

FIRST EDITION

WINTER 2011-2012

Advent is the time in the church calendar when we are encouraged to prepare our "inner life" for the arrival of the Savior. Over the next couple of months, a host of activities and events are available at First that are designed to arouse and position us to receive the coming Christ. Among these are:

- ♦ Operation Christmas Child (deadline Nov. 13).
- ♦ Kirkin' Sunday - November 13. Dr. Dennis Hollinger, President of Gordon-Conwell Seminary, preaching.
- ♦ New Member Reception - November 13.
- ♦ Family Promise - December 4-11.
- ♦ Advent Concerts - November 30, December 7 & 14.
- ♦ Children's Birthday Party for Jesus (ages 4+) - December 3 (10am-2pm).
- ♦ Christmas Joys II: Chancel Choir and Orchestra - December 4, 6PM.
- ♦ Christmas Eve Services - 5:00 (Children's Bell Service) and 6:00 (Candlelight)

Advent 2011 arrives at a time when much attention is being given to PCUSA matters. As you are aware, this past spring the denomination voted to remove from the Book of Order what the Bible teaches about chastity in singleness and fidelity in marriage regarding those in church leadership.

To respond to this, a Denominational Affairs Committee has been put in place at First. The purpose of this committee is to study and understand the implications of the 219th General Assembly on issues involving Biblical authority, while seeking to assist our church in discerning a pathway for the future.

Please know that "NO" decisions have been made pertaining to First Presbyterian Church. There are many options and responses available; it is important that we consider and weigh each one carefully. No conclusive decisions will be made without input from the congregation.

In addition to the above, the past couple months have been a busy and emotion filled time in the lives of Robert and Virginia. Please keep them and their family in your prayers as they deal with the loss of his sister, Catherine (on Oct. 13), as well as his mother, Mary Morris (on Oct. 18). The Lord promises not to give us more than we can handle if we'll turn to Him (I Cor. 10:13); and promises to remain with us as we go through what He has allowed to come our way (Matt. 28:20; Is. 43:1-5; Joshua 1:5, 9). That is why it is called the Good News!

We will see you on Sunday!

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October / November 2011

The Keen-Agers had an exhilarating sailing trip on the schooner Freedom in St. Augustine. The weather was warm, the breezes were strong and there was only 1 brief shower! Tickets have already been secured for our events in Nov. & Dec., but others may still sign up to join us...and we'll try to secure additional tickets. Please see Lana.

On **Sunday, Nov. 6** we're attending a matinee performance of "**My Fair Lady**" at the **Alhambra** following worship. Our December event will be attending "**High Tea**" at the **Jekyll Island Club on Wed. Dec. 7**. We've already sent in a reservation for 22 folks to attend, but you may still sign up as long as you can provide your own transportation and as long as space is still available at the Island Club. On **Wed. January 18**, we're heading to **Blue Springs State Park in Central Florida** to see the manatees! We'll plan to have lunch at the Holiday House in DeLand afterward, and we'll hope for cold weather to draw lots of manatees into the warm springs!

Also, please note WE are **ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Wed. Nov. 30** (~~various ministries in the church are responsible for various days & this is OURS!~~) The site is again the Wal-Mart at Monument & 9A. Please sign up... it's a great cause & a lot of fun!

Upcoming Events

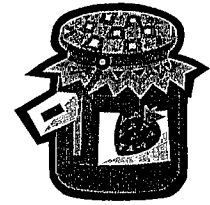
- Sun. Nov. 6:** Alhambra's "My Fair Lady"
Time: after worship
Cost: \$45 – Tickets already purchased;
additional seating may be available – see Lana
- Wed. Nov. 30:** Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army
See the sign-up sheet on the Keen-Ager Board
- Wed. Dec. 7:** "High Tea" @ Jekyll Island Club
Time: approx. 1:30 ...tea served at 3:30
Cost: \$25 – see Lana about ticket availability
- Wed. Jan. 18:** Blue Springs & the Holiday House in Central Fl.
Time: 9:00am (on the road) – 4:30 (back @ church)
Cost: \$17 – money due by Mon. Jan. 9



You Are Invited

On Sunday, November 13, 2011 members of Congregational Care are hosting a reception honoring all of our new members who have joined First Presbyterian Church within the past year...and everyone is invited! We will gather in Covenant Hall following worship that day, enjoy some delicious treats, and have the opportunity to get better acquainted with our newer members. It will make a lovely conclusion to our "Kirkin 'o The Tartan" festivities during worship! Please plan to attend and honor these wonderful additions to our church family!

