

PCPC

NEWSLETTER

May 2023



Let's Plant a Church!

by David C. Mauldin

PCPC is helping plant a new ECO church in Navarre, Florida! For several years, a handful of folks, including me, have prayed for a church plant in the Florida panhandle. We are thin there, just a couple of tiny churches. One was part of a planned development that was never completed after the housing bubble burst in 2008; the other worships in Korean. Then, late last year, God sent our presbytery a church planter.



Kobus and Nivaska Genis

His name is the Rev. Kobus Genis. Originally from South Africa, he was ordained in the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. Their theology and polity are nearly identical to ours. From 2003 to 2022, he served churches in the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Last year, he approached ECO about becoming a church planter.

ECO carefully screens and evaluates potential church planters. Luke Parker, ECO's Director of Church Planting, brought Kobus to my attention because I am the chair of the Ministry Partnership Team (MPT) for

the Presbytery of Florida. The church planting assessment is long and costly, so Luke wanted to be sure Kobus was a good fit for ECO and the Presbytery of Florida before they proceeded. Our MPT reviewed Kobus's credentials, checked with his presbytery in Canada, and interviewed him. We realized he was a good fit.

Our presbytery council contributed half the cost for the church planting assessment, which takes several days of face-to-face interaction between the potential church planter and ECO church-planting leaders. Luke and his team concluded that Kobus has what it takes to plant a church. Not everyone does, of course. Church planting is a unique ministry that requires an entrepreneurial spirit as well as many spiritual gifts, particularly those that build relationships.

As part of his assessment, Kobus had to develop a specific plan to plant a new church. Luke and the ECO team helped Kobus revise this plan to make sure it was realistic. With that and a lot of faith, Kobus moved to Florida. He has been building relationships and beginning his efforts, and seeking funding from churches. This is where PCPC comes in.

Our church has a history of support for church plants. We have given generously to The Grove, a church plant in Port St. Lucie led by the Rev. David Hancock. He is known for his Skeptics-Only Bible studies. Over the past few years, we've been reducing our giving to The Grove as they have become more self-sufficient. Hopefully, The Grove will become an official church this year. We have also supported Foster Church, a unique church plant in Seattle that has a ministry to fostering families. It is led by the Rev. Dan and the Rev. Krista Carlson, a clergy couple who formerly served here in Florida. We also give a little to ECO's church plant in Argentina.

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The Rev. Jose Luis Podesta is a member of our presbytery, though we hope to launch ECO South America someday.

Last fall, when PCPC was budgeting for 2023, we knew Kobus would be starting his church plant. We were not yet sure we wanted to support him, though, so we budgeted \$10,000 for church planting that we left undesignated. The idea was if we decided to support him, the money would already be in place. Kobus attended our January session meeting online and presented his plan to our elders. They liked what they heard, but being cautious, they wanted to know him better. Kobus was planning to attend the National Gathering, so we arranged for our elder representative, Dr. La Barbara Chenault, to meet him there. They had a long and fruitful conversation, and when she reported back to the session, La Barbara enthusiastically recommended we support Kobus.

Here is when things got ... interesting. As we discussed the recommendation, one elder said, "If the motion is to give \$10,000 to support this church plant, I am against it." I asked, "Why?" He said, "It is not enough!" Then he added, "Are we planting a church, or are we playing around? We've got money. What



Kobus and Nivaska with PCPC team at the National Gathering

are we doing with it? If we are going to plant a church, we need to go all in and plant a church!" This raised the energy in the room. "How much are we talking about?" several people asked. For a while, we were talking about \$25,000. One elder expressed reluctance to give up control of that much money to someone else. I said, "But don't you see? He is us! [I know "He is we" is the correct way to say that, but it sounds awkward in an impassioned speech at a session meeting.] He is a member of our presbytery, planting an ECO church." Then followed an animated discussion, and in the end, we approved \$50,000 for the new

THE PLAN

GPS

SETTLE IN PHASE

NOV 2022-JAN 2023

- Read "Planting Missional Churches" by Ed Stetzer and Daniel Im
- Continue with providing weekly messages for the Bible GPS YouTube channel
- Continue to build connections

PREPARATION PHASE

FEB-APRIL 2023

- Discern the location of the New Church Plant
- Meet weekly with the core team
- Develop and train core team
- During this phase I trust that the R1 visa will be in place.

