

Palm City Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4/2**Maundy Thursday**

Communion Service

7:00 PM in the HFLC

4/3**Good Friday**

Tenebrae Service

7:00 PM in the sanctuary

4/5**Easter Sunday**

8:20 & 11:00 AM

Traditional Worship

9:30 AM

Contemporary Worship

“Why Does a Bunny Give Eggs?” and Other Profound Religious Questions

by David C. Mauldin

One Easter Sunday, a mom brought her son to me and said that he had a question to ask me. I love questions, especially from children. I love explaining the Bible and the Christian faith, so I always welcome questions. This one, however, caught me off guard. “Why,” he asked me, “does the Easter bunny give eggs? Rabbits are mammals. They don’t lay eggs. Why isn’t it an Easter chicken? Or, if it is a bunny, why doesn’t he give something else?” You’ve got to admit: it is a good question.

My answer was, “Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. Not everyone believes in Jesus, but they want to celebrate too. So, they make Easter about something else. It is really about the new life God gives us both now and after we die. They make it about the new life that begins in the spring when plants bloom and animals are born. Rabbits have a lot of kittens—baby rabbits are called kittens—so the bunny is a symbol of fertility. Same with eggs. These are symbols of new life, but they miss the really good news of Easter that Jesus rose from the dead.”

“Yes,” he said, “but why does a bunny give *eggs*?” I said, “Well, the custom of dying eggs began long ago with Christians in Persia. They originally dyed them all red as a reminder that Jesus shed his blood for us on the cross. Then the custom spread to Christians in Russia and Europe. As our culture became more secular, the custom was maintained without the meaning.”

“OK,” he replied, getting a little impatient, “but why does a *bunny* give eggs?”

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I said, “Well, the Easter bunny originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. Back then, he was kind of like Santa Claus, giving treats to good girls and boys. Treats like candy and eggs. Back then, eggs were more of a treat than they are today.”

“I see,” he said slowly, the wheels of his mind turning. “But why did they make him a bunny if he gives eggs?”

“You know,” I told him, “these things don’t always make sense.”



Everyone needs a nemesis, and for years the Easter bunny was mine. Because I am so passionate about the gospel, I resent the hollow, secular version of Easter. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus! I suppose I ought to be thankful that those outside the church mark Easter as a special occasion, because that gives us a chance to say, “Hey, here’s what it’s really about!” Kids who don’t go to church might come to an Easter Egg hunt and at least hear the good news. If Easter were unknown outside the church, we would lose that opportunity.

Nevertheless, the pastel colors, the bunnies, and all the symbols of secular Easter irritate me. They do not bother me now as much as they did when I was younger. I have mellowed a bit now that I’ve settled firmly into middle age. But they still bother me. Part of the reason is that this ought to be about Jesus and they’re making it about something else. But that’s only

part of the reason. The other part is this: The secular version of Easter mimics the true meaning of Easter but denies its power.

Why does a bunny give out eggs? Because, as I told that inquisitive young man, both represent fertility. Bunnies have lots of kittens, and eggs hatch into chicks. If you are going to celebrate life and renewal of life in a non-religious way, you need symbols of fertility. Springtime, green grass, and flowers also contribute to the theme. Secular Easter is about life and new beginnings, which these symbols represent well.

This meaning approaches the true meaning of Easter. The resurrection of Jesus means for us new life and new beginnings. In a superficial way, the secular and Christian ideas of Easter seem similar. But are they?

The secular version of Easter misses the critical ingredient of the true meaning: namely, the power of God. The secular version points only to the natural renewal of life. In the springtime, grass begins to grow, flowers bloom, and cute little animals are born. That’s great. Maybe it is inspiring. But it is all very routine and predictable. And natural. After winter comes spring. Old things die, but new things are born. The cycle of life continues.

I have nothing against all that. In fact, I am thankful for it. I see God’s hand behind it. I can even see why non-believers would find something in it to celebrate.



Nevertheless, the Christian understanding of Easter is different and far more powerful.

In an essay on Easter, Dietrich Bonhoeffer observed that the resurrection of Jesus came “as a miracle from on high—not, like spring, according to a fixed law, but out of the incomparable freedom and power of God, which shatters death.” That’s the true meaning of Easter, and it’s precisely what’s missing in the secular version. God the Father looks at the dead body of Jesus and says, “No! Death will not win!” God looks at the whole physical creation and says, “That’s mine! I claim it!”

