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Wishing You a Meaningful Lent

by David C. Mauldin

Christians have historically set aside time to prepare for Easter. I don't mean planning a special dinner or ordering lilies. I mean preparing spiritually. Easter celebrates Jesus' triumphant resurrection with its promise of eternal life to all who belong to him. Easter means victory. But suffering comes before victory. Death comes before resurrection. As Paul wrote, "We are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, *provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him*" (Romans 8:16-17 ESV).

Victory awaits us, for Christ has won it. Yet, in this life, we fight against sin, flesh, and the devil. We dare not imagine that God has saved us to give us an easy, carefree life in this world. A joyful life? Yes. An abundant life? Yes. But a life free from suffering? How can our lives be free of suffering in a broken and sinful world? How can our lives be easy when we follow the crucified Savior?

To keep our heads in the right place about this, Christians invented the holy season of Lent. Lent is the forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays. Sunday, being the Lord's Day and the day of resurrection, can never be a day of penitence and fasting. Lent lasts forty days because Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days in the wilderness before he was tempted by Satan. He is our model. If you love sports, you may think of Lent as spring training or two-a-day practices.

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A spiritual battle rages all around us. We must prepare. This year, the holy season of Lent begins on February 18, and the first Sunday in Lent is February 22.

The purpose of Lent is to remind us of our need for God's grace. During Lent, we reflect on our brokenness, our weakness. We confess our sin to God. We seek his mercy. In our worship services during Lent this year, we will have a prayer of confession. In a previous church, a psychologist asked me, "Why do we have a prayer of confession? It seems like we're just beating ourselves up. Every week, we say, 'Oh, I'm so bad.'" I replied, "We live by God's grace. Confession acknowledges that. We fall short, but in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Those who feel their guilt need to hear that they are forgiven. Those who think they are doing fine on their own, ... well, Jesus said they are far from God's kingdom." Lent should be more about the beauty of God's grace than the ugliness of our sin.



Historically, Christians observed Lent by prayer, fasting, and giving alms. The focus was often on giving things up. They didn't eat meat. They didn't drink alcohol. One of my friends gave up television during Lent one year. A fast from social media might be a helpful spiritual practice for some people! In more recent years, adding a spiritual practice to one's routine has become more popular. For example, some

Christians add a special time of prayer and Bible study during Lent. They attend a class or they give a special offering, usually for a special purpose. You may choose practices for Lent that are meaningful for you.

Lent is not about making yourself miserable, nor is it an occasion to beat yourself up. Rather, Lent is about spiritual conditioning, like Jesus in the wilderness. Lent reminds me that when I fall down, I will get right back up. No matter how many times I stumble and fall, I will get back up and continue following Jesus. God will never give up on me; therefore, I will never give up on God.

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Finally, Lent is not about pulling yourself toward God by your spiritual bootstraps. Rather, you acknowledge your need for grace and appeal to God to make you more like Christ. With human beings, our goodness tends to be only skin deep while sin goes to the bone. Deeper still is the grace of God. Deeper than my sin is the love of God that died on the cross for me. Deeper than my sin is the seal on my soul given in baptism. I am his, and that is enough. Out of love and gratitude, I try to please him. I want to be holy. But I know that my holiness will never be of my own making. Instead, his death and his life make me who I am, and my holiness is that which he gives me. I cannot make my heart right. Only he can, and I pray that he will. My growth as a Christian has not been an illusion. God has been working. My efforts at prayer and service have not been wasted. On the contrary, they have become God's tools to change my heart. Deeper than my actions are my motives. Deeper than my motives is my brokenness. Deeper than my brokenness is the grace of God. To him alone be glory.

Press Pause: Reassessing What Matters Most

by Steve Romig

Life moves fast. Between work, personal and/or family responsibilities, social obligations, and constant notifications, it's easy to get caught up in the demands of the moment and lose sight of what truly matters. Our calendars fill up, our to-do lists grow longer, and the pressures on our time, talents, and finances seem unrelenting. And lately, with economic and cultural challenges increasing, many of us feel stretched thinner than ever.