PRE-LAUNCH PHASE

MAY-JUL 2023

- Train the core group in the Acts 16:5 material of Dr Stanley Ott
- Continue to multiply 10- week Discipleship groups
- Weekly gatherings with core team and new people to form launch team
- Build and equip launch team
- Host at least three community outreach events
- Social media exposure
- Website and App in place

church plant—in 2023! The Holy Spirit always shows up for session meetings; sometimes, you can tell he is there!

Where will we get this money? We have \$10,000 in the budget already. The other \$40,000 will come from the PCPC Mission Fund. Won't that drain our Mission Fund? Not at all. It is less than the \$60,000 the session added to the Mission Fund last year. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we received more than we spent last year. Some of that money replenished what we spent from the Mission Fund.

However, we are not simply giving money. We see this as a partnership. Our session appointed Susan Hastings as our official liaison to the church plant. We want to send groups up to help Kobus at various times. We are looking forward to Kobus coming here so that you can meet him.

Kobus has an online ministry called **Bible GPS**. You can watch his videos if you search "Bible GPS" on YouTube or scan the code provided here. He also has an online discipleship course at <https://biblegps.teachable.com/>.



Other churches are also supporting Kobus. Indian River Presbyterian was the first to step up and offer

support. New Creation Family Church, an ECO church in St. Petersburg, is also helping. Some churches are reluctant to support church plants. After all, the effort may fail. Church planting is difficult and uncertain work. I look at it differently—there is a chance that it will succeed. Even if it does not, it is worth the effort. Who knows what God might do?

Kobus has named the plant GPS Church. It stands for "God's People Serving." You will be hearing more about it. How can you get involved? To start, you can pray:

- ♦ For their first gathering in May, which is a build-up to their launch in September (the gathering will be in the meeting room of the Best Western in Navarre)
- ♦ For healthy and mature leadership
- ♦ For financial support to cover the cost of rental space, marketing, and the honorarium for the worship leader

I am excited about what God is doing here at PCPC and in our presbytery. Let's plant a church!

LAUNCH PHASE

AUG-SEPT 2023

- Find a location
- Have (servant) leadership (elders) in place
- Training of Volunteers
- Monthly Preview services
- **Launch on Sunday September 15, 2023**

POST-LAUNCH PHASE

BY THE END OF DEC 2023

- Weekly Worship services with avg 40-60 people in attendance
- Casting vision, mission and values
- Develop small group leaders
- Continue the 10-Week Bible GPS multiplying groups

BY THE END OF 2024

- Avg attendance of 70-90 people
- Casting vision, mission and values
- 40 people in small groups
- Increase staff with half time admin person and worship leader
- 10 Bible GPS Groups

PCPC MISSIONS

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN AND CHANGING LIVES

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS



House of Hope

Submitted by Amy Belisle

Last year, the Palm City Presbyterian Church Mission Committee generously granted funding to House of Hope to purchase a commercial mixer for use in our Elisabeth Lahti Nutrition Center. The mixer has been in use for almost a year. It is very helpful in food preparation, especially in support of the new PIE Lab social enterprise program operating in collaboration with our partner, The Inner

Truth Project, Treasure Coast's leader in providing therapeutic services to survivors of sexual trauma. This program is a series of classes that provides culinary training in an atmosphere that supports and empowers participants' self-esteem and entrepreneurial spirit.



We are excited to announce that the first group of students graduated in April! Four clients of The Inner Truth Project became Food Safe Certified and enhanced their culinary skills for future employment in the industry. The program also developed their business management, customer service, and marketing skills within a safe environment that provided socialization opportunities with emotional support for their continued recovery from past experiences. These first participants were excited to return for the next class, apply for a paid internship at House of Hope, or use their skills to find employment. They shared how they not only value the culinary training, but felt more confident at the end of this first session, growing to trust and feel safe with the male instructors, our own Dave Lee and Andrew Funcke. This speaks volumes about the benefits of the program beyond what can be measured in pies made or sold.

PIE Lab stands for Positive Integrated Experiences. Mindi Fetterman, the founder of The Inner Truth Project, says of the program, "Positive Integrated

Experiences are baked into the lives of survivors' stories, and they are using the ingredient you so generously contributed: HOPE." The class is free to participants, and thanks to grantors and supporters like PCPC, future sessions hope to include a broader base of clients, from Inner Truth and House of Hope, with the opportunity for higher pie production that can generate revenue for the sustainability of the program.



