

Palm City Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER



THIS MONTH

8/1

LAHIA Volunteer Day

Join other PCPC members as we make a difference in our community

8/12

Turkey Trot Planning Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Come and be a part of this year's 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run!

8/31

Youth Pickleball Mondays @ 4:30 p.m.

Kids in grades 2-6 are invited! See our website for details.

Celebrating 500 Years of the Bible in English

by David C. Mauldin

We take for granted the Bible in English. Someone shopping for a Bible faces a bewildering array of translations, most of them excellent. Our church primarily uses the English Standard Version, but some prefer the New International Version, the Christian Standard Bible, or even the King James Version or its modern update, the New King James. Bibles today come in a variety of covers, from paperback to high-end leather. Some have extensive notes and other study aids. There is a Bible for everyone!

It wasn't always this way. Before the printing press, Bibles were copied by hand, and only monasteries and churches had them. Plus, they were in Latin, and after the fall of the Roman Empire, not many people spoke Latin as their everyday tongue. It became the language of educated elites, excluding ordinary people.

Five hundred years ago, William Tyndale published the first Bible in English. And therein hangs a tale. It contained the New Testament and parts of the Old. He translated it directly from the original Greek and Hebrew into Early Modern English. It was printed on a printing press. John Wycliffe had done an earlier translation, but he translated from the Latin Vulgate into Middle English. This was the language of Chaucer. It was also copied by hand. The printing press would not be invented for

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another 70 years when Wycliffe finished his translation. Thus, Tyndale gets credit for the first Bible in English.

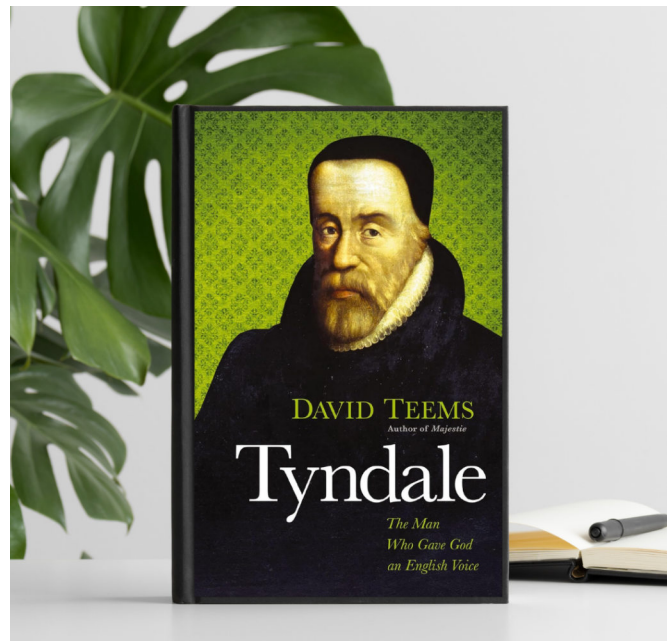
When he made his translation, it was illegal to do so. The Protestant Reformation had not yet achieved royal sanction in England. King Henry VIII had written against Martin Luther. His staunchly Catholic cronies worked feverishly to stamp out Reformation ideas. William Tyndale had Reformation ideas.

He was also a genius with languages. Besides his native English, he was fluent in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, as well as French, German, Italian, and Spanish. He took degrees at Oxford and studied at Cambridge. He was ordained, but his Reformation convictions put him at odds with many of his fellow clergymen. He complained about the way pastors were educated, “They have ordained that no man shall look on the Scripture until he is modeled in heathen learning eight or nine years and armed with false principles, with which he is clean shut out of the understanding of the Scripture.”

Tyndale was a devout believer and deeply pious. His worst enemy described him as “a man of sober and honest living who was well educated, well liked, and a good preacher.” Because he believed that people need the Word of God, he was determined to use his considerable talent to translate the Bible into English. He defiantly told one church official, “If God spares my life, ere many years, I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost!”

That was his dream, and it cost him dearly. He had to flee into exile for his own safety. He traveled through Germany and the Low Countries, trying to stay under the radar and one step ahead of the authorities. Hunted and alone, he lived a life of poverty. This price he was willing to pay.

He finished the New Testament in 1525. It was printed in 1526 in Worms and Antwerp, then



smuggled into England and Scotland. The bishop of London bought up and burned as many copies as he could get his hands on. Three years later, Tyndale was condemned as a heretic. He was finally hunted down and arrested. In 1536, he was executed for heresy. First, they strangled him; then they burned his body. According to legend, before he died, he cried, “Lord, open the king of England’s eyes!”

God did. Three years later, King Henry VIII (having broken with Rome over the issue of his divorce) ordered that the Bible be translated into English and a copy placed in every church. This became known as The Great Bible. It relied heavily on Tyndale’s translation. Later, the King James Version (1611) followed closely in Tyndale’s footsteps. Not only our modern Bible translations, but also the English language as we know it, owe a tremendous debt to William Tyndale. His fingerprints are all over our Bibles, words, and expressions.

