



# 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.*

Stay connected when you're away. Watch our worship service LIVE! Go to our website at: [www.fpcpunta.org](http://www.fpcpunta.org) and click on the link "Watch services LIVE here" on our homepage.

## MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor



I've always loved being a winner. When I was a kid, the Steelers were one of the worse football teams in history — 40 years of not winning anything. It got so bad that I became a Dallas Cowboys fan because I was so desperate to root for a winner. That changed in the 70s and four Super Bowls later.

When I was in high school, I loved being on the winning track team my sophomore year. I guess in many ways I am a product of our culture that lifts up winning and winners as being successful and successes. I love being a winner and I hate losing. It's funny how that attitude was one of the reasons I embraced Jesus Christ as my Savior. I can remember as a teenager coming to the realization that if I wanted to win at life, I had to give my life to the one who won the greatest victory of all — Jesus Christ. All other religions lost when it came to dealing with sin and death. Only Jesus succeeded in conquering both and then invited me and everyone to share in His victory — to be on His winning team. Can you imagine that?

I'm sure you can remember in school when teams were picked for gym or spelling bees. You always loved being picked by the team you knew had the best chance to win (I usually wasn't picked by the team wanting to win the spelling bee). It's a great feeling, isn't it? But to be chosen by Jesus to share in His victory, there is no greater

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feeling than that. Paul writes in I Corinthians 15, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (vss. 55-57) And all we need to do to share in this victory and to be on His winning team is to accept Jesus' invitation by faith. How great is that! Friends, let's celebrate Jesus' victory for us and that through faith we are now members of His winning team – the church.

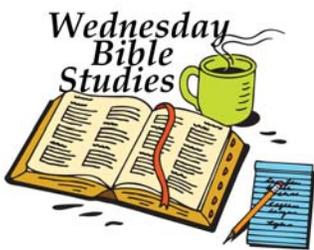
In Christ,

*Steve*

## C.L.A.S.S. 201—DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY

**P**astor Steve Mock will be holding the C.L.A.S.S. 201 *Discovering Spiritual Maturity* on **Sunday, February 23rd from 2pm to 5pm**. This seminar is for those who recently joined the church and also for those wishing to discover ways to grow spiritually. Topics covered in this seminar are: How to get a 'grip' on your Bible; the habit of a daily time with God; the habit of prayer; what stewardship means; and how fellowship encourages spiritual maturity. Please sign up using the sign up sheet in the foyer.

## 10AM BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. LARRY YERGER



**L**iving in Florida most of us like to fish - or at least HAVE FISHED on occasion - catching is even more exciting! If you would like to learn more about the Biblical mandate that we, as Christians, have to 'catch people,' then you are invited to stretch your 'Biblical legs' by participating in Pastor Larry's current study called *Go Fish: Because of What's on the Line*. This study is a DVD based 6-week program that effectively teaches how even the most bashful or reluctant person can enjoy doing the work of an evangelist. We meet in the Conference Room at **10am every Wednesday** - Come join us for some 'reel' fun!

### VALENTINE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our annual Valentine Memorial Service will take place Sunday, February 16th at 11:45am in the Lowell Kvam Memorial Garden, with Pastor Steve officiating. This prayer service commemorates the lives of our members who have passed away in the past year. Please join us for this short but meaningful remembrance.

# SESSION NOTES



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 20TH SESSION

1. Pastor Larry Yerger has been released from PCUSA and accepted into ECO.
2. 2013 budget deficit was considerably less than anticipated. It was only \$3,300.
3. Finance committee to begin developing a Capital Fund.
4. Session Team Assignments as follows:
  - Worship—Diane Truby & Don Washabaugh
  - Discipleship—Sharon Cuzner
  - Fellowship—Nancy Beasom
  - Mission—Dianne Sizemore
  - Ministry—Joan Hoffman
  - Administration—Marguerite O'Brien, Joe Cherny, & Dave Woods
  - Clerk of Session—Gail Thornton, non-voting member of session
5. Approved Joan Hoffman & Gail Thornton as commissioners to the Presbytery of Florida meeting on January 31st thru February 1st.
6. Update on progress of planning for a ministry to feed the homeless.
7. All Bible studies are going well.
8. Pastor Larry Yerger will be preaching the last Sunday of the month.