Lord, in the busyness
and challenges of life,
help me to pause and
remember what matters
most. Teach me to give You
the best of my time, my
talents, and my resources.
Guide my heart to seek
Your kingdom first and to
trust You with all my needs.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

That's why it's so valuable—and so biblical—to stop once in a while and reevaluate our priorities. Psalm 46:10 calls us to, “Be still, and know that I am God.” This is not just a call to rest, but to remember who is at the center of our lives. When we pause and take inventory, we can ask:

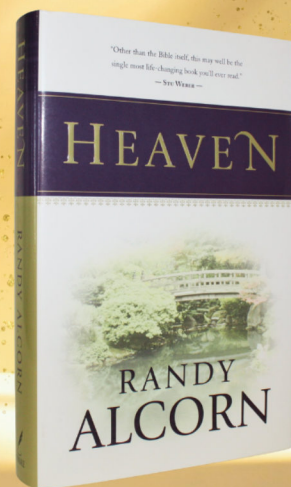
- Am I spending my time in ways that honor God?
- Am I using my gifts to serve others and build His kingdom?
- Am I stewarding my resources with generosity and trust?

Jesus reminded His followers in Matthew 6:33 *to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*, promising that the other needs of life would be met. Stopping to reflect realigns our hearts with this truth—it helps us release distractions, avoid burnout, and renew our sense of purpose.

Reevaluation is not about guilt, but about grace—allowing God to redirect us when we've drifted, to refill us when we're weary, and to remind us that our lives are best lived with Him at the center.

A New Study on Sundays, beginning March 22

Have you ever wondered *What is heaven really going to be like?, What will we look like?, What will we do every day?, Won't heaven get boring after a while?* We all have questions about heaven. Dr. Randy Alcorn provides answers in his best-selling book *Heaven*, a comprehensive guide to everything the Bible says about our eternal home. It supplies answers to questions about the afterlife, angels, resurrection, and the kingdom of God. Join us at PCPC's Adult Sunday School class for a six-week video study of the book, beginning March 22. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel every Sunday.





Youth Pickleball League

Beginning February 2!

Join the fun with our new Youth Pickleball League! We've partnered with Upward Sports to bring fast-paced fun, skill-building, and teamwork to the court! Learn the game, make new friends, and grow both on and off the court. For 4th–8th grade students. No experience needed! See our website's [Upcoming Events](#) page to learn more and register.

Available to volunteer? See our website for details or contact Jessica Waltersdorff at jessica@palmcitypres.org.

1 CORINTHIANS:

The Road to Spiritual Maturity

*A class on Wednesday evenings
6:00-7:00 p.m.*

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 class on 1 Corinthians. It will be held weekly through April 29 in Langill Hall. Each class will feature teaching, followed by small group discussion. See our [website](#) for more details, the class plan, and recordings of past classes.

GRIEF SHARE®

**Tuesdays in our library
12:00-2:00 p.m.**

GriefShare, facilitated by Florine Blackshear, offers biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week video seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by discussion.

Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not, you will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a loved one. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Visit the GriefShare website (griefshare.org) to learn more and register.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

This co-ed class, facilitated by Mike Jones (mjonesas@comcast.net), meets every week in the chapel. The group is studying *Dust to Glory: An Overview of the Bible* by Dr. R.C. Sproul. It looks at the major themes, events, and people that are brought to life in the Old and New Testaments. Each class includes a video presentation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

This group is studying *Luke: Good News of Great Joy*, by Lydia Brownback. This class explores the life and ministry of Christ. Pointing to Jesus as the promised King of kings, Brownback shows how his earthly ministry is good news for all, especially the downtrodden, the hurting, and the outsider. Please contact Cathy Coco at cococat17@aol.com with any questions.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. with childcare

This group is studying Priscilla Shirer's *He Speaks to Me*. In this series, you'll learn through the biblical examples of Samuel, Moses, Joshua, Jesus's disciples, and many others how to position yourself to hear the voice of God and respond to it. Learn more on our website. Contact Kelly Raiford at kwraiford0109@gmail.com with any questions.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for *Angels: Finding Hope in God Who Reigns Over Heaven and Earth*, a video study that explores what scripture records about angels—who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with us. *Angels* is a call to put your hope in the God of angel armies who reigns over heaven and earth. Please contact Sallie Snyder with questions at salliesnyder@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:00 a.m.

This group meets in Langill Hall. Coffee and breakfast are served. They are currently studying *What Is Reformed Theology?* by R.C. Sproul. In this series, Sproul examines distinctive aspects of Reformed Theology which set it apart from the many theologies that have developed before and after the Protestant Reformation. Feel free to call the church with any questions.