Take time in this historic year to thank God for William Tyndale. Be inspired by his passion and dedication. Spend time in God’s Word.

If you want to learn more of Tyndale’s amazing story, I recommend *Tyndale: The Man Who Gave God an English Voice* by David Teems.

Generosity and Simple Acts of Kindness

by PCPC's Stewardship Team

When we think of generosity, we often picture giving money or offering our time, treasures, and talents to support a worthy cause. These are beautiful expressions of faith. But generosity is also found in the small, everyday moments where God invites us to bless others through simple acts of kindness.

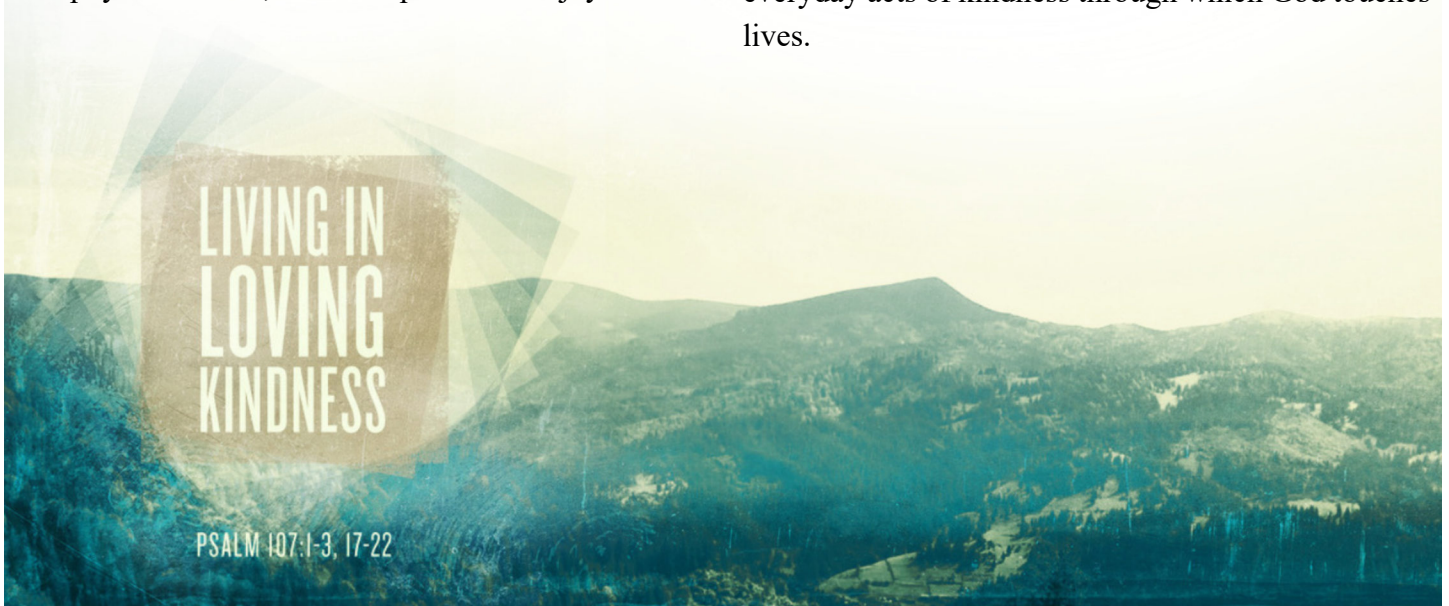
Merriam-Webster defines kindness *as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate*. Scripture deepens this idea. In the Bible, kindness reflects God's own character—His goodness, mercy, and steadfast love. At its core, kindness means doing good and avoiding harm. It includes being friendly, helpful, and considerate toward others. It also includes how we treat ourselves. Are we gentle, patient, and loving with our own hearts? How we treat ourselves often shapes how we treat others.

Kindness extends grace and mercy. It shows patience, forgiveness, and compassion. It isn't always easy, especially when we're tired, stressed, or dealing with difficult people. But kindness is always worth it. It never leads us astray. When we practice kindness, we glorify God, reflect His character, and experience His blessings—stronger relationships, better emotional and physical health, and a deeper sense of joy.

Here are some simple ways to be generous with kindness:

- **Smile more often.** A smile is a universal sign of warmth, and it's contagious.
- **Offer compliments.** A sincere word can brighten someone's entire day.
- **Listen fully.** Giving someone your attention shows you value them.
- **Donate.** Give blood, clothes, or food to those in need.
- **Volunteer.** Serve at church, shelters, senior homes, or community ministries.
- **Forgive quickly.** Everyone has bad days. Forgiveness frees both you and others.
- **Be kind when it's hard.** Go out of your way to show love to the person who challenges you most.
- **Think before speaking.** If it isn't kind or helpful, let it go.
- **Practice self-care.** Being kind to yourself strengthens your ability to be kind to others.
- **Pay it forward.** Buy a meal for the person behind you, help someone at the checkout, or simply share the message: "God loves you."

