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A Glorious Regiment of Women: Learning from the Example of Faithful Disciples

by David C. Mauldin

I am inspired by heroic Christians from the past. History is full of men and women who served God faithfully. Their lives show us the power of God's grace. For this reason, most years I preach a series highlighting a figure from church history. The sermons are based on scripture, but I illustrate the meaning of each passage using the life and teachings of heroes of the faith. For example, in my series on Augustine, I preached a sermon called "The Power of a Praying Mother." Augustine came to faith in Christ as an adult after his mother had faithfully prayed for him for years.

I always talk about the good and the bad. My purpose is to show the grace and power of God in that person's life. Also, no one can be a role model for us who is not a real person with both strengths and flaws. The Bible is honest about the failings of Moses, David, and Peter. We should be no less honest.

In 2019, I preached a series called *Lent with Bonhoeffer*. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor in the 1930s and early 40s who opposed Hitler and the Nazis. For his trouble, he was executed in a concentration camp. In 2020, the series was *August with Augustine*. We spent that month with a reluctant convert who became an influential theologian and church leader in the late 4th and early 5th centuries. (I like to give the series alliterate or catchy titles reminiscent of the *Magic Tree House* chil-

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dren's books. If you are familiar with those, the main characters, Jack and Annie, are two children who travel in time and meet interesting historical figures. (I am trying to communicate my goal that we get to know these Christians from the past.)

I didn't preach a historical series in 2021. I got back on track in 2022 with *Lent with Luther* about Martin Luther, the monk who started the Protestant Reformation. His failure to be good enough, despite being a hyper-religious monk, and his reading of the Bible opened his eyes to the truth that we are saved by grace through faith.

We had no historical series in 2023. I was back in action, however, early in 2024 with *Cooling with Calvin*. John Calvin was a Reformer whose application of scripture to the church in Geneva formed the seeds of the Presbyterian Church. Not only was he a brilliant teacher of scripture, but we also heard how

he struggled when he lost his job and when his infant son and then his wife died. He taught us to handle adversity through radical trust in God.

In planning sermons for 2025, I realized I hadn't

featured a woman in a historical series. Men tend to dominate the headlines of church history, but in the day-to-day life of the church, women have been just as faithful. We need their example and witness! As I tried to choose a woman to feature, I found many exemplary ones. I decided not to feature one woman for a series but to highlight several.

As you know, I am currently preaching through 1 John in a series called *Love & Light*. We will return to 1 John after this series. When I preach a long series through a single book of the Bible, I believe that breaking it up is helpful. People have short attention spans. Setting 1 John aside and coming back to it later will help us absorb and remember it better.

I am calling my series on faithful women *A Glorious Regiment of Women*. That's a parody of a title written by John Knox. Knox, of course, led the Protestant Reformation in Scotland. He is one of our direct spiritual ancestors. In 1558, he was frustrated because Scotland was ruled by the Roman Catholic Mary Queen of Scots while England was ruled by the Roman Catholic Mary Tudor. She was nicknamed "Bloody Mary" because she persecuted Protestants aggressively. Knox wrote a book against them, but rather than attack their theology, he attacked them on the grounds that they were women. He argued that rule by women is unnatural. He titled it *The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women*. John Calvin, by the way, disagreed with him and tried to persuade him not to publish it. Knox did anyway. It proved to be a mistake. Before the year was over, Mary Tudor died and was succeeded by the Protestant Queen Elizabeth. She would have been a supporter and ally of Knox, but she was deeply offended by his little book and never forgave him. I am playfully turning Knox's title on its head.

In this series, you will meet five servants of Christ whose powerful witness inspires us today. They lived in different times and places. Certainly, their lives were different from ours. And yet, their examples teach us how to better follow Jesus. Here is the schedule and the women you will meet:



August 3: John 12:24-25 “Perpetua” (c. 181 – 203)

She was a young married woman with an infant boy who lived in Roman North Africa. She came to faith in Christ during a time of persecution. When she refused to renounce Christ, she was cruelly executed along with four others. She kept a journal of her suffering that was finished by a friend after her death. She teaches us to give all for Christ.