Soup and Jelly!



It's a new quarter and our friends at DESC have a new need. Soup and jelly are on this quarter's wish list. Join in the great ministry that DESC provides! Please leave your items in the box marked DESC located on the stage in Covenant Hall. Thank you so much for brightening a life with your gift! Questions? Please contact Barbara Brice (barbarabrice@fpcjacksonville.org, 354-8439 ext. 107)

Farewell to Richard and Betsy Apel

Our congregation bid a fond farewell to long-time members Richard and Betsy Apel at a reception hosted by PW after church on August 28.

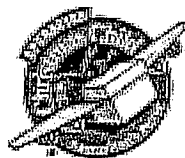
For over 30 years, both Richard and Betsy have been very active in our church. Throughout the years, Richard has served on the Elder Board, chaired the Property Committee, sang in our choir, and worked on many building/repair projects that have improved our church property. Each time we walk on the deck between the church sanctuary and Covenant Hall, we can thank Richard Apel!

Betsy also has served our church faithfully. The Presbyterian Women thank her for the many leadership roles she has so ably filled within the organization, from Circle Chair to Moderator in 2003-2004. Notably, Betsy was awarded PW Life Member status in 1997. Each Christmas season Betsy would see that each of the sanctuary window ledges was beautifully decorated.

The Apels are relocating to Fayetteville, GA to live closer to family members. Their new address is:

1505 Swanbrook Drive
Fayetteville, GA 30215

Richard and Betsy leave us with many wonderful memories and they shall always remain a part of 1st Pres. We wish them God's blessings.



Christmas is in the Air

That's right, can you believe it? It's that time of year again and at First Church we offer many opportunities to celebrate our Savior's birth. I hope you will join with our First family as we honor Christ on His birthday.

ADVENT CONCERT LUNCHEONS

The Wednesday's of Advent

November 30, December 7 & 14

12 Noon - Concert / 12:30 Lunch - \$8 per person

November 30

December 7

Gia Sistare, Flute
Katherine Roberts, Piano

December 14

CHRISTMAS JOYS II

Sunday - December 4 - 6:00 PM

Don't miss this year's presentation by our Chancel Choir. You will hear many of your favorites as well as some brand new arrangements. Plan now to attend and bring some friends. A reception will follow the program that evening.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ALL MONTH

Of course we will be singing Christmas Carols the entire Advent season and then coming together on **Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM** for the Children's Service and then at **6:00 PM** for our Traditional Christmas Carols & Candles service. We come back on **Christmas day at 10:30 AM** and gather to sing carols and celebrate His birth.

**Shoe Box Collection Day
Sunday, November 13th**

The power of a simple gift.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Won't you participate with us this year? Packing instructions and labels are available on Sundays in Covenant Hall and in the FPC office during the week. Filled boxes may be placed on the stage in Covenant Hall. Boxes are due to FPC by Sunday November 13th. Questions? Please contact Barbara Brice (354-8439 ext. 107 or barbarabrice@fpcjacksonville.org).

It All Starts With You!

1. **Pray.** Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.
2. **Pack a Gift.** A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures will be available at the church, and information will be posted on our website.
3. **Give.** \$7 or more per box will cover shipping and other project costs.
4. **Volunteer.** Create excitement by hosting a shoe box party with your friends and neighbors.

Give a Gift!