Generosity is not only about giving our resources—it's also about offering kindness in the small, quiet ways that make a big difference. As we give our time, treasures, and talents, let us also be generous in the everyday acts of kindness through which God touches lives.





*Pray for the national missionaries who are impacting children's lives daily.
Pray the Lord gives them wisdom as they point children and their families towards Christ. - AMG International*

AMG International, Spain



by Wanda Rosello, PCPC Liaison

AMG International was founded in New York City in 1942 as the American Committee for the Evangelization of the Greeks, later renamed the American Mission to the Greeks to reflect its outreach to Greek communities throughout the Americas. While retaining the AMG acronym, the organization is now known as Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel, reflecting its global ministry of church planting, child care, medical clinics, and disaster relief in more than 40 countries.

AMG International expands its ministry through partnerships with like-minded individuals and organizations united by a desire to share Christ's love. One such partner is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)—an organization our congregation also supports through its local chapter.

Missionaries Rafael and Mary Restrepo lead AMG International's ministry in Spain. Rafael was born in Colombia, and his family moved to New York when he was nine. He accepted the call to follow Jesus when he was 19. Mary grew up on a farm in Nebraska, where she heard and responded to the gospel at an early age. They have been serving in ministry for 37 years, first in Uruguay and now in Spain.

The ministry is located in the southeastern city of Torrevieja. Many of the migrants coming by boat to Europe from other parts of the world land not far from Torrevieja. As a gateway to the rest of Europe, Spain sees many migrants passing through with little connection to the local community, creating significant social challenges. Among them is human trafficking, which has fueled the brothel industry. When Rafael and Mary visited PCPC three years ago, they shared how Mary and other women ministered to those trapped in the brothels. Today, due to a number of circumstances, only one brothel remains in operation.

English-speaking pastor, Vladimir Martinez, and his family (pictured here) are living there now and are incorporated into the church eldership. He was born in Mexico and grew up mainly in the UK, where he met his wife, who is English. The couple's children are part of the Spanish youth group. Through the Kordick Fund, our congregation helped AMG purchase the cottage for the family.



The Spanish church is welcoming a growing number of single mothers who are finding hope and support through its ministry. AMG also hosts a Dutch-speaking congregation led by Pastor Rogier van Let, and the Restrepos are encouraged to see him growing in his leadership.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

*Worship, prayer, Bible study,
and community*

Night

WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

5:30–7:00 PM

September 2–October 28

All ages are invited to gather and grow!

- Pastor Bryan's new class,
Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
- Groups for kids and youth
- Engaging fellowship
- Dinner together on 9/30 & 10/28





Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff

Every Child Needs

Many Caring Adults

One of the greatest gifts the church can offer a child isn't a program—it's people. Research consistently shows that children grow in faith when they are surrounded by multiple caring Christian adults who know them by name, encourage them, pray for them, and model what it means to follow Jesus. While parents are the primary disciples of their children, the church has the unique privilege of coming alongside them as a spiritual family.

If your children are grown up or you have never had children of your own, this is an incredible opportunity. Your season of influence is not over—it may simply be taking a new shape. Next Generation's ministry is not just a place to fill a role; it is a place to build relationships. Whether you welcome families, sit with a child during an activity, share a Bible story, pray for the next generation, or simply become a familiar face each week, your faithful presence helps a child know they are seen, loved, and valued in the family of God.

My hope is that every child at PCPC will have many caring adults who know their name and are intentionally investing in their spiritual growth. That kind of church doesn't happen because a few people do all the work—it happens when the whole church embraces the joy and responsibility of participating in the discipleship of the next generation.

Would you prayerfully consider how God might use your gifts, your experience, and your presence to help every child know they belong? Together, we can become the kind of spiritual family where faith is not only taught but lived, shared, and passed from one generation to the next.

Prayer Request

As we begin a new school year, I encourage you to add one more request to your daily prayers.

Lord, thank you for those who serve our children and families. Please give them wisdom when they teach, patience when the days are hard, joy in the little moments, strength when they are tired, and peace each day.

Abide Kids on Sunday Mornings



This month in “Busy Bible Builders,” **preschoolers** will search for colorful building blocks that reveal Bible story pictures. As they stack the blocks, they'll discover how God made them and gave them a family to love.



In “Zoom,” our **elementary** kids will zoom in on mystery pictures before revealing key stories from the first five books of the Bible. Along the way, they'll discover how each book points to God's character.

Our **Next Level** students will continue exploring one-on-one encounters with God, discovering how time in His presence changes lives and draws people closer to Him.