Session:  
Nancy Beasom  
Joe Cherny  
Diane Culver-Truby  
Sharon Cuzner  
Joan Hoffman  
Marguerite O'Brien  
Dianne Sizemore  
Don Washabaugh  
Dave Woods

Moderator:  
Pastor Steve Mock  
Clerk of Session:  
Gail Thornton

Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session

### SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

(Turkey Noodle & Split Pea)

Tuesday, February 25th at 6pm

Donation \$6

Fellowship Hall

First Presbyterian Church Punta Gorda

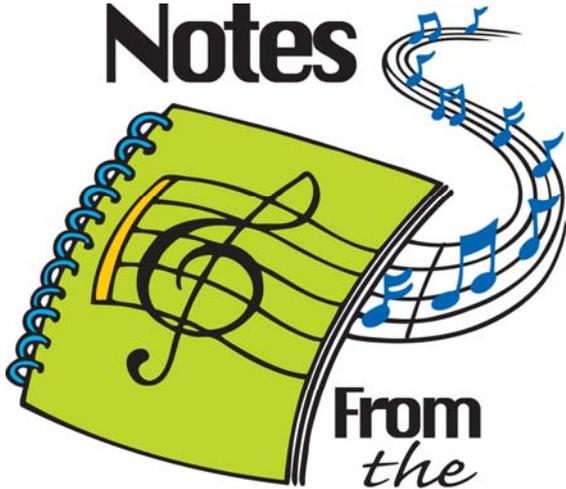
Please sign up in the church entrance



#### Congratulations to:

✠ Gail Thornton on the birth of her second great-great-grandson, Noah Villa. Noah was born December 20, 2013 to Andrea and Zues Villa.

# Notes



From  
the

# Music Director

John Richard Wimber (1934 – 1997) was a musician, charismatic pastor and one of the founding leaders of the Vineyard Movement, a neo-charismatic Evangelical Christian denomination which began in the USA and has now spread to many countries world-wide.

He once said that faith is spelled R-I-S-K. All throughout the Biblical narrative we see women and men trusting God by leaving their comfort zones and accepting God's risky call. There's a good chance that the times of greatest spiritual growth in your life also came when you took a risk.

Don't let the mundane and routine begin to keep you from growing in your faith. Take a chance and try something new, something different, or something that God is calling you to do.

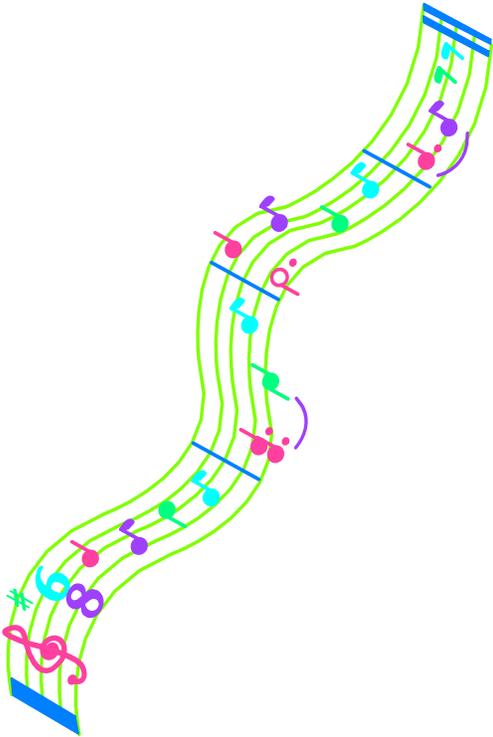
There is still time to get in on singing in our wonderful Choir. We added three new members in January and I would love to see a couple more in the coming weeks. Plenty of music, seats, robes and the best thing of all, you get reserved seating. Take a risk, as the reward in spiritual growth may be just what you have been looking for in your faith journey.

You might also want to give our 9am New Beginnings Service a try one of these weeks. This service provides a less formal atmosphere for worship with music in a more contemporary style, but always the same message of hope and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Praise Team leads this service in music on a weekly basis.

I welcome any of your comments and suggestions and am always available to chat after the service once I done playing the Postlude. If you have an interest in what all the buttons and lights and knobs are on the organ, I am always willing to take a few minutes and give you a mini tour.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy".

