



The Messenger



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FLORIDA - ECO: A COVENANT ORDER OF EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIANS

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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 and click on the link "Watch services LIVE here" on our homepage.

MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor



We celebrated our first year anniversary in our new denomination, ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, on February 28th. It's hard to believe it's been a year and in that year we went from being one of 50+ churches to 109 churches, from being in the Presbytery of the East to now the Presbytery of Florida (POF) with 11 other churches with one more ready to join (the first meeting of the presbytery was February 1) and with about 140 churches in the process of joining ECO. New church plants have begun in Havana, Cuba

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and Berlin, Germany along with ones in North Carolina and Oregon. This is the beginning of God's Spirit moving within ECO. Church planting

is one of the primary missions of ECO. I was elected to serve on the Church Planting Team of the Presbytery of Florida (POF) and am excited about what the future holds for our presbytery and our church.

Our vision has been to 'go' into God's world with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. Witnessing isn't easy for most people and being verbal about our faith in Jesus can be quite intimidating. It takes time, energy and intentionality to reach the unbeliever with Jesus. Many of us find that at

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this stage of life it is too hard. One thing we can always do that witnesses to Jesus is to love people with His love. This is easier than verbally sharing our faith. Many of us are already doing this. Our actions will be our witness and can speak louder than words. But even loving with Jesus' love requires us to inform others that we love them because Jesus loves them. Loving others without acknowledging Jesus' role in our loving is just being nice to them, but not nice enough to let them know about the One who can save them from eternal death. When we love, we need to give Jesus the credit for our acts of love and kindness. That's witnessing in a less threatening way.

But what I've learned since participating first in the Fellowship of Presbyterians and now ECO is that the most effective way to reach the unbeliever is through planting of new churches. ECO has set a goal that by 2018 to have more baptisms (adult conversions to faith in Jesus) than funerals. Now given the age of our congregation, that goal seems unreasonable, but if we look at it from another way, a big picture way, we can see that we can play a part in reaching it. That way is through participating in helping church planters plant new churches. ECO and POF have a process to plant new churches that we can participate in, and doing so

enables us to be a part of reaching unbelievers for Jesus. And I'm not talking just financially, though that is a part of it.

Next month, I'll share with you how we can participate in church planting that doesn't break the bank and allows us to bless the church planting process while being blessed as well.

One of the comments made at the recent POF meeting that we all need to remember is that our focus is not being against certain ideologies, but we now stand for the new movement of God within ECO. Yes, we have left a past behind that we were ready to leave, but now we've embraced a future that the Spirit is leading. These are exciting times for us and for God's church. We are focused on God's kingdom and kingdom building. Continue to pray for ECO, for the Session and for me as we strive to discern the role God wants us to play in building His kingdom through the power of His Spirit.

In Christ,

Steve

Jesus, please open my eyes to people around me. Help me see the unique situation of someone to whom I can be a friend in Your Name.

S.H.A.P.E.

What is your SHAPE? Learn how to use the gifts God has given you.

In March, we will again offer **C.L.A.S.S. 301**. This is a small group study written by Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. In this study you will discover your **S.H.A.P.E.** – that is how your **S**pirit, **H**eart, **A**ptitude, **P**ersonality and **E**xperience help you to find and fulfill your unique purpose for life. The study is a combination video, discussion and study guide format. The study will consist of two hour sessions to be held on **Wednesday March 19th** and **March 26th at 10am** in the church Fellowship Hall. If you attended an earlier 301 session, a repeat can be beneficial. The course will be lead by Elder Sharon Cuzner. It is important to set aside time for both days. If you have questions, you may call the church or Elder Sharon Cuzner at 637-1792.

SESSION NOTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 17TH SESSION

1. Received DeAnn & Ernie Lehman and Glee Miller as new Covenant Partners.
2. Decision was made to move all affiliate members to Covenant Partners. ECO does not have an affiliate member category, but allows people to be members of multiple churches. Membership is 110 as of 2/17/14.
3. All the Bible studies are going well.
4. The Session Operations Manual is to be updated by next meeting.
5. Session's overall goal for 2014, which was established at the Session Retreat is:
 - "Educate the congregation on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit and help them to understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ."
 - Each ministry team is setting goals to help accomplish this.

