

## Palm City Presbyterian Church

## NEWSLETTER



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## Reflections on ECO's 2024 National Gathering

by Pastor David C. Mauldin

Our church is part of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. We cherish the doctrinal clarity this gives us. Our Essential Tenets plainly state the beliefs we are willing to live and die for. If you've been around, you know what a blessing this is. A long time ago, every church was clear about its basic beliefs and practices. Today, not so much. This clarity keeps us focused on Christ and united in our convictions.

If your experience of ECO is limited to our church, that may be the first or even only thing that comes to your mind when you think of ECO. But there is much more. Our doctrinal unity gives us the freedom to work together in exciting ways, including worship, missions, church planting, and training new leaders. All of these are on display at the National Gathering. The Gathering celebrates God's grace and expresses who we aspire to be as a movement of churches.

The world is changing fast, especially the religious landscape of our nation. Many churches find themselves on the ropes. ECO leaders tackle this head-on at the National Gathering. Inspiring worship aims to wash off the discouragement and weariness of ministry. Speakers and breakout sessions provide insight into how to navigate these changing times. The keynote speaker, Alan Hirsch, encouraged us to be open to new ideas. My favorite speaker, Rebecca McLaughlin, explained how to address non-Christian claims that are popular right now.

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If you attend a National Gathering, you will marvel at how different ECO churches are. We're not like a restaurant franchise where every location is the same. United in doctrine, we are as different as the communities where we are located. You will also be reminded that we are part of a global church. The Egyptians and Brazilians always make the effort to come, and PARS Theological Centre (which trains pastors for Iran) always sends representatives. Plus, you can make numerous other connections around the world.

**“The Gathering celebrates God’s grace and expresses who we aspire to be as a movement of churches.”**

Each of ECO’s 22 presbyteries meets during the gathering. We had as many Florida folks in Greenville, SC, as we usually do when we meet in Florida. At our meeting, PCPC’s Jason Pridmore was elected to the presbytery’s Permanent Judicial Commission. Lee England is the vice moderator, and I chair the Ministry Partnership Team, so PCPC has a strong involvement with the presbytery. This is important. No pastor is alone. No session is alone. No church is alone. We stand together, and the presbytery is how that happens.

If you ever get the chance to go to a National Gathering, do it! You do not have to be a pastor or elder to go. Anyone can register. Next year, the National Gathering will be in Dallas, January 28-30.

**by Al Hastings**

I had the great opportunity to represent Palm City Presbyterian at the recent 2024 ECO National Gathering. As it turns out, this was the best experience I have ever had in a gathering of that size. It was very well planned right from the start, with a lot of pre-conference material to set the stage for the days to come. The schedule that was posted was adhered to throughout.

In the pre-conference material was a word that was



*PCPC members at the 2024 ECO National Gathering: (from left to right) Pastor David Mauldin, Youth Leader Richie Kim, Darlene Pridmore, Susan Hastings, Al Hastings, Pastor Jason Pridmore, Director of Children's Ministry and Family Outreach Sherrey Pridmore, Operations Manager Tom Mooney, and Pastor Charlie Pridmore*

the topic for the entire gathering. The word is *metanoia*, a Greek word translated as repentance. In today's world, it is about a true change of mind and heart. The theme was carried throughout the conference meetings and at the different breakout sessions. The bottom line is we can no longer do things the way we have always done them. It's time for new ideas, to be able to rethink and relearn and try these new ideas and procedures.

The choices that we had for the different breakout sessions were tough to choose from; there were many interesting topics. Since I've been home, I've



*Pastor Don Feuerbach, Al and Susan Hastings, and Pastor David Mauldin at the conference*



watched a few of the main sessions [online](#) to refresh my mind. You, too, can see some of the fantastic speakers we were fortunate to hear!

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenville was an excellent host. The sanctuary was inspiring, with a beautiful choir and orchestra. I can't say enough about the church volunteers who continually offered assistance with a smile.

One of the most interesting things I learned, and am very proud of, is that our church is growing. Believe me, this is not the norm across the country. For the future, I'm sure the theme of metanoia will guide us to become not just a growing church but a flourishing church. It is very important that each of us accept innovative changes as we move forward together.

## by Susan Hastings

I was a little apprehensive about going to the ECO National Gathering. Even the main theme, *Metanoia*, was intimidating. I had never heard of it and didn't know what it meant (repentance, but it's much more than that). Knowing I was going to be surrounded by clergy, theologians, and intellectuals gave me a little pause. Was I ever surprised! While all of the above were there, it was not intimidating at all. Everyone was welcoming. I was happy to feel that, while a lot was going on for those in the "executive branch" of ECO, there were plenty of sessions for all of us to be able to understand and absorb.