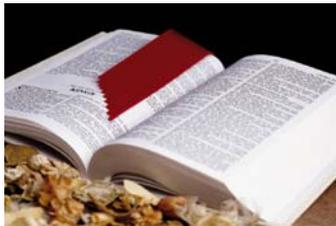




# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**All women of the church are Presbyterian women and are invited to participate in all our activities.**

**Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will continue the first and third Tuesday of each month through the winter session. February dates are the 4th and 18th.**



**P**resbyterian Women's Bible Study continues through the winter season. All studies start at 10:00am. and are about 1½ hours long with time for refreshments and fellowship. We will start a new study by Jeannie Allen called **Restless-Because you were made for more**. **Restless** explores the question "Do I matter?" The study will equip you to:

- Make sense of the seemingly random relationships and activities of life
- Redeem life's hurts and scars
- Place your story in context with God's greater story.

The study is designed specifically for women. It is a combination of video, discussion and biblical reference. Because the Cuzner home is undergoing renovations at this time, the study will be held in the Conference Room of the church. All women are welcome.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, WILL BE "BLANKET SUNDAY." YOUR DONATIONS WILL HELP PURCHASE BLANKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED.**



## VALENTINE TEA

We invite you to a Valentine Tea on **Saturday, February 8th at 11am**. Please bring a teapot if you have one, and sandwiches or a salad to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

## PRAYER SHAWL GATHERINGS



The prayer shawl group meets the second Monday of each month. Please join us when you can. Recently we've been making baby and child-size afghans for "Project Linus" - which gives them to children in need of a hug through a blanket. Come and join us and learn a new craft or just to socialize as we knit or crochet. Our next meeting will be **February 10th at 10am**.

## PRICELESS TREASURES TABLE



Presbyterian Women will be reinstating the "Treasures" table and would welcome donations of books, small household items, games and toys (no clothing, please)? Proceeds will be used for our mission projects. If you find a "Treasure" on the table that you would like to take home, just put your donation in the container provided.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your calendars for a picnic on **Saturday, March 12th** and a baby shower on **Saturday, April 12th** for the Pregnancy Care Line Center. It was a great success last year and very much appreciated.

## The Touch of Christ

Disability advocate Joni Eareckson Tada, a quadriplegic since a 1967 diving accident, is also a cancer survivor. Breast cancer "was a bruising of a blessing," she says, "because it helped us face our own mortality."

The "us" refers to Ken Tada, her husband of 30+ years. In *Joni and Ken: An Untold Love Story* (Zondervan), the couple shares how physical challenges have brought them closer to God and one another. During the "worst of all nights," when pneumonia ravaged Joni's chemotherapy-weakened body, she asked God to help her sense his presence.

As Joni summoned Ken for the third time that night, her prayers were answered. She "could feel the touch of Christ" while her husband ministered to her needs and offered encouraging words.

Spouses — and, indeed, all Christians — are called to be Jesus to one another. He says, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV).

SHARE JESUS  
WITH A  
FRIEND

## Love Gauge



In a ship's engine room, it's impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water remains. But running up beside it is a tiny glass tube that serves as a gauge. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full, the boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty.

Do you ask, "How do I know I love God? I believe I love him, but I want to know." Look at the gauge: Your love for other people is the measure of your love for God.

—S.S. Chronicle

## The ABCs of Love

Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:

Accepts	Notifies
Behaves	Overlooks
Comforts	Provides
Defends	Quiets
Empowers	Rejoices
Forgives	Supports
Grows	Tries
Helps	Understands
Invests	Volunteers
Joins	Welcomes
Listens	Yields
Mentors	adds Zest to life



# A WORD FROM THE WORD



Rev. Larry Yerger,  
Assistant Pastor

## The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:3-17

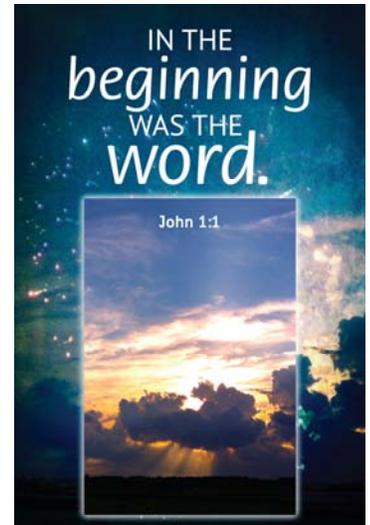
**W**hen I was a kid growing up, the Ten Commandments, in shorted form, were inscribed around the Sanctuary of the church where I was a member - five on one side and five on the other - and they were a regular reminder of what God calls us to be and do. The second of those commandments -

**You shall not make for yourself any graven image** - was one that was hard for me to understand. What did idols have to do with cemeteries (*per graven image*)? Once that issue was resolved, it seemed like maybe statues - and by extension photographs and paintings - were prohibited too; did that mean no TV? Comic books? Statues in parks? What does this whole graven image thing and why can't we have them mean?

