

The Messenger



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OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

LOVING.... GROWING.... GOING.... in JESUS!

*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.*

MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the basketball team from Madison High School had a game against DeKalb (Ill.) High. A technical foul had been called against Madison, but the DeKalb player deliberately missed both free throws. This normally would upset his coach greatly, but it didn't and here's the reason why. A Madison senior, Johntell Franklin, who lost his mother earlier that day to cancer, decided he wanted to play with his team that night. Because his coach, Aaron Womack, didn't expect him to be there, he didn't put his name in the scorebook. Yet, when Johntell arrived and wanted to play, Womack decided to put him in knowing that this would result

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35 TNIV)

in a technical foul against his team. The DeKalb coach Dave Rohlman and his players asked the referees to ignore the technical foul. The referees, though, really had no choice, so Rohlman gathered the DeKalb team around him and asked who wanted to take the free throws and a senior, Darius McNeal, volunteered knowing that his coach and his team wanted him to miss them. When he addressed the free throw line, instead of seeing the ball swish through the net, they saw it bounce a few feet from the free throw line and roll across the end line – both times. McNeal told a newspaper, "I did it for the guy who lost his mom. It was the right thing to do." Madison won the game, but everyone won that night.

I wanted to share that story with you because it should remind each of us that goodness and love still has a powerful effect in our world. Jesus said, "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35 TNIV)

Let's make it our goal to grow in our love for each other and for those around us so that God's goodness and love can continue to have a powerful effect in our community and world.

Your servant in Christ,

Steve



Pastor Steve

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SESSION NOTES

Highlights from the February 16th Session

- Stewardship reported – 2009 pledges \$193,754.
- Membership report – 121 active; 17 affiliate.
- Finance report – \$75,000 was withdrawn from Wachovia Bank and deposited with Charlotte State Bank.
- Approved - motion to use undesignated memorial funds to cover the cost of 40 Days of Community not covered by donations.
- Picture Directory – The turnout for the picture directory has been good. 97 photos have been taken of members and friends.
- Property sale – We have closed on the Durrance St. property and money has been applied to the mortgage.
- Pastor Steve reported there were nine people who attended his 101 C.L.A.S.S.— three are becoming active members and five are becoming affiliate members.

Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SERVICE SEMINAR 201 (C.L.A.S.S. 201)

Discovering Spiritual Maturity

Sunday, March 15th from 2pm to 5pm

Pastor Mock will be offering the C.L.A.S.S. 201 *Discovering Spiritual Maturity* on Sunday afternoon March 15th from 2pm to 5pm at the church for anyone interested in learning about the habits that create spiritual maturity. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve at 639-1959. A sign-up sheet can be found on the sign-up table by the west entrance.

SUPER SATURDAY & WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

The current series of Super Saturday, which deals with theological issues facing our denomination, will end on March 21st. The topic is still to be determined. You can be assured that it will be another interesting and thought provoking theme that Elder Cy Ling will pick. Please mark your calendars and join us in the choir room at 10am on Saturday March 21st.

The winter session of Wonderful Wednesday is finished. There will be a brief break during the Lenten season as we participate in "40 Days of Community." The spring session will start on April 22nd

and run through May 27th. Elder Sharon Cuzner will lead the video series of "Does Prayer Make a Difference?" There will be no dinners during the spring and summer sessions but we hope you will still participate.

We want to thank the Fellowship Team for preparing the delicious meals during our fall and winter sessions.

Joyce Schork and the Discipleship Team



Our 40 Days of Community is underway. As of "press time" on this newsletter, we had 9 small groups and over 90 individuals signed up for this study. Several who signed up are from outside our church. What a response God has given us! The kick-off was Saturday February 21st. There will be a Ministry Fair on March 28th and a Celebration Sunday at 3pm on April 5th.

If you have not enrolled in a small group, it's not too late. Call the church, Connie Johansen or Sharon Cuzner and they will be happy to get you into an existing group. Each group has an individual mission project during the campaign that will continue beyond the campaign.

Together we are better!