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The days started with the entire group of 1400 (500 of us were first-timers to an ECO gathering) meeting in either the main sanctuary, seating 2000, or the Worship & Arts Center, a new addition to the church, seating about 700. Speakers each morning and afternoon were at one of these locations and livestreamed to the other. The sanctuary, with an orchestra and a choir of over 50, had breathtaking music as we sang hymns and

listened to soloists. We chose to go there for the first day and ended that day with worship and Communion. We went to the Worship & Arts Center the next day to experience the contemporary services, and I was very moved by the music and the feeling of camaraderie.



*The synod business meeting during the conference: a fruitful time including electing people to various posts and hearing from overseas partners*

We all began the day together listening to several speakers, and then we separated to attend breakout sessions. The four I chose were "Discipleship Essentials," "Biblical Christ-Centered Conflict," "Dynamic New Covenant Partner Retreats," and "Practicing Partnership." They were very informative, some relating more to our church than others. In each one, I learned something I could use, which means it was successful and worth my while.

"Discipleship Essentials" was one in particular that I was very excited about. I hope to be able to implement it in my own life but, more importantly, into the lives of others. "Practicing Partnership" was about missions and Kingdom partnership—bringing meaningful connections that go far beyond sharing financial resources. As the Mission Committee chair, I pray that I will be able to share these feelings with the committee and our partners.

The last morning was commissioners attending the synod business meeting. Al and I were both commissioners. We felt honored to be able to participate and learn more about the process of our ECO denomination. We were also glad that we had spoken to Pastor David about the polity changes

that were being considered. We received a 79-page document going over the business, but he was able to explain in “easier” language what we would be discussing.

This gathering was an experience I will treasure and remember for the rest of my life. Being with others who share the same beliefs and are passionate about spreading the gospel was inspirational and motivating. I pray that my opportunity will not be wasted and that I will be able to share my experience with others to help them become true disciples of Jesus.

### by Pastor Jason Pridmore

Anyone who has been to a National Gathering before will understand this — every subsequent gathering after your first is like a reunion of old friends and family. And now, having been to four National Gatherings, that circle of friends and family has grown exponentially. It’s always exciting and encouraging to gather with fellow laborers who share in the struggles and victories of ministry, regardless of their context or setting. Our hope is found in Jesus, but it is hopeful still to know that we march forward in unity with other believers toward a common mission, even if our tactics and strategies differ slightly.



*Left: Pastors Jason and David with our ministry partner and church planter, Pastor Kobus Genis, from Navarre, Florida;  
Right: Executive Director Dana Allin fires up the audience at the opening plenary*

This year’s theme, *Metanoia* — true repentance, a total reset, a paradigm shift, a complete relearning — challenged us all to consider (and maybe even reconsider) how we are “doing” church and how effective we are in our methods. The idea of rethinking what

and how we are doing things as a church is daunting and scary. But, in order to return to Christ and the mission of advancing the gospel, Dana Allin (Synod Executive) said, “We need to stop turning inward, and learn to take risks, let go of safety and our comfort, and repent.” Repent, as though we have done something wrong? No. Repent, *metanoia*, as in *rethink* or *unlearn* what we know and are comfortable with, so that we might relearn what it means and looks like to be and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We all ought to be in a constant state of *metanoia*, challenging ourselves to how we might better follow Jesus and lead others into a relationship with Him.

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I am grateful to PCPC for sending me back to the National Gathering; thank you. I return energized and full of “risk-taking” ideas that will stretch me and my ministry and, hopefully, increase my effectiveness as a follower of Jesus.

### by Sherrey Pridmore

*Metanoia. Metanoia. Metanoia!* I pray we use this word over and over again until we all truly understand what God actually meant by *metanoia*. True repentance is not just a one-time experience. It is much deeper than that.

The 2024 ECO National Gathering was very different from the prior years. This year, we were challenged to change our mindset and our current way of thinking. *Metanoia* is a constant redirection of our thinking, it’s a change in our mindset, it’s a paradigm shift. It requires us to turn away from things that distract us from following Jesus, like comfort, tradition, or fear of change, and turn toward God. We must hit the reset button. We are often more concerned about our own boundaries than advancing the church. God does great and wonderful things when we take risks. We must be willing to unlearn and relearn if we want to truly *metanoia/repent*.