MomCo



The theme for our **next season** is *Good Company*—your throwback invitation to stop curating life and start living it; where showing up beats scrolling, and connection doesn't need a calendar invite. Join us as we trade pressure for presence, choose interruption over convenience, and combat worry with God's Word!



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. **Beginning September**

15, we'll meet monthly in Langill Hall on the 3rd Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare are provided. Visit our website or scan the code above for more information and registration.

Upcoming Events

Pickleball Kickoff Session: Monday, 8/3 @ 5:00 p.m.

Before the season begins, please join us for a fun, low-pressure practice where you can learn the basics, try out your skills, and meet the coaches. Whether you're brand new or just looking to brush up, this is the perfect way to get ready for the season! It will be held in the HFLC. If you have gear, please bring it, but it is not required.

New Beginnings Sunday: 8/9 @ 11:00 a.m.

On New Beginnings Sunday, we celebrate children and teens moving into new classrooms, welcome new teachers and leaders, and commission our entire Next Generation to begin the year with purpose. Rather than simply marking another grade level, we recognize that God, in His providence, has placed each of us exactly where He wants us: in a particular classroom, with specific teachers, classmates, teammates, neighbors, and church family. All are invited to celebrate with us!

Confirmation Classes: Beginning 8/30

Sundays @ 5:00 p.m. in Langill Hall

Confirmation is a journey where teens in 8th or 9th grade (ages 13–15) learn about the Bible, the Trinity, prayer, and our essential tenets. Throughout the year, participants will hear testimonies from a variety of people and meet with church leaders. If we think of baptism as being born into the family of God, confirmation is our graduation day where we publicly embrace the faith into which we were baptized—joining the rhythms, responsibilities, and relationships

of the family of Christ. See our website's Youth Ministries page for more information, including the [full schedule](#), and to sign up.

First Priority: Wednesday, 9/2 @ 8:30 a.m.

We partner with First Priority at Hidden Oaks Middle School (HOMS) to establish an ongoing presence, equipping students to lead campus clubs that share the Gospel and create space for faith conversations. Our meetings will resume on September 2 at 8:30 a.m. in room 2-58. All HOMS students are welcome! It's a great opportunity to connect with other Christians on campus.

Youth Pickleball



Following the success of our spring junior pickleball league, we're pleased to announce that there will be a fall session!

Boys and girls in grades 2–6 are invited to join us for a fun season on the courts in PCPC's Huizenga Family Life Center.

Registration is open until August 10. The



cost is \$150 per participant. Please scan the code or see our website's [Youth Ministry](#) Page to learn more and sign up.

Session Schedule

- **Practices** will be on Mondays, beginning August 31 @ 4:30–6:00 p.m.
- **Games** will be on Mondays, beginning September 28 @ 6:00 p.m.
- **Season finale:** Monday, November 16

Adult Sunday School Update

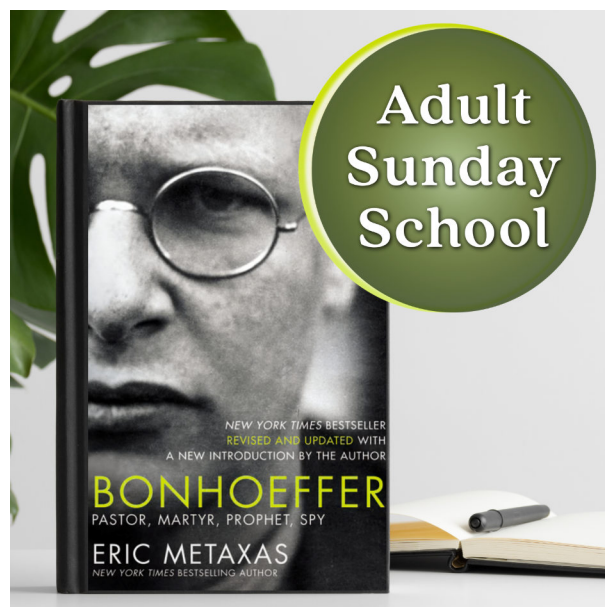
by Mike Jones

PCPC's Sunday school class for adults meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the library. **This month**, PCPC members John Thompson and Ruthann Hewson will facilitate a discussion on the historical developments of the Presbyterian Church and highlight the distinctives of Reformed theology. The teaching will draw from Ligonier Ministries sources including *Catholic, Evangelical, and Reformed* and *Scripture Alone* by Dr. R.C. Sproul; and *The Scottish Reformation: A Survey of Church History* with W. Robert Godfrey.