August 10: Romans 8:18-25 “Julian of Norwich”

(c. 1343 – after 1416) She was a Christian hermit and mystic. Her message was radical hope: “All will be well, and all manner of things will be exceedingly well.”

August 17: Ephesians 2:4-10 “What’s So Amazing About Grace?” I will be away. Pastor Al will be preaching about God’s amazing grace.

August 24: Romans 3:10-24 “Katherine Parr”

(1512 – 1548) She was the last wife of Henry VIII and author of a book on Reformed Theology: *The Lamentation of a Sinner*. She teaches us about our need for God’s grace.

August 31: Galatians 3:27-29 “Sojourner Truth”

(c. 1797 – 1883) A former slave and abolitionist, she championed women’s rights. She reminds us of the equality of all people before God.

September 7: Matthew 18:21-35 “Corrie Ten Boom”

(1892 – 1983) She was a devout Dutch Christian who hid Jews from the Nazis. Her work for the resistance led to her arrest and terrible suffering in concentration camps. After the war, she ministered to those like herself who bore scars from the war, including Jews and Germans. She teaches us the necessity and power of forgiving.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

SHEPHERD
Sunday

Join us for one worship service at 10:00 a.m.!

Join us on Sunday, August 10, for a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. This will be our first Shepherd Sunday, a special time to recognize all who serve in the Shepherds Program. The service will offer a meaningful opportunity for churchwide fellowship and for shepherds to connect with members of their flocks. Following worship, brunch will be served by the deacons in Langill Hall. All are warmly invited.

The Shepherds Program has been part of PCPC for over 40 years. Every church member is paired with a shepherd who prays for them, offers encouragement, and notifies the deacons of any needs requiring extra care. Today, more than 50 volunteers serve as shepherds in our congregation.

We hope you’ll join us for this special day. To learn more about the Shepherds Program, visit our website or contact our coordinator, Carol Elswick, through the church office.

Deacon Team Spotlights

Following the New Testament model, deacons provide care and leadership to our congregation. At PCPC, deacons are organized by the needs of the congregation and the individual gifts of the deacons. We have a hospital visitation team, a homebound visitation team, a bereavement team, a new member assimilation team, a hospitality team, a prayer team, and more. This and future newsletter spotlights offer a way to learn more about the dedicated individuals who support PCPC by serving as deacons. If you are interested in becoming a deacon, please contact the church office for details.



Marlene Boobar

(pictured above, center) has been an active deacon at PCPC for 10 years, recently completing her sixth year as moderator—a role she describes as one of the most meaningful of her life. She first got involved through the Thursday morning women's Bible study and found her calling in visiting the sick and delivering Communion to the homebound. Marlene, who enjoys traveling and spending summers in Maine, recently stepped down as moderator but looks forward to supporting our new moderator, Ernie Holton.



Ernestina (Ernie) Holton

(pictured above with husband, John) has attended PCPC for four years. Her involvement began when Pastor David called for VBS and Turkey Trot volunteers—an invitation she felt was meant for her. After joining the deacons in November 2024, she was honored when Marlene asked her to serve as moderator earlier this year. "Leading the deacons has been a joy," Ernie says. "I volunteer with incredible people who give generously of themselves. Get involved! Once you meet your church family outside of Sunday, you'll realize what it means to have love and support."



Lonnie Ehmman

(pictured above, left) has been attending PCPC since May 2020, when services resumed after COVID. That Sunday, the brass ensemble played and the message captivated her. Lonnie has been a deacon since 2023. She accepted the call with hesitation, but is glad to be a part of the team. Serving others is what Jesus asks of us. Lonnie is in charge of delivering Communion to the homebound. This is one of the many things she does that brings her joy and fulfillment. Lonnie enjoys engaging with people at all levels. Her go-to stress reliever is playing pickleball.