In the natural world, the cycle of life, death, and the renewal of life goes on—until someday death finally wins. The message of Easter is that God gives life where there is no life. Death will not win. Easter is not about a routine system of things. It is about God’s power breaking in with the force of a thunderbolt. In one mighty act of love and power, God broke the cycle and changed everything. Death, in the memorable words of C. S. Lewis, “started working backwards.”

The death and resurrection of Jesus are the most important event in history. Bunnies are cute and eggs are nice, but they hardly do justice to the grand theme of resurrection to eternal life! Easter is earthquakes and trumpet blasts and fear turned to confusion turned to unspeakable joy. Pastel colors and little chocolates are not enough.

Go ahead and hunt eggs and eat candy. (You don’t hear me complaining about the candy!) Wear pastels. Decorate with springtime flowers. But realize that these are but shadows of what Easter is really about. Come to worship. Sing the great hymns. Hear the story once again. Above all, rejoice and praise God. The new life we have in Christ is not something we could have expected as a matter of course. It is the surprising gift of God’s grace. Like the resurrection of Jesus, it comes to us out of the blue.

The Father raised the Son by the power of the Spirit, and with that same power he claims us as his own and gives us the promise of life, abundant and eternal. Hallelujah!

Sounds of Serendipity

Piano concert featuring

Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin

Sunday, May 3 @ 4:00 p.m.

Save the date for an afternoon of enchanting melodies with acclaimed Canadian pianist Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin as she takes us on an exhilarating musical journey! You’ll hear a surprising range of musical delights, including classical masterpieces, catchy tunes of pop and ragtime, soulful notes of tango, patriotic melodies, and familiar favorites from Broadway and movies. This free event is open to the community and will be held in the sanctuary.





Christ Is Risen!

by Pastor Bryan Wenger

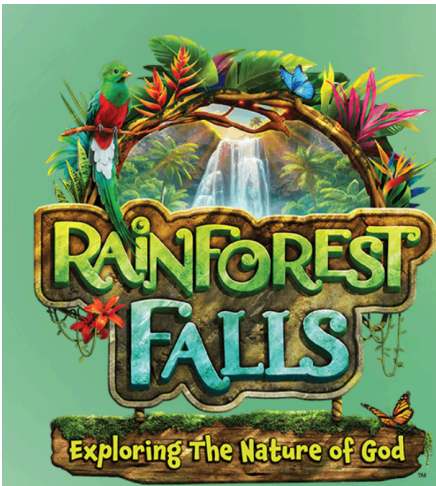
Dear PCPC Family and Friends,

As April begins this year, it brings us as followers of Jesus to the foot of the cross, with the reality that our Lord was indeed “crucified, dead and buried,” and most certainly the hope, truth, and power of celebrating the Resurrection together as the Body of Christ, affirming with one heart and voice, “Christ is Risen, He is Risen in Indeed!” My prayer for us this Easter, whether you worship at 8:20, 9:30, or 11:00 a.m., or with family or friends in another part of the country/world, is that the Holy Spirit will confirm in the depths of our souls that we all are ONE in Christ Jesus our Lord!

The Apostle Paul refers to the sinful nature in each of us, and it sets us on a course of death and eternal separation from God. Don’t try to redeem this nature by your own efforts. You won’t succeed. A person’s only hope is to be created anew, which is a gift by the grace of God. As Ephesians 2:1-10 reminds us, this new creation takes place when we believe in Jesus. I trust you will be grateful for the gift of faith in Jesus that the Holy Spirit leads us to believe and understand, for the glory of the Father in heaven. Oh, how much Jesus loves us that the redeeming work of Calvary was always in sight, despite our self-centered ideas and sinful actions. This is the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul also reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15, “**Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**”

I hope you will join me and take time during the Easter season this year to spend prayer time rejoicing in the powerful reality that “Because He lives, we can face tomorrow!”



Vacation Bible School June 8-12, 2026

Join us at *Rainforest Falls* VBS, where kids plunge into an adventure of discovering the nature of God. It will be a fun week full of new discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith! Learn more and sign up on our website.



