

SEPTEMBER FIRST EDITION

GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING

is September 25th

On Sunday, September 25th our church will have it's first annual worship service and picnic at Metropolitan Park. We will gather at 9:30AM, have a communion worship service, followed by a catered picnic (from Bono's). We will be done by 1pm. If it rains, we will move the entire event back to the church.

For those concerned about the sun, covered pavilions and picnic tables are provided where we can sit and eat. But for those who would like to sit on a blanket or bring your own lounge chair that would fine too. Bathrooms, handicap parking are also provided. We encourage you to bring Frisbees, footballs or any other game you might enjoy.

The cost of the entire event is \$8 per person or \$25 per family (of six). We ask that everyone register (see tear off in First Edition or church bulletin or call the church office).

So whether you come by boat or car we want everyone to help kick off the year with this great time of worship, food and fellowship.

See you Sunday,

Robert

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THIS MONTH IN EMERGE

NIGHT OF JOY

Friday – September 9

We will leave the church parking lot at 1:30 PM and arrive at Disney to enjoy the park. "NOJ" begins at 7:00 and goes to 1:00 AM. We will stay in a hotel close to Disney and return to the church at 1PM Sat. afternoon.

Cost... \$60 per person.
Tickets now available.

Sunday – September 18 – 12 Noon PARENT/STUDENT LUNCHEON Fellowship Hall

This is a very important meeting as the Student calendar through July will be presented along with the associated cost, such as the Ski Trip in February, Mission Trip in June, and Fun in the Sun in July.

We need every youth parent and student present!!!

Sunday, September 25 – 3:00 PM Shrine Circus - Three Ring Show

This is a Free Event for all youth!
We'll leave from the church at 2:15
and return after the show!

*Of course we have Plugged-In
every Sunday at 9:30 AM*

Text Sonny at 881-4371 or email at sonnystroud@fpcjax.org to sign up
and for more information

FROM THE SONNY SIDE

Sonny Stroud, Minister of Music
354-8439 ext. 106

SING FOR A SEASON

So you like to sing but can't commit for an entire year? Come join the Chancel Choir for a season – the Christmas season that is! Rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:30 and you will love the music! Come join us as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth!

CHOIR ADVANCE September 23 & 24

Friday Night – University Club
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Saturday – FP Choir Room
8:30 AM – 11:15 AM
Cost: \$25 per person

A Concert of Favorites by the Chancel Choir

**Sunday, September 18
5 pm Dinner, 6 pm Concert**

We will have a delicious dinner served at **5:00 pm** in the Dining Hall for a donation. At **6:00 pm** we will gather in the sanctuary for an evening of great music. The Chancel Choir will sing 10 anthems that you have picked as your favorites.

Cost: Dinner is by donation
Concert is free



Join the First Family for

**Breakfast Day
in the Morning**

Sunday - September 25

Metropolitan Park

9:30 AM—1:00 PM

**Outdoor Morning Worship at 10AM
with Holy Communion**

Picnic will follow at 11 AM

Catered by Bono's Bar-B-Q

\$8 per person / \$25 per family (6 Max)

Bring Your Favorite Games!

Fellowship Enjoyed by Everyone!

SIGN US UP!

(Please tear off and place in Offering Plate)

NAMES _____

Attending _____ Amount of Check \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to FPC & designate Picnic

YOU MAY ALSO SIGN UP IN COVENANT HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Scholarships Available (Contact the Church Office)



FIRST LADIES BIBLE STUDY

“What Were We Put in the World to do?” a study in the book of Genesis by Dr. Tim Keller, will be the focus of the Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study led by Dana Stroud. The study will be held from 9:30am to 11:30am, beginning Thursday, Sept 8 in the Gordon Conwell classroom on the 3rd floor of the Covenant Building. A nursery will be available by request. Please contact Dana for more information Dana42S@aol.com.

A New Type of Dinner Group

Are you interested in getting together for dinner with friends from church... but “Dinner-for-Eight” just hasn’t suited your life style? Maybe your dining space just won’t seat eight folks, or maybe you like to eat, converse, and get better acquainted... but not cook! Well, an additional dinner group is forming, and it might be just the one for you!

Until the group gets going and selects its own name, it will be know as “The Restaurant Group.” It will be for adults of all ages, whether single or married, will be unlimited in size, and will meet each month in a restaurant of the group’s choice. The coordinators for this group are Art and Liz Elliott. If you are interested in joining this dinner group, please call Liz at 743-5498.