COMING UP IN THE 1st PREZ STUDENT MINISTRY

Every Tuesday (6:30 AM) and
Wednesday (7:00 AM)
Student Small Group

Meeting at Famous Amos on University Blvd.

Friday – November 11
Cardboard City

Our students will witness first hand what it is
like to be homeless for an evening.

Thursday – November 18

Fall Lock-in @ Adventure Landing

Leaving for the church at 8:30 PM to go
bowling. Then on to Adventure Landing from
Midnight – 4:00 AM, Breakfast afterwards
then home for sleep.

Sunday – November 20 &
Sunday – December 18

Youth Lead in Worship & SAC (Sunday
After Church) FRIDAY – SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 26

The student ministry will be ringing the Ket-
tle Bell. For the Salvation Army at the Re-
gency Wal-Mart in Two hour intervals begin-
ning at 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 29

If the NBA season has begun we're heading
to Orlando to watch the Miami HEAT take on
the Orlando MAGIC.

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10

EMERGE Student Ministries Christmas Party
Time to be determined.

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 11

Youth will serve at Sulzbaucher

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 18

Youth Lead in Worship and SAC

COMING FRIDAY – JANUARY 6

We begin attending YOUTH QUAKE every
first Friday of the month through May

FRIDAY & SATURDAY –
JANUARY 13 & 14

Planet Wisdom in Lakeland
Complete details announced soon

Come to Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 ser-
vice and enjoy a delicious meal for a donation
to our Emerge Student Ministry.
Take Outs available.

Contact Sonny Stroud at 354-8439 x106
Or email him at sonnystroud@fpcjax.org

EMERGE STUDENT MINISTRY

*We believe that our students cannot only learn the Bible,
but live the Bible and engage their world for Jesus Christ.*

News from the Presbyterian Women

Greetings to all! We are well into the Fall Season and the "Ladies of the Church" are busy as ever! Our three Circles continue to be blessed by their study of The Beatitudes. If you aren't currently active in a Circle, please come join us! We will always welcome you!

The Visitation Team continues to visit our church's shut-ins each month and we thank them for their dedicated service to our congregation.

On October 23rd, our PW honored long-time member and PW Vice-Moderator Isabell Gormly with a reception after church to celebrate her 90th Birthday! Both friends and family attended. Congratulations and God's blessings Isabell! Wow, 90 years young!

On November 13th, several of our PW will assist the Congregational Care Committee in honoring 37 new members who joined our church this past year. A lovely New Member Reception will held after church in Covenant Hall. Welcome new members!

PW has a full calendar planned for the months ahead:

◆ November

- Circles meet November 7.
- Each Circle will collect money for the Thanksgiving Basket project which benefits five deserving families provided to us through DESC.
- Salvation Army Christmas Stockings will be distributed to Circle members for filling and returning at the December Circle meetings.
- Give your nomination for 2011 PW Life Member to Pat Stinson by this week.
- A team of PW and other church members will decorate our church for the Christmas Season.

◆ December

- Circles will meet December 5.
- We will enjoy the beautiful Advent Season both at church and at home with our families.
May peace and love surround you this blessed holiday season!

◆ January

- Circles will meet January 9.
- **PW Annual Meeting will be January 21, 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.** Please plan to attend this very important meeting! 2011 PW Life Member will be awarded and our year in review will be presented. An enjoyable pot-luck luncheon and fellowship time will follow. Don't miss this very special event in the life of 1st Church PW!
- On January 28 we will attend the PW Presbytery Annual meeting in Fernandina Beach. Please plan to be with us as we represent 1st Church PW.

Because Circle times and locations may vary from month to month, please consult the PW Bulletin Board or Circle Chair for this information. Our bulletin board is outside Covenant Hall, next to the Keen-Agers board.

Please continue to collect your pop-tops, stamps and school supplies for our "Stuff the Bus" community outreaches. Bring them to Covenant Hall.

As always, call PW Moderator, Chris Dahlgren, 642-0352, with any questions/comments.