*Pastor Jason Pridmore and Sherrey Pridmore outside the conference center*

This next decade is so important for the trajectory of the gospel. Church today doesn't look like how we did church ten years ago. Although the content (the Bible) doesn't change, the way in which we share the gospel does. This means we must be adaptable, have childlike faith, and fully respond to the promise we have been given. Everything in our lives should constantly be reoriented and reformed in light of God's Word.

My prayer for myself and PCPC is that we can humble ourselves and be open to this life-changing way of thinking. May we metanoia and trust God to guide His church in 2024.

**“We are often more concerned about our own boundaries than advancing the church. God does great and wonderful things when we take risks.”**

**by Tom Mooney**

I had the pleasure of being asked to join the PCPC team at this year's National Gathering. Richie Kim and I traveled together on Sunday after arriving home from a great weekend with 45 kids at Rock the Universe. Unfortunately, we had some travel delays which prevented our arrival until Monday afternoon.

My first observation was how incredible the host church was. First Presbyterian Church had a very organized check-in process. They had many of their staff and members there to guide us. I was very impressed with the city, church, people, and process, and knew this was going to be a great event. On our first day, we found ourselves in a huge auditorium-style arrangement with band members practicing on stage. Once the event started, it was

filled with great speakers, music, and fellowship. I met many interesting people during the breakout sessions and was able to share my experiences with our contingency from PCPC.

I am fairly new to PCPC and Presbyterian values. Having the opportunity to attend an event of this magnitude, and see over 1500 people in attendance, was rewarding and uplifting. I highly recommend this conference to anyone who wants renewed encouragement towards fellowship, meeting new people, and realizing how much God is moving us towards him.



*Contemporary worship at the 2024 National Gathering*

**by Richie Kim**

I'm excited to share what God has shown me during this conference! On Wednesday, we heard from some amazing people, such as Rob Kelly, Grant Skeldon, and Vivian Mabuni. I highly recommend looking up all these amazing men and women of God. This year's conference theme was *metanoia*. This profound concept encompasses repentance as a radical paradigm shift and reorientation inviting us to perceive the world through God's eyes and bring transformation to our own lives, the organizations we lead, and the world around us.

Rob Kelly, co-writer with Alan Hirsch of their book called *Metanoia: How God Radically Transforms People, Churches, and Organizations From the Inside Out*, said "Once you see metanoia, you can't unsee it." Once you see this radical repentance to the Lord, you will constantly see these moments of metanoia.

# PCPC MISSIONS

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN AND CHANGING LIVES

## Mission Partners of the Philippines

by Darlene Pridmore

PCPC proudly supports several churches in the Philippines. While the funding may seem minimal, it actually amounts to 85 to 95% of each church's operating budget, and the pastors make every cent count! We asked for an update and received photos, outreach numbers, and heartfelt thanks.



Shown above: a photo from Pastor Jeefrey Arrongante in Baybay City, Leyte. This active children's ministry was made possible by PCPC and reached 406 people in this area last year.



The next three photos are from the ministry of Pastors Bene and Lean Cabase in Tagbilaran City and Bohol. The bottom photo depicts one of their outreach groups in Bohol. Bene reports that this outreach ministry reached approximately 350 for Christ last year.



The photo above is of a new outreach group in Villa Aurora, Basey, Samar, under Pastor Nelson and Pastor Lilibeth, with the help of volunteers. These groups are supported by PCPC funding and help spread the gospel to people in remote, unchurched areas. Pastor Nelson and Lilibeth now have nine outreach groups sent from their church. Although their vision is primarily church planting, their church members in Tacloban City also offer a feeding program, Sunday school, music team, Sunday kids ministry, youth night, and crusades. Combined, their programs reach an estimated 3,000 with the Word of God.



Thanks to PCPC funds, Pastors Sugar and Alfonso Agnila started a high school discipleship program for juniors and seniors in Tabontabon, pictured at left.

With this new ministry, they are happy to report that their church reached 820 for Christ in the past year.





The two photos above come from Pastor Edgar and Giegie Tacata in Tacloban and depict their junior and children's evangelism camp, which was funded by a gift from PCPC. In addition to the very successful camp, their ministry has provided feeding programs for children, vacation Bible school, teacher's training, evangelism and values classes, as well as a youth mission trip, impacting as many as 6,280 in 2023.