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– Ernie Holton



Ann Duvall

has attended PCPC for four years. After losing her husband and son, she felt God calling her to draw closer to Him by serving others. As a deacon, she shares her joy with the church family and was surprised by how much the role involves. Ann welcomes new members and arranges flowers for the sick and homebound—work that has deeply enriched her life. Pastor David often reminds us, “Jesus set the example for us to follow—he came to serve, not to be served.” In her free time, Ann enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and playing mahjong.



Linda Hughes

(pictured above with her husband, Randy) joined PCPC in August 2014, 11 years ago. Linda became a deacon because she wanted her service to the Lord to be more intentional. She prayed that the Lord would give her strength to do his work. Her favorite verse is Galatians 5:13: “Through love serve one another.” Linda is involved with the children's ministry, organizing the church library, and assisting wherever needed. Her favorite things to do in free time are traveling and reading.



Greta (Gree) Jones

has been a PCPC member since 2022. She became a deacon to share her time and talents, leading hospitality events and delivering flowers to the sick and homebound. In her free time, she enjoys golfing, outings with her dog, visiting elderly neighbors, and spending time with friends.

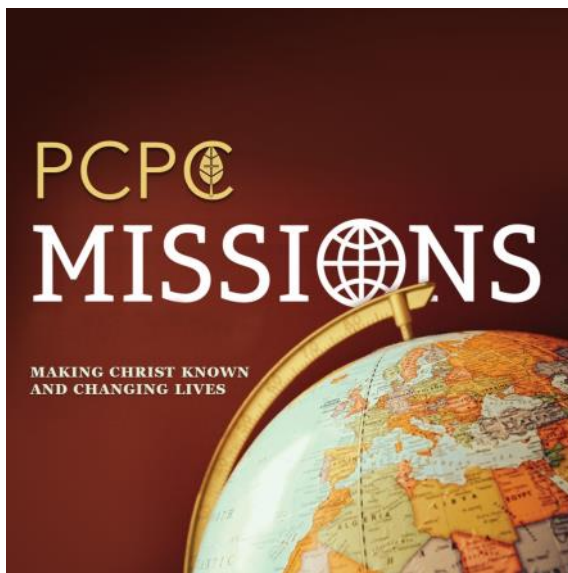


Carol Elswick

(pictured above with her husband, Ken) has been a PCPC member since December 2023. She became a deacon to use her spiritual gifts and life experiences to serve others. Carol leads the Shepherds Program and helps wherever needed. She enjoys time with loved ones, word games, baking, and knitting.

Ken Elswick

also joined PCPC in December 2023 and felt honored to serve as a deacon. He's active at the 11:00 service as an usher, greeter, or Communion server, and manages the sanctuary setup between services. In his free time, Ken enjoys fishing and collecting railroad memorabilia.



Place of Hope

by Wanda Rosello,
PCPC Liaison

Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed organization working to break the cycles of abuse, neglect, poverty, homelessness, and human trafficking. With campuses in Stuart, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens, and West Palm Beach, it recently celebrated 25 years of serving children and families in need.



In fall 2024, Place of Hope opened the Rinker Neighborhood Foster Care Family Cottage in Stuart, prioritizing sibling groups and hard-to-place children. Many siblings in foster care are forced to live apart, but Place of Hope is committed to reunifying and maintaining crucial family relationships. Cottage parents Marcus and Danielle live there with their two children and six foster kids, each with a private bedroom and bath. The home provides consistent, family-based care in a safe and nurturing environment.