Mangold Missions, Inc.

Submitted by Marcia Jakeway

Molly and Danny Mangold started their mission in 2014 with the prospect of building a home for orphans and widows in Wiaga, Ghana (West Africa). This building will also serve as their mission base. They also seek to reach the lost and share the gospel with unreached people groups (18 groups in Ghana), have a cross-cultural training center, and disciple and assist in Bible translation.



Danny and Molly and their four children recently returned from Ghana, where they, with God's blessing, finalized the paperwork and title process for the land that was purchased on a previous trip to Ghana. While there, they also purchased a reliable used vehicle for the ministry, met with the local contractor and broke ground on the children's home building project. Not only did they break ground, but with our

congregation's support, they were able to erect pillars demarcating the land, finish the foundation and concrete work on phase one of the project (a modest guest house on the land), and drill a mechanized well on the property. In addition, the Mangolds reestablished relationships with previously reached tribes and villages and visited several new villages for the first time. With a strong desire to help have the Bible translated into one of the local languages, they also met a missionary couple who directed them to a Ghanaian branch of the Wycliffe Foundation that specializes in Bible translations.



What's next?

- After a nearly three-month stay in Ghana, they have returned to the States to raise money for the next stage in the building process.
- They hope to return to Ghana in June of this year with a team willing to help assist in the construction of buildings.
- They are traveling around the USA in their converted Mission Skoolie (bus) to share the vision with anyone who will listen.

We received this update from Danny and Molly at our March mission meeting. They are dedicated, energetic, and eager to do God's work. They have viable plans for reaching their goals in Ghana. We are pleased to be a part of this project!



Entrust

Submitted by Rob & Sandy Shaffer

A Root Out of Dry Ground

March was cold and blustery here, but spring made its appearance anyway in Austria the past several weeks, as magnificent magnolia trees displayed their pearly pink blossoms, festive forsythia

popped out overnight, and bright patches of narcissus and tulips appeared on dark patches of soil that were barren just days ago.

Rob organized a special service of remembrance at the International Chapel of Vienna to focus our thoughts on the suffering of Christ; suffering that He endured willingly on our behalf. The final week began as He set his face toward Jerusalem and never looked back. Isaiah 53, one of the most poignant passages in the Bible, describes the "man of sorrows, acquainted with grief," who was wounded for our sins.

In verse 2, Isaiah prophesied that the promised Savior would grow up "like a root out of dry ground." Several plants in our garden look dead, and no shoots have come up yet. It doesn't appear that anything will ever grow in that ground. How descriptive is this of the unfavorable conditions in which the Messiah would appear? The Jewish people looked for a powerful leader who would deliver them from oppression under Rome. Jesus came as a carpenter's son, traveled with a ragtag group of followers, ate and drank with people who were outcasts and talked about loving our enemies instead of conquering them.

John says, "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." He didn't meet their expectations. Does He meet ours? What are we hoping for? What are we looking for in a Savior? Someone who heals our diseases, answers every prayer, blesses us with wealth and happiness, guarantees our success and the success of our children, and ushers in a kingdom of peace and prosperity?

Jesus came like a root out of dry ground, struggling up from the arid desert soil. Yet in Him was life, and His life was the light of mankind. That tender shoot proved to be the giver of life and light. All who receive Him and believe in Him as Savior and Lord become the bearers of life and light. At the resurrection on the last day, our bodies will be raised incorruptible like his body; we will be whole and free from sin.

A day is coming when the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples (Isaiah 11:12), and many nations will rally to Him. "He will reach out His hand a second time to reclaim the remnant of His people from the nations where they are scattered." The entire creation will be restored—the wolf, the lamb, and the leopard will lie down together.

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Children's Ministry & Family Outreach

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



RECAP OF APRIL

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! The month of April was full of wonderful celebrations! Because Jesus died on the cross for us, we celebrate the gift of salvation, we celebrate being free from the burdens of sin, and we celebrate the gift of eternal life! Easter is my favorite season.

In Sunday school, our preschoolers journeyed with Jesus. They learned about Jesus' journey to the cross. They also learned about Paul and his rough start as a Jesus follower. Our kindergarteners and 1st graders imagined what it would have been like to walk in the shoes of Noah, Rahab, and Gideon. Our 2nd and 3rd graders wondered all about the great parade, Jesus washing his disciples' feet, and the resurrection of Jesus. Our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders marveled at God's amazing grace.