**To learn more about PCPC's local and global mission partners, please see the updated lists on our website.**



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**Have something for  
our next newsletter?**

Email it to our editors Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood at [newsletter@palmcitypres.org](mailto:newsletter@palmcitypres.org) by the deadline listed on the calendar. Please write "Newsletter Article" in your subject line and attach any photos you would like to include.





# Children's Ministry & Family Outreach

by Sherrey Pridmore, Director of Children's Ministry & Family Outreach  
& Hailey Westall, Children's Ministry Specialist



## RECAP OF FEBRUARY

What a whirlwind of a month! From being in Orlando with our middle school and high school students to attending the ECO National Gathering, we have had a very busy and productive month. God is moving and shaking us in outrageous ways.



Kidz Klub kicked off again in February! I was happy to see some old faces and excited to meet new ones. We learned how to live the way Jesus teaches us. From being the salt of the Earth and the light of the world to loving our enemies, we spent the month learning how we can make a difference. Jesus is truly making a difference in the young lives here at PCPC.

This free program for ages VPK-5th grade offers relevant Bible lessons, games, crafts, songs, and snacks. They meet on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:30 p.m. in Langill Hall through April 30th. To learn more and register, please visit our website.



Our *Connect and Grow* parenting class began on February 20th. It has real-life applicable content with Jesus as the focus. It doesn't matter what parenting stage you are in; this class is beneficial to all. If you feel like you might grow from this, it's not too late to join us. See more details on the next page.

## THIS MONTH IN MARCH

In **Sunday school**, we will journey through the final days of Jesus. We will learn all about the Last Supper, Palm Sunday, the arrest of Jesus, and continue through to His death and resurrection. We love this time of year, and we are excited to celebrate with our littles.

In **Kidz Klub**, we will also be focused on the final days of Jesus. We will be celebrating new life and freedom thanks to Jesus and what he did on the cross. After all, Jesus is alive today and every day and should constantly be celebrated!



Snapshots from our Kidz Klub and Sunday school programs in February



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### March 22: Easter Eggstravaganza

Invite friends and join us for this free family event featuring an interactive Easter display, and egg hop, games, treats, and more! It will be held at the Huizenga Family Life Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m. **Volunteers are needed for this event!** Learn more and sign up on our website or by scanning the code.



### April 27: Ladies Tea @ 11:00 a.m.

Save the date for an encouraging time of fellowship and lunch with women from our church and community. It will be held in the Huizenga Family Life Center. Registration will be open soon!



**Vacation Bible School: June 3-7** VBS will be here before you know it! There are many ways you can leave an everlasting imprint on the hearts of our local community kiddos. We need help making decorations, building sets, making props, designing rooms, and much more. If you want to help make this year's theme, "The Great Jungle Journey," come to life, we would love to connect with you. Scan the code to learn more.



**For more information about these events or volunteering, please contact us:**

Sherrey Pridmore: [sherrey@palmcitypres.org](mailto:sherrey@palmcitypres.org)

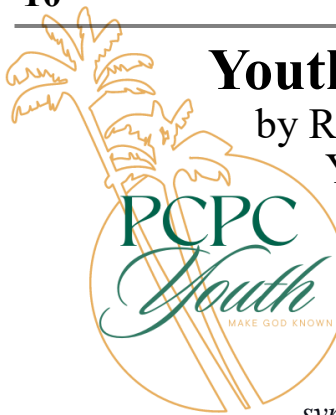
Hailey Westall: [hailey@palmcitypres.org](mailto:hailey@palmcitypres.org)



## Connect and Grow Parenting Class

Are you a parent feeling disheartened, overwhelmed, or disconnected from your child(ren)? Are you longing for a home filled with less yelling and more peace, laughter, and joy? Perhaps you're eager to learn more about your child's behavior and are seeking effective tools for nurturing their emotional growth. Whether you're yearning for support, accountability, or simply aiming to be more intentional in your parenting journey, this opportunity is for you. If you're ready to look within yourself to grow as a parent and embrace what God has for you in your current parenting season, then please join us for the *Connect and Grow* parenting workshop series!

This free class is held on **Tuesdays, through May 7, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Langill Hall.** Each week includes dinner and fellowship, followed by the workshop. Childcare is provided. The class is led by Rosaura Ramos Clinton, Ed.S., NCSP, a certified and licensed school psychologist and a parenting coach. To learn more and sign up, please visit our website's [Children's Ministries page](#).