Circle 3:	7pm	Chair, Laura Jones, 645-5940
Circle 4:	2pm	Acting Chair, Beryl Headly, 260-7521
Circle 5:	10:30am	Chair, Caroline Freeman, 744-4997

Duties of Love:

Refreshments after Church	Nov-Circle 5	Dec-Circle 3	Jan-Circle 4
Memorial Flowers Distribution	Nov-Circle 4	Dec-Circle 5	Jan-Circle 3



MEET OUR RECENT NEW MEMBERS!

- ◆ **Constance Enow Djiofack** (Did-jo-fack) and her two year old daughter, Sarah, have been in this country only a year. She is married to member Christian Djiofack, who serves in the Navy and is stationed at Mayport. Constance is originally from Cameroon, Africa, as is Christian, but she has been living in Switzerland for the past 15 years. She is attending the English language program at FSCJ. She is in parish 2A with Deacon Debbie Shelton.
- ◆ **Tag & Jeannie Gallaher** have lived in Jax almost 8 years, but they recently moved into a new neighborhood, and their neighbors, Ken & Paula Durkee, invited them to church! Tag works with a financial-services-company, and Jeannie volunteers as a children's teacher with a non-denominational Community Bible Study at the beaches. They have two college-age kids and are in parish 4B with Deacon Marilyn High.
- ◆ **David Miller** is the son of member Bill Miller! He has been enjoying coming to the men's groups on Thursday and Sunday mornings for the past few months. David works at Men's Warehouse, and he is in parish 3A with Deacon Liz Elliott.
- ◆ **Remer & Maria Roberson** are retired and just celebrated their 3 month anniversary! He is originally from GA, where he was in the paper industry, and she is from AL. Each of them had lost a spouse following a long marriage and recently found each other. They live in Colony Cove and are in parish 3B with Deacon Larry Wagner.
- ◆ **Rose Malaier** (Mal-air) grew up in Jacksonville and is Billy Hohmann's aunt! She has retired from State Farm, after working 41 years in their Catastrophic Claims Dept. Rose has two grown kids, one living in CA and the other one living here. She is in parish 4C with Deacon Lee Smith.
- ◆ **Yann & Ina Gerville-Reache** (Jairville Reh-osh) were just married a little over a year ago in Memphis. (Note: His parents are both from Paris: his dad from Paris, France and his mom from Paris, TN!) Yann's job with APR Energy, a company that builds portable energy systems, brought him here last March, and Ina joined him in July when she completed her teaching duties. Ina is a PE major, and has worked with kids from ages 3 yrs. – 8th grade. She will be coaching soccer at Episcopal and has just joined our staff as Director of Children's Ministry. They are in parish 2C with Deacon Linda Work.
- ◆ **Lee Brice** is a Winn Dixie pharmacist and is the husband of Rev. Dr. Barbara Brice, our Staff Liaison for Mission and Outreach. Lee and Barb have two kids in their 20's – Kate, who lives and works here, and Rob who is a student at UF. The Brices are in parish 4A with Deacon Catherine Chisholm.
- ◆ **Jered and Missy Jackson**, along with their 3 year old son, Sawyer, moved here from Cedar Key about two years ago. Both have their master degrees in Marine Science. Jered is working at NAS Jax in their natural resources division, and Missy is currently at home with Sawyer. She is volunteering at a non-profit in the area of library advocacy. They are in parish 6A with Deacon Joyce Lowe.



DISCIPLESHIP

What do YOU want for Christmas?

The "Holiday" season rapidly approacheth (Olde English Translation). For those of us who call Jesus "Lord", the Holiday season means more than presents, parades, yule logs, fruitcake, turkey, or a Christmas tree. Advent is the season in the church calendar when we prepare our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our resources (strength) for the coming King.

That He will come is a certainty; his arrival is assured. The foundation upon which His coming is guaranteed is the plan of the mighty God, expressed in Ephesians 1:9-10 – "God has allowed us to know the secret of His plan, and it is this: He purposes in His sovereign will that all human history shall be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in Heaven or earth shall find its perfection and fulfillment in Him." We can count on the arrival of Jesus in the same way that we count on the rising of the morning sun or that the skies will darken after sunset. In that we can take great consolation, comfort, and hope.