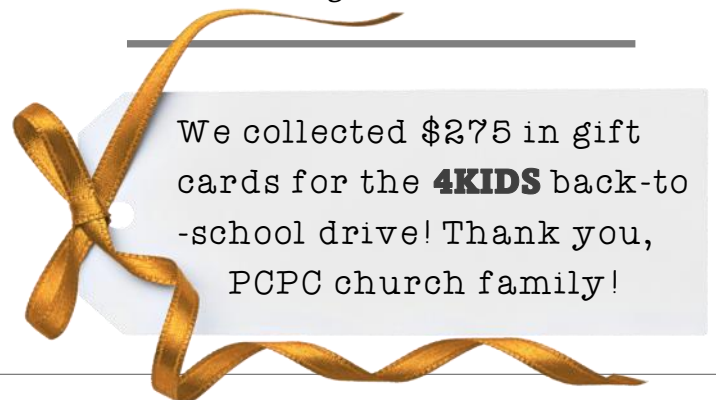


Last spring, Place of Hope also opened its Mommy and Me Cottage, offering affordable housing for single mothers and their children facing crisis or transition.

Our congregation supports the Shade Tree Family Outreach Center, located in the Boswell Education and Enrichment building. This program provides essential supplies and services to families navigating the child welfare system.

Three new buildings are under construction and expected to be completed by year's end, bringing the campus to nine buildings and expanding local services and housing.

On July 12, PCPC youth and Mission Committee members visited Place of Hope to help with cleaning and organizing projects. Despite the heat, the group worked cheerfully and later reflected on their experience. For many, especially high school seniors nearing age 18, it was eye-opening to learn that foster youth must transition out of the system at that age. The day left a lasting impact—both on those served and those serving.



We collected \$275 in gift cards for the **4KIDS** back-to-school drive! Thank you, PCPC church family!

Summer Camp Bohol 2025

by Bene Cabase,

Evangel Family Church, Philippines

We recently held our summer camp at MJS Mountain Resort in the Town of Balilihan Bohol, Philippines. The camp ran for three days and three nights, offering sports such as volleyball for girls and basketball for boys. The youth committee added additional games like a sack race which the different players so enjoyed. All of the youth enjoyed their part during the games. We also held a dance drama music competition represented by four groups of young people. The skits were so very hilarious because they each performed their presentations without much practice! We held a water baptism for those who hadn't been baptized and the participants were so touched, so blessed. On the last night of our camp, we celebrated with two lechon (roasted pigs) for dinner.



We always try to engage with the people in the surrounding area by visiting, asking if they have needs, and praying for them. We are conducting a children's feeding program in one area that serves 15 children. We are also giving groceries to less fortunate families in the community. On Sunday afternoons, we travel house to house as a group, sharing the word of Jesus. I would like to express big thanks to PCPC for being a faithful ministry partner to me here in Boho.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

by Alexis Stuckey,

Area Director



We're so grateful for your ongoing prayers and support—Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in Martin County is growing rapidly!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?

We're seeking additional board members and volunteers to lead campus and sports huddles—small groups where student athletes grow in faith. Hidden Oaks Middle School (HOMS), across from PCPC, is a prime spot we hope to launch a huddle this fall.



Huddles are the heart of FCA. The first one took place at in 1946, in Estes Park, Colorado. There, athletes gathered in small groups to read scripture and pray with one another, quickly becoming a key element in FCA's growth and ministry. Today, huddles are taking place around the world—on campuses, fields, trails, courts, beaches, and in homes. Coaches and athletes continue to grow together as disciples who reflect Christ and inspire others.

WE DO THE LEGWORK FOR YOU!

FCA provides the devotionals, resources, training, and support—you simply show up and facilitate. Our goal is to equip volunteers to lead and empower students to lead their peers.

Let's get a team from PCPC ready to reach the next generation of student athletes for Christ at HOMS! To get involved or to learn more, please contact me at astuckey@fca.org.



Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff



We are excited to begin a new school year with our families! As routines settle and backpacks fill up, we're looking forward to another season of growing in faith, building community, and walking alongside one another. Whether you're returning or just joining us, there's so much in store!