***John Thompson** was raised in a Christian home in Queens, New York, where family Bible reading and prayer shaped his faith. He committed his life to Christ at age 13. After earning a degree in religion from Houghton College and a master's degree in elementary education, he began missionary service in Papua New Guinea. After marrying Margaret, he served in Palau, where he taught at a boys' school and preached regularly for more than five years. His final ministry assignment with the Liebenzell Mission was directing a Christian retreat center in New Jersey. John and Margaret are the proud parents of three children and five grandchildren.*

***Ruthann Hewson** grew up in Kingston, Massachusetts, the middle of three daughters. After high school, she joined the Tommy Bartlett Water Ski Show, where she met her husband, Bill. She performed for four summers and toured Asia with a USO show for American troops. Bill practiced medicine in Stuart, where they became active in community and civic affairs. Through friendships with Christians, she developed a deeper understanding of Reformed theology and eventually joined PCPC, where she served as a deacon, elder, and clerk of session during the church's transition from the PC(USA) to ECO. Ruthann is blessed with three daughters, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.*

In September, the Adult Sunday School class will begin a new study focused on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



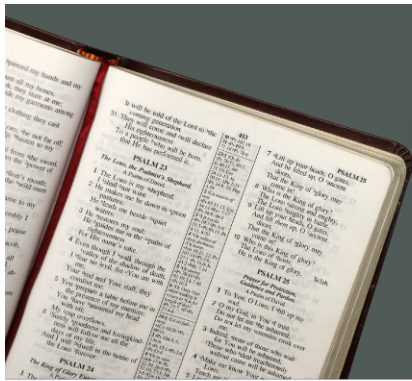
Who better to face the greatest evil of the 20th century than a humble man of faith? As Adolf Hitler and the Nazis seduced a nation, bullied a continent, and attempted to exterminate the Jews of Europe, a small number of dissidents and saboteurs worked to dismantle the Third Reich from the inside. One of these was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a pastor and author.

In the New York Times bestselling biography, Eric Metaxas takes both strands of Bonhoeffer's life—the theologian and the spy—and draws them together to tell a searing story of incredible moral courage in the face of monstrous evil. In *Bonhoeffer*, Metaxas presents the fullest account of Bonhoeffer's life, including his:

- heart-wrenching decision to leave the safe haven of America to return to Hitler's Germany.
- involvement in the famous Valkyrie plot and in Operation 7, the effort to smuggle Jews into neutral Switzerland.
- lifelong dedication to sharing the tenets of his faith.

This exciting four-part study explores the life, faith, and theological legacy of the German pastor and martyr. Together we'll learn about the major themes of Bonhoeffer's life and how his commitment to truth and justice remains relevant today.

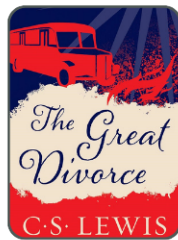
All are welcome to join us as we grow in faith together!



BIBLE STUDY

Groups & Classes

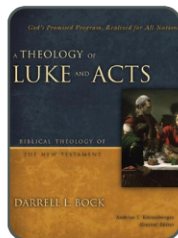
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Summer Bible Study

Join Cathy Coco for a study of *The Great Divorce*, by C.S. Lewis. This classic allegorical tale about Heaven and Hell explores themes including choice, salvation, and the after-life. Books and study guides are available in the church office. Please RSVP to Cathy at cococat17@aol.com. The class will meet in the library through August 26. In September, this group will study the book of Judges. See our website for details.

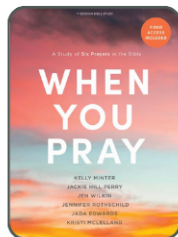
THURS
7:00 AM



Men's Bible Study

Join us for an hour of fellowship, study, and discussion in Langill Hall. A light breakfast and coffee are 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. ***This class will not meet on 8/6.***

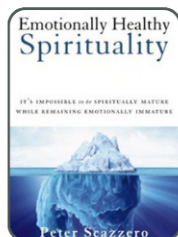
THURS
9:30 AM



Women's Bible Study

This group will resume on Thursday, August 6, with a new series by Lifeway called, *When You Pray: A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible*. This 7-week video series, taught by several popular authors, will explore how prayer unites believers, how to overcome struggles that keep us from prayer, and more. Join us in Langill Hall on Thursday mornings. All are welcome! Please contact Sallie Snyder with questions at salliedsnnyder@gmail.com.

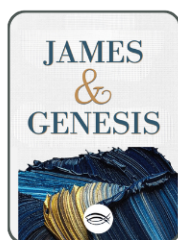
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Beginning 9/2



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

This fall, Pastor Bryan will lead a 9-week class focusing on the depth of our relationship with Christ. Topics include knowing your authentic self in Christ, discovering how your family of origin affects you, finding your way through "walls" to grow into maturity, handling grief and loss, integrating silence and sabbath, and designing a lifelong plan to live in God's love. The class is part of our new Faith & Fellowship Nights—Wednesdays from 5:30–7:00 p.m. as we gather together for a time of prayer, worship, fellowship, and Biblical teaching. **See our website to sign up!**

THURS
6:30 PM
Beginning 9/3



Community Bible Study: James & Genesis

This class meets at PCPC on Thursdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m., during the school year. This season features a 6-week study of James, followed by a 24-week study of Genesis. There are classes for men, women, and youth, as well as an online group and nursery care. Children's classes meet at the same time as the adult in-person classes. Please visit palmcityve.cbclass.org/ to learn more and enroll.