We need not question his coming. But His coming brings with it a question, one that was given voice by Pilate 33 years later – "What shall I do with Jesus the Christ, who is called the Messiah" (Matt. 27:22)? That is the central question of life, is it not – what will we do with Jesus? Our answer to that question will dictate not only how we live our span of days on this orb, but how and where we will live our eternity, as well. It is THAT important.

When Jesus arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room in the Inn for Him. In Rev. 3:20, Jesus stands at our hearts door and knocks. He promises that whoever hears His voice, and opens the door to Him, He will come in. A guarantee every much as certain as His birth. But one that is contingent upon our answer to the question "What will YOU do with Jesus"? Is there room in YOUR inn for him? Questions well worth pondering this Advent.

To assist you in that effort, the Discipleship Committee has purchased and made available Advent devotionals for your use. These can be accessed, at no charge, at various locations in the sanctuary and Covenant Hall beginning on Sunday, Nov. 27. We encourage you to carve out the time, the place, and the space to consider the coming King. And what your response will be to His knock on the door of your heart and life.

Classes and Small Groups – Join one NOW!

SUNDAY MORNING:

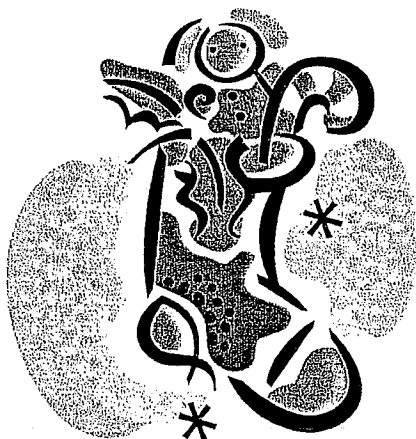
Pathfinders: Bible Study	9:30am	204	Video series
Men's Group	9:30am	202	Various topics
Women's Bible Study	9:30am	Jesus Room	Comforts From the Cross
The Encouragers: Bible Study	9:30am	201	Various books of the Bible
Emerge Student Ministry	9:30am	Rec. Rm.	
Young Couples Group (9/11 - 10/30)	9:30am	203	Marriage and Parenting
Sermon Talk Back: Q&A	11:45am	Towers Chapel	
Children: Kidz Klub (Age 5-11)	Sunday	9:30am	102
Children: Pre-Kidz (Age 3-4)	Sunday	9:30am	103
Children's Worship (Ages 3-11)	Sunday	10:45am	Room 103 & Dining Hall

WEEKDAYS:

Arlington Men	Monday	6:30pm	Arlington Area	Larry Wagner 745-1416	
Beaches Men	Saturday	8:00am	Beaches Area	Phil Hiscock 992-1266	
Mandarin Men	Thursday	7:00am	Mandarin Area	Emil Albertini 880-1920	
Downtown Men	Thursday	6:30am	FPC - Dining Hall	Ken Durkee 703-8529	
Westside Small Group (Co-ed)	Thursday	6:30pm		Kent Gilbert 354-8439 x108	
First Ladies	Thursday	9:30am	GCTS class-room	Dana Stroud 443-2839	Genesis Study by Tim Keller
PW Circle 3	1st Monday	7:00pm	Arlington Area	Laura Jones 381-6913	The Beatitudes
PW Circle 4	1st Monday	2:00pm	205	Beryl Headley 260-7521	The Beatitudes
PW Circle 5	1st Monday	10:30am	Various homes	Caroline Freeman 744-4997	The Beatitudes
Senior Men	Monthly	1:00pm	Old Greeters Rm.	Kent Gilbert 354-8439 x108	Gospel of Mark
Disciple I	Thursday	12:15pm	203	Robert Morris 354-8439 x112	Reading Through Bible

Make a Child's Christmas Merry

*Be a Partner in The Salvation Army's
2011 Fill-A-Stocking Project*



You can help the Salvation Army provide over 10,000 needy children with a filled stocking on Christmas morning. The Salvation Army will provide the stockings and we as the congregation can help provide the contents. The stockings and a list of age appropriate items will be available throughout November. If you are unable to do the shopping yourself, you can make a donation of \$12.00, which will buy the stocking contents. Contact Sarah Spence (287-7158) with any questions about the project.