Resurrection Sunday was a beautiful experience! Our PCPC kids joined together to celebrate that JESUS IS ALIVE! Jason Pridmore led us in worship on guitar. We walked through the moments that led up to Jesus' death and experienced what it would have been like to witness the empty tomb. We then flowered the cross to celebrate! We had a small Easter egg hunt afterward. It was a party! After all, "He is here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:6) See the photos on the opposite page!



Kidz Klub kiddos

In Kidz Klub, we spent a couple of weeks learning about the life of Jesus. We also learned about Jonah and his struggles with a big fish. We had a special family farewell for three amazing little souls who are

leaving Florida and moving to Georgia. Coral, Kai, and Cali Knuth (pictured below) have been dedicated to Kidz Klub and attended Sunday school at PCPC for the past two years. It was an honor and pleasure watching God move in these young lives. Their knowledge and understanding of the Bible grew tremendously. We will miss the three of them so much, but they know PCPC will always be a place they can call home here in Florida.



THIS MONTH IN MAY

In Sunday school, our preschoolers will continue to learn all about Paul. Our kindergarteners and 1st graders will continue to imagine seeing God's power. Our 2nd and 3rd graders will continue learning about the power of the Holy Spirit. Our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will continue to study God's protection over us.



Kidz Klub has come to an end, but will resume in the fall. It will be moving back to Tuesday afternoons when we start the next session. Registration is open on our website. Don't miss out on this free program for kids ages VPK - 5th grade!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We always welcome new volunteers to our nursery, Sunday school, Kidz Klub, and VBS programs. Come spend time hanging out with some really cool kids and having fun. Lessons and activities are already done for you; all you have to do is engage with the young minds of our littles. Don't feel like you know the Bible well enough? This is an excellent way to learn! Nursery time is a great time to get your baby fix! Do you love rocking babies and playing peek-a-boo with them? Then spend an hour on Sunday morning giving our PCPC mamas a much-needed break to worship.

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! There are so many ways in which you can leave an everlasting imprint on the hearts of children in our community. We need help making decorations, building sets, creating props, designing rooms, and much more. If you want to help make this year's theme, "Keepers of the Kingdom," come to life, we would love to connect with you. You do NOT have to be an artist to help!

For more information on how you can jump into all of this amazing action, visit the **Volunteer Page** on our website or contact Director Sherrey Pridmore at sherrey@palmcitypres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Ladies Tea Party: May 6 at 11:00 a.m. Registration is only open through May 1st, so sign up quickly! We would love for ladies of all ages to join us for a lovely brunch with great food, great friends, and great fellowship! Please RSVP by scanning the code provided here.



Vacation Bible School: June 5-9 We've reached our capacity for VBS attendees, but we are still seeking volunteers for this week.

Please scan the code to sign up! There are a variety of ways to help out!



HOLY WEEK 2023

See our Facebook photo album for more photos!
Thank you to Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin and Marilyn Nordine for capturing this special time.





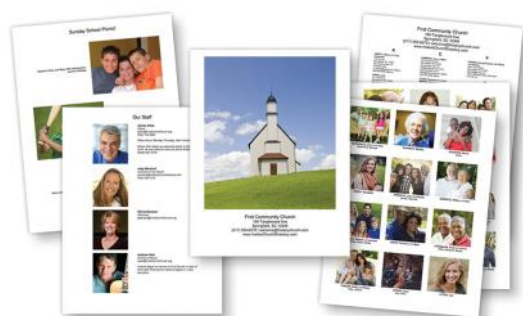
MOPS Update

by Kristen Puzzo



PCPC's Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) continues to grow and serve mothers in our amazing community. This spring, we've been busy volunteering at our local foster closet and enjoying time with our children at beaches, parks, and playgrounds. But we have the most fun when we get to leave the kiddos behind and enjoy a mom's night out, where we connect and build deeper, more meaningful relationships. We pray together, support each other, and tackle the hard stuff together. If you are a mom looking for community or know a mom searching for her tribe, please have her contact me at kristenpcpcmops@gmail.com. We'd love to welcome new members to our group!

We are expanding our MOPS sisterhood by starting a MomsNext group to include mothers of children up to 18 years old. So, if you have a child aged newborn to 18, we have a spot for you at PCPC MOPS! We are also looking for women who have a strong relationship with Jesus to mentor the moms in our group. And, as always, we'd love to welcome more childcare workers to our team next year. Our season will run from August 2023 - May 2024. We host about 15 meetings per year, approximately two meetings per month, and we always need loving adults to care for our children. If you are interested in participating in MOPS or supporting us in any way, please contact me at the email address above or by calling the church.