Stay in Touch

by Rev. Bryan Wenger

Summer Blessings to you all! One of the books I'm reading this summer is *God is God and I'm Not: How God's Sovereignty Matters Every Day*. I also appreciated being able to share some insights I learned along with Pastor David during those five weeks that went by so quickly.

What joys have you celebrated this summer? What were some (unexpected) challenges or heartaches that you had or are continuing to navigate? One thing I know—God never goes on vacation, and nothing catches Him off-guard. Keep trusting our Good Shepherd, Jesus—and keep praying. He knows, He cares, and is with us always.

Philippians 4:6 (ESV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Paul does not deny that the worst things will happen finally to all of us, as indeed he must have had a strong suspicion they were soon to happen to him. He does not try to minimize them. He does not try to explain them away as God's will or God's judgment or God's method of testing our spiritual fiber. He simply tells the Philippians that in spite of them—even in the thick of them—they are to keep in constant touch with the One who unimaginably transcends the worst things as he also unimaginably transcends the best.

—Frederick Buechner,

ordained Presbyterian minister, writer & theologian

Stay in touch with Jesus, today and every day that God gives you!



Connect

WITH PCPC



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday, September 20
12:15 p.m.

Want to learn more about PCPC? Join our pastors in Langill Hall for the upcoming New Members Class. Hear about our beliefs, church vision, how to get involved, and more. A light lunch and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP on our website, by scanning the code below, or by calling the church office.

Church Library

by The Deacons Library Committee

Our church library is open to all members and attendees. Some may not realize we have one, while others may have used it for meetings without knowing it's available to everyone.

To borrow a book, fill out an index card with the book title, your name, and the checkout date. There is no due date for returns. The library offers books on spiritual growth, prayer, grief, leadership, Bible study, devotionals, family, and more.

The library is entered from the outside walkway near the back of the chapel, adjacent to the nursery near Langill Hall. The small conference room containing books in the church office near the restrooms is *not* part of the church library. Please do not remove books from that room.

Watch for free books on tables in the sanctuary narthex and the Huizenga Family Life Center lobby. Because our library has limited space, these extra copies are yours to keep and share—no return is necessary.



FINANCIAL PEACE University



Ever feel like you can't get ahead with money? Whether you're at rock bottom or just want to do better, there's hope! At Financial Peace University class, designed by Dave Ramsey, you'll learn biblical principles for handling money that will give you peace with your finances. Take control of your money with this 9-week class that highlights biblical wisdom along with common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future.

SUNDAYS, BEGINNING AUGUST 16
12:30–2:30 p.m. in Langill Hall

Scan the code, visit our website, or call the church office to learn more and register. Questions? Please contact our coordinators, Rob and Kim Johnson, through the church office.

Calling All Retired Single Seniors!

by Carole Peterson

One way to gain perspective on life on this earth is to divide it into thirds: *childhood*, characterized by learning; *adulthood*, characterized by work and responsibility; and *retirement*, characterized by time, freedom, and fun. One can only speculate what percentage of working people look forward to retirement as an untethered time to do all the things we didn't have time or freedom to do when we worked to make a living and support a family. But when you get to retirement, anticipation can be impacted by reality: fewer resources, health and wellness issues, loss of spouses, adjusted living situations, and any number of other challenges. To say that it's easy to flounder a bit or feel lost in retirement is possibly one of the biggest understatements around.

So, what's the typical answer? A bucket list, traveling, filling the calendar full of scheduled sports or social activities, volunteering for worthy causes, keeping busy reading or playing Sudoku or solitaire, watching reruns of your favorite TV shows, becoming best friends with your cell phone, taking up a new hobby (assuming talent, mobility, and money are still yours), building a new set of friends who, like you, have time on their hands, or just accepting the reality of being single and feeling alone. This is truly a time to seek God more and enjoy enhanced fellowship with him. But sometimes, days are just hard.

It's human nature to be independent and self-sufficient. We don't want to bother others with our troubles, so we put on a happy face in public and start the "suffer-in-silence" routine, maybe even asking God why this time has to be so difficult. Sometimes, the aches and pains and wrinkles come with a lack of motivation or purpose. Taken together, what was once anticipated as a happy time feels more like misery. Sound familiar? Some of you reading this are saying, "Been there, done that," or "Yep, that's me."