Place of Hope Update



For over 25 years, Place of Hope has served as a safe haven for children, youth, and families across South Florida by keeping siblings together, preparing foster youth for independence, and helping human trafficking survivors heal and rebuild.

Place of Hope's newest campus, located on Cove Road in Stuart, is expanding. The Villages of Hope will open in February. The first phase includes two apartment buildings with 16 two-bedroom units each, providing temporary housing for women and children leaving abusive relationships and at-risk youth. Residents will receive medical, emotional, and legal services until they transition to stable, safe living. Two additional buildings are planned, addressing a critical local need for temporary housing and homelessness prevention.

Also opening in February is the warehouse housing The Shade Tree Ministry, which provides clothing, baby items, school supplies, and food for residents and the wider community. Our congregation currently supports this ministry.



One of the new apartment buildings opening this month

There are currently opportunities to sponsor or “name” areas on campus. One family in our congregation has anonymously named a warehouse room and is considering naming an additional room or apartment in honor of their grandparents—support that helps fund current construction and future apartment buildings.

PCPC Service Opportunity

Saturday, February 21

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We will be moving The Shade Tree Ministry from its temporary location to the new warehouse. This will involve moving metal shelving and putting the donated items on the shelves. We will meet at 1490 SE Cove Rd, Stuart. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Wanda Rosello rosellow1@gmail.com to attend.

We are also collecting the following items to support The Shade Tree Ministry:

- Pull-ups
- Diapers in size 3 to 6
- Wipes
- Body wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Other personal hygiene items
- Infant and children's clothing
- Women's clothing sizes XS to XXL

Donations may be brought to the PCPC office.

The Grove

Welcome the newest church in our presbytery! On January 25, 2026, The Grove officially became a church! The Grove was an ECO church plant, and PCPC was among its supporters from the beginning. We made an initial three-year commitment when The Grove began. We supported them for seven years total. We praise God and rejoice with them on this important milestone.



Dear Palm City Pres.,

Grace and peace to you.

We are writing with deep gratitude and joy to share an important milestone in the life of **The Grove Church**. By God's grace, and through your faithful prayers, generosity, and encouragement, we are officially transitioning from a church plant to an organized church.

This moment would not be possible without you.

From the very beginning, you believed in the vision God placed on our hearts: to reach believers and skeptics who long for more, to create a space to wrestle with faith and doubt, and to write stories of new life in Christ. When The Grove was only an idea and a small gathering of people, your partnership helped turn that vision into a living, growing church family.

Because of your support over the years:

- Lives have been changed by the gospel
- People have been baptized and discipled
- A healthy, worshiping community has taken root
- Leaders are being raised up for long-term ministry

Your investment has borne real, eternal fruit.

As we move into this next chapter, we do so with humility and thanksgiving. We are not "graduating" from dependence on God or on the wider body of Christ, but stepping forward with a deeper sense of responsibility, stability, and mission. This transition marks both an ending and a beginning. It is the close of our planting season and the beginning of a new season of rooted growth, leadership development, and kingdom impact in our community.

Please know how thankful we are for all your prayers, financial partnership, counsel, and friendship. You have been part of The Grove's story since the beginning, and we will always consider you partners in the work God is doing through The Grove.

We would be honored if you would continue to pray for us as we take this step, asking God to keep us faithful to the gospel, unified in love, and bold in mission.

With sincere gratitude and joy,

David
Lead Pastor, The Grove Church

Upcoming Men's Event

by Jon Albright

It often starts simply—fellowship, a shared meal which leads to conversation, a moment of laughter, and bonding. But through our Men's Series Events, those moments become something more. They become opportunities for men from our church, our community, and beyond to share life together in meaningful ways.



This is where I see our church's vision lived out: Sharing life together as Christ transforms us by His Truth. As men gather, discipleship happens naturally. Scripture shapes conversations, presence is felt as men intentionally show up, and humility grows as we recognize that God's work is bigger than any one of us. These events may look ordinary on the surface, but God uses them to build brotherhood, deepen faith, strengthen families, and gain spiritual strength—one relationship at a time.

Join us for our upcoming BBQ on Saturday, February 28!

It will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on PCPC's campus at the pavilion next to Langill Hall. Please scan the code or visit our website to RSVP!