## Youth News

by Richie Kim,  
Youth Leader

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by*

*being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. - Philippians 2:1-8 (ESV)*

In that passage, Paul was writing to the Christians in Philippi. I wanted to share the reading and ask, "As Christians today, do we humble ourselves often?" Through this season of leading the youth programs, I have needed to take steps back to fully understand what God is doing in our students' lives and what they need to hear from God's Word. As humans, we can be prideful in our ways, so I want to share that God calls us to humble our hearts to see the bigger picture.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING

What's up, PCPC family? We have some exciting stuff happening here! We have announced that signups are open for the mission trip to Honduras. The information can be found on our website.

And don't think we have forgotten about our middle school group! We are going to do something new this year. We are partnering with another ECO Presbyterian church to run a camp together this



*Youth group member photos from recent sporting events*

summer! The camp is at Westgate River Ranch in Central Florida and will be for both high school and middle school students!

### WHAT ARE WE LEARNING IN OUR YOUTH GROUPS?



Our sermon series is called "Absolute Love." This series was chosen because the dating and relationships I see today in some of our younger generations have been tainted. Dating is not like it used to be as we build ourselves up and become true men and women, especially in God's eyes. We share the story of Ruth and Boaz; both were committed to God from the beginning and remained patient in finding the right person. He calls you, too, and remember, it is a journey finding ourselves with the Lord.



## VOLUNTEERS

If you have a heart for the young generation, this is the ministry you have been looking for! PCPC Youth is looking for mentors to pour into our students. To learn more, please email [richie@palmcitypres.org](mailto:richie@palmcitypres.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES



### July 13-19: Honduras Mission Trip

Details and access to the online application are posted on our website's Youth Ministries page.



### July 20-24: Youth Summer Camp

See the Youth Ministries page on our website for more information and access to the online registration form!



## Walk and Talk Fellowship Ministry

by Bob Snyder

I invite you to join us on our Walk and Talk nature hikes on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. We meet at a local park to appreciate the amazing wonders of God's natural world and to get to know each other better.



*A photo from February's Walk & Talk*

My love of nature started as a little boy when I spent summers on my grandad's farm in the mountains with several hundred acres of wilder-

ness—a magical time for a little boy. The farm had no electricity, running water, indoor plumbing, or cars or trucks; just kind, loving, Godly people working together and celebrating the wonderful lives God gave them.

After college and 34 years in public education, my wife and I retired and moved to the West Coast. I

served as a volunteer interpretive park ranger in national and state parks for 22 years. The highlights were Yosemite National Park and Crater Lake National Park for four years each and several years in Tryon Creek State Park in Portland.

We recently returned to Florida to spend time with our great-grandkids and family. We found this wonderful church and have been here for about two years. I agree with a pastor friend of mine who said one of his favorite things to do was to spend time in nature and "listen to the thunder of God's silence!" I hope you will join us on our walks, and I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [bobsnyder4844@gmail.com](mailto:bobsnyder4844@gmail.com). Information about our walks can be found in each newsletter and on the church website.

### Upcoming dates:

- **Saturday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m.** at Halpatiokee Regional Park (8303 SW Lost River Rd., Stuart). When you enter the park, drive to the end of the road, and we'll meet by the picnic shelter.
- **Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m.** at Peck's Lake Park (8108 SE Gomez Ave., Hobe Sound)

# Sermons in March

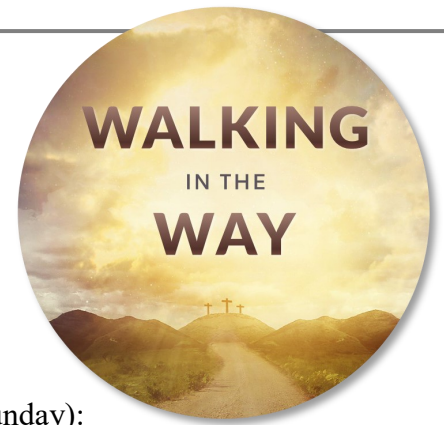
by Rev. Dr. David Mauldin

Our series for the holy season of Lent is about being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus called himself the Way, and the first Christians called themselves "followers of the Way." How do we do that? This series covers timeless aspects of following Christ and shows what they look like in practice today.

- March 3: Romans 15:5-7, "Doing Life Together"
- March 10: Revelation 7:9-12 & Hebrews 10:23-25, "Worship"
- March 17 (Pastor Jason Pridmore preaching): Acts 2:42-47, "Make Disciples"

## Holy Week

- March 24 (Palm Sunday): Mark 11:1-10, "Who's in Charge Here?"
- March 31 (Easter): 1 Corinthians 15:12-19, "Why Does It Matter?"