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
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November Birthdays

- 1 Bill Welch
- 1 Alexis West
- 3 Linda Provenzano
- 3 Debra Woods
- 4 Hazel Mathews
- 4 John McGinnis
- 4 Stephen Willett
- 4 Christa O'Dell
- 5 Gabrielle Williamson
- 6 Vivian Stark
- 6 Tina Bosco
- 8 Skylar Catherwood
- 8 Wilma Fryer
- 9 Charlie Towers, Jr.
- 9 Sarah Van Cleve
- 10 Tim Dennis
- 11 May Scarbrough
- 12 Bill Edwards
- 13 Bernard Chisholm
- 14 Catherine Chisholm
- 14 Nan Davis
- 14 Maria Miller
- 15 Taylor Logan
- 17 Caitlin Armstrong
- 18 Brooks Andrews
- 21 Roy Clarke
- 23 Linda O'Neal
- 23 Sharon Parsons
- 24 Cherie Smith
- 25 Arthur Smith
- 26 Karen Deaver
- 26 Dottie Hessel
- 26 Brianna Landers
- 26 Sandy Skinner
- 26 Stefan Williamson
- 27 Sharen Gaff
- 28 Bob Glover
- 28 Matt Kane
- 30 Deborah Baxter

30 Don Maddox
30 Sandy Rogers

November Anniversaries

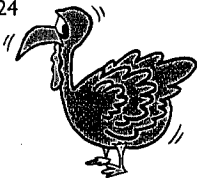

- 5 Mark & Linda Smith
- 7 Emil & Barbara Albertini
- 10 Alberto & Ruth Becerra
- 10 Tim & Toy Dennis
- 10 Ray & Joyce Lowe
- 13 Patrick & Cindy Butler
- 15 Bob & Candy Berry
- 15 Chris & Camie Woods
- 19 Paul & Debra Woods
- 23 Robert & Elizabeth Van Cleve, Jr.
- 24 Sebastian & Stacey Williamson

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 386-6836.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING! Held at Wal-Mart at 9-AM in Arlington November 25- December 2 If you can RING for 2 hours, PLEASE Sign up!		1 6:30am High School Guys 10:00am Staff 5:30pm Worship	2 7:00am Middle School Guys 6:30pm Choir	3 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15am Disciple	4 6pm GCTS	5 8am GCTS 8am Beaches Men
6"Communion & Commitment Sunday" DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30am KeenAgers to Alhambra	7 10:30am Circle 5 2:00pm Circle 4 6:30pm Arlington Men 7:00pm Circle 3	8 6:30am High School Guys 9:00pm Staff Planning	9 7:00am Middle School Guys 12pm Lit Pros Board 5:30pm Property 6:30pm Choir	10 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 8:30 Cooking Team 9:30am First Ladies 12:15am Disciple	11 Youth - Card-board City	112 8am Beaches Men
13 "Kirkin & Feeding Sunday" 8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30pm New Member Reception 12:00am Choir rehearsal 1:00pm 100 Homes Jax	14 3:00am 100 Homes 1:00pm PW Visitation 6:30pm Arlington Men	15 3:00am 100 Homes 6:30am High School Guys 12:00pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Disciple	16 3:00am 100 Homes 7:00am Middle School Guys 6:30pm Choir	17 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15am Disciple	18 6pm GCTS 9:00pm Youth lock in @ Adventure Landing	19 8am Beaches Men 8am GCTS
20 "Open Door Sunday" 8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 SAC 11:45 Stephen Ministry	21 	22 12:00pm Staff Mtg	23 	24  Thanksgiving—Church Closed	25 Salvation Army Bell Ringing: MEN	26 Salvation Army Bell Ringing: YOUTH
27 8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship	28 Salvation Army Bell Ringing: DISCIPLESHIP	29 Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Music 6:30am High School Guys 12:00pm Staff Mtg	30 Salvation Army Bell Ringing: KeenAgers 6:30am High School Guys 12:00pm Advent Concert 6:00 Choir Rehearsal			