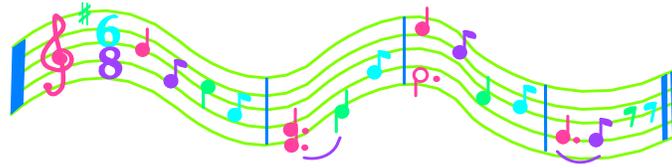
HELPING HANDS MINISTRY PLANS MEETING

We are planning to hold a Helping Hands Ministry meeting at 9am on March 4th (right after the R.O.M.E.O.S. finish breakfast). It will be held at the church in the Conference Room. We are looking to do small jobs to help the people unable to do them. We will be looking at the type of jobs we will be able to do and how many people are interested in helping.

Even if you have not signed up yet, there is still time, call Paul Gebel at 637-8655 for more information or just come to the meeting to hear what it is about. If

you are interested and cannot make the meeting, please let Paul know.

If you have a request for the Helping Hands Ministry, please contact Paul Gebel as he will be coordinating this program.



MUSIC NOTES

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands."

Thanks to all for your kind words about our music program. It is such a joy to work with all the servants who help bring all this wonderful music to this congregation each week. I hope that the music inspires us all in seeking that closer relationship we so deeply desire with our Lord and Savior.

As we enter another Lenten season, our music will start to reflect the season and will culminate in some joyous music that I have planned for our Easter services. We will hopefully be using the Chancel Choir and Praise Team for each service this year and provide a wide selection of music which will encompass praise songs to the Hallelujah Chorus.

I also want to emphasize the announcement in the bulletin the last couple of weeks about our music website. Please look in the bulletin and you will see the

web address for logging into the website. Please feel free to share this with your friends and family and use it as a tool to invite others to our congregation. I put much time and effort into getting all this music formatted and on this site with the intent that it will be used to glorify Him. My email address is rpc1220@me.com which you can use to share your comments or even ask questions about how to use the site. This music can be downloaded onto your computer and you can even burn CDs that you can give to others or listen to in your car. ENJOY!

For Him,

40 DAYS

Forty days to make a start.
Forty days to change your heart.
Forty days to sing our praise.
Forty days to spread your rays.
Forty days to say hello.
Forty days to touch and grow.
Forty days to teach and learn.
Forty days to show concern.
Join and form a special bond.
Reach out and spread
God's word about.
Worship God each day we say.
As we go along our way.
Forty days is yours I pray.
Forty days so come today!
—Nancy Beasom



Helmut & I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls during his recent operation. God is good and he is doing well—it will take some time.

*Always,
Helmut & Phyllis Ehrhardt*

GETTING TO KNOW THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY

By Craig Anderson



WALTER & MARY STONES

Walt and Mary live in Punta Gorda on Airport Road, just a short distance from our church. They usually attend the contemporary early service. They joined our church in the year 2000 and have been active members ever since.

Walter J. Stones

Born/grew up: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Family: I have 5 daughters (3 in Pennsylvania and 2 in Florida, 11 grandchildren and 3 1/2 great-grandchildren (Does the 1/2 mean there is another one on the way?) My father and 3 sisters still live in Pennsylvania.

Education: Graduate of Neshaming High School (class of 1962).

Vocation: Retired.

Great church memory: The first pig roast at our church. (Walt was the chief cook and did a fabulous job!)

Favorite vacation: A trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Service in the church: In addition to helping with the pig roast, I have been involved in R.O.M.E.O.S. (although not recently because of health issues). I have also served as a member of the Fellowship Committee.

Favorite Hymn: *I'll Walk With God*. (Walt is especially fond of the Mario Lanza version).

Hobbies/interests: Cooking

Mary Stones

Born/grew Up: I was born in Maryland but my family moved to Philadelphia when I was 2 years old. When I was 5, we relocated to Bucks County.

Family: 2 children (Josh and Sarah), 5 stepdaughters, 11 grandchildren, and 3 1/2 great-grandchildren. I have a brother and sister living in Seattle, Washington.

Education: Graduated from Neshaming High School in Langhorne, Pennsylvania (class of 1976).

Fond childhood memory: Going to Dutch Wonderland every year. Also, vacations in Maine in a rented cabin with family.

Vocation: Employed by Publix in Punta Gorda.

Great church memory: Going to church camp with girlfriends in high school. Doing the pig roast with Walt.

Service in the church: member of the Fellowship Committee and I like to volunteer (call me!).