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- a PCPC staff member

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## Grandmothers & Others SEWING MINISTRY

**March 21**

**April 18**

**May 16**

This sewing ministry meets at PCPC from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on the Thursdays listed above.  
For more details, please contact Larry Jones at [ljones1992@gmail.com](mailto:ljones1992@gmail.com).



## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is coming up beginning with **Palm Sunday on March 24**. You won't want to miss our PCPC kids participating in worship at all three services! Special services also include:

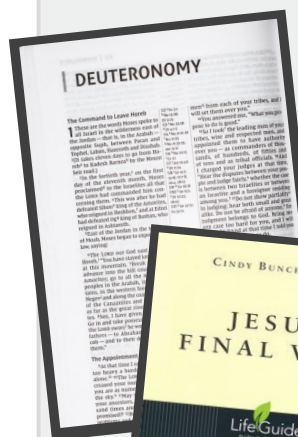
- **March 28 - Maundy Thursday** There will be a Communion service in the Huizenga Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. This is always a beautiful service that fosters a time of intimacy with the Lord.
- **March 29 - Good Friday** Don't miss a special cantata. *It Is Finished* will be feature Palm City Presbyterian's choir and brass ensemble. All are welcome to worship with us in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.
- **March 31 - Resurrection Sunday** We will offer services at our normal times: Traditional worship at 8:20 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and contemporary worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center.



## PCPC Bible Study Groups

### Men's Bible Study

This group is held in Langill Hall on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 a.m. Coffee and breakfast are served. Join them for prayer, fellowship, and discussion about how God's word impacts our lives. The current study is on the book of Deuteronomy.

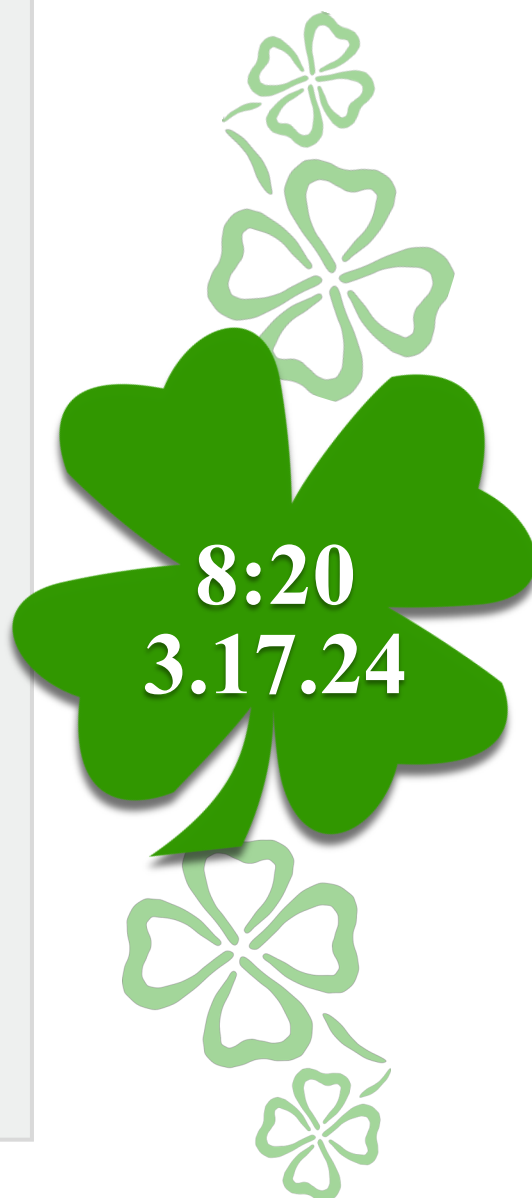


### Women's Bible Study

This group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall. They are completing a study by LifeGuide called *Jesus' Final Week*. From His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His

resurrection, each chapter looks at a significant event during this week, giving participants a well-rounded perspective of how God changed our world. Books are \$8.00 and are available in the church office.

**New participants are always welcome!**





*Richie Kim with author and speaker Vivian Mabuni*

We see this in the Bible when Paul was on the road to Damascus; Peter at Cornelius' house; the two men on the road to Emmaus; the women at the well; the sermon on the mount; Thomas encountering the risen Jesus; Peter, James, and John on the Mount of Transfiguration; and in the mystery of the Gospel! God is constantly moving us into a radical change in our homes, schools, and churches.