Our planning team looks forward to continuing to build a strong Christian brotherhood within our church family, neighborhoods, and wider community. Our aim is to create gatherings that encourage spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and lasting connections among men of all ages—grandfathers, fathers, sons, and grandsons—middle school and up. Watch for news coming soon about more events in 2026!



Widow's Club

by Marlene Boobar

The Widows Club met for dinner on January 22 at Pastaio in Palm City. It was a lovely evening with 18 of us gathered together for a delicious meal at this Italian restaurant. As the year continues, we hope to get together more often. Any widow wishing to be included can send her name and contact information to me at marleneboobar@hotmail.com. You'll be added to our email list for notification of future events.



St. Augustine Bus Trip

April 18-19

2 Days and 1 Night

Join other PCPC members on an exciting trip to St. Augustine, FL, the oldest city in America!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Overnight accommodations in downtown St. Augustine
- 1 hotel breakfast, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners at fine local restaurants
- 2-day Hop On Hop Off Trolley pass
- Free time for shopping and sightseeing
- All taxes and meal gratuities

ABOUT THE EVENT:

The cost is \$478.00 per person for a double room (add \$108 for a single room). A \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration with the balance due by February 20, 2026. Trip insurance is available directly through Senior Excursions, Inc. Please visit their website at seniorexcursionsinc.com to learn more about the insurance.

For online registration, visit our website's Upcoming Events page or scan the QR code below.

In-person registration is available in the church office during office hours. Payment can be made using cash, check, or card. Questions? Please contact Marlene Boobar at marleneboobar@hotmail.com or call the church office at 772-286-9958.



Ministry Wishlist

- ☐ Facial tissues
- ☐ Gently used water bottles
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ Disposable condiment cups
- ☐ Readers (1.50, 1.75, 2.25, 3.25)
- ☐ Backpacks
- ☐ Tampons
- ☐ Medicine cups with lids (1 oz.)
- ☐ Adult Pull-Ups, size XL

Items for donation can be brought to the church office.



Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff

As February unfolds, we are leaning into the relationships that are taking shape. Faith grows not in big moments alone, but in consistency—being known, being welcomed, and being reminded that we belong. This month, we’re focusing on helping our flock experience God’s love in tangible ways, while continuing to encourage and equip the adults who walk with them daily. Together, we are nurturing trans-formational faith that is lived out in everyday life.

Abide Kids on Sunday Mornings



Our **preschool** unit for February is *I Spy*. Preschoolers will need to put on their looking eyes to search high and low for the hidden objects. Once found, each object will help tell a portion of the Bible story. It’s an eye-opening experience that teaches kids to follow and obey Jesus, our all-powerful Savior.



Our **elementary** unit is *Ready, Set, Go!*, an incredibly fun and fast-paced series that will have kids racing full speed ahead as they learn about the life-changing teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. As kids dash to uncover these heavenly pearls of wisdom, they’ll discover an important truth: when it comes to following Jesus, victory doesn’t go to the fastest. It goes to those who listen to Jesus and put His words into action.



Our **Next Level** preteen theme is *Poser*. This four-week series examines the dangers of placing our identity outside of Jesus. Each week will look at a different area that people commonly try to find identity in: possessions, pleasure or entertainment, abilities or skills, and reputation or position. Can the same be said for the church today? We must strive to love and treat people, all people, the same as Jesus did.



Upcoming Events

See our website's Upcoming Events page for more details and to RSVP!

LEGO & Lunch: February 8 @ 12:15 p.m.

Back by popular demand, families and builders of all ages are invited to enjoy lunch, create with LEGO, and explore this year’s theme, “God Is Love.” It’s a joyful way to connect, create, and experience God’s love together. We will gather in Langill Hall following the 11:00 traditional service. **Please RSVP on our [website!](#)**

Family Worship Day: February 15

This is a reminder for our first Family Worship Day, where families are invited to worship together in service as we celebrate all generations gathering side

by side. Abide Kids will not meet on Family Worship Days, allowing children to participate fully in worship with their families. Nursery care will still be available for children ages 3 and under. We're looking forward to this meaningful time of shared worship and seeing our children experience what it means to be an active part of the church today.