Becoming a Giver:

Five Questions That Shape a Life of Stewardship

by PCPC's Stewardship Team

Choosing to give is one of the most meaningful steps in following Christ. Stewardship is not simply about money—it's about trust, discipleship, and learning to reflect God's generous heart. These five questions help new givers understand where to begin and encourage all of us to continue growing in generosity.

Where Do I Start?

Every journey begins with the first step. For many givers, the best place to start is not with a specific amount but a commitment to consistency. Giving regularly—whether weekly, biweekly, or monthly—creates a rhythm that trains the heart to trust God. Start with a plan, start with purpose, and let faithfulness shape the habit.

What Are the Different Forms of Giving?

Generosity takes many forms, and each one reflects a different aspect of God's character. Financial giving includes tithes, offerings, and direct support to those in need. But giving also extends beyond finances. Giving our time, skills, encouragement, hospitality, and service are all expressions of generosity. When we broaden our understanding of giving, we discover more opportunities to bless others and serve God's purposes.

Am I Willing to Shift My Mindset from Myself to Others?

Generosity calls us to examine our hearts. It challenges our natural instinct to hold tightly to what we have and invites us to trust God more deeply and to see our resources as tools for His purposes. This shift does not happen all at once, but, rather, it is a gradual transformation. As we give, our hearts learn to release, to trust, and to love more freely. It's a gradual change from "What do I lose?" to "What can God do through me?"

Why 10%?

The principle of tithing—giving 10%—is rooted in scripture as a pattern for God's people. Ten percent is significant enough to require faith, yet practical enough for most. In addition, it helps us reorder our priorities and acknowledge that everything we have ultimately belongs to God. If you are new to the church and to the concept of stewardship, you may choose to start at something less than 10% and then grow to that level. Tithing reminds us that everything we have belongs to God and helps us keep our priorities centered on Him.

Am I Committed to a Lifelong Practice of Giving?

Stewardship is not a one-time decision but a lifelong practice. As we grow in generosity, it strengthens our trust in God and aligns our hearts with His mission. Giving may stretch us at times, but it also shapes who we are becoming. The question shifts from "Can I afford to give?" to "Who am I becoming as I give?" Over time, giving becomes not just something we do—it becomes part of who we are.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

... remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35





Care Net Banquet

by Marlene Boobar, PCPC Liaison

Care Net of the Treasure Coast is one of the local missions our church supports. Each year, Care Net hosts a banquet at the MidFlorida Event Center in Port St. Lucie, and PCPC was honored to be represented on Thursday, March 5. It was a wonderful evening!

The 2026 event theme was *No Matter How Small*, a meaningful reminder of our call as Christ followers to support life. One of the highlights of the evening was hearing from a young mother who chose life and shared how Care Net supported her through a very difficult season. We had the joy of meeting both her and her beautiful son, a testament to how Care Net continues to walk alongside mothers even after their children are born. It's clear that Care Net is more than a place of services—it's a compassionate, life-giving ministry, and we at PCPC are grateful to support it.

This year's speaker, Dr. William Lile—often called the “Pro-Life Doc”—spoke about the incredible advances in medicine and technology. Even in the womb, babies can now receive complex, life-saving procedures, including heart and spine surgeries. Truly, no matter how small, every life is valuable and worthy of care—what a miracle!

Looking ahead, Care Net will host its annual Baby Bottle Campaign from May 10 through June 21 (between Mother's Day and Father's Day). They will also hold the Walk for Life on Saturday, October 10.

We encourage everyone to participate as we continue to support this vital ministry. Whether it is one of the global or local missions that PCPC supports financially, we do our best to partner with each of them in prayer and, when possible, by being present.



Philippines Update

by Susan Hastings, PCPC Liaison

Pastor Edgar Tacata and his wife, Sister Regie, are missionaries we support in Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines. This couple has made such a difference not only through their church, Bible Baptist Church of Tacloban, but also by ministering to outlying communities.

They travel to different churches to conduct Sunday school teacher training and leave Bible study materials with each new group. This is far-reaching as the groups spread and grow throughout the region. Each year, they conduct a gift-giving campaign and give Christmas gifts to children in need.

Last year, they went on a mission trip to the Islands of Samar to spread the gospel to unreached people. They stayed four days and gave school supplies to 50 children and grocery items to their parents. They plan on returning this summer to train leaders to work with children and youth, teaching them to share the gospel with others and reach more souls for Jesus.