New PCPC Directory

a message from our Membership Committee

A new PCPC Membership Pictorial Directory is coming soon! It'll be a great way to help us all recognize and communicate with each other. In the next few weeks, members will receive an email from the Membership Committee with detailed instructions on how to participate. We'll need contact information and a clear, up-close photo of you and your immediate family. The photo is

optional, and yes, pets can be included! Please keep an eye out for it in your email inbox and reply (or send any questions) to: directory@palmcitypres.org.





Youth News

by Jason Pridmore,
Director of Youth Ministry

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023



Graduates, we want to recognize you! If you or someone you love is graduating this year from high school or college, we want to acknowledge and congratulate you. Most of you will be connected through our youth group, but even if not, we want to know where you are graduating from and where you might be headed in the future (college, grad school, work, military). Please email me with the name of the graduate, where they are graduating from, where they will be attending next year, their major (if known), and a picture of your graduate: jason@palmcitypres.org by **May 14**. Senior Sunday will be May 21. Please be in attendance so we can recognize you and let you know how proud we are of you. Early Congratulations, Class of 2023!

RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you, everyone, for your donations to our rummage sale fundraiser and to all of you who helped work the event and the weeks leading up to it. There were treasures and deals to be found for everyone. It was a tremendous event; best of all, we raised nearly \$7,000 (almost \$2,500 more than last year), and we're still counting. **Thank you for your support!**



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: MAY 21



We are excited to welcome this year's confirmands and baptismal recipients into God's family and ours. **Please join us to celebrate and welcome "home" these young people during the 9:30 a.m. service on May 21.** Though not the end, but a milestone marker in their faith journeys, we want them to feel loved, encouraged, and supported by the local church family they will be and are already a part of.

NEFARIOUS

Our young adult group went out this past month for dinner and to see the new "Christian horror" film *Nefarious*, an intense psychological thriller in which an atheist psychologist has to determine whether a convicted killer is sane enough to be executed for his crimes. This doctor comes face to face with the demon who possesses the killer and is given the inside playbook by which the evil forces of this world mean to attack and destroy humanity, God's treasured creation. Though maybe not a movie for everyone due to a few graphic scenes, this movie echoes C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* in the way it points to how our culture is being used against us to separate us from God. Worth viewing if you can find the movie. Definitely a conversation starter for us all to consider how we might stay vigilant in the ongoing war between God and evil.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE DISCUSSING

Middle School: Our middle school students were blessed to hear our own Alex Thorpe share his testimony this past month and teach on the Passover meal. Richie Kim is leading them through a series entitled *The Mess Ups*, a look at God's perfect love and affinity for imperfect people like ourselves.

High School: Our high school students are continuing to study the final words and prayers of Jesus before his ascension back to God.

Young Adults: We are continuing our study of Romans, led by JD Greer, on RightNow Media.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING



Our regular school year programming will come to an end the week of May 14. We will have a couple of weeks off to celebrate graduations and prep for our summer activities.

Please take the time to connect with our email, Remind App, Instagram, and Facebook accounts. Though we continue meeting throughout the summer, each week features different activities, days/times, and locations. Please follow us on our social media platforms so we can keep you informed as to where we are and what we're doing this summer.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- **May 21: Confirmation and Senior Sunday** Join us as we recognize this year's graduates and confirmation/baptism recipients at the 9:30 service.
- **June 5-9: Vacation Bible School** at PCPC is a great way to help out, earn service hours, and boost your resume. Come volunteer!
- **June 14: Bike to the Beach, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Meet at the church with your bike, and we'll ride to Stuart Beach (approximately 10 miles). We will have lunch there, swim, then either bike back or load up in the truck and head back to the church.

- **June 22 - July 3: Mission Trip to Puerto Rico**
No youth activities during these dates
- **July 10: Sun Up/Sun Down** Stay tuned for details about our annual day of adventure in Florida!



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- Click the "more" tab.
- On Sunday, select "events" to find Palm City Presbyterian.

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Spotlight on Deacons: Bob & Sallie Snyder



Bob and I (Sallie) Snyder moved to Stuart 2 1/2 years ago from Portland, Oregon, where we were members of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church for the nine years we lived there.