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

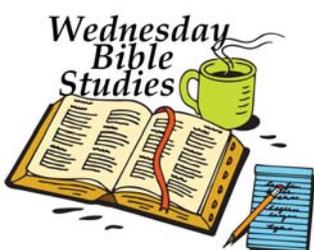
Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session

EASTER LILIES



We will be decorating the church with Easter lilies again this year. If you would like to donate one in remembrance or honor of a loved one, please use the offering envelopes on the back table of the sanctuary, or call the church office. Suggested donation is \$7 for each lily. **A special insert will be published, so we need your envelope returned by Monday, April 7th.**

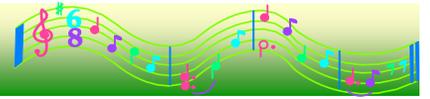
10AM BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. LARRY YERGER



Now that we have concluded our six-week look at evangelism through the GO FISH DVD series, we will again be embarking on a Biblical journey through the Gospel of Mark. This study will begin **Wednesday, February 26th at 10am** in the Conference Room of the church. You are invited to attend regardless of your depth in Scriptural knowledge or previous experience in Bible study. Don't be shy - we like questions and run down many a 'rabbit trail' in our study. So come give us a try - we are all family here.



MUSIC NOTES



Have you viewed the Church's website lately? Are you aware of all the ways you can stay connected with your Church even when you are out of the area?

First, let me talk about the Church's website. On the website you can find Sunday's bulletins, audio files of several weeks of sermons and a link where you can watch each of the services on Sunday morning live and in color. You can also view several weeks of services on the website as well. So if you are out of town or just recovering from a Yankee cold, you can still worship with us every Sunday (technology permitting).

We also have a private FACEBOOK page where I upload each week's special music for the Choir and Praise Team. Occasionally I have a video presentation to upload also. To join the page you will need to email me at rpcl220@me.com so I can add you to the site. You must already have a FACEBOOK page in order to be added to the Church site. Once added, you can post comments about the music or the Church in general.

All the music can be downloaded to your computer and burnt to a CD if you know how to do

that. A CD of the music is great to share with family, friends, or potential new members.

Technology is a wonderful thing, when it works, and it provides all our members and friends a great way to stay in touch with the Church. Please take advantage of these resources as a way to stay connected even if you miss Sunday morning worship.

As you may have noticed, we have added four new singers to our Choir. We thank God that He has led these new servants to our Choir and know each one will enhance the worship leadership of our Choir. It's an honor to lead this Choir.

I welcome any of your comments and suggestions and am always available to chat after the service. Or you can email me at rpcl220@me.com with any of your comments.



In Christ,

"Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!"

Children often see things that adults miss. My 8-year-old son often peers out the window first thing in the morning, as likely on a rainy day as a sunny one, to proclaim, "It's a beea-YOU-tiful day!"

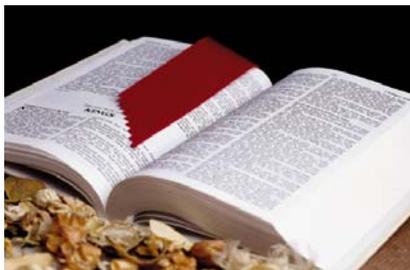
Spring varies greatly, from chilly to warm, from rain to sun, from slush and mud to newly green grass and budding plant life. Our lives vary too, of course, between easier days and harder ones, times of relaxation and hours of stress. What if we approached it all with childlike confidence? — that, no matter what comes, life is beautiful because God walks beside us the whole way.



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. March dates are the 4th and 18th and will return to the home of Robert and Sharon Cuzner



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study continues through March and April. Our March meeting dates are the 4th and 18th. All studies start at 10am and are about 1½ hours long with time for refreshments and fellowship. We will continue a study specifically geared to women by Jennie Allen. It is a combination video, study guide and discussion course entitled ***Restless- because you were made for more.***

In this eight-session study, you will look at the life of Joseph and see how his passions, relationships, and suffering fit into the greater story of God – and how your story can do the same. You will walk through a practical plan to identify the threads of your life and how to intentionally weave them together for God's glory and purposes. The study meets in the home of Sharon and Robert Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, PGI. All women are welcome. If you need directions or have questions, call Sharon at 637-1792.