This year, funds sent to the Tacatas from PCPC will be used for:

- Offering daily vacation Bible school during the summer
- Feeding programs for children
- Hosting a full-day prayer retreat for pastors on May 4
- Purchasing a new guitar and laptop for the church
- Repairing their Sunday school room
- Conducting a mission trip to another island
- Hosting an evangelistic youth camp



Widows Club Luncheon

by Marlene Boobar

The Widows Club gathered in Langill Hall for a bit of blarney and some good ol' fashioned Irish bread on Friday, March 20. We enjoyed a meal and were entertained with some Irish music by the very talented Shannon Harrell.

This group meets monthly for a meal, a movie, or an event. The goal is fellowship! All widows are invited to come and enjoy the camaraderie and make new friends. Watch for information about future gatherings that will be posted to our website's Upcoming Events page and/or in an email. To be added to our contact list, please email me at marleneboobar@hotmail.com.



Saturday, April 4
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

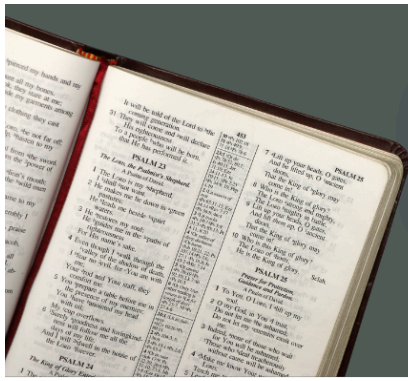
Join us in Langill Hall as we celebrate Easter and extend a warm welcome to Jean Wenger, the wife of Pastor Bryan. We invite you to wear your favorite Easter bonnet and enjoy a festive afternoon filled with lovely refreshments and an inspiring message from our guest speaker. There is no cost to attend. **Please RSVP on our website or by calling the church.**

PLANT YOUR ROOTS

Anyone wishing to learn more about PCPC is invited to our upcoming **New Members Class on Sunday, May 17, at 12:15 p.m.** Join our pastors in Langill Hall as they give a brief overview of the church and our beliefs. Learn about ways to get involved and meet others who are new to the congregation. A light lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP on our [website](#) or by calling the church office.

Grow with us
IN CHRIST

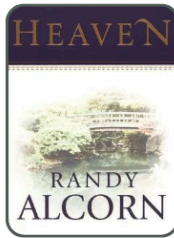




BIBLE STUDY

Groups & Classes

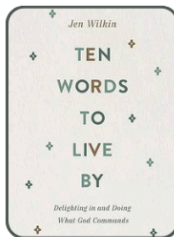
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Adult Sunday School

This co-ed class, facilitated by Mike Jones (mjonesas@comcast.net), is looking at *Heaven*, a comprehensive guide to everything the Bible says about our eternal home. Learn more about this video series and find class handouts on our website. All are welcome in the library every Sunday.

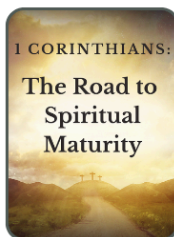
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Women's Bible Study

This group is studying *Ten Words to Live By*, by Jen Wilkin. In this study, we will take a fresh look at the Ten Commandments, showing how they affect our lives today as we seek to love God and others, and to live in a joyful freedom. Learn to see the law of God not as a burden, but as a feast for your famished soul. The study will be held in the library through June 17. Please contact Cathy Coco (cococat17@aol.com) with any questions.

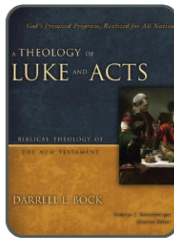
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1 Corinthians: The Road to Spiritual Maturity

The Christians in Corinth had a problem: spiritual immaturity. The culture around them did not make it easy. In this class, we will study Paul's first letter to them, focusing on growth in our faith as we explore this rewarding letter. Join Pastor David and Elder John Nelson for this insightful class on the book of 1 Corinthians. It will be held weekly through April 29 in Langill Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Each class will feature teaching, followed by small group discussion. See our [website](#) for more details, the class plan, and recordings.

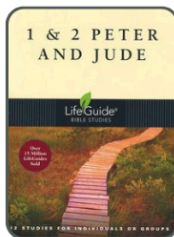
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Men's Bible Study

Join us for an hour of fellowship, study, and discussion in Langill Hall. A light breakfast and coffee is served. Our current study is focused on the books of Luke and Acts. We're looking at who Jesus was, what he did, why he came, and our role in his plan. The video series, featuring New Testament scholar Darrell Bock, PhD., helps bring the meaning of Luke's gospel into our current daily lives.