Book I'd recommend: *90 Minutes in Heaven*.

Hobbies, interests: Reading, crocheting.

A MESSAGE FROM BEREAVEMENT MINISTRIES

Many folks in society today prefer not to become involved in community activities because they feel they do not have time and are fearful of making mistakes and looking foolish. But as humans, we are bound to make mistakes and it is a great way to learn. If we look at our time factor and believe the time God has given us is really His, then we can possibly save a few hours to serve others and thus be charitable in His name. Through these processes, we become stronger and gain insight that we may never have found if we had not gotten involved.

The only mistakes that do not produce growth in us personally are those outlined in THE SOUTHERN BULLETIN some years ago:

1. Believing the delusion that individual advancement is made by walking over others to achieve our goals. This sets us up to lose friends and leads to ultimate failure.

2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected. This leads to a depletion of energy, both emotional and physical.

3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it. This leads to a lack of opportunity and can set us up for crises.

4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished. This decreases creativity.

5. Neglecting development and refinement at a cost to our self-improvement.

6. Refusing to establish the habit of saving money. This leads to debt accumulation and decreased self worth.

In any activity or work we choose to do in our community, church or other volunteer project, we must strive to do our best, be available and prevent the six mistakes delineated above. If we do, we can be successes in these endeavors before that time when we move to join our Glorious Maker.

Don Warth, our brother in Christ, died in January. Like Dale Ihrle, he served Christ as His minister on earth and served Him well. We hope Darlene's grief is short and our prayers go with her. We love you Dar.

MEET & CHAT will take place on Friday, March 6th at 10am in the church Conference Room. New members are welcome!

God bless you.

Joy Kiser

2009 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

YEAR TO DATE 1/31/09

Income	\$18,313
Expenses	\$20,037
Difference	\$(1,724)

We Pray—

Lord, everything we have is a gift from You. We bring You our gifts in response to Your love and generosity as we try to live each day in gratitude for Your blessings.

Have
You
Pledged?



Pledge cards can be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:22

Did you know that some scientists believe there is an epidemic of vitamin D deficiency? Studies reveal that probably 80% of older women worldwide have such a deficiency. Certain situations make it more likely that one might have a vitamin D deficiency including: living in northern latitudes, having dark skin, over age 65, being an infant, being obese, avoiding the sun, living in a nursing care facility, having digestive problems especially gall bladder removal, abstaining from fish, meat and dairy products, and certain drugs (anticonvulsants, steroids, cholesterol-lowering medications). Did you know vitamin D may help:

- prevent falls
- prevent Type I diabetes
- lower the risk of multiple sclerosis
- lower the risk of depression
- protect against peripheral vascular disease (diminished blood flow in legs)
- possibly prevent prostate cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer
- relieve pain of diabetic neuropathy
- benefit bone health and blood sugar control in diabetic patients
- slow aging and increase life span
- lower c-reactive protein, a marker for chronic inflammation
- lower blood pressure and heart disease
- lower risk for diabetes
- lower risk for the flu
- lower risk for vertebral fractures and herniated discs

In children and infants, vitamin D may help:

- prevent asthma and allergies, prevent or treat acne, decrease dental cavities and prevent infections.

Adequate vitamin D3 (the best supplemental form) dosage is:

- 1000 IU per day for healthy children under age 2
- 2000 IU per day for children over 2
- 3000 IU for individuals weighing 80-130 pounds
- 4000 IU for individuals weighing 130-170 pounds
- 5000 IU for individuals weighing over 170 pounds
- Pregnant women should take 2000 IU

It doesn't take much **sun** for the body to synthesize vitamin D. Most fair to medium skinned individuals will produce adequate amounts if dressed in a bathing suit and exposed to the sun for 15 minutes. It is best to consult your doctor and to know your blood levels, which should be between 40-70 ng/mL.

Our Lunch 'n Learn is "Blowing the Lid Off High Blood Pressure & Cholesterol," by Dr. Jeremiah Joseph on Wednesday, March 18th, at 11:30am.

Get your blood pressure checked on Sunday, March 15th, between church services.

Because HE Lives!