Grant Skeldon is a next-generation pastor teaching on how to navigate through the life of Gen Z. He shared how to become discipleship-makers and how God continues this cycle of pouring into one another. He warned us against staggering in our Christian lives. Grant's example highlighted the life cycle of a frog. Sometimes we get stuck in the tadpole stage, where Christians don't do anymore than we have to in our Christian lives. To get to the frog stage, we must be open to new things God wants us to experience. We are not to stay in the tadpole stage!

I also really enjoyed hearing from Vivian Mabuni. I relate to her in a lot of ways; we are both Asian

Americans with a Buddhist background who radically found God. In our community of Palm City, sometimes it's hard to relate culturally to others since our area doesn't have a large Asian American community. It was impactful for me to hear the voice of an Asian American talking about God's Kingdom. Vivian spoke about the openness we have with God to go into metanoia. She used three P's:

- Portion: To keep the most important thing, the most important thing!
- Posture: Our response is our posture. If God said "go" into the field, then GO!
- Purpose: Do everything for and with the Lord! You can be a teacher, a mailman, a barista, etc. It doesn't matter, as long as you spread his word in every aspect of your life.

I invite anyone who would like to hear more about the conference to stop by and see me. Let's talk about God's Kingdom and share what he is doing in our lives!

## Where to find the conference videos

Free access to the conference videos can be found at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/10961539> or by scanning the code provided here.



Information about next year's ECO National Gathering can be found at [www.econationalgathering.org/](http://www.econationalgathering.org/). It will be held in Dallas, TX, January 27-29, 2025. Full details will be announced this summer.





# UPCOMING *Concerts*



**GOOD  
FRIDAY**



We continue this year's concert series with two fabulous events held in our sanctuary. Both are free and open to our community.

## **Good Friday Cantata: March 29 @ 7:00 p.m.**

*It Is Finished* is a unique and powerful Tenebrae service. Titles include "Wondrous Cross," "I Am Light," "As You Will," and more. The cantata will be conducted by Reva Rogers, our director of traditional music, and feature Palm City Presbyterian's chancel choir and brass ensemble.

## **Musical Souvenirs: April 21 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon of enchanting melodies with pianist Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin and cellist Daniel Mauldin. You'll hear classical masterpieces, catchy pop and ragtime tunes, Broadway favorites, and more! This concert features a diverse range of musical delights to captivate every listener.

# ARK ENCOUNTER



## **MEETING ON MARCH 13 2:00 p.m. in Langill Hall**

There will be a meeting for all those who are signed up to attend our trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum on April 8-11. We will discuss the itinerary, accommodations, and other important details. If you cannot attend, please email Director Sherrey Pridmore at [sherrey@palmcitypres.org](mailto:sherrey@palmcitypres.org). There are limited spots available for anyone still wanting to go!



GriefShare, facilitated by Florine Blackshear, offers biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by discussion. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often, people tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is a key part of this program.

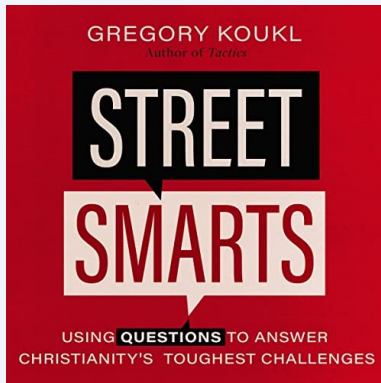
Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not, you will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a loved one. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Please visit the GriefShare website ([griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)) or call the church office at 772-286-9958 to join in at any time.

### GriefShare Program at PCPC

**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. through April 17**

## Wednesday Night Class: *Street Smarts*

by David C. Mauldin



Our current mid-week class is about using questions to have spiritual conversations. It is about having the information and confidence to share your faith. It is a fun, interactive class. There is no book and no reading. We watch a video each week featuring Greg Koukl from his series *Tactics and Street Smarts*. I explain the concepts and we try them out.

This class is for anyone who wants to become more confident and effective in sharing their faith. If you feel nervous having a conversation about spiritual topics, this class is for you. You will learn how to listen and ask questions to get people to think. This class is also for people who want greater confidence that their faith is true. We consider a variety of challenges to the Christian faith, as well as questions people often ask about our faith.

