

Palm City Presbyterian Church

NEWSLETTER



THIS MONTH

9/12

Nature Walk

Join other PCPC members for fellowship