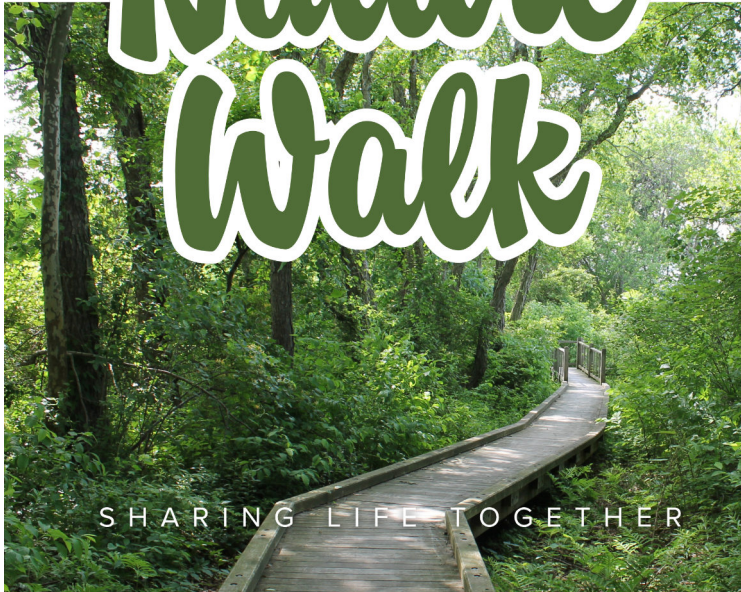
As a church that "shares life together," suffering alone in retirement as a single senior isn't necessary. In years past, PCPC had several small groups that met regularly in homes for Bible study and fellowship. As time passed and people moved or left for heaven or other reasons, the small groups stopped meeting. Recently, a couple of retired senior singles who were also retired deacons compared notes. We recognized that PCPC offers many focused programs (Bible study, GriefShare, men's groups, Widows Connection, youth groups, children's classes, MomCo, choir, and sewing to name a few), and we wondered if there might still be an underserved group within our congregation—retired single seniors seeking the fellowship and friendship needed to navigate this new and often challenging stage of life.

Join us on Sunday, August 30, after the 11:00 a.m. service for an exploratory meeting in Langill Hall featuring a light "soup-and-sandwich" lunch. We'll discuss the need for greater fellowship among senior singles and explore the possibility of forming small groups if there is sufficient interest. Please RSVP on our website's Fellowship Ministries page, scan the code below, or call the church office.

If you fit into the retired senior single category and aren't entirely satisfied with daily living, we hope this new possibility excites you! Please come and share your ideas over lunch!



Nature Walk



Join other PCPC members for fellowship and a leisurely nature walk!

Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

We'll meet in the parking lot at Kiplinger Nature Preserve, 4146 S Kanner Highway in Stuart (near the intersection with SE Indian Street). Feel free to invite friends and to bring your friendly dog. There is no need to RSVP—just show up! Contact Mike Jones at mjonesas@comcast.net with any questions.

Caregiver Support

by Rev. Dr. Lyn Snow



PCPC offers a support group for caregivers, regardless of diagnosis. We are a safe, established, and confidential group offering experience, compassion, and concern. If you are a caregiver seeking the fellowship of others, please join us!

As we are sometimes faced with circumstances that we would not have chosen, we are presented with the opportunity for spiritual growth and to become more like Jesus. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. All are welcome! You do not have to attend PCPC to join us. Questions? Please contact me at chaplainsnow@gmail.com.

Meal Assistance



If you are experiencing a short-term physical setback, our deacons are available to supply some meals.

Please call the church office at (772) 286-9958 to sign up.

Ladies Bunco Night



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
6:30 PM**

Palm City Presbyterian Church
2700 SW Martin Hwy. Palm City



\$10 PER PERSON; AGES 14 AND UP

Join us in the Huizenga Family Life
Center for a night full of fun, laughter,
and friendly competition!



Sermons in August

In August, we finish the series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. So, *The Good Life* is coming to an end? The series is. The good life continues for you if you practice Jesus' teachings.

August 2

Matthew 7:12, "Do Unto Others"

August 9

Matthew 7:13–14, "The Narrow Gate & the Hard Way"

August 16

Matthew 7:15–20, "By Their Fruits"

August 23

1 Chronicles 29:10–20, "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

August 30

Matthew 7:21–29, "Wise & Foolish Builders"

Upcoming Men's Event

by PCPC's Men's Series Events Planning Team

Our men's event at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center is drawing closer, and we're delighted to share some exciting news. Please save the date of:

Thursday, October 22

4:30–7:00 p.m.

No admission charge!

We are honored to announce that Mark Perry, Executive Director of the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, has graciously agreed to be our keynote speaker. Since 1978, Mark has led the center, becoming one of Florida's most respected voices for the protection and stewardship of our state's precious water and animal resources. His work has taken him from community gatherings to state and national leadership, where he has educated, advocated, and inspired others to care for God's magnificent creation. Mark's passion, knowledge, and engaging presentation style promise to make this an unforgettable evening as we gather on the beautiful grounds of the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center at 890 NE Ocean Blvd. on Hutchinson Island.