The class is held every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in lower Langill Hall through April 17. Those who cannot attend in person can participate on Zoom (Meeting ID 831 1278 5916) during the class. Here are the upcoming topics we'll cover:

March 6 – "Jesus the Son, Christ the Savior"  
 March 13 – *No class due to spring break*  
 March 20 – "God: The Science Stopper?"  
 March 27 – *No class due to Holy Week*

April 3 – "Abortion: Only One Question"  
 April 10 – "Marriage, Sex, and Common Sense"  
 April 17 – "Getting Ready for the Street"



# Happening

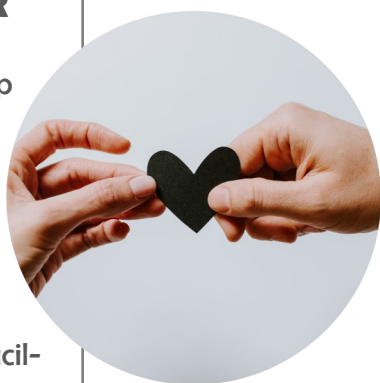
AT CHURCH



**CHOIR & BELL CHOIR** PCPC invites new members in our choir, directed by Reva Rogers, and our handbell choir, directed by Joanne Raulin. Previous experience is not required! Call the church office to express interest.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT

PCPC offers a group for those caring for adult loved ones: the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the library at 10:00 a.m. Contact our facilitator, Rev. Lyn Snow, at [chaplainsnow@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainsnow@gmail.com).



## VOLUNTEERING

Ready to get involved and find your people? There are a variety of ways to serve each week or for special events. Visit our website's Volunteer tab for a list of opportunities. There's something for everyone!



## CLASSES & STUDIES

PCPC hosts Community Bible Study every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. during the school year. To learn more about their in-depth studies, see the Adult Ministries page on our website for the link or click [HERE](#).



## LINGER LONGER

Did you know there's coffee and refreshments offered after the 9:30 service in the HFLC? It's a great time to connect with other church members!

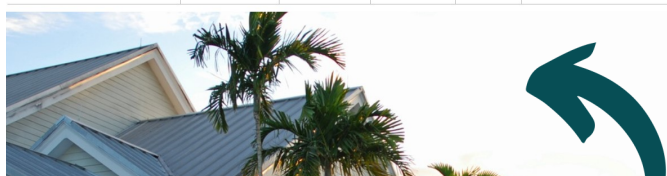


## FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, save the date for our annual tea party on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m. in the HFLC! Registration will be open soon. Check our website for details!



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**LOOKING FOR MORE?  
IT'S ALL ON OUR WEBSITE!**



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. MOPS 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 2:00 p.m. Kidz Klub 4:00 p.m. Deacons 5:30 p.m. MOPS 6:00 p.m. <i>Connect &amp; Grow</i> Parenting Class	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Young Adults 6:00 p.m. <i>Street Smarts</i> 6:00 p.m. GriefShare	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School	<b>11</b> 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 7:30 p.m. Hour of Prayer & Fellowship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. GriefShare 2:00 p.m. Ark Trip Meeting 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Young Adults	<b>14</b> 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	<b>18</b> 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 6:00 p.m. <i>Connect &amp; Grow</i> Parenting Class	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Young Adults 6:00 p.m. <i>Street Smarts</i> 6:00 p.m. GriefShare	<b>21</b> 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 9:30 a.m. Grandmothers & Others 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b> 5:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. MOPS 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 7:30 p.m. Hour of Prayer & Fellowship	<b>26</b> 2:00 p.m. Kidz Klub 5:30 p.m. MOPS 6:00 p.m. <i>Connect &amp; Grow</i> Parenting Class	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Young Adults 7:00 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m. GriefShare	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	<b>29</b> 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service & Cantata	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School	<div> <b>Sunday Worship</b>  <b>8:30 a.m. Traditional Service (Soon to be 8:20!)</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service</b>  <b>11:00 a.m. Traditional Service</b>            MBS: Men's Bible Study   WBS: Women's Bible Study   CBS: Community Bible Study         </div>					





# Stay Up to Date!

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## Preview Sunday's Music!



## Questions about the directory?

Email our directory team at [directory@palmcitypres.org](mailto:directory@palmcitypres.org) with any questions or to update your entry.



## Easter Lilies for sale

PCPC is offering Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved one(s). The plants will be displayed at church on Easter Sunday and may be picked up after each service that day. The lilies cost \$15 for each plant. To order and pay online, please see our website's Upcoming Events page or scan the code provided here. To order and pay by cash or check, please stop by the church office.



*Beginning March 17  
the 8:30 service  
will start at 8:20!*



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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

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**Friday, March 22**

**5:30-8:30 p.m. at the  
Huizenga Family Life Center**