PICNIC



All women of the church are invited to a picnic on **March 8th at 11am** at the home of Kay Callahan. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be furnished. Please bring a salad or a side dish for the table. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church entrance. We hope you can attend this fun event.

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 **March 10th at 10am.**

PRICELESS TREASURES TABLE



The "Treasures" table has been set up for donations. As always, this is a fundraiser for Presbyterian Women to be used for mission projects. We welcome donations of books, small household items, games, CDs, etc. (no clothing, please). 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 baby shower on **Saturday, April 12th** for the Pregnancy Care Line Center. Last year's event was a great success and we are hoping that this year's will be the same. A crib will be set up in which you can put your baby articles. Someone from Pregnancy Care Line Center will be here to talk to us that day.

A WORD FROM THE WORD

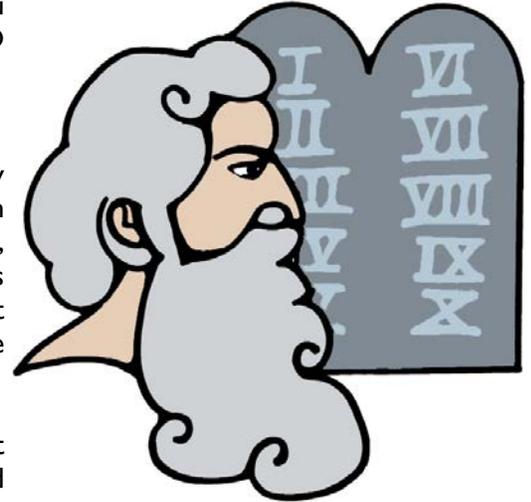


Rev. Larry Yerger,
Assistant Pastor

The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:3-17

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT - You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

Ever thought about what this really means? It is obviously, a prohibition against swearing (in the vein of “cussing”, but it also means swearing an oath in falsehood). As Christians, this command now also includes using the name of Jesus Christ inappropriately. You might say, “Well, that’s easy enough to do - not ‘take the Lord’s name in vain’ for me” - but is it? Really?



Think about it...every time you give out an expletive word, what does that expletive mean? The word ‘gosh’ for instance is just a morphed word for God when used as an expletive, an attempt to ‘cleanup’, or,

rather, circumvent the Third Commandment. The same is true of the word ‘darn’ if not used to describe the mending of clothing, though the word ‘darn’ replaces ‘damn’ is not using the Lord’s name wrongly (unless in combination with God’s name). Likewise, you often hear folks use the word ‘heck’ (again, not the Lord’s name) when trying to cleanup their speech when they actually mean something else.

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THE LORD, YOUR GOD

“You shall
not take
the name of
the LORD
your God
in vain...”

Exodus 20:7

The bottom line of this commandment is not necessarily what you verbalize (that is really important too), but what you are thinking when you verbalize an expletive meant to replace God’s name. This is a game that we play with ourselves, trying to be our own masters, and in some ways, trying to ‘push the envelope’ with God. We always try to ‘get around’ the things that God wants us to do - or not do - and these word-exchanges are just another example. So think about that the next time you speak out an expletive-type statement - what are you really saying/doing with your thoughts and your speech?

Blessings and peace...

P.S. - Other words and phrases that we label ‘filthy language’ are not necessarily a violation of the Third Commandment, but those words and phrases are language unbecoming for a Christian who is a representative of God in this world - but that is another article.....



- 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.
- 1st Lt. Eric Engstrom, Army, son of Alan Engstrom, stationed in Afghanistan.

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.

HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY SPIRIT OF
THE TRIUNE GOD
CONSISTENT POWER WITHIN
AS ON THIS EARTH WE TROD.

HOLY SPIRIT
DOWN FROM ABOVE
FEED US WITH
YOUR HEAVENLY LOVE.

HOLY SPIRIT
FROM DEEP WITHIN
POWER TO HEAL
OUR SMALLEST SIN.

LEAD US ON
TO SIGHTS UNSEEN
WASH US SO THAT
WE ARE CLEAN.

POWER THAT SHOWS
IN FACES BRIGHT
SHINING THROUGH
AS HEAVENLY LIGHT.

HOLY SPIRIT
YOUR STRENGTH AGLOW
SEND US FORWARD
WITH SEEDS TO SOW.

HOLY SPIRIT
DISCERNMENT CLEAR
CONTROLLING POWER
WE NEVER FEAR.