This event continues our Men's Series tradition that has brought more than 80 men together at each of our previous gatherings to build authentic friendships, encourage one another, and grow stronger in our faith. Please invite a friend or neighbor! Grandfathers and fathers—bring your grandsons and sons. Let's continue building a legacy of faith across generations. Whether you have attended past events or are considering joining us for the first time, we would love to welcome you.

God is opening doors for something very special, and we hope you'll be part of it. Watch for additional event details in next month's newsletter.



Seeing People as They Are

by Deacon Katie Bradshaw

One of the quiet ministries of the church is simply paying attention to people—noticing who is here, who is away, who might need prayer, and who might need encouragement. As deacons, we try to do this without making assumptions, because assumptions are one of the easiest ways to misunderstand one another.

This summer, my husband and I traveled abroad, and those trips reminded me how quickly assumptions can crumble when we meet real people face-to-face.

Before we left for England, we had come across online comments claiming that certain groups were “taking over” the country. But when we actually rode the trains, walked the streets, and talked to people, the reality was completely different. One afternoon on a crowded train, a group of teenage Muslim boys stood up and offered us their seats. They weren’t doing it because we were “old,” as they put it—but because we were *older than they were*. They were kind, respectful, and thoughtful. They treated us with the sort of everyday courtesy that doesn’t make headlines but does make a difference.

The stories we hear online are not always the stories we meet in real life.

Later, in France, we encountered another set of assumptions—the old stereotype that French people are aloof or unfriendly. Yet every person we met was gracious, patient, and warm. People helped us with directions, chatted with us, and welcomed us with a friendliness that made us feel at home.

These experiences reminded me of something simple but important: The stories we hear online are not always the stories we meet in real life.

Scripture encourages us to “bear with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2), and part of bearing with one another is refusing to let secondhand narratives replace firsthand compassion. It means choosing curiosity over suspicion. It means remembering that every person, whether here in our congregation or halfway across the world, is made in the image of God.

You are part of a community that chooses grace over presumption and real relationship over online narratives.

As we move through this summer season, with people traveling, visiting family, or simply stepping into different rhythms, I want to offer a gentle encouragement: Let’s not fill in the blanks about one another. Let’s not assume motives or stories we haven’t heard. Let’s not let the internet tell us who our neighbors are. Instead, let’s reach out. Let’s ask. Let’s listen. Let’s allow real encounters—not rumors—to shape our understanding of the world and of each other.

Whether you’re here every Sunday or returning in the fall, you are part of a community that chooses grace over presumption and real relationship over online narratives. And we are grateful for you.



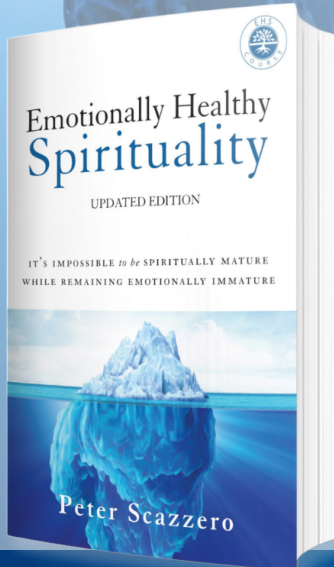
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FOR YOUR
KINDNESS
AND GRACE

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: New Class This Fall

This fall, Pastor Bryan will lead a 9-week class focusing on the depth of our relationship with Christ. Topics include:

- Confronting the crisis of unhealthy spirituality.
- Knowing and becoming your authentic self in Christ.
- Discovering how your family of origin affects you.
- Finding your way through "walls" to grow into maturity.
- Enlarging your soul through embracing grief and loss.
- Integrating silence and sabbath.
- Growing into an emotionally healthy adult.
- Designing a lifelong plan to live in God's love.

The class is part of our new Faith & Fellowship Nights on Wednesdays from September 2 through October 28. Class begins at 6:00 p.m. in Langill Hall. Books and study guides will soon be available for purchase in the church office. **See our website for more information and to RSVP!**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Breakfast

Saturday, September 19

9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall

All women of PCPC are invited! Please RSVP on our website or by scanning the code.



15TH ANNUAL PALM CITY TURKEY TROT

Join the
planning Team!



Wednesday, August 12 @ 6:00 PM
in the PCPC library



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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.

A graphic featuring a large iceberg floating in blue water. The tip of the iceberg is above the water line, while the much larger, jagged base is submerged. The sky is blue with some clouds. In the top right corner, there is a QR code. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text 'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality' in a large, white, serif font. At the bottom, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, is the text 'A NEW CLASS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2!'.

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