Restore & Renew Camping Trip: March 21-22

A special overnight experience for our youth! Step away from the noise and into nature for a weekend designed just for students. This trip invites kids to disconnect from distractions and connect more deeply with God, their leaders, and one another. Through meaningful devotions, campfire worship, team-building activities, and unforgettable outdoor adventures, students will be encouraged, challenged, and refreshed in their faith. **Space is limited to 16 participants! Registration will be open soon on our website.**

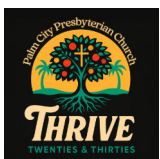
Easter Egg-stravaganza: March 29

Easter is right around the corner and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! This year we are hosting the "Abide Kids Easter Egg-stravaganza!" Join us at Langill Hall from 12:15–2:15 for this one-of-a-kind Easter egg hunt that helps kids understand the gospel of Jesus.



Thrive Young Adult Ministry

Saturdays, 5:00–6:30 p.m. in Langill Hall



Our new young adult ministry for those in their 20s and 30s has begun! Join us for dinner, fellowship, and studying God's truth. Whether you're navigating early careers, new relationships, or finding your place in community, come *Thrive* with us! Experience genuine connection, conversation, and Christ-centered encouragement. Childcare is available. Contact David Amerson for details: amerson@palmcitypres.org.



LET'S GO!

PLAY WITH PURPOSE!

Junior Pickleball League

This month, I'm excited to launch our junior pickleball league! In partnership with Upward Sports, each practice and game will include a short devotion, keeping Jesus at the center of everything we do. What a meaningful way to minister to the next generation through teamwork, encouragement, and play!

Practices will take place on Monday afternoons, beginning February 2. I'm thrilled to introduce our coaches, Greg Hardcastle and Austin Brower. We still need help! Games will begin in March and we are looking for two referees. No prior refereeing experience is required—just a basic understanding of pickleball. If you love pickleball and can give a few hours each week starting in March, please reach out to me (jessica@palmcitypres.org) to get involved! If you have a 4th–8th grade student who would like to join the league, see our website or scan the code provided here.





Opening the Word Together

Each Thursday morning, I faithfully attend Bible study at PCPC, and I also participate in Bible Study Fellowship. Each week, I am privileged to experience Scripture not as something to master but as something that meets us where we are.

As my faith grew, I discovered many who attended PCPC regularly longed to study Scripture but hesitated to join Bible study. They worried that they did not know the Bible well enough. They feared asking the wrong questions or feeling embarrassed among those who seemed more knowledgeable. I reassured them that knowing is not a prerequisite. Learning is the purpose. I reminded them that Bible study is not for experts; it is for seekers. It is a place to listen, to ask, to wrestle, and to grow.

Once they accepted the invitation and sat with God's Word, fear gave way to confidence. Understanding deepened. What once felt intimidating became a source of clarity, comfort, and strength.

They discovered opportunities to study Scripture that they had never known existed. Through God's Word,

they found not only knowledge and direction, but a truth that could be trusted and lived out.

I witnessed how Scripture, when shared and explored together, brings light where there was uncertainty. God's Word does not exclude or overwhelm; it invites and informs. When we stand on Scripture as the living Word of God, clarity follows.

"I witnessed how Scripture, when shared and explored together, brings light where there was uncertainty."

Sometimes faith grows quietly, one verse at a time, one study at a time, one invitation at a time. And in those moments, God's truth does exactly what it promises to do. It teaches, corrects, encourages, and transforms.

– Dr. La Barbara Chenault



Women's Bible study at PCPC

We're collecting celebration stories! How have you seen God at work at PCPC? To share a story that exemplifies our values and mission, please email it to vision@palmcitypres.org. For more information, please visit the Our Mission page on our website (found under the About Us tab).

Transformed by the Word, Together

More than twenty years ago, our weekly men's Bible study began simply, meeting every Thursday morning—one church member gathering other men around God's Word. There was no grand plan or formal structure, just a shared desire to know Christ more deeply and to grow in holiness through Scripture. What began organically has endured faithfully, shaped not by personalities but by the steady power of God's truth.

Over time, the study entered a new season when it was led by our associate pastor. That season brought guidance, depth, and theological clarity, strengthening the men's understanding of Scripture while keeping Christ at the center. Yet even in that chapter, the heart of the group remained unchanged: men meeting together under God's Word, trusting Christ's promise that where believers gather in His name, He is present among them.

"Spiritual growth and holiness come not through programs alone, but through faithful gathering, obedient hearts, and confidence in Christ's promise to meet His people when they come together."