ATTENTION

YOUNG COUPLES!

Kent and Nancy Gilbert will lead a class entitled “Marriage – Ordinary or Extraordinary?” this fall during the Sunday morning discipleship hour (9:30-10:15am). The format will combine discussion and presentation in a highly interactive style. We’ll explore what the Bible has to say about marriage and relationships, with ample opportunity to share our collective thoughts and experiences in an effort to pursue excellence in our marriages. This class will be an 8 week commitment, beginning on Sunday, September 11 and ending on Sunday, Oct. 30. If interested, contact Kent at kentgil-



A DISCOVERY CLASS

is being held on Sunday, September 11 for those who are considering joining our church and are interested in discovering more about our church and it’s goals. Following worship, Rev.

Robert Morris will meet with those interested in the Williams Parlor. To register for this class, please contact Lana Stull at lanastull@fpcjacksonville.org or 354-8439 ext. 105.

CHECK OUT OUR SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES AND SMALL GROUPS AT 9:30 AM

Presbyterian Women



Welcome to a wonderful year filled with three of the things women do best: **CARING, SHARING, and LEARNING.**

This will be our 90th year as an organized group at FPC. Can you imagine? The women of this church have such a vibrant history and continue to make a positive difference in our church, our community, and in the world around us. We truly CARE about one another. We generously SHARE our time and talents, giving as we are able. Most importantly, we open our minds to LEARN from God's holy word.

The women of the church are organized into Circles, which are essentially small groups that care and share and learn together. At each meeting we share news of our PW activities, learn from God's word through a Bible study, and care for one another in a fellowship time.

Our church has three active Circles, all meeting at different times, but generally on the first Monday of each month, September through May. We invite and encourage every woman in the church to come and join us in one of these circles. Be a part of the history of women at FPC. We want and need each one of you!

Circles will have their first meeting on Monday, September 12 (due to the Labor Day holiday). This year our Bible study will be The Beatitudes, the first words Jesus spoke in His Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in the gospel of Matthew. Come learn with us!

The Board of Presbyterian Women has planned a year of activities that we pray will be a blessing to our congregation and the world around us, both near and far. This is your personal invitation to join us!

CIRCLE INFORMATION

Contact the leaders below for more information:

PW Moderator

Chris Dahlgren 642-0352

Circle 3 – Evening Circle

Leader-Laura Jones 645-5940

Circle 4 – Afternoon Circle

Leader-Beryl Headley 260-7521

Circle 5 – Morning Circle

Leader-Caroline Freeman 744-4997

Meeting times and locations for the September 12 meeting:

Circle 3 6:30pm, home of Janie Jones, potluck dinner

Circle 4 2pm, at church in room 204

Circle 5 10:30am, at church in room 203

September Duties of Love:

All Circles assist with refreshments after church

Circle 5 to distribute memorial flowers

Coming later this FALL

**FIRST LADIES NIGHT
OUT EXTRAVAGANZA**

Watch for more details

**Meet Our Recent
New Members**

Louissette Djanpou has been in this country only 9 months! She lives with her son, member Christian Djiofack, who recently returned from Naval deployment. Louissette is from Cameroon in West Africa and still has a brother living there. She is in Parish 2A with Deacon Debbie Shelton.

James & Crystal Reeves are newlyweds who were married last November! Crystal is a N. Carolina native and a grad of NC State. She went to law school here and is now working in the area of immigration law. James is from Long Island, NY and is a Navy pilot stationed at NAS Jax. Their home is in Springfield, and they're in Parish 2B with Deacon Vicky Langford.

Joe & Kathryn Williams are originally from Wilmington, NC and have been married for 30 years! They have 2 adult sons, and one is still currently living with them. Kathryn works for Dillard's in the Men's Dept., and Joe is in tobacco sales for RJ Reynolds. They are in Parish 5A with Deacon Jan Glover.

Jon & Beth Wright are a Navy family also! They've been in Jacksonville for 3 years, but Jon is originally from Tennessee and Beth from Alabama. Jon has served in Iraq and is now stationed at NAS JAX. Beth works on base at Mayport in Fleet and Support Services. They are in Parish 2A with Deacon Debbie Shelton.

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▪ Thanks to Make Believe Costumes
▪ for their in-kind partial donation of
▪ the Joshua and 1950's costumes
▪ used in the children's sermons.
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FELLAS OF FIRST
Sept. 19 6:15-8:15pm
Fellowship Hall.