THURS
9:30 AM



Women's Bible Study

This group is studying the books of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude using a relatable LifeGuide study by Carolyn Nystrom. This series looks at how God provides direction and comfort through all stages of life and what it takes to be mature in Christ. The books are available for purchase at the church office for \$8 each. This 12-week class will end on June 4. Please contact Sallie Snyder with questions at salliesnyder@gmail.com. This class meets in Langill Hall.



Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff

It is with a heavy heart that our church family says goodbye to Dr. La Barbara Chenault, who has been a steady voice, a quiet strength, and a passionate advocate for the next generation.

For years, her heart for children and students has shaped the life of this church in ways that will continue long after this moment. She didn't just care about children and students—she championed them. She saw potential where others saw uncertainty. She believed in young people, prayed for them, encouraged them, and reminded all of us that the future of the church is worth our very best. Because of her, seeds of faith have been planted in countless lives. Some of those seeds are already bearing fruit, and many more will in the years ahead. That kind of legacy cannot be measured—it can only be celebrated with gratitude.

She showed us what it looks like to live a life of quiet obedience, consistent love, and deep trust in the Lord. Her absence will be felt, but her example will continue to guide and inspire us.

La Barbara, until we see you again, thank you for the countless ways you have served, led, and loved. Thank you for believing in me and in our Next Generation ministry. And thank you for reminding us that ministry is not just about programs, but about people. “You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7)

Abide Kids on Sunday Mornings



Beginning on Palm Sunday, our **preschool unit**, *Topher's Easter Seek and Find*, invites kids to search for hidden Easter story pictures placed within a Bible scene by Topher the Gopher. As they find each image,

they'll piece together the greatest story ever told—the story of a love stronger than death.

Our **elementary class** began their *Seek and Find* series in mid-March. Through searching for hidden items in Big Bible Story scenes, kids will uncover the full picture of the Easter story and gain a deeper understanding of what it means to have a relationship with Jesus, the risen Savior.

After an Easter lesson on the disciples following Christ's resurrection, our **Next Level preteen ministry** will dive into Jonah, where we see God's saving power at work and His endless mercy drawing people to Himself.



Seeds of Faith

I have many memories of the hours I spent in worship services with my mother and grandmother. Each time the offering plate came around, someone would also give me a dollar or two to contribute. In partnership with our stewardship team, we're excited to continue growing a heart of generosity in our children through a simple but meaningful weekly opportunity. **Each week, kids are invited to bring an offering and**

participate in stewardship in ways that help them see they can make a real difference.

To make this even more engaging, children can choose where their giving goes—supporting our Next Generation ministries, caring for needs within our church family, or helping provide food and resources to families around the world. This hands-on approach helps kids connect their generosity to real impact and understand that giving is an act of worship.

Our hope is to partner with families in raising children who trust God, give joyfully, and recognize that everything we have is a gift from Him. Thank you for encouraging your child to take part in this important step of faith each week!

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School: June 8-12



VBS is right around the corner. This year's theme is *Rainforest Falls*, where kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. It will be a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in faith!

> **Spots are going quickly!** To register, see our website or scan the code provided here.



> **VBS camper packet pickup day** will be on Sunday, June 7, 12:00–3:00 p.m. in Langill Hall.

Volunteers are needed! VBS is an all-hands-on-deck week at PCPC! If you can help, please contact me at jessica@palmcitypres.org or see the [Volunteer](#) page. **All volunteers must attend at least one training date.** Here are some important dates coming up:

Training Dates: Wednesdays April 29, May 13, and May 20 from 5:00–6:30 p.m. in Langill Hall

Final Volunteer Meeting: Saturday, June 6, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

MomCo

Whether motherhood feels joyful, exhausting, or a little of both, MomCo is a space to connect with other moms, grow in faith, and find encouragement for the journey. Come as you are—we're better together!

This month, we will be inviting a panel of experts to answer questions, share insights, and provide solid Biblical principles we can use to guide our children as they tackle life's challenges and learn practical skills so that they can grow in independence.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare are provided.

Upcoming Meetups:

April 11: Play Date!