JULY IN REVIEW

July has been a meaningful month for our youth, marked by genuine connection, thoughtful conversations, and heartfelt service to others. As part of our **A.C.T. Missions program**, students partnered with Place of Hope, cleaning and organizing a garage and sorting donations for local families. We also participated at Our Community Table, packing and delivering meals to those in need—small acts of service that made a real impact. **See the photos on page 12!**

At **high school youth group**, we've studied the book of Ephesians, focusing on what it means to live with purpose, unity, and grace. The students are asking deep questions and leaning into their faith journey.

We took our annual **Sun Up/Sun Down** trip—a fun day of adventure with beach time, special stops, games, worship, and community. **Check out the photos above!**

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Meet Otis the cat—a playful puppet who copies everything the **preschoolers** do! As they act out Bible stories from Genesis, Otis adds extra fun while they learn how amazing God is.



August **elementary** theme is *It's a Whatsit!* Each week, kids will discover a new everyday object—transformed by imagination—into something wild and fun. They'll use it creatively to bring Bible stories to life.



Our **preteen ministry** is kicking off the school year with a new mindset: school is a mission field! It's a daily chance for youth to share God's love with those around them.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETS ON SUNDAYS, 6:00-8:00 P.M. IN THE HFLC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 4:30-6:00 P.M. IN THE HFLC

YOUTH GROUPS



Our **high school students** will explore Mark, Luke, and Acts with a focus on encountering God. Each week, they'll reflect on three questions: What does this teach about God? How does it apply to me? What action can I take? It's a simple, powerful way to grow in faith and live out God's Word.

Our **middle school youth** begin meeting again on August 27. Along with interactive games and eating together, they will dig deeper into some of Jesus' parables. Through these stories, students will explore God's character and heart for us.

MOMCO SUMMER SERIES



Speaker Spotlight:

Kristen Thomas "K.T." McWilliams

Join us for the final session of our summer series with K.T. McWilliams. Kristen will share honest insight on letting go of mom guilt, embracing grace, and finding peace. Don't miss this opportunity to refill your cup and reset your heart!

6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Langill Hall

Childcare begins at 5:45 p.m. Please RSVP on our website's Upcoming Events page.

MOMCO MEETUPS



Make It Awkward:
**MomCo, beginning
September 16**

In a world that values polish over vulnerability, we're reclaiming the power of awkwardness. Why? Because awkward is authentic and charming. It's a breath of fresh air. Sometimes in our quest to be seen as competent, professional, and sophisticated, we forget the value of being real. We're entering a new era of earnestness. It's about showing up as awkward as necessary to express real kindness to other moms. **Join us every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Langill Hall. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP on the registration page listed below.**

MomCo Fall 2025 Registration page:
www.themom.co/join (Use code G9FO.)

Learn more on our MomCo website:
www.themom.co/groups/pcpcmomco



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY COOKOUT



Friday, September 12, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Kick off the school year with food, fun, and fellowship at our back-to-school family cookout! Enjoy lawn games, music, and grilled favorites as we reconnect and meet new families. **Registration is open on our website.**

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

This co-ed class meets every week in the library. The group is studying the *Dust to Glory* series by Dr. R.C. Sproul. It explores the major themes, events, and people that are brought to life in the Old and New Testaments. In August, the series will explore the books of Ecclesiastes and Job. Each class includes a video presentation followed by a group discussion. Learn more on our website. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. – Resuming September 4

This group meets in Langill Hall. Coffee and breakfast are served every week. They will be on break during August and reconvene on September 4 with an engaging new study. See our website for more information to be posted soon.