Prior to that, we were in Gold Beach, Oregon; Ashland, Oregon; and Carmel, California. We returned to Florida to be close to family — daughter Robin, her husband Marc, granddaughter Jessica and two great-granddaughters in Jupiter, and Bob's twin brother, Bill, in Lake Placid, Florida.

We both retired from public education in the Miami-Dade School District, where we were teachers and administrators. Since retiring, we have volunteered wherever we have lived. Among other activities, in Ashland, Bob volunteered at Crater Lake. In Carmel, Bob volunteered for four years at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and was asked to head the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History for two years to save it from being closed (which he successfully did). He also spent a summer living and working as a volunteer guide at Yosemite National Park. Then in Portland, he volunteered at Tryon Creek State Park and became the president of their volunteer organization, Friends of Tryon Creek. Bob is also a wood carver and has carved many birds and other objects in

addition to making furniture, including beautiful benches for parks throughout Oregon.

In Ashland, I was a board member of the Tudor Guild, a group that supported the Oregon Shakespeare Festival through proceeds from their gift shop. In Carmel, I was a docent at the Monterey Museum of Art and volunteered for the Carmel Bach Festival. In addition, I became one of the leaders of Women in the Word, a group not unlike Bible Study Fellowship, that included women from all over Monterey County. The move to Portland found me again leading a women's Bible study for our church. And it was in Portland that I began the adventure of becoming a certified therapy team with our golden retriever, Beau. Beau and I spent almost six years visiting hospitals and other places where Beau made a joyful difference in people's lives. While there is no room for stories here, please ask me, and I will tell you what a difference a therapy dog can make to an ill person, family member, or staff!

**“We are honored to serve as
deacons, serving right where
God has placed us!”**

We moved back to Florida at the onset of the pandemic (in August 2020) and drove across the country in two cars with two dogs and a cat. We actually bought our house in Stuart after only seeing it on video. Nor had we ever been to Stuart.

But God was with us as He is always with us, and guided us to a wonderful house in a lovely town and a great church! Now we are honored to serve as deacons, serving right where God has placed us.



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Sermons in May

by Rev. Dr. David Mauldin

Pastor David has just begun a new series, preaching through the book of James. We'll get off to a slow start, though, as the series will be interrupted several times in May. Jason Pridmore will be preaching on May 7 from the book of Ephesians. Confirmation Sunday is May 21, and Pastor David will preach a special sermon for that occasion. Then the following week is Pentecost, and Pastor David will preach a special Pentecost sermon. Amid all this excitement, he will manage to sneak in one sermon on James!



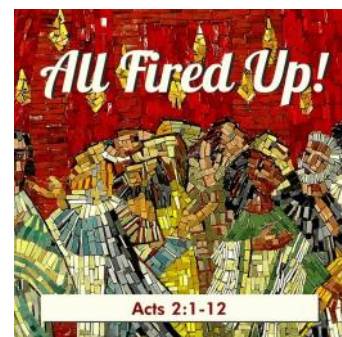
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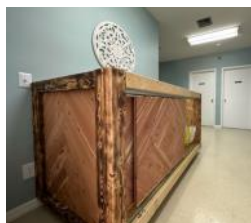


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God's kingdom of love and light will come at last. The tender root will produce a magnificent tree that is beyond description in its beauty and fruitfulness.

We long for that day; we live in a world where it seems impossible. The ground around us seems too dry to ever produce anything. Yet God assures us that this is the future we can look forward to, for the Son of God has risen from the dead, conquering sin, Satan, and death itself. God's Word will never fail; His promises are sure. We will see that future in all its radiant beauty and look upon the face of the One who is the source of all light and life.



AT PCPC

The Big New Dropbox!

Our new box, constructed to hold all your donated items for our local mission partners, is in the church office. Donated items may include clothing and shoes for all ages, household items, small appliances, toys, games, nonperishable food, toiletries, dishes, etc. Please label your donation if you would like it to go to a specific ministry.