Debbie Carney, Parish Nurse, 456-6804, carneydeb@hotmail.com

MISSION MINISTRY

MISSION TEAM NEWS

Souper Bowl Sunday

Well we now know the Pittsburgh Steelers won the Super Bowl but First Presbyterian won the "Souper Bowl" with over 100 cans of soup and \$123.80 for us to purchase food for the Charlotte County hungry. We thank you for your generous support!

Misión Peniel

The crops have had more damage with the last cold spell, "putting another huge bump in the road." This makes the needs in Immokalee even more critical. Blankets, sheets, pillow cases, and towels are a critical need as well as shoes, especially sturdy ones for the farmworkers to use in the field.

How can you help? We go to Misión Peniel to help feed the workers on the fourth Friday of each month. Would you like to come? Call me, Dianne Sizemore, at 743-5637 or the church office to schedule a time to go. We leave the church at 12 noon and return after a humbling experience and a good meal at Cracker Barrel, usually around 8:30pm. We work hard and have fun. This is an experience you will never forget.

40 Days of Community

Each small group will have a mission packet from which they can pick a mission to do. If you want to go as a group to visit Miguel at Misión Peniel and talk to him and see what goes on, call me and I will schedule a convenient time. If they are in need of help, we may even get to assist. Think about it. Also, a trip could be scheduled to Wimauma Beth-El which is just north of

Ellenton. Their campus is more matured and has many aspects to it now. I would be glad to schedule either tour.

Ike Refugees

A generous amount of \$524 was collected for Ike refugees. Thank you from your Mission Team for your generosity.

Blanket Sunday

The Blanket Fund Sunday was also a huge success and a total of \$324 was collected. Blankets are a great way to shelter or carry someone or to keep warm, etc. This mission is also now buying tools, sewing machines, clean water pumps for better hygiene, and giving personal loans to small businesses. Thank you from Presbyterian Women and your Mission Team.

Food for the Hungry

I would like to thank all those who faithfully bring food each week for the food bin for St. Vincent De Paul or for Chara House. Many people are benefiting from this mission. More than ever the need for food is getting greater and greater and I am so pleased that we are sharing our wealth with those in need. Keep that food coming!!! Help fill our food bin each week.

Your Mission Chair, Dianne Sizemore, and the Mission Team



SUPPORT COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS

Dear friends,

Thank you for signing on to the religious community letter to Florida Governor Charlie Crist. We deeply appreciate your partnership in calling on Gov. Crist to meet with the farmworkers of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and take steps to end slavery and the conditions that allow it to flourish in Florida's agricultural industry.

We invite you to spread the word and encourage others to sign on to this letter! Together we can create a strong and clear message that it is time to finally address the human rights abuses that keep happening in Florida's fields. You can do this by sharing the electronic link with people so they can sign on: <http://interfaithact.org/GovCristLetter>. We also ask you to print out the letter and collect signatures in your congregation, committee, or community. You can easily download the letter at <http://interfaithact.org/GovCristLetter>. Signatures from both Florida and throughout the country are important as "there's no doubt that he [Gov. Crist] has higher aspirations," according to Sharon Day, Secretary of the Republican National Committee.

The CIW is also collecting thousands of signatures on a farmworker community letter to Gov. Crist. We deliver the religious community letter together with the farmworker letter to Gov. Crist on Monday, March 9th in a special ceremony in Tallahassee.

Thank you again for calling on Florida Gov. Crist to do what is in his power to bring an end to the atrocity that is modern-day slavery.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Gynter
Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida
Immokalee, FL ~ 239-986-0688
www.interfaithact.org



CHURCH LIBRARY ADDS FICTION BOOKS

I hope you are all enjoying the new books added to the library. I'm pleased that the library is used so much. Thanks to all who return books promptly for others to enjoy.