The answer to all those questions begins with an answer to the last question and it lies in the "long form" of the commandment where, in addition to the production of a graven image, it clearly forbids the worship of such an idol. The function of art in the ancient world was aligned with religion, and very little 'art for art's sake' was produced; art was therefore almost entirely religious in nature and most often was a representation of a god/goddess or simple of divinity that would be worshipped. This worship of a manufactured object is the root need for this commandment. Only YHWH was to be worshipped (see Commandment #1) and false gods were not to be tolerated so, to be safe, all representational art was disallowed for the Hebrews: pretty colors, mosaics and the like were okay but no human or animal form (or imagined 'being' form) was permitted. This prohibition against representational art is almost unknown today, but it still shows up occasionally as when, several years ago, some ancient, artful statues of the Buddha were destroyed by the Taliban as target practice; they could not separate out art from worship.

This Commandment also applies to other things which we make into idols, not just carvings of wood or stone or paintings of a god. We make our jobs into idols, money into an idol, celebrities into idols; in fact, anything that you put at the center of your life instead of God is an idol. That is a danger we face every day, making something unworthy of worship the primary center of our being. God does not approve - or even tolerate - the presence of idols in His people and those of us who fall into the temptation of creating an idol for ourselves will suffer the consequences. Put aside whatever idols that you may 'worship' and keep God at the center of your being because God says (Ex. 20.6) ...I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

Blessings and peace...



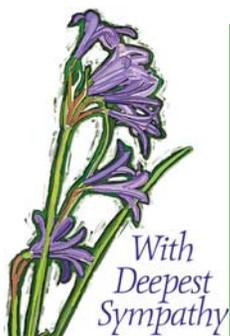


- Captain Ryan Hobert, Army-23rd Infantry, grandson of Mel & Rose Ann Hobert, 2nd deployment to Iraq.
- CW5 Donald L. Washabugh, Jr., Army, son of Don & Mary Anne Washabaugh, stationed in the Pentagon.
- Capt. John McPherson, Air Force, grand nephew of Marguerite O'Brien, stationed at Scott Air Force Base, IL.
- Capt. Ryan Swisher, Army Ranger, grandson of Fred & Rachel Pfaender, stationed at Ft. Hood, TX.
- 1st Lt. John Mock, Army, nephew of Steve & Joanie Mock, stationed at Ft. Benning, GA.
- Jacob K. Crockett, Army, grandson of Sam & Carol Crockett, stationed at Baylough, Afghanistan.
- Caleb Driggers, Army, step-grandson of Fred & Diane Tabert, stationed in South Korea.
- Staff Sgt. Sarah Blackburn, Air Force, stationed in Spokane, WA.
- Major Dave Peterson, Army, friend of Gail Thornton, stationed in Hawaii.
- Pvt. Alex Washabaugh, Army, grandson of Don & Mary Anne Washabaugh, stationed in Fort Benning, GA.

## Prayer for Our Military

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its people from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will towards all. Amen.

Do you have a family member serving in the military? If so, we'd like to add them to the newsletter prayer list. Fill out the form that's on the sign-up table in the church entrance and place in the HELMET or let the church office know.



### Our prayers and sympathy are shared with:

- † The Lindsey family on the passing of Richard Lindsey on December 21st.
- † The family and friends of Millie Drum who passed away December 22nd.
- † Nancy Parrish and family whose sister, Joan Graf, passed away over the Christmas holiday.

*"Because I live, you also will live."*

*John 14: 19b*

## PATTERNS AND LIGHT

SHADOWS  
EVERYWHERE  
CAST BY AN OBJECT  
REFLECTED BY LIGHT.

SHAPES FROM A WINDOW  
THROWN FROM ABOVE  
EVERYWHERE  
PATTERNS SENT TO US.  
BY GOD'S LOVE.