Today, the study has come full circle, once again led by male members of the church. This return reflects something deeply meaningful—it is a living picture of discipleship at work. Men who were once taught are now teaching; men who once listened are now leading. It is not about position or platform, but about faithfully stewarding what God has given for His mission.



This ongoing story embodies our church's vision of *sharing life together as Christ transforms us by His Truth*. Discipleship is visible as men put Jesus first and submit their lives to Scripture. Clarity is upheld as God's Word remains the foundation and authority. Presence is lived out as men consistently show up for one another, week after week. And humility is evident as leadership is shared, service is embraced, and the focus remains on Christ—not self.

This men's Bible study is a powerful testimony that spiritual growth and holiness come not through programs alone, but through faithful gathering, obedient hearts, and confidence in Christ's promise to meet His people when they come together. It is quiet, steady, and deeply transformative—just as God so often works.

— Anonymous

Youth Ministry Update

by David Amerson, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Specialist

Growing in Numbers and Spirit



It has been an incredible start to the year for youth ministry at PCPC! We are officially "packed like sardines" in the youth room—we hit a new high of 36 middle schoolers this week, on top of our core group of 16 high schoolers. It's an awesome problem to have, and we're honestly going to need a bigger room if this keeps up!

Even more encouraging than the numbers is the spiritual growth we're seeing. Since January, we've been digging deep into our *Comparison Game* series, focusing on students building their own personal relationship with God. It has been amazing to watch them step up! They've been practicing prayer, reading the Bible in front of their peers, and even leading discussions. They are giving such insightful feedback and opening up about their own faith journeys. Seeing them gain the confidence to apply themes like grace, repentance, and faith to their daily lives—and even invite their friends to join in—has been a huge blessing. God is moving in a big way here!

Rock the Universe

THANK YOU, PCPC! We were able to send 20 of our youth to Rock the Universe, Florida's largest Christian music festival, held yearly at Universal Studios in Orlando. What a blast they had! The music was a massive highlight. They got to see incredible live sets from Switchfoot, Hulvey, and Forrest Frank. Between the high-speed rides and concerts, they carved out time to dive into *199 Promises of God*, a book reflecting on His truth. It was a weekend of unforgettable music, deep fellowship, and solid faith. We're already counting down to next year! We couldn't offer these experiences without your support!



High School Youth Group outing to Shark Shack in Palm City, January 2026



Group photo from Rock the Universe 2026



Youth photos from Rock the Universe 2026

MomCo at PCPC

by Jessica Waltersdorff



MomCo is back for a new semester, and there's a seat waiting for you! 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 husbands to join us for a special couples MomCo. We meet in Langill Hall on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Upcoming Meetups

- **February 17:** Authentic Intimacy
- **February 28:** Serving at Our Community Table (RSVP through the MomCo chat; we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at PCPC to carpool)
- **March 10:** Building Resourcefulness in Kids
- **April 21:** Rest & Renewal
- **May 12:** A Blessing for Moms



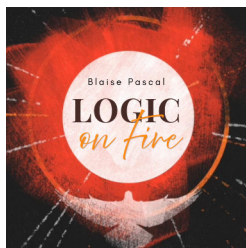
Aspire Women's Event: Saturday, April 25

PCPC's Women's Ministry is gathering for a fun and encouraging event! You're invited to this special 3-hour conference at Harbor Church in Ft. Pierce featuring dynamic speaker and author Allison Allen, comedy by Michelle Miller, and music by Kendall Hill.

Visit our website to learn more and purchase tickets. Following your ticket purchase, please email Kelly Raiford (kwraiford0109@gmail.com) so that we can plan to arrive and sit together.

Sermons in February

by Pastor David Mauldin



February begins with a short series about Blaise Pascal. Every year, I like to preach a historical series, using the life and teachings of a famous figure from church history to illustrate the truths of God's Word. Blaise Pascal was a 17th-century French mathematician, inventor, and theologian. He felt a special burden to share the gospel with people in his social circles who were educated and cultured, but they saw Christianity as mere folktales and superstition. Pascal combined a brilliant logical mind with passionate religious devotion. He rejected the "god of the philosophers" in favor of the "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Before February ends, we enter the holy season of Lent. This year during Lent, I will preach on the emotional life of Jesus. Being fully human, as well as fully divine, Jesus experienced the full range of human emotions. We see this in the gospels in powerful ways.

