

10:00am Worship Service

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIANO PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #45 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN #329 *There Is Power in the Blood*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING *Blessed Assurance* arr. Carol Tornquist

*RESPONSE #815 *Doxology*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Accept these gifts, O God, as testimonies of our love for You and our desire to serve You. Let these offerings be an affirmation that we are bound to one another as Your people. In Your generous name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-16

MESSAGE *Low Sodium Light* Pastor Larry Yerger

*HYMN #461 *In Remembrance*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Dedication

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*HYMN #774 *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #713 *Seek Ye First (vs. 1)*

*Please stand, if able

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.

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Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service

This morning as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad to welcome each visitor and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God's call with this congregation. If you are living in this area, either permanently or for the season, we invite you to join hands in ministry with us by becoming a member of our congregation.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Focus

- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Pray for those who serve in the military and their families during the war against terrorism.
- Pray for our church and new denomination as we seek ways to reach the lost and needy in our community and world.
- Pray for Charlotte County, for revival and renewal as part of Prayers Over Charlotte initiated by the Sunday Night Prayer meeting.
- Pray for Rob and Jennifer Taylor, missionaries to Zambia, that we support.

Those who Grieve

- Pray for Mary Kimberly and family on the loss of her husband, Carl, who went home to the Lord on August 23, 2016.

Those with Special Needs:

Jerry Julius	Kay Callahan	Rev. Larry Yerger
Helen Anderson	Ella Sifferd	Carol Foster
Dianne Sizemore	Nancy Beasom	Cara Gebel
Cara Coletti	Mae Snyder	Jean Hinman
Ken Haun	Donna Peterson	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Lorraine Sisson, <i>Saginaw, MI</i>	John Milligan, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>
Doris Henning, <i>Sandhill Gardens</i>	Vern Wilson, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>

Please keep the office updated concerning your requests.

Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER is available in the church foyer and on our website.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

GUEST ORGANIST TODAY – We welcome as our guest organist/pianist Debbie Rostad.

ROSE – The rose on the organ is in celebration of the birth of Jacob Elliot Tisdale, first great-grandchild of Larrie and Marjorie Tisdale. Jacob was born August 1st to Nick and Dana Tisdale of Louisville, Kentucky.

PRAYER MEETING – A prayer meeting is held Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Conference Room. Come and be a part of what God's Spirit is doing in our church community.

RETURN TO TWO SERVICES SEPTEMBER 11 – NEXT SUNDAY, September 11th, we return to the *New Beginnings* Praise Service at 9am and the Traditional Service at 10:30am.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED tomorrow, September 5th and Friday, September 9th.

GAME MORNINGS – Join us for Game Morning **THIS Tuesday, September 6th, from 10am to Noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come to play or just to observe.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – *There will be no Wednesday Bible Study this week, September 7th.* We will reconvene on September 14th as we begin to study the Book of Confessions.

R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Joyful Understanding Ladies Inconspicuously Eating Together Someplace) - will meet at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport **THIS Thursday, September 8th, at 8:00am.**

RICE & PINTO BEANS SUNDAY – We will collect rice & pinto beans for Misión Peniel **next Sunday, September 11th.** Please place your items in the tall container in the church entrance.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Articles for the combined October/November newsletter are due in the church office by **Monday, September 12th.**

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – Our next mission trip to Immokalee is **Friday, September 23rd.** We carpool from the church at 12:15pm. Call Dianne Sizemore or the church office to volunteer. Place donations of *gently used blankets, sheets, towels, long-sleeve t-shirts and regular shirts* in the wicker basket.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MINISTRY – Our RED “Welcome Bags” are in the church foyer waiting for you to deliver to a new neighbor in your neighborhood.

LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY – Are you interested in making a meal when there is a short-term need in the congregation due to an illness or loss? Are you willing to deliver a meal that someone else has fixed? If so, please call the church office to volunteer.

OUR DAILY BREAD – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the back table in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve’s prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at steve@fpcpunta.org.

FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the **cost of \$37.50.** To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 4th thru September 11th

<u>Sunday, September 4</u>	
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting
<u>Monday, September 5</u>	Office Closed
<u>Tuesday, September 6</u>	
10:00am	Game Morning
<u>Thursday, September 8</u>	
8:00am	R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
5:30pm	Praise Team
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday, September 9</u>	Office Closed
<u>Sunday, September 11</u>	
9:00am	<i>New Beginnings</i> Worship
10:30am	Traditional Worship
6:00pm	Prayer Meeting

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OUR VISION AND PURPOSE

LOVING...

... God and others through worship and fellowship

GROWING...

*... in our understanding Jesus’ and God’s purposes for us through Bible study,
and developing our ministries to serve God and others*

GOING...

*... into God’s world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ,
and with His ministries of compassion and mercy*

ALL IN JESUS’ NAME!

ECO’S VISION

... to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ

September 4, 2016

10:00am

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