April 21: Building Resourcefulness in Kids

May 12: A Blessing for Moms



First Priority at Hidden Oaks Middle School (HOMS) continues to grow! If you have a student at HOMS, encourage them to check out this faith-based club that meets on Wednesday mornings.

Women's Ministry Update

by Kelly Raiford

PCPC Women gathered on Saturday, March 7th for breakfast, fellowship, fun, and planning. Langill Hall was filled with food, laughter, and love as Lee England opened with prayer and a devotion.

The highlight was “Fellowship Bingo,” where women connected while learning fun facts about each other—like shared interests in dancing, baking, gardening, reading, and travel. A few had even been on TV or radio, and surprisingly, no one was left-handed! The friendly competition made for an energetic game, ending with four prize winners.

We also took time to discuss upcoming events and form committees. Registration for the Aspire Conference in Fort Pierce on Saturday, April 25, has closed, but tickets are still available on the event website.

UPCOMING

“Painting with a Twist” in Jensen Beach is planned for early August. We need someone to coordinate sign ups and organize the group. If there's not enough interest by June, we'll cancel and revisit later. If you're interested in attending or helping organize, or would like more information, please email me at kwraiford0109@gmail.com.

Bunco Night: Friday, October 16 - This event now has a five-member committee led by Wanda Rosello. If you'd like to be a part of the planning for this fun evening in the Huizenga Family Life Center (HFLC), please contact Wanda through the church office.

Women's Christmas Event: Saturday, December 4 - Save the date for a special celebration in the HFLC. An event leadership team is in place, but there is always room for more volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please contact Sallie Snyder through the church office.

In 2027, we hope to offer a women's retreat! Watch for more details to come about this encouraging experience.

There are great things happening for the sisters of PCPC, and you can be a part of ministry here in many ways! If you're looking to get plugged in, contact me at the email above, see our website, or call the church.



Trust the Process

by Katie C. Bradshaw, Deacon

Each spring, we bear witness to some of nature's most incredible events. April showers do bring May flowers, and those blooms aren't just beautiful; their vibrant colors and sweet scents communicate to insects and birds that the flowers are ready for pollination. Migrating birds, along with many insects, fly up to thousands of miles to return to their homes and begin this task.

Included in these springtime events is the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies and moths. A simple caterpillar forms a hardened chrysalis, where it basically becomes a biological soup, then turns into a winged creature in less than three weeks. We've all seen the beauty of the butterfly, and some moths, but there is much more that surrounds this mysterious and somewhat miraculous transition. In fact, the biology of metamorphosis offers a powerful look into the concept of resurrection.

One fascinating discovery in entomology comes from controlled experiments with the tobacco hornworm. These caterpillars were trained to avoid a particular smell and received a tiny shock when that scent was introduced, effectively causing them to learn to avoid it. Eventually, it became time for them to form a chrysalis, and there was no further introduction of the scent or the shock. Seven to 21 days later, they emerged from their chrysalis as completely different, now winged creatures—creatures that also turned away from the same scent they had not been exposed to since they were caterpillars. In other words, their memories survived their bodies having been dissolved and reformed.

This scientific finding doesn't prove resurrection, but it does show that memory and learned experience can persist even when the physical form undergoes radical change.

Nature contains hints that continuity of personhood is not tied to the preservation of the original body.

The Apostle Paul used a natural metaphor to explain resurrection: "What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." - 1 Corinthians 15:36, 44 (ESV)

Just as a seed bears little resemblance to the plant it becomes, the earthly body is not the final form of the resurrected person. Paul's imagery mirrors metamorphosis in that there is continuity of identity, yet transformation of form.

If God designs a creature that can dissolve into a near-liquid and emerge as something completely different, yet retain the memories it had in the body it possessed pre-transformation, then the idea of God resurrecting human beings with their memories, personality, and identity intact becomes not only a matter of faith, but also something nature gently echoes.

The butterfly does not return to its old form; it becomes what it was always meant to be. In the same way, our hope of resurrection is not about restoring our old bodies, but about receiving new ones; whole, renewed, and fit for eternal life.

There are many questions about life after death. Remember that the caterpillar cannot imagine wings or picture flight; it simply trusts the process written into its design and rises at the appointed time. So too, should we trust the promises written by our Creator, that death is not the end and that transformation is beyond our imagining!