- **February 1:** Luke 11:9-13 & James 4:1-12, *Blaise Pascal: Logic on Fire*, "Why God Hides"
- **February 8:** Isaiah 55:1-9, *Blaise Pascal: Logic on Fire*, "Why We Hide from Ourselves"
- **February 15:** Matthew 16:24-26, *Blaise Pascal: Logic on Fire*, "You Wanna Bet?"
- **February 22:** Mark 3:1-6, *The Emotional Life of Jesus*, "Anger"

Vacation Bible School June 8-12, 2026

Step through the mist into 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.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

See our website for details.



New Members Class

Sunday, February 15

12:15 p.m.

Want to learn more about Palm City Presbyterian Church? You're invited to our upcoming New Members Class! Join our pastors in Langill Hall following the 11:00 service for an overview of our church, information about ECO, how to get involved, and more. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

Please RSVP on our website.



2025 Turkey Trot Recap

by Rebecca Stephens

A Number of Things to be Thankful For

60 volunteers It is a true miracle to have so many church members show up during the week of Thanksgiving to make this such a successful event to bless our community for the 14th year in a row! It is through these special people that the light of Jesus shines. Each year, I hear stories from people who come to know us and Jesus because of this event. It only takes a spark, so thank you to everyone who volunteered. May you continue to reflect His joy in all you do.

52 Fun Runners What a joy it is to see children running and playing! Kids got a chance to experience the new fun run track with lanes zigzagging across the parking lot and a dash to the finish line for a medal of their own.

604 5K Participants Each year, we limit our event to 600 participants. As tickets sell out, the race energy ramps up. Runners, walkers, and family members prepare for this rewarding experience. I'm told food tastes better after you run 3.2 miles! Thank you to this community of runners and walkers, many of whom return year after year to support charity.

95 Trophies The event featured 15 age groups, each with male and female categories. Congratulations to Brandon Hoag, top male finisher with a time of 17.05, and Audrey Allen, top female finisher with a time of 18.44! In the masters division, Michael Panza won first place among the males, and Diane Labar took first place among the females.

700 Breakfasts Thank you to our long-time food vendor, Chef JP with JP's Meals on Wheels, LLC. for providing a delicious hot breakfast to everyone at this event on a holiday morning.

29 Sponsors Wow! We're amazed at the support we received toward this event from businesses, merchants, and personal donors. Sponsors make this event possible, as the Turkey Trot does not use any church funds. All costs, from T-shirts to food, are covered by sponsorships and entry fees. It is with this financial support that we can give so much to a local mission in our community each year.

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run raised \$27,211.14 for Our Community Table!

This vital ministry serves around 2,000 meals each week to those in need throughout Martin and Okeechobee Counties. To learn more and volunteer with Our Community Table, please visit their website: ourcommunitytableministries.org.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY WORSHIP Traditional services at 8:20 & 11:00 a.m. Contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. MBS - Men's Bible Study WBS - Women's Bible Study CBS - Community Bible Study						
1 8:20 a - Children's Church 9:30 a - Abide Kids 9:30 a - Adult Sunday School 6:00 p - HS Youth Group	2 4:00 p - Junior Pickleball Practice 5:15 p - Walk Aerobics	3 10:00 a - Caregiver Support 12:00 p - GriefShare 4:00 p - Deacons Meeting	4 9:30 a - WBS 10:00 a - WBS 4:30 p - MS Youth Group 5:15 p - Walk Aerobics 6:00 p - Spiritual Maturity Class	5 7:00 a - MBS 9:30 a - WBS 5:30 p - Bell Choir 6:30 p - CBS 7:00 p - Choir	6	7 5:00 p - Thrive Young Adult Group
Eco National Gathering						
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15 FAMILY WORSHIP DAY 9:30 a - Adult Sun. School 12:15 p - New Members Class 6:00 p - HS Youth Group	16 4:00 p - Junior Pickleball Practice 5:15 p - Walk Aerobics	17 10:00 a - Caregiver Support 12:00 p - GriefShare 6:00 p - MomCo	18 9:30 a - WBS 10:00 a - WBS 4:30 p - MS Youth Group 5:15 p - Walk Aerobics 6:00 p - Spiritual Maturity Class	19 7:00 a - MBS 9:30 a - WBS 5:30 p - Bell Choir 6:30 p - CBS 7:00 p - Choir	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Deadline for St. Augustine Bus Trip Registration	21 5:00 p - Thrive Young Adult Group
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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.

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