PATTERNS SURROUND US  
CAST BY GOD'S LIGHT  
WE SEE BEAUTY IN DARKNESS  
AND KNOW HE IS BRIGHT.

EYES FILLED WITH GLORY  
FOCUS AFAR  
SHADOWS AND LIGHT  
AS IF FROM A STAR.

SHADOWS FEEL SAD  
BUT THE LIGHT BEHIND  
IS OUR HOPE IN THE DARKNESS  
THAT ALL WILL BE FINE.

SHADOWS ARE BEAUTIFUL  
BEHIND THEM IS LIGHT  
SILHOUETTES OF GOD'S POWER  
TO MAKE EVERYTHING RIGHT.

—NANCY BEASOM

# THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

*The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. I Peter 4:7-8*

This is the 41st year since the court case of Roe vs Wade made way for legalized abortion of the pre-born. At the other end of the spectrum, comes euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide for elder folks. In March 2012, the Dutch government authorized use of mobile death squads, which are teams of doctors and nurses who make house calls to administer lethal drugs for euthanasia. Overall, 1 in 30 deaths in Holland are from euthanasia and include cancer patients as well as dementia and psychiatric patients. In Belgium the euthanasia deaths increased by 25% in the last year; in Washington state, assisted-suicides increased by 17%; while Oregon had a 30% increase in euthanasia since 2009. Meanwhile, Switzerland has seen a 700% increase in euthanasia cases since it became legal in 1942. Sure sounds like a slippery slope of a culture of death!

Here are some medical headlines and ideas:

1- The Affordable Care Act may not be so affordable. Again the slippery slope will affect all healthcare and Medicare in the future. PREVENTION is our best defense. I would be happy to help anyone seeking to make their life healthier. Just ASK!

2- Sometimes it makes sense to pay "out of pocket." I just had an MRI and was referred by my orthopedic surgeon to Partners Imaging Center of Port Charlotte. I self-paid \$200 for an MRI. This was cheaper than the allowed amount through my Aetna Insurance, where I have a \$10,000 deductible.

3- I often look to Canada to supply our medications. Dave was getting a 6-month supply of Celebrex for \$120 while in the U.S. we paid over \$100 for a 1-month supply. His knee injection of Synvisc was \$370 from Canada while in the U.S. it was \$1,300. I use Northwest Pharmacy.com or 1-866-539-5330.

4- The influenza season is in full swing. The number of deaths is mounting. Florida has less flu than 35 other states. It is not too late to get the vaccine. Remember the flu is transmitted through droplets when people with the flu talk, cough or sneeze. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. Less often, a person might also get the flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes or nose. Good hand washing is the best defense! Even cleaning off your grocery cart with alcohol wipes is a good idea. If you get fever, chills, body aches, headache, fatigue, cough, sore throat, runny nose or feel like you want to die, you surely have the flu. Contact your doctor immediately and he can prescribe an antiviral medication to lessen the severity of the flu and prevent pneumonia.

5- Afraid to have a colonoscopy, which is the gold standard to prevent colon cancer? Now there is an in-home test called fecal immunochemical test (FIT). This test checks for hidden blood in stool, a warning sign for polyps. Just take 2 stool samples to your lab or doctor. There is no prep; it's cheap and nearly as accurate as a colonoscopy. The catch is you need to do it yearly. If blood is found then you need a colonoscopy.

Because Jesus lives!  
Debbie Carney, RN, Parish Nurse,  
carneydeb@hotmail.com, 637-9389, 941-456-6804.



# MISSION MINISTRY NEWS



## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On **Sunday, February 2nd**, we will collect cans of soup and monies to celebrate “Souper Bowl Sunday” and benefit the hungry in Charlotte County. Please place your cans of soup in the large blue bin that is in the church entrance; there will be large soup pots for your many dollars. Thank you!

## HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL IN IMMOKALEE

### Migrants Needs

The migrants are in need of gently used blankets, sheets and towels. Blankets are especially needed for the cool nights, as most of the migrants sleep on the trailer floors or outside. This is one way we can show God's love for them. Towels are also sought after; it would be especially nice to be able to have those too. We will be collecting these things in the wicker basket in the narthex. Thank you for being so generous.

### Help Feed the Migrants

The Mission Team's next trip to Misión Peniel in Immokalee will be on **Friday, February 28th**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm. If you would like to volunteer with helping to serve the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore.