December Birthdays

1	Bob Van Cleve, Sr.
3	Kelly Stull
4	Ray Lowe
6	Zach Lunney
7	Donna Davis
7	Phil Hiscock
7	Debbie Shelton
7	Linda Smith
10	Dee Hickox
10	Chris Hixenbaugh
10	Barbara Reynolds
11	Richard Barry
11	B.B. Neeley
12	Dot Lane
12	Linda Rogers
13	Vicky Langford
13	Julie Olson
15	Mac Weldon
17	Ardis Clark
17	R. Davis Jenks
17	Linda Work
18	Stephen Newman
19	Tony Jenkins
20	Kyle Nichols
21	Judy Hixenbaugh
22	Alberto Becerra
22	Ashley Kruger
22	Jeanette Rogers
23	Richard LaMee
23	Mary Ellen Ludeking
24	Liz Roch
24	Toni Williams
25	Barbara Flynn
26	Paul Bueker
26	Suzanne Honeycutt
26	Laura McLaughlin
27	R.J. Aenchbacher
27	Claudia Hair

27	Helen Lincoln
28	Mikie Adams
28	Sue Campbell
29	Katie Menefee
29	Richard Sink
30	Lillian Timberman
31	Billy Hohmann
31	Patrick O'Neal
31	Martin Wood

December Anniversaries

4	Lewis & Lisa Hethington
10	James & Dee Hickox
11	Kevin & Jennifer Carlton
13	Martin & Fay Wood
15	Hal & Sandy Rogers
21	Charlie & Elaine Rumpel, III
27	Bill & Marci Edwards
29	Matthew & Ashley Davis
31	Richard & Angela Vaughn

Spirit of Christmas

The Spirit of Christmas is coming your way. We are doing things a little differently this year. Beginning November 20th Spirit of Christmas brochures will be available for your shopping pleasure. Once your choices are made simply return the brochure and your payment. Gift cards (designating your gifts) will be available for pick-up December 11-18.

Questions? Please contact Barbara Brice (354-8439) ext 107 or barbarabrice@fpcjacksonville.org.



December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Salvation Army— Missions 7:00am Middle school Guys small group 12pm Advent Lunch Concert	1 Salvation Army—Men 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple I 6:00pm First ladies Night in December	2	3 8am Beaches Men 10am Kids Birthday Party for Jesus
4 "Communion Sunday"	5 10:30am Circle 5 12:00pm Staff Mtg. 2:00pm Circle 4 7:00pm Circle 3	6 6:30am High school Guys 10:00am Staff 6:00pm Session	7 7:00am Middle school Guys small group 12pm Advent Lunch Concert 12pm Lit Pros Board 6:30pm Choir	8 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 8:30am Cooking Team 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple I	9 6:30pm Gordon Con- well Classes	10 8am Beaches Men 8:30am GCTS Classes Emerge Party
11 "Feeding Sunday"	12	13	14	15	16	17
FAMILY PROMISE GROUP IS IN THE DORM THIS WEEK						
8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship		6:30am High school Guys 10:00am Staff	7:00am Middle school Guys small group 12n Advent Lunch Concert 6:30pm Choir	6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple I	6:30pm Choir Party	8am Beaches Men
18 "Open Door Sunday"	19 12pm Staff Mtg. 1:00pm PW Visitation	20 6:30am High school Guys 10:00am Staff	21 7:00am Middle school Guys small group. 6:30pm Choir	22 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 12:15pm Disciple I	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00pm Children's Bell Svc. 6:00pm Christmas Eve Svc.
25 Merry Christmas 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	29 CHURCH OFFICE Open 8-12	30.	31 New Years Eve