Women's Bible Study

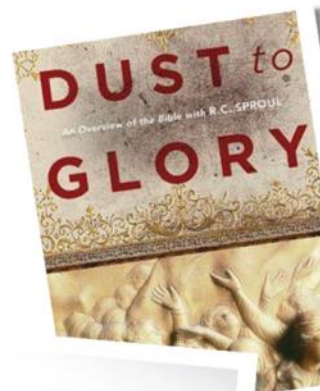
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a new 8-week LifeGuide study on spiritual gifts. This series helps us recognize our gifts and the gifts of others. We'll look at how to practically use our gifts to glorify God in our relationships, work, and world. This class meets in Langill Hall. Books are available in the office.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Join Cathy Coco for the study *Esther: The Hidden Hand of God* by Lydia Brownback. From the beginning of the book of Esther to the end, God is the main character even though he's never mentioned! Come and learn about God's faithfulness in this intriguing study. Books are available for \$12 each in the church office. This class will meet in the library through September 24.

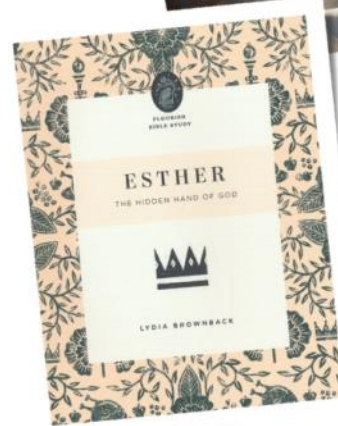


What Is
Reformed Theology?
by R.C. Sproul



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BIBLE STUDIES



Be a Champion for the Next Generation!

by Jessica Waltersdorff,

Director of Next Generation Ministry

Do you remember the first person who helped you understand how much Jesus loves you? Someone who showed up, cared deeply, and made you feel seen? For many of us, it was a trusted adult during childhood—a true champion for our faith journey. Now, you have the chance to be that for someone else.



Our Next Generation Ministry is growing, and we're looking for passionate, dependable partners to come alongside kids and champion their walk with Jesus. Whether it's through telling a Bible story, leading a game, or simply offering a listening ear, your presence makes a difference. You don't need all the answers—you just need a heart that's willing to serve. We'll equip you with everything you need: training, materials, and a team who's in it with you. As many experienced during Vacation Bible School, walking alongside kids in their faith journey isn't just rewarding—it's transformational.

Serve as a small group leader! Small group leaders:

- pray for their small group during the week.
- sit with their small group during the large group story and worship time.
- participate with their group in games.
- lead simple activities each week.
- develop relationships with the kids.

Do you feel called to young children? Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Do you feel called to teens? Join us on Wednesday afternoons for middle school youth group, 4:30–6:00 p.m., and Sunday evenings for high school youth group, 6:00–8:00 p.m.



Do you prefer to serve in the background? Help us out by **providing meals for our youth groups!** Your generosity would fuel deep conversations, big laughs, and growing hearts (and stomachs). We'll take care of setup and cleanup! Scan the QR code or see our website to sign up.



Equipped Volunteer Training

Saturday, September 20, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

We're getting ready for a new season of ministry! This annual **volunteer training** is designed to encourage, empower, and equip you with practical tools, fresh vision, and spiritual focus as you lead the next generation. Let's step in ready—because when we're equipped, we're unstoppable. If you are already a part of serving in our NextGen Ministry, or if you would like to get involved, please save the date and join us!

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at jessica@palmcitypres.org.

A.C.T. Missions Days

Our youth, along with members of our Mission Committee and area ministry partners, teamed up to impact our community this summer! See our Facebook page for more photos.



PCPC Choir Invited to Carnegie Hall!

by Reva Rogers,
Director of Traditional Music

After a very successful choir season, we are excited to announce some truly incredible news. Following our moving performance of *Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows* at this year's Good Friday service, renowned composer Heather Sorenson has extended a once-in-a-lifetime invitation: Our small but mighty chancel choir has been invited to perform Sorenson's brand-new cantata, *SOLAS*, at Carnegie Hall in New York City this November!

Our choir will join voices with other choirs from around the country to present this inspiring new work on one of the most prestigious stages in the world, representing Palm City Presbyterian Church and our entire community.

Our Goal: We are embarking on a fundraising journey to make this dream a reality. The funds will be used to cover flights, accommodations, meals, rehearsal scores, and all essentials for each choir member during our four-day trip.