The FELLAS of FIRST are gathering for an evening of fun and frolics on Monday, September 19. The usual fare will include food fit for a king, lots of laughs, an opportunity to mix-n-mingle with the boys, along with the opportunity to refresh your soul! Mike Schneider, the owner of the Loop and Bistro Aix restaurants, will be with us to share his testimony (he was an atheist until well into adulthood) and how his relationship with Christ impacts his business and personal life.

All this for only \$10
(which will cover the
cost of the meal).

Registration information and opportunity will be available in Covenant Hall after worship Sept. 4, 11, and 18.

**COME JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF FUN AND
REVELRY WHILE YOUR
SOUL IS REFRESHED!
DON'T RIDE ALONE.
BRING A FRIEND!**



The Keen-Agers have had a busy and enjoyable summer! We've visited Gainesville's Butterfly Garden, hosted "Broadway a la Carte," attended a lecture at the Cummer, & enjoyed a matinee at St. Augustine's Limelight Theatre. If you're in the "50+" category... we'd love to have you join us in the future! Sign up on the "Keen-Ager Bulletin Board" outside Covenant Hall, or contact Lana at 354-8439 ext. 105.

On September 21 we're going to have **lunch at Ragtime** in Atlantic Beach and do some browsing in nearby shops. We'll leave at 10:45 & return by 2:00. Lunch will be on your own (approx. \$12-\$15), but reservations are needed by Sept. 18. **On Wed., October 19** we're heading to **St. Augustine** for a mid-day sail on the "**Schooner Freedom.**" This is a tall sailing vessel that takes us on a relaxing two hour sail on the inter-coastal! We leave at 9:45 & will return by 3:30, & we'll stop in St. Augustine for fast food (paid on our own), before boarding. The trip is \$32; reservations & payment are due by Oct. 9. Our next two events require advance reservations, so I'm mentioning them NOW! **On Sunday, Nov. 6** we'd like to see a matinee performance of "**My Fair Lady**" at the **Alhambra** – cost: \$45; reservations by Oct. 9. Our December event will be attending "**High Tea**" at the **Jekyll Island Club** on **Wed. Dec. 7**. This event is only offered once a year, so we'll need to get our reservations in early this month! The cost is \$25 – sign up NOW if interested! Watch the Keen-ager Board for the deadline.

Upcoming Events

Wed. Sept. 21: Lunch at Ragtime (& browsing in Atlantic Beach shops)

Time: 10:45 – 2:00

Cost: your lunch (approx. \$12 - \$15)

Reservations required by Sept. 18

Wed. Oct. 19: The "Schooner Freedom" in St. Augustine

Time: 9:45 – 3:30

Cost: \$32 (+ your lunch)

Reservations & payment due by Oct. 9

Sun. Nov. 6: Alhambra's "My Fair Lady"

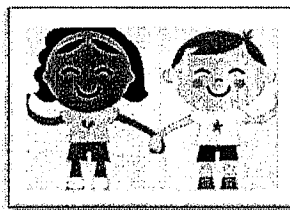
Time: after worship

Cost: \$45 Reservations & Payment by Oct.9

Wed. Dec. 7: "High Tea" @ Jekyll Island Club

Time: TBA ...tea served at 3:30

Cost: \$25 Reservations & Payment by early Sept.



Can you give us a hand?

Our adopted school, Lake Lucina Elementary needs your help. The school year has started and our Children's Outreach Ministry is beginning our third year working with Lake Lucina. With the drastic budget cuts the school needs help. Can you spare an hour or two to read to a class or work with third graders to help on FCAT scores, or spend some time in a classroom, or help out in the office? Please join us. You will be glad you did. Call Jeanette Rogers, Director 744-9386

Dear Friends at FPC,

This letter will take only a few minutes to read, yet it might change your whole Christian life!

One of my earliest opportunities to study the whole of Scripture was through an adult Bible study program – *The Bethel Series*. I took the Teacher Training course and to this day Bethel is a verb in the Brice household. Taking (and then teaching) *The Bethel Series* transformed my understanding of Scripture and brought me closer to Christ. I am excited to tell you that we are now ready to launch *The Bethel Series* at FPC.

Our first need is to find 10 women and men who will be willing to undergo an intensive, disciplined teacher training program over the next two years. When these teachers have been trained, our entire congregation will then have the opportunity to take part in *The Bethel Series*.

THIS IS A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM which precedes the congregational use of *The Bethel Series*. What will be required of those who volunteer?