Blessing Bags

To continue our supply of bags for the homeless, we are seeking donations of the following items:

- combs and brushes
- hand wipes or hand cleaner

- deodorants (male and female)
- small bottles of drinking water

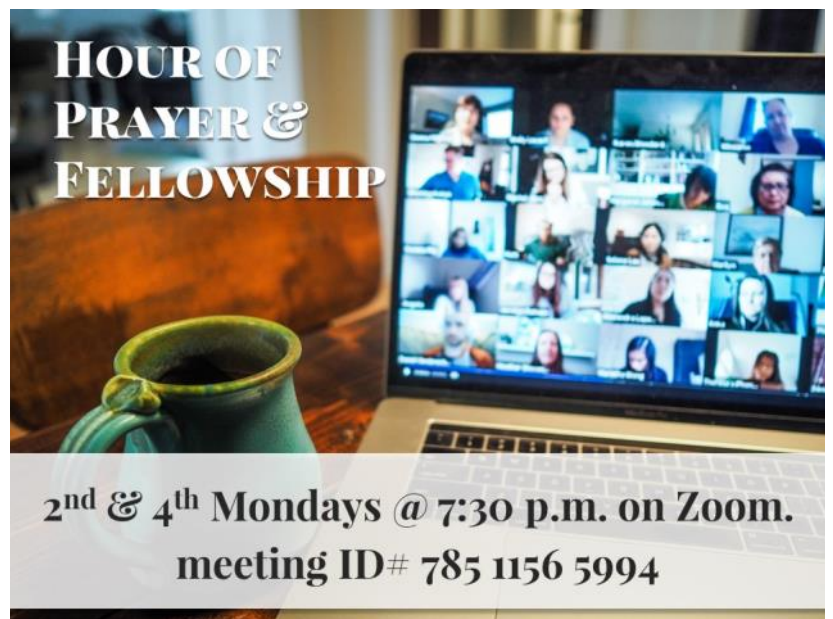
Thank you for all of your donations thus far and for making a difference in someone's life.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

5th Annual Young Life Martin County Golf Classic: Friday, May 19, at Sailfish Point Golf Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To register for this tournament, email ylmartincounty@gmail.com.

4KIDS Fundraiser: May 20 at Clover Park In honor of May being Foster Care Awareness Month, join 4KIDS Treasure Coast as we watch the St. Lucie Mets take on the Palm Beach Cardinals. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds from the game will make an impact for children in crisis across the Treasure Coast.

The Refuge Ranch Graduation: All are invited to attend the upcoming graduation of The Refuge Ranch program participants on **Saturday, June 10,** at Dunklin Memorial Camp (3342 S.W. Hosanna Lane, Okeechobee, FL.). The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. Attendees are asked to bring a large side dish or dessert to be served at the lunch. Carpooling from PCPC will be in the west parking lot at 10:15 a.m. that day. Please contact Marcia Jakeway through the church office to RSVP.



GriefShare Program

GriefShare, facilitated by PCPC Stephen Ministers, 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 call the church office at 772-286-9958 to join in.



Wednesdays through August 2
at 10:00 a.m. in the office conference room





**walk
AEROBICS**

**Mondays & Wednesdays
5:15 p.m. in Langill Hall**



NEW MEMBER CLASS

**May 21 @ 12:00 p.m.
in Langill Hall**



**CAREGIVER
SUPPORT
GROUP**

For those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays
at 10:00 a.m. in the library**



**Bible Study
Groups**

**THURSDAYS
IN LANGILL HALL**

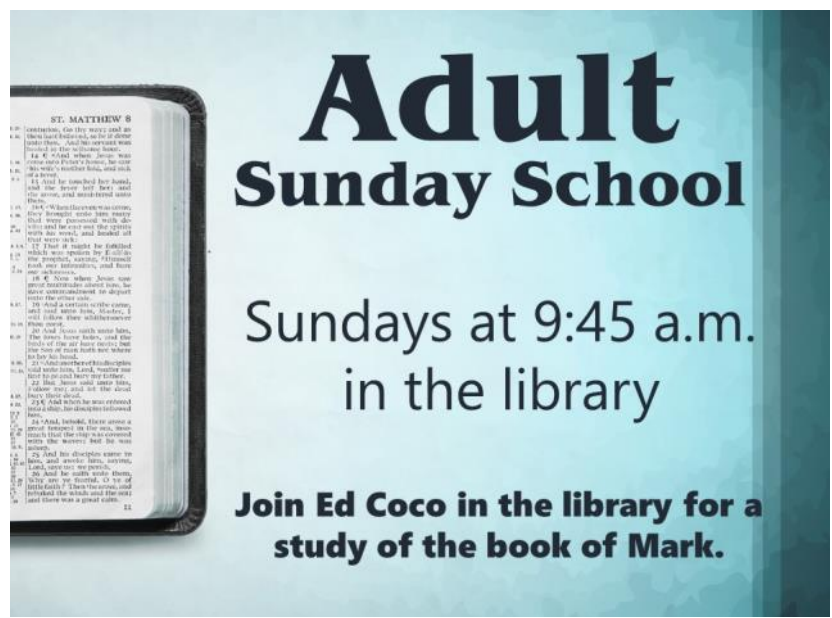
**Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.**



**COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY**

**EPHESIANS
CREATED FOR GOOD**

RUTH & SAMUEL

**Adult
Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
in the library**

**Join Ed Coco in the library for a
study of the book of Mark.**

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	2 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 4:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Group	3 9:30 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Class	4 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	5	6 11:00 a.m. Ladies Tea Party
7 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 6:00 p.m. HS Youth	8 9:30 a.m. MOPS 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 7:30 p.m. Hour of Prayer & Fellowship	9 5:30 p.m. MOPS 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Group	10 9:30 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Class	11 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	12	13 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Ursula Scott
14 Mother's Day 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School	15 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	16 Pastor David's Birthday 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Group	17 9:30 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Class	18 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 9:30 a.m. Grand- mothers & Others 7:00 p.m. Choir	19	20
21 Confirmation & Senior Sunday 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 12:00 New Member Class	22 Newsletter Deadline 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 7:30 p.m. Hour of Prayer & Fellowship	23 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Group	24 9:30 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Class 7:00 p.m. Session	25 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	26	27
28 Pentecost Sunday 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Group	31 9:30 a.m. GriefShare 4:30 p.m. Bell Choir 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the sanctuary 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Huizenga Family Life Center 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the sanctuary MBS: Men's Bible Study WBS: Women's Bible Study CBS: Community Bible Study		

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 5/1 | Amber Ducote, Matt Livings, Tom Mooney | 5/1 | Trent & Tammy Steckler |
| 5/2 | Julie Hockey, Lisa Mooney | 5/9 | John & Nina Crotts |
| 5/3 | Tamas Zsoka | 5/10 | Michael & Sue Stutzke |
| 5/4 | Bob Blake | 5/13 | Jeffrey & Megan Schoner |
| 5/6 | David Castle, Cathy Coco, Betty Lee,
Carolyn Livings | 5/17 | Joe & Shirley Ens |
| 5/8 | Kristi Austhof | 5/20 | Arnold & Lisa Intraboona,
Keith & Carrie Jenkins |
| 5/9 | Joan Hyde, Charlotte McIntosh, Jacob Schoner | 5/21 | Richard & Connie Heidt-Bennett |
| 5/10 | Shirley Ens | 5/22 | Ed & Cathy Coco |
| 5/11 | Gracie Clifton, Jack MacDonald | 5/23 | Matt & Kari Bonk |
| 5/12 | Darlene Jones | 5/24 | William & Jan McLennan |
| 5/13 | Karen Bartnick, Steve Breckley, Kurt Katterheinrich,
Steve Romig, Nathan Welmaker | 5/28 | Stephen & Theresa Bozzo,
Gary & Amber Ducote,
Dick & Lois Giuffreda,
Greg & Beth Welmaker |
| 5/14 | Patricia Gartner | 5/29 | Kevin & Donna Levengood |
| 5/15 | Rob Butler, Joan Cromer | 5/30 | Harold & Janice King,
Russ & Carlin Rykse |
| 5/16 | David Mauldin, Helen Sebold, Beth Welmaker | 5/31 | Bill & Kelly McIntyre |
| 5/18 | Troy Artman, Coulter Burns, Shama Johnson | | |
| 5/19 | Max Ducote, Loli Lindstrom, Connor Marino | | |
| 5/20 | Marck Bonk | | |
| 5/21 | Amelia Johnson, Rebecca Marino, Ann Schuster | | |
| 5/22 | Wanda Lee Gilmour, William McLennan | | |
| 5/23 | Nadine Albert, Monica Bush, Ed Coco,
Jon Gottschalk, Joseph John | | |
| 5/24 | Al Hastings, Lois Hollinger, Allen Scott | | |
| 5/27 | Tim Helderman, Shirley Robertson,
Janice Topping | | |
| 5/30 | John Hockey | | |
| 5/31 | Ginni Vannata | | |



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. sanctuary

Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Huizenga Family Life Center



Volunteers wanted for VBS!

June 5-9