How You Can Help: Be on the lookout for various fundraising events and opportunities in the coming months! Every gift, large or small, brings us one step closer to this unforgettable experience.

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported the choir throughout last season. Every donation to our concert series, every floral arrangement, handwritten note, and kind word after services has meant so much to us. Your generosity and encouragement have helped us grow and prepare for this incredible opportunity. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we prepare to share God's light through music at Carnegie Hall! May his melody guide us!



New Bible Study Coming Soon!

Join Kelly Raiford for *The Armor of God*, a dynamic seven-session video series by best-selling author Priscilla Shirer.

**Wednesdays, beginning September 10
9:30-11:00 a.m. with childcare provided**

This study explores the invisible war that rages around us — An enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you!

Learn more and RSVP on our [website](#)!

What If?

by Marlene Boobar, Deacon Team

What if you received a diagnosis of cancer? What if you required heart surgery? What if, all of a sudden, your life changed and you no longer had the same energy level or were required to have limited mobility? You wonder if you are going to die sooner than you anticipated.

You have a choice to make. You can be full of fear and anxiety, or you can test your faith. This would be an opportunity to “walk the talk.” In Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV), Paul tells us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” That is good reading, but can we really not feel anxious? That is easier said than done. Yet, we read about Moses and his trek in the desert. Was he afraid? We know that the Israelites frequently questioned Moses. They, too, were frightened. How were they comforted? We read in Deuteronomy 31:8, “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” The Lord gave His assurance in what we read in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Scripture can help calm those nerves. We just need to be still first. Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still, and know that I am God.”

After you calm down, you examine what your priorities have been and what they are now in your new physical state. You ask, “What is my purpose? Am I going to meet my Maker soon? Have I led the life He planned for me? Now that I've had this scare, what changes should I be making? What changes can I make? I have been given talents and gifts. Have I been using my gifts to their full potential? What can I do with my life with whatever time I have left?” Our purpose is to serve the Father. In John 12:26, Jesus says, “If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” That is our goal—serve Him, and we will be honored.

I am reminded of the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. A man entrusted to his servants five talents, two talents, and one talent, respectively. The first two invested what they were given and returned to the master more than they had originally. The third servant hid his talent in the ground. He did not invest what he was given, and the master was angry. When the talents were invested and grew in value, the master responded to the first two slaves, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” But to the servant who did nothing with what he had been given, the master said to him, “You wicked and slothful servant!”



How will I respond when I meet the Master? What will the Master say to me? Have I buried what I have been given? I want the Master to say to me, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Will I hear that, or will the Master tell me that I have been wicked and slothful? As long as I have breath, I am to serve Him.

When faced with a health scare or a life change, you are given an opportunity to make changes in your day-to-day living. Ask yourself, “Am I living for my Creator, or am I living for myself? What gifts (talents) have I been given? Am I truly using the gifts the Lord has given me? What time do I have left?” None of us knows. I pray I will hear those words of praise, “Well done,” when I bow before my Creator.

We must not wait for the *what if*. We are to live each day as a gift, not bury any talents. One day, we will face our Master. We will serve to the end and live it to our fullest potential. What will He say to you?

COMING IN *September*

ENGAGING CLASSES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

Community Bible Study

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Beginning 9/4
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Learn about the unwavering love of God, find hope in the midst of life's struggles, & strengthen your prayer life.

www.palmcityeve.cbsclass.org

palmcitypres.org/ministries/adult-ministries

The New Testament WITH PASTOR DAVID

Beginning 9/3
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Learn about the growth of the early church, the powerful message of God's redemptive plan through Christ, and more.