Sermons in April

by Pastor David Mauldin

April begins with Easter. On Easter Sunday, I always preach about the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus. On the following Sunday, Thomas Sunday, I explain why you should believe it really happened.

April 5: Luke 24:1-12 & 1 John 3:2, “Between Already and Not Yet”

April 12: Acts 2:22-32, “This Jesus God Raised Up”

Then, I will begin a series about the Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew 5-7. In it, Jesus teaches us how to live the good life.

April 19: Matthew 5:1-12, “Beatitudes”

April 26: Matthew 5:13-16, “Salt & Light”



Second Annual Men's BBQ Recap

by Jon Albright

The second annual Men's BBQ was a success with 80 men in attendance! Though forecasts hinted at possible storms, we assured every registered man that our “best team member” was in close coordination with the One who manages the weather. We had sunny skies from start to finish!

Our faithful facilities manager, James McLeod, had every detail covered in case the weather changed, setting up lunch tables in Langill Hall and outside by the pavilion. Meanwhile, we were in excellent hands with our planning team member and master of the grill, Eric Haas, proprietor of Miami's Sports Grill. Eric and his team set up under the portico, preparing a feast that has become the signature draw of this annual gathering.

Another team member, David Bates, assisted with registration, then opened the event with a warm welcome, followed by our senior pastor, Rev. Dr. David Mauldin, leading us in prayer. His prayer tenderly honored our beloved brother, Ron Morrow—a faithful presence at every men's event—who had gone home to glory just days before. Ron had registered to attend this year's BBQ, and though absent in body, he was deeply present in spirit.

Competition & Camaraderie

With sunshine blessing the day, we shifted the games before lunch, and the fellowship period came alive with action. Before play began, we honored 2025's Corn Hole Champions, John Thompson and Larry McLennon. In a moment that stirred us all, John miraculously attended just after being discharged from the hospital. Grateful simply to have him among us, we officially retired him from competition, declaring him “Corn Hole Champion Emeritus!”

The grounds buzzed with energy as Chris Urban, member of our planning team, managed the games with horseshoes arcing high in friendly rivalry, four corn hole boards in simultaneous action, and spectators offering spirited cheers (just enough “trash talk” to keep it interesting). This year’s champions:

Horseshoes: Tyler Ortagus & Steve Stewart

Corn Hole: Greg Rogers & Andrew Joyce

The Feast & Fellowship

Then came the moment every man anticipates—the BBQ. Eric Haas and his outstanding team served up a feast with all the trimmings. Adding to the spirit of service, one of our Men’s Series planning team members, Adam Waltersdorff, donned an apron and joined the serving line.

Under a grove of trees, 11 tables of eight men each gathered to enjoy hearty food and even heartier conversation. Laughter rang out. Stories were shared. New friendships were formed. Brotherhood deepened.

All the while, John Nelson, our photographer and team member, was taking pictures to capture the event (see below).

Casting the Vision Forward

As plates emptied and fellowship lingered, Mike England—a 20-year PCPC member and seasoned leader—closed our time together. Mike beautifully articulated the vision behind these events: building authentic bonds of Christian brotherhood that strengthen our church, our families, and our community. He invited the men to look ahead with anticipation to our fall indoor gathering, then closed in prayer—sealing a joyful, Spirit-filled day marked by faith, fun, and fellowship.





Celebration STORIES



I Kept Showing Up

by Dr. La Barbara Chenault

I did not set out to serve. I simply responded to what was in front of me.

For many years, I gave a ride to church to a dear friend who could no longer drive herself. Each Sunday, I pulled into her driveway, waited at her door, and together we made our way from her home to the pew. Over time, another church member joined us. What began as a single act of care quietly grew, reminding me that service expands when we make room for it.

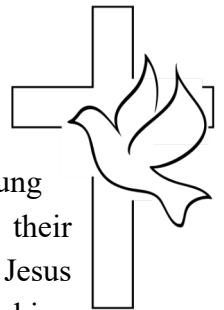
Through my daily walk of faith, I openly shared that I was a member of Palm City Presbyterian Church. In doing so, I discovered many who had stepped away from church. They were not angry or distant; they were discouraged. Life had interrupted their habits, their hope, or their sense of belonging. I reached out—sometimes with a phone call, sometimes with a quiet word—encouraging them to return. None of this was dramatic. None of it was announced. These were small acts—rides given, words spoken, invitations extended. Yet scripture reminds us that faith is made visible through what we do. Over time, I came to understand

that simply showing up, consistently and quietly, can be an act of devotion.