- Each trainee must spend 2.5 hours a week (during the school year) in a study session with the pastor (Barbara Brice) for the next two years.
- Each trainee will be required to do between 8 and 12 hours of homework a week.
- Each trainee will be required to learn about 15 Biblical concepts per week, while class is in session.
- All members of the trainee class will be required to write examinations as the study progresses.
- Each trainee will be required to pay a registration fee to cover the cost of materials.
- When the training program is completed, each trainee will be required to teach *The Bethel Series* to other adults in our congregation.

The requirements are rigid and demanding – the road will be rough, and it will take the courage, dedication, and perseverance of a distance runner to complete the course. BUT IT WILL BE WORTH ALL THE EFFORT!! If you are brave enough to volunteer and are accepted for this teacher training program, you will know more about the Bible at the end of the two years than you have ever known before. You will have covered all 66 books of the Bible, learning the major emphasis of each book along the way. In addition, beyond the study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, you will be trained in teaching methods, the laws of communication and learning, and the fundamentals of speech.

EACH OF YOU, WHEN YOU COMPLETE YOUR TRAINING, WILL BE WELL EQUIPPED TO TEACH THE BIBLE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be one of these teachers...think about it...pray about it. If you are not afraid of hard work and a challenge which prepares you for the important work of teaching the Scriptures, then let's talk so that I can give you more information about the program. Please, volunteer only if you are ready and willing to give your whole heart, mind, and energy to this effort. Also, please know that we cannot promise that everyone who volunteers will be accepted. We have a very limited enrollment for this first phase. Therefore, some may be placed on a holding list.

I am so excited for the adventure that we are about to begin and look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,
Barbara
First Presbyterian Church
Staff Liaison for Missions and Outreach
(904) 354-8439 ext 107
barbarabrice@fpcjacksonville.org

With Many Thanks...

Dear Friends at FPC,

Thank you so very much for your kindness. God bless you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

In Christian love, Dot Lane

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to extend sincere thanks for the outreach of care, love, and support upon the passing of my mother, Linda Webb. The cards, calls, emails, and other efforts were an inspiration in the midst of a powerful storm. A very special "thank you" is sent to all those who provided assistance the day of my mother's memorial services. I received several compliments telling me what a great place I have found to worship. Now, with the passing of my mother, we will be leaning on our church family more than ever before. I am very proud to call FPC my church home.

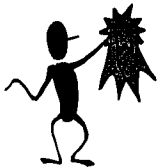
Billy Hohmann

Matt and I would like to thank everyone at First Presbyterian Church for the wonderful support during the recent illness and eventual death of our beloved Pam. We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciated the prayers, visitation, wonderful food and various acts of kindness you presented us with. Pam loved you all and shed tears many times for you – even if she did not personally know you. She lived and felt everyone's tragedies. She loved First Presbyterian and its people. She accepted her fate and was ready to move on. She died peacefully with Matt, myself and others by her side. We wish she had more time to show the compassion that so many of you knew. We wished she had more time to enjoy her dream of retirement. She was in pain for a number of years but never waivered in her faith in the Lord. Thank you for being there for us.

God Bless all of you, Lynn Rector

On behalf of the entire family, I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and prayers during Mother's last days and her passing into the arms of God. What a blessing to have such a loving church family.

Thank you! Liz Roch



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 WAGNER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER TAYLOR HARRIS

Each year the Presbyterian Women select a recipient of the Ann Golightly Wagner Scholarship award. This is a \$500 award presented annually to a very deserving upcoming or current college student who exemplifies a Christian faith and a commitment to continue walking a path with Christ. This scholarship was granted through a very generous donation from Thelma Golightly in memory of her daughter, Ann Golightly Wagner, who was a true angel within the halls of First Presbyterian Church. Ann passed away from cancer 9 years ago. Each applicant must have maintained a certain GPA, have a recommendation from a church member, and write a narrative describing their faith journey.

Our recipient this year has attended FPC for the past 13 years, beginning with Vacation Bible School as a child and then as a group VBS leader in recent years. She has sung in our choirs since Children's choir, assists in Kidz Club, has been on mission trips, and is very active and a positive influence in our Youth Group. She gave a powerful and heartfelt testimony to the church congregation upon her return from this summer's Youth Group mission trip to New York City. Besides church activities, she has received the Director's Choir Award and was part of the Choral Directors Association while at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. She displays a drive to succeed, has proven abilities and impressive academic achievements.

It is with great pleasure that the Presbyterian Women announce the 2011 Ann Golightly Wagner Scholarship recipient as Taylor Harris!