For we are God's fellow workers.  
You are God's field, God's building.  
1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV

### Rice and Pinto Beans

The **second Sunday of every month** we collect RICE and PINTO BEANS for the Immokalee migrants.

## BUTTER BRAID COFFEE CAKES



Have you purchased your Butter Braid Coffee Cake yet? They are great for a special morning treat or special dessert. You may purchase them Monday through Thursday in the church office or on Sunday morning from Dianne Sizemore. Laurel Aumend or Gail Thornton for \$12 each. For each one sold, \$5 goes to Crossroads AMI Kids.

Your Mission Team:

Dianne Sizemore, Chair, Laurel Aumend, Gail Thornton, Elaine and Bill Schultz,  
Nancy and Ron Beasom, Nancy Smith

**Your Mission Team needs more members  
Please pray about coming onboard  
Talk to Dianne Sizemore**

# FEBRUARY 2014 CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders - We pray for....

*The elderly, the infirm, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, the homebound and lonely, and all those who have requested our prayerful support.*

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

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Joan Hoffman
- 2 Archibald & Eleanor Hood
- 3 Bob & Jean Humphreys
- 4 Christina Hutchinson
- 5 Pat Ihrie
- 6 Jerry & Nancy Julius
- 7 Mary Kasbohm
- 8 Carl & Mary Kimberly
- 9 Joyce Kiskaddon
- 10 Betty Klotz
- 11 Art & Fran Koon

## FEBRUARY

- 12 Verner & Cheryl Laird
- 13 Ken & Lynda Lambert
- 14 Ernest & Deann Lehman
- 15 Cy & Marcia Ling
- 16 Connie Luther
- 17 Myles MacDonald
- 18 Steve MacDonald
- 19 Larry & Sue Mesler
- 20 Glee Miller
- 21 John & Joan Milligan
- 22 Steve & Joanie Mock

## FEBRUARY

- 23 Bruce & Mary Nielsen
- 24 Alma Norment
- 25 Edwina Norton
- 26 Robert & Eleanor Norton
- 27 Marguerite O'Brien
- 28 Jim & Marge Parks



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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 3—Richard Hill    | 20—Phyllis Richardson |
| 8—Veralou Scott   | 25—Arlene Gebel       |
| 16—Sharon Russell | 26—Dave Carney        |
| 17—Margie Smith   | 27—Stan Smith         |
| 20—Joe Cherny     | 28—Marcia Ling        |



# 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 March issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by **Monday, February 10th**.

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## WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

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

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## R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. BREAKFAST



R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Ot Someplace) and J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Joyful Understanding Ladies Inconspicuously Eating Together Someplace) will meet for breakfast at 8am at Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport on **Thursday, February 13th and 27th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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## ECO SHIRTS

First Presbyterian ECO shirts are available for a \$20 donation that will go to Missions. See Pastor Steve if you would like one.

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## EMAIL UPDATE

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

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## 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.

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, February 10th at 10am**.



## SPONSOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

**The cost to sponsor flowers for 2014 is \$37.** 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.

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## Actions Speak Loudly

Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



# BIBLE QUIZ



One theme of Epiphany is to share the gospel with others and lead them to faith. To whom did Jesus say, "Go therefore and make disciples"?

- A. Peter, James and John (his "inner circle")
- B. The women at the empty tomb
- C. A crowd, beside the Sea of Galilee
- D. The 11 disciples (Judas had committed suicide)



Answer: D (See Matthew 28:16-20.)



## 9 "Verses" That Aren't in the Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- "Money is the root of evil." (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.")
- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- "God helps those who help themselves." (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- "God moves in mysterious ways." (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- "Spare the rod, spoil the child." (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- "This, too, shall pass." (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin." (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- "Charity begins at home." (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- "God will never give you more than you can bear." (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)



# MEET OUR OFFICERS

## ELDERS

Nancy Beasom — Fellowship	505-9383
Joe Cherny — Administration	575-2186
Sharon Cuzner — Discipleship	637-1792
Joan Hoffman — Ministry	639-4907
Marguerite O'Brien — Administration	639-7226
Dianne Sizemore — Mission	743-5637
Gail Thornton — Clerk of Session	639-5510
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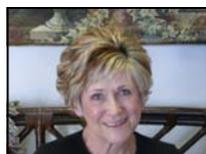
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