In February's newsletter we listed all the non-fiction books. Here is a list of fiction books now added to the library:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Blackstone, Terry	<i>Last Light</i>
Henderson, Dee	<i>Before I Wake, The Witness</i>
Heitzmann, Kristen	<i>Twilight</i>
Hoff, B.J.	<i>The Wind Harp, A Distant Music, The Song Weaver</i>
Kingsbury, Karen	<i>Someday, Sunrise, Summer, Just Beyond the Clouds, Every Now and Then</i>
Lewis, Beverly	<i>The Longing, The Forbidden, The Parting</i>
Mitchell, R.B.	<i>Castaway Kid</i>
Peterson, Tracie	<i>Summer of the Midnight Sun</i>
Philips, Michael	<i>The Soldier's Lady, A Perilous Proposal</i>
Rivers, Francine	<i>The Scarlet Thread</i>
Woodsmall, Cindy	<i>When the Heart Cries, When the Soul Minds, When the Morning Comes</i>

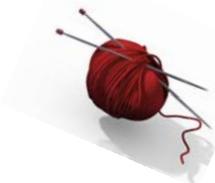
I'm still hoping someone comes forward to help with the library from May to October. It would only be to shelve books that come back. Please talk to me if you are interested.

Connie Johansen and Nancy Smith your librarians.

HEALING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A few years ago we began a "Healing Prayer Shawl" ministry at First Presbyterian. We very much appreciate the help of several women who love to knit or crochet and have created quite a few shawls that have been given to members facing serious health concerns or going through other tough times. Hopefully the shawls have been a comfort to those receiving them—letting them know they have the support, love and prayers of their fellow church members.

Margie Smith at 833-0185. We'll be glad to send the directions for these "healing shawls." If you aren't a knitter, you can still participate by making a donation for the purchase of yarn. We'd like to continue to have a supply of shawls made and be able to share them with members facing serious health concerns.



The shawls are knit (or crocheted) of a soft, bulky yarn on large needles using a very easy and fast pattern. If you enjoy knitting and would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the church office or



MARCH 2009 CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember in your prayers the elderly, the infirm, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, the homebound and lonely, and all those who have requested our prayerful support. Pray for the men and women who serve our country, especially: Sgt. Ian Hendricks who is in the U.S. Marine Corps and has recently been deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Ian is the grandson of Dianne Sizemore; Lt. Ryan Swisher, an Army Ranger, who is stationed in Afghanistan. Ryan is the grandson of Fred & Rachel Pfaender.

Each month we remember church members and friends on a rotating basis

MARCH

- 1 Gail Thornton
- 2 Gene & Martha Thrall
- 3 Larrie & Marjorie Tisdale
- 4 Helen Travis
- 5 John & Diane Truby
- 6 William Tucker & Judith Minier
- 7 Speed & Elaine Unrau
- 8 Cindy Vallier
- 9 Bernie Vander Meulen
- 10 Mary Vincent
- 11 Doris Wackerbarth

MARCH

- 12 Scott Walker
- 13 Don & Mary Anne Washabaugh
- 14 Marc Washicheck
- 15 Joyce Watkinson
- 16 Alfred & Mary Webber
- 17 Doug & Esther Wheeler
- 18 Rich & Jan Wilkinson
- 19 Ed & Pam Williams
- 20 Vern & Marlene Wilson
- 21 Dave & Barb Woods
- 22 Bob & Natalie Wylie

MARCH

- 23 Pennie Aiken
- 24 Jay & Patricia Aldridge
- 25 Raymond & Kittie Alexander
- 26 Craig & Dotty Anderson
- 27 Stephanie Anderson
- 28 Laurel Aumend
- 29 Rod & Edie Barrett
- 30 Darry & Mary Anne Beasom
- 31 Ron & Nancy Beasom

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH



Ernie Johansen	9	Marjorie Tisdale	19	Robert & Sharon Cuzner	6
Don Washabaugh	10	William Luchynsky	28	Jerry & Margie Smith	26
Marjory McKenzie	18				

IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME LISTED ON OUR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW SO THAT WE CAN ADD THE INFORMATION TO OUR RECORDS.

THIS 'N THAT

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

We welcome material for our church newsletter. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements. Articles for the April issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by Monday, March 16th.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join your church family in the sanctuary Sundays at 6pm. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

SPONSOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

The cost to sponsor flowers is \$30. To sponsor the flowers, please sign up on the sheet in the church entrance or call the church office. If you sponsored flowers for a Sunday and would like to take them after the service, please let the church office know before the date sponsored, or stop in the kitchen after the last service and see the deacon in charge that day.

COMPUTER AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE



We've set up a computer in the Conference Room for those of you who need the use of one. It has high-speed internet access and is available during office hours. We suggest you call to reserve the time before coming to use it.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: MARCH 6

Join Church Women United for their World Day of Prayer celebration at 10am on Friday, March 6th, Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL. Registration begins at 9:30am.