January Birthdays

1 Sarah Enow-Djiofack
 1 Megan Hailey
 1 Sawyer Jackson
 1 Carol Miller
 1 Roger Pryor
 1 Lidia Rodriguez
 1 Willow Walkter
 1 Duane Wittwer
 2 Bob Berry
 2 George Fenner
 7 Michelle Macke
 7 Russell Skinner
 8 Ronnie Gutcher
 9 Emma Carlton
 9 Brenda Paquette, Jr.
 9 Mary Sink
 10 Candy Berry
 11 Caroline Freeman
 12 Katie Hohmann
 12 Ron Russell
 13 Paul Nelson
 13 Clark O'Dell
 14 Konnor Bohannon
 14 Pamela Hare
 15 Kendall Catherwood
 15 Terri Catherwood
 15 Christian Djiofack
 16 Marcia Price
 17 Debbie Edwards
 18 Virginia O'Dell
 19 George King Jr.
 19 Sonny Stroud
 19 Harry Willaford
 21 Reese Catherwood
 23 Lisa Hethington
 24 Brent Gregory
 24 Lynn Rector
 24 Richard Skinner, Jr.
 24 Carole Smith

27 Caroline Kingston
 28 Faith Taylor
 30 Katie Bauman
 30 Lisa Macke

January Anniversaries

3 Jim & Debbie Edwards
 11 George & Susan Hewell
 14 Paul & Kathleen Nelson
 19 Elmer & Maurine Franke

Giving Thanks...

Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy, love, and support to my family and friends, at Walters unexpected passing. It was amazing and very touching. When Ian and I took Walter's ashes to be interred beside his Mother and Father, it was cold and drizzly until a couple of minutes before 11am, when we were to have the ceremony. The clouds rolled away and the sun came out; it turned into a beautiful day and a beautiful farewell.

-May Beattie and Family

Dear Staff and Members of First Presbyterian Church,

What a loving, dear church family that Charlie and I are blessed to be a member of :)! We appreciate all of your prayers and sweet cards concerning his surgery and my father death. The Lord has supported and encouraged us

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 "Communion Sunday"</p> <p>8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>2 CHURCH OFFICE-CLOSED</p>	<p>3 6:30am High School Guys 10:00am Staff 5:30pm Worship</p>	<p>4 7:00am Middle School Guys 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>5 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple I</p>	<p>6 6:30 Youth Quake</p>	<p>7 8am Beaches Men</p>
<p>8 "Feeding Sunday"</p> <p>8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:45am PW Board</p>	<p>9 10:30am Circle 5 12:00pm Staff Mtg. 2:00pm Circle 4 7:00pm Circle 3</p>	<p>10 6:30am High School Guys 10:00am Staff 5:30pm</p>	<p>11 7:00am Middle School Guys 12pm Lit Pros Board 5:30pm Property 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>12 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple I</p>	<p>13 Planet Wisdom for youth</p>	<p>14 8am Beaches Men Planet Wisdom for youth</p>
<p>15 "Open Door Sunday"</p> <p>8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am SAC 11:45am Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>16 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p>	<p>17 6:30am High School Guys 10:00am Staff 5:00pm Discipleship Mtg.</p>	<p>18 7:00am Middle School Guys 9:30 KeenAgers to Blue Springs 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>19 6:30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple I</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:00am Beaches Men 10:30am PW Ann. Gath.</p>
<p>22 8:30am First Light 9:30am Small Groups 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>23 1:00pm Visitation Team</p>	<p>24 6:30am High School Guys 10:00am Staff 6:00pm Session</p>	<p>25 7:00am Middle School Guys 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>26 :30am Downtown Men 7:00am Mandarin Men 9:30am First Ladies 12:15pm Disciple</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 8:00am Beaches Men</p>
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