I witnessed how God works through ordinary obedience. When we notice a need and respond with presence, encouragement, and care, something sacred takes place. Sometimes ministry looks like a pulpit. Sometimes it looks like a car pulling into a driveway on a Sunday morning.

Note: Dr. La Barbara Chenault passed away on March 18, 2026. A memorial service will be held for her on April 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Confirmation Classes 2026-2027



Because we baptize infants, we give young people an opportunity to confirm their baptism. Baptism doesn't save you. Jesus saves you, and you need faith in him.

Confirmation is when a young person who was baptized as an infant publicly professes faith in Christ and takes the vows of baptism. Confirmation is also an experience that prepares them to do that.

The Confirmation classes, for youth in 8th or 9th grades, include hearing the stories of spiritually mature believers, doing ministry, and writing a personal statement of faith. For those who were baptized as believers, it is training to live as a Christian. It is also open to those who were never baptized. If they decide to follow Jesus, they are baptized rather than confirmed. The 15 sessions, led by Pastor David Mauldin and Pastor Bryan Wenger, will meet in Langill Hall at 5:00 p.m. according to the schedule found on the registration form and website.

Questions? Please contact Pastor David Mauldin at david@palmcitypres.org. To learn more and sign up, see our website's [Youth Ministries](#) page.



STUDENT LIFE CAMP

Overnight Youth Summer Camp June 1-5 @ Southeastern University

Middle and high school students—you're invited to a week at Student Life Camp! Don't miss the opportunity to connect the fun of camp with meeting real needs in local communities. You'll experience engaging worship, discipleship time, and biblical teaching while spending a portion of your day connecting and serving with ministry partners. See our website to learn more and sign up. Spots are limited!

PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA SPRING *Gathering*

April 17-18 in Boca Raton

You're invited to this year's Presbytery of Florida Spring Gathering at Grace Community Church in Boca Raton. The conference will focus on developing spiritual and strategic roadmaps for transformation in your church. See our [website](#) for more details and to sign up. Registration closes on April 13.



ONE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 3
10:00 AM

April

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>SUNDAY WORSHIP</p> <p>Traditional services at 8:20 & 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Contemporary service at 9:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>MBS - Men's Bible Study</p> <p>WBS - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>CBS - Community Bible Study</p>			<p>1</p> <p>10:00 a - WBS</p> <p>4:30 p - MS Youth Group</p> <p>5:15 p - Walk Aerobics</p> <p>6:00 p - Spiritual Maturity Class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 a - WBS</p> <p>7:00 p - Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 p - Good Friday Cantata Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 a - Spring Tea</p> <p>5:00 p - Thrive Young Adult Group</p>
<p>5</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>8:20 a - Children's Church</p> <p>9:30 a - Abide Kids</p> <p>9:30 a - Adult Sunday School</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:15 p - Walk Aerobics</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 a - Caregiver Support</p> <p>12:00 p - GriefShare</p> <p>4:00 p - Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 a - WBS</p> <p>4:30 p - MS Youth Group</p> <p>5:15 p - Walk Aerobics</p> <p>6:00 p - Spiritual Maturity Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 a - MBS</p> <p>9:30 a - WBS</p> <p>5:30 p - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30 p - CBS</p> <p>7:00 p - Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional Services

8:20 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Contemporary Service

9:30 a.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center

Our worship services are livestreamed on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on YouTube and our website.

FOOD DRIVE

Help support our mission partners March 22 - April 13!

The Refuge Ranch

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OUR
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TABLE

- Nutri-Grain breakfast bars
- Variety of soft nutritional bars
- Fruit-filled Pop Tarts
- Pop-top cans of baked beans, Campbell's Chunky soup, sausages, Chef Boyardee
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned meat, such as chicken & tuna
- Rice (brown or white) & pasta
- Sugar & flour
- Cereal, granola, & oatmeal
- Hamburger Helper
- Instant potatoes
- Black olives
- Salad dressings
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Boxed mac-n-cheese
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Coffee & creamer
- Dried beans
- Gatorades & juice
- Napkins
- Paper plates

Items can be brought to the church office during business hours or left in the donation bins at Sunday services.