A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

R.O.M.E.O.S. BREAKFAST MEETING

R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) meet for breakfast at 8am every other Wednesday at Brenda's Restaurant (across from the church). March's meetings will be on the 4th and 18th. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

SKINNY MINIS MEET EACH WEEK



Each Thursday at 9:30am our *Skinny Minis* weight loss support group meets at the church for those who would like to lose a little, or a lot. There is a time of weigh-in, then some sharing, followed by a time of prayer for each other.

8-Week Video Series Continues

Did you know that 87% of illnesses are a direct result of our thoughts? What we think about affects us physically and emotionally. Continuing through Thursday, March 26th, in conjunction with *Skinny Minis*, we will be showing the video series, "Your Body His Temple." Learn God's plan for achieving emotional and physical wholeness. All are invited to attend.

GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION PARTY



All able-bodied workers are invited Tuesday, March 10th, from 8am to 10am for a grounds beautification party. Bring your rakes, shovels, & work gloves.

EMAIL UPDATE

Please advise the church office when you change your email address. Thank you.

PARISH NURSE

Blood pressures will be taken on Sunday, March 15th from 9:45am—10:45am.



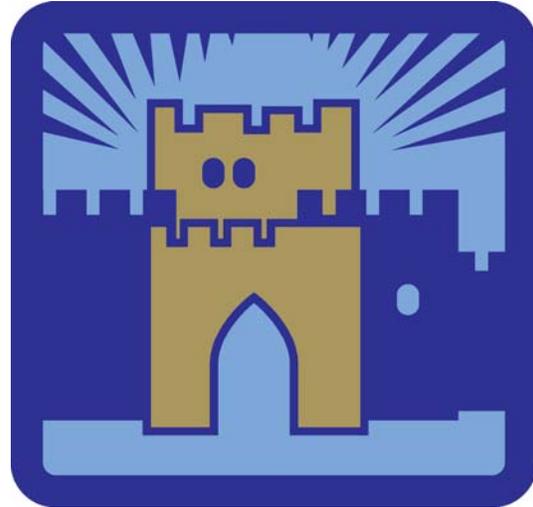
BIBLE QUIZ



In the 8th century B.C., a prophet of God condemned the sinfulness of many of Jerusalem's citizens. On behalf of God, he chastised anyone who abused power, was unjust toward the poor and used bribes and position to gain money and status. He even condemned prideful women who walked "with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet." (He was referring to little bells attached to women's ankles.)

Who was that prophet?

- A. Isaiah
- B. Amos
- C. Hosea



Answer: A (See 3:16 ff, NRSV, of the book with the prophet's name.)

TRIVIA

- ◆ "The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser. Remember that, in case you thought optimism was dead."
—Robert Brault
- ◆ "Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers."
—Austin O'Malley
- ◆ "The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug."
—Mark Twain



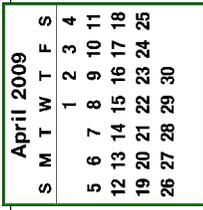
SEEN IN CHURCH BULLETINS—

- ☺ This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- ☺ Ladies Bible study will be held Thursday morning at 10a. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.





Church office hours are:
Monday—Thursday 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00am <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Prayer Service	2 9:00am CPR Class 3:30pm Worship Team	3 9:00am CPR Class	4 8:00am *R.O.M.E.O.S. 9:00am Helping Hands Ministry	5 9:30am "Skinny Minis" 5:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6  10:00am Bereavement "Meet & Chat" 5:00pm Children's Network	7 8:30am Presbytery "Main Event" at Covenant, Ft. Myers
8 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00am <i>New Beginnings</i> Worship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Prayer Service 	9 10:00am Fellowship Team	10 8:00—10:00am Grounds Beautification Party 10:30am Discipleship Team 3:00pm Mission Team	11	12 9:30am "Skinny Minis" 11:00am Stephen Ministry 5:30pm Praise Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	13 5:00pm Children's Network	14
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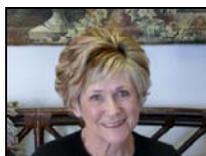
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