HOLY SPIRIT
HIS TRIUMPH INSIDE
LET OUR FELLOWSHIP
WITH HIM ABIDE.

HOLY SPIRIT - PERFECT TRUTH
COMFORTER AND ADVOCATE
EMPOWER OUR LIVES
LIVING GOD CLOSE AT OUR SIDES.

HOLY SPIRIT
BRIGHT AND STRONG
LIFTING US DAILY
WITH YOUR SONG.

— NANCY BEASOM

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The king will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:37-40

We may think working for the Lord needs to be about doing something big. We discount the importance of a kind word or smile to an overworked cashier or to another person in the grocery store. For some folks, their only contact with others may be in that particular grocery store. Loneliness is truly a reality in the 21st century. Opportunities abound, be it Misi3n Peniel or serving a hot meal for the underprivileged, to be God's hands and feet in this world.

Thank you to the 18 people who took the CPR course at the church. These folks are all around the church, ready at the drop of a hat to help in an emergency. Pastor Steve and Pastor Larry took the refresher course as well. The rest of the congregation could be of help, if they know where the telephones are located, as well as the defibrillator (AED). In case of emergency, you might help out by calling 911 or bringing the defibrillator to the scene. The defibrillator is located outside the Fellowship Hall to the left in the white box attached to the wall. Do check it out the next time you come to church.

Last year, on my quest to find an answer to my GI problem, I had an appointment with a surgeon, Dr. Joe Butler, who specializes in the gastrointestinal system. I received general information that everyone gets on their first visit stating:

Dr. Butler recommends you take good care of your colon by eating plenty of fiber. You need 25/30 grams of fiber daily.

- METAMUCIL – ITBSP in 8 ounces of water daily for the rest of your life. Use the “no sugar added” orange flavored Metamucil.
- A good source of fiber is Shredded Wheat Cereal, Fiber One Cereal or All Bran Cereal.
- Remember to drink more fluids when increasing the amount of fiber in your diet. Gradually work up the increased amount of fiber in your diet.

Facts about fiber:

- Fiber keeps stool soft and keeps the contents of the intestine moving.
- Americans consume about 10% of the fiber they used 100 years ago.
- Bran has the highest fiber content - about 25-45%.

Fiber can absorb large amounts of water in the bowel, and this makes stools softer and easier to pass. Anyone starting a higher fiber diet will notice a difference in stool bulk.

In most cases, increasing fiber in the diet will relieve constipation within hours or days. Because stools are easier to pass, less straining is necessary, and this can help relieve hemorrhoids. Fiber can help prevent certain diseases, including cancer, diabetes, heart disease (high cholesterol and high blood pressure) and diverticular disease. Fiber can keep weight under control and appetite in check.

Back in the 1980's when I worked at Buffalo General Hospital's ICU, we had a patient named Frank for many months. Frank was on a ventilator and tube-fed and as a result had liquid stools. We started giving him Metamucil daily and his stools became NORMAL. That made the nurses and the patient very happy.

Get a LIST of high fiber foods in the church on the table near *The Messenger*.



Because Jesus lives!

Deborah Carney, RN, Parish Nurse, carneydeb@hotmail.com, 637-9389, 456-6804

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

At the February Session meeting, the following were received as members of our church family



DeANN & ERNIE LEHMAN grew up in Iowa City, Iowa and still reside there six months of the year. Both were in the retail business for 36 years. DeAnn enjoys gardening, especially growing flowers. Ernie enjoys fishing and watching any sports event from the University of Iowa. They both are elders in the Presbyterian church; DeAnn is also a deacon and Stephen Minister. They have two sons, E.J. and Scott.



GLEE MILLER grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan and was a preschool teacher for 13 years there. She has two sons, Max Jr. and Michael. She enjoys oil painting, music, sewing and gardening. Glee is part owner of an R.V. Park in South Haven, Michigan, where she resides from May through October.

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The Dunnemans

Reg and Gretchen provided an enjoyable Sunday afternoon concert full of old-time classic hymns like "How Great Thou Art" and "It Is Well With My Soul," as well as a variety of new and old Southern Gospel treats. The show stopper was Gretchen's performance of "The Holy City!" If you missed this great performance, check it out on our website.

FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA (ECO)

On February 1, 2014 Pastors Steve Mock and Larry Yerger with elders Joan Hoffman and Gail Thornton attended the very first meeting of the Presbytery of Florida of our new denomination ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians at First Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach, Florida. Eleven churches comprise the new presbytery, from Lakes & Hills Covenant Church in Leesburg, FL to Kirk of the Keys in Marathon, FL. Rev. Arnold B. “Lucky” Arnold was chosen as the moderator of the presbytery, taking the reigns from John Terech who had been the moderator of the Presbytery of the East of ECO. There are now nine presbyteries that comprise ECO. It was a wonderful gathering of ministers and elders who share in the same vision ‘to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ’ and the same passion ‘to seek and to save the lost’. There are presently 112 churches in ECO and we anticipate reaching 250 congregations by the end of the year. The level of excitement permeated the whole gathering.



Rev. Lucky Arnold, moderator of Presbytery of Florida, preaching at worship service



John Terech, former moderator of the east (ECO) and newly installed moderator of the Presbytery of Florida, Rev. Lucky Arnold taking over leading the first meeting of the Presbytery of Florida (ECO)



Rev. Keith Case, church planter for ECO, sharing his experiences and vision of church planting

MISSION MINISTRY NEWS



Separating a troubled past
from a bright future.

Volunteer Opportunities:
Cooking in the kitchen, tutoring, vocational help, pottery, gardening, game night, birthday parties, pizza parties, recreation with the kids on campus, music, boating/fishing, and mentoring.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is a flyer in the church entrance with detailed information about the above opportunities.

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, March 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.

Rice and Pinto Beans

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

REMEMBER TO FILL THE BLUE BIN

Remember to donate food to the blue bin each Sunday. We would appreciate a can of soup, or peanut butter and jelly, or any other item of your choice to feed the people of Charlotte County,

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; Nancy and Ron Beasom; Georgia Cherny; Sharon Russell and Richard Beck; Elaine and Bill Schultz; Nancy Smith; Gail Thornton

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

MARCH 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

1 Pat & Mary Ann Patterson	12 Barbara Ryan	23 Mae Snyder
2 Bruce & Myrna Peters	13 Charles Sampsel	24 Craig Stephens
3 Dick & Donna Peterson	14 Bill & Elaine Schultz	25 Mary Stones
4 Fred & Rachel Pfaender	15 Walter & Veralou Scott	26 Sarah Stones
5 Don & Joyce Rebholz	16 Barbara Shinn	27 Betty Stroth
6 David & Milanne Richards	17 Dave & Ella Sifferd	28 Anne Swift
7 Ed & Phyllis Richardson	18 Lorraine Sisson	29 Fred & Diane Tabert
8 Thomas & Shirley Richey	19 Dianne Sizemore	30 Gail Thornton
9 Gayle Rosa	20 Andrew & Nancy Smith	31 Larrie & Marjorie Tisdale
10 Jack & Patricia Rothley	21 Gerald & Margie Smith	
11 Sharon Russell & Richard Beck	22 Stan Smith	



10—Don Washabaugh 19—Marjorie Tisdale

	Years
3—Robert & Sharon Cuzner	43
8—Larry & Andrea Yerger	34
26—Gerald & Margie Smith	48

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 17th**.

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.

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, March 13th and 27th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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.

EMAIL UPDATE

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

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, March 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.

Holding Us Together

As evangelist Louie Giglio was winding down a Passion Movement tour in Texas, a molecular biologist came up to introduce himself. Giglio mentioned he was heading home to Atlanta to preach some sermons about the glory of God in the human body.

When the scientist discovered that Giglio still needed a big "hook" for the talks, he began describing laminin, a cell-adhesion molecule that holds the body's membranes together. The scientist encouraged Giglio to go home and look up laminin on the Internet.

When the image appeared on his screen, Giglio was amazed. The molecule that literally holds people together is in the shape of a cross! Giglio immediately thought of Paul's words about Jesus in Colossians 1:17 — "in him all things hold together."

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
Diane Truby — Worship	637-7407
Don Washabaugh — Worship	255-8616
Dave Woods — Administration	456-4876

DEACONS

Debbie Carney — Parish Nursing	637-9389
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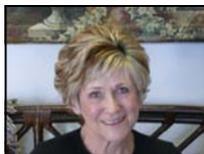
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