joe Farleigh, Anne Fredlock
10. Susan Friesell, Judy Welles
11. Gordon Dodge
12. Betty Geller
13. Jennifer Jones, Ruth Nowlin Thomas
16. Linda Kline, Anne Malsbary
18. Chas Coxson
19. Ted Miller
20. Dave Lee
21. Arlene Foote, Ruth Kuhn
22. Ruth Anderson
23. Kathleen "Kathy" Davis
24. Joyce Black
25. Bob Arndt, Anne Burke, Betty Fitzsimmons, Jack Knauss, Ken Spencer, Ansley Whigham
26. Mary Nordstrom
28. William "Bill" Melick, Melissa Snyder, Mona White
29. Sue Coffey, Ann Day, Andrew Gomez, Meredith Hager
30. Andrea Armstrong
31. Sahamara Ewing, Katy Reid, Marge Stevenss



1. Kathy Anderson, David Fisher, Valerie Kirk
2. Connie Derman, Frank Farnung, Addison Gabbard, Mark Lizotte, Morgan L. Stelick
3. Rhonda Horowitz, Frances Sexton
5. Connie Aponte, Martha Glassmeyer, Bob Masterson
6. Joanne Duhaime, Mike Simmons, Charley Stanton
7. Gary Campbell
8. Ray Davis, Bob Satola, Ann Taylor, Sandy Thiel
9. Peggy Martin, Tony Miranda
10. Colton Peirce, Treyson Peirce
11. Barbara Bixby, Kyle Gabbard, Jane Holman, William Kirk, Kathi Schumann
12. Robert Noe, Cheryl Petzing
13. Al Enslin
14. Joni Penza
15. Sherry St. Clair
16. Jan J Binney, John Collins, Thomas Snyder
17. Nancy Fox, Kalani Ann Peirce
18. Regis Haid
19. Cathie Beck, Mary Fuller
20. Bev Jones, Esther Keegan
21. Jim Gambill
22. Michael Timmons
23. Lisi Clark, Kevin Palmer, Ruth Stewart
24. Debbie Koester, Dan Rolls
25. Keith Martin
26. Dee Enslin
28. Kathy Rolls
29. Andy Burnam
30. James Ewing
31. Jackie Rossi



### What's Goin' On - Summer at FirstPresVero

Here are some recurring activities, meetings or classes that you might like to attend  
Everyone is welcome.

Group/Class	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Time & Place	Chair/Contact details
Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Tuesday	Yes		8:00AM C.J. Cannon's	Glenn Conn (740) 803-3519 email: <a href="mailto:gconn@msn.com">gconn@msn.com</a>
Bible Study	Tuesday	Yes		10:30AM Schumann	Dr Tim 772-562-9088
PW Bible Study Grace Circle			2nd Monday	11:30-12:30	Ann Faunce (303) 947-7984 email: <a href="mailto:bafaunce@gmail.com">bafaunce@gmail.com</a>
FPV PW social/luncheon	Friday		3rd Friday	11:30AM Olive Garden	BJ Fisher 678-481-3835 email: <a href="mailto:harrysally11262@gmail.com">harrysally11262@gmail.com</a>

# Sunday Worship

Childcare available at all services

8:15 AM - Mighell Chapel

10:00 AM - McAfee Hall

## Summer Sermon Series 2026

Join us at First Presbyterian Church for our Summer Sermon Series. Our focus is on equipping and strengthening the discipleship and spiritual lives of our community.

### June



Christians are “**Blessed to be a Blessing!**” Yet we cannot be a blessing to others if we fail to accept and own the blessing we are given. This series will help us identify and accept the “blessings” God has given to us so that we can be a blessing to those around us.

### July

There are a lot of new initiatives at First Presbyterian! Isaiah reminds us that God proclaims, “See, I am doing a new thing!” What is new in our lives that comes from God that we are called to embrace?



### August



As we grow as a congregation, and God desires that we grow, how do we become infectious as a congregation, infectious in a positive way! Like the man with the infectious smile. Like the woman with the infectious and bubbly personality. How do we become infectious in being the “joyful people of God?” We can learn the ways!

# Summer Adult and Family Study and Fellowship

Beginning May 24th following the 10am Service

## The Sermon Talk Back



With the summertime change, we are able to offer an adult study that will examine the Sunday morning scripture text and review the morning's sermon focus on the text. You are asked to study the scripture prior to Sunday morning, listen to the sermon and think about what you affirm and what might have been added or addressed. This class affords us a deeper dive into the Sunday scripture text. This class will be held following the 10am worship in the Schumann Conferencing Room. Coffee and snack!

## Family Fellowship

This summer is a busy time for all of us, particularly for families with children at home. Throughout the summer, FPCVB will be hosting a family fellowship after the 10am Worship service. This fellowship will be held in the youth room and the 2nd floor of the CCL building. Come as a family, have fellowship with other families. Snacks and beverages will be available. Attend as you can, leave as you must. Let's meet and enjoy our friends in Christ this summer!



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**Dr. Holly Adams, Theologian in Residence**

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