Happy Birthday!

2	Jane Shelton
3	Beverly Randle
4	Pam Ero
4	Chapman Maxwell
4	Casey Widell
6	Jennifer Robertson
7	Carole Livingston
7	Susan Myers
7	Pat Williams, Jr.
8	Whitney Scherer
8	Angela Vaughn
9	Alice Bullard
9	Taylor Harris
10	Kent Gilbert
11	Christopher Jones
11	Bob Kirk
12	Pat Stinson
13	Jack Lennon
13	Joed Widell
14	James Hickox
14	Joey Rulien
15	Karen Prewitt
16	David Prewitt
17	Chris Woods
17	Daniel Morris
18	Lewis Hethington
18	Nancy Penrose
18	Rob Robertson
20	Lisa Simpson
22	Richard Apel
22	Les Armstrong
23	Kyle Motes
23	Ann Howard
24	Catherine Bauman
24	Ruth Beccera
25	Sophie Bueker
25	Sibley Maddox
26	Ivy Lutz
26	Sally Van Cleve
27	Taylor Barry
27	Katie Buschini
28	Reece Trapp
29	Jennifer West
30	Jennifer Buschini
30	Ashley Butler

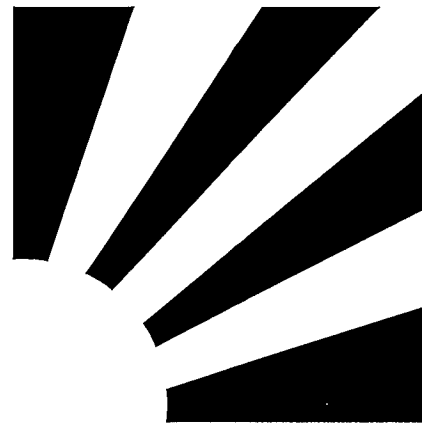
Happy Anniversary!

8	Russell and Simmons Skinner, Jr.
8	Paul and Janet Stake
9	Robert and Pamela Hare
10	Michael and Marcia Davis
17	Ron and Jeanette Rogers
23	Joe and Ardis Clark
25	Steve and Dorothy Nelson
30	Brent and Barbara Gregory

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September 25



First Light

Praise & Worship Service
EVERY SUNDAY morning
SEPT 11, SEPT 18
8:30am in Towers Chapel

SEPTEMBER 2011

The Summer ends and the Autumn begins—Change is all around

Jessica Millsaps

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30am Downtown Men 12:15pm Disciple 1:00pm Sr. Men	2	3 8:30am Beaches Men
4 "Communion Sunday" 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Coffee Fellowship	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:00am Staff 6:00pm Session	7 5:15pm First Light Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	8 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 8:30am Cooking Team 9:30am 1st Ladies 12:15pm Disciple 6:00pm Ad Hoc Meeting	9 1:30pm Night of Joy 6:00pm GCTS	10 8:30am Beaches Men 8:30am GCTS
11 "Feeding Sunday" 8:30am First Light Service 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Coffee Fellowship 11:45am Discovery Class 1:00pm PW Presby House	12 10:30am Circle 5 2:00pm Circle 4 6:30pm Circle 3	13 10:00am Staff 5:30pm Worship	14 12pm Lit Pros Board 5:30pm Property 6:30pm Choir	15 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am 1st Ladies 12:15pm Disciple	16 6:00pm GCTS	17 8:30am Beaches Men 8am GCTS
18 "Open Door & Kick Off Sunday" 8:30am First Light Service 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Coffee Fellowship 11:45am Stephen Ministry 11:45am Connections Class 12:00pm Youth /Parent Lunch 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm Favorites Concert	19 1:00pm Visitation Team 6:15pm Fellas of First	20 10:00am Staff 5:30pm Discipleship	21 10:45am KeenAgers 6:30pm Choir	22 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am 1st Ladies 12:15pm Disciple	23 6:00pm GCTS	24 8:30am Beaches Men 8:30am GCTS
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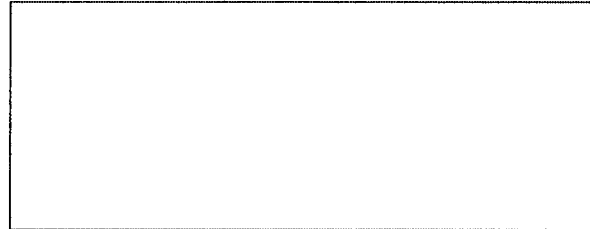


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