GriefShare

ENCOURAGEMENT & HOPE IN THE MIDST OF LOSS

Beginning 9/10
Tuesdays, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

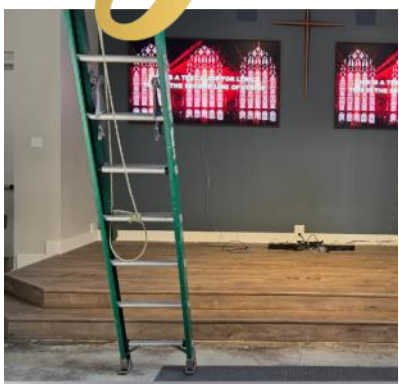
Find support and healing as you move through the grief process.

www.griefshare.org

Sharing life together as Christ transforms us by His Truth

Thank You

A big shout-out to **Larry Szafraniec** and **Dave Gendron** for bringing the idea of a cabinet in the chapel to life! This custom piece not only serves all the functions we need, it beautifully complements the other elements in the room—well beyond what we envisioned. Also, a special thank you to **Tom Mooney** for finding the local woodworker who crafted the stunning cherry slab for the top and for coordinating the entire process. You all make a fantastic team!



PALM CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRIP TO



Explore Mount Dora!

October 25-26, 2025

Don't miss this fun opportunity to visit one of Florida's most charming towns! For two days and one night, participants will explore the well-known arts and craft fair, plus experience a sight-seeing cruise along Lake Dora and more!

Space is limited! A \$100 deposit is required to hold your place, with the balance due by September 25th. Registration includes transportation, overnight accommodations, four meals, a two-hour boat cruise, and time to explore the craft fair featuring over 350 vendors from all over the country. This trip is open to all (men and women) and friends.

Learn more and sign up by visiting our [website](#) or by scanning the QR code to the left. Feel free to call the church with any questions!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Breakfast

Saturday, August 23
9:00–11:00 a.m.
in Langill Hall

All women of PCPC are encouraged to attend our upcoming ministry breakfast. We will review our May meeting, discuss upcoming plans, and enjoy fellowship over coffee and a light breakfast. Childcare will be provided.



Please RSVP on our [website](#), by scanning the code provided here, or by calling the church on or before August 20. Please contact Kelly Raiford with any questions at kwraiford0109@gmail.com.



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on Friday, July 18, in the library at PCPC. Questions? Please contact Rev. Lyn Snow, Ph.D. at chaplainsnow@gmail.com.

Want to learn more about PCPC?

You're invited to our upcoming New Members Class! A light lunch and childcare will be provided. Please scan the code below or visit our website's Upcoming Events page to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, September 14 @
12:15 p.m. in Langill Hall



2025 August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Worship 8:20 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service MBS: Men's Bible Study WBS: Women's Bible Study CBS: Community Bible Study					1 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support	2 9:00 a.m. Handbell Workshop 9:30 a.m. Our Community Table
3 8:30 a.m. Backpacks & Blessings 9:30 a.m. Adult Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	4 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	5	6 10:00 a.m. WBS 10:00 a.m. Play-n-Praise 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	7 9:30 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	8	9
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24 / 31 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids 9:30 a.m. Adult Sun. School 6:00 p.m. Beach Baptism (24th) 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group (31st)	25 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	26	27 10:00 a.m. WBS 10:00 a.m. Play-n-Praise 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	28 9:30 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:30 p.m. Collage App Workshop 7:00 p.m. Choir	29	30

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for our latest
newsletter?*

Please email it to our editors Andrea Wood and Amy Kitchell at newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline listed on the calendar. Please write “Newsletter submission” in the subject line and remember to attach any photos you’d like to include.

**14TH ANNUAL
PALM CITY
TURKEY TROT**

Join the planning team!



Looking to get involved and be a part of this large community event?! Contact Rebecca Stephens at rebecca.marino110@gmail.com to join the team!

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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

SECRETS TO A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE APPLICATION

Thursday, August 28

5:30 - 7 PM

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Join us in the HFLC youth room to unlock the secrets of a successful college application with Kelly Riccardo, a PCPC member and owner of My College Resource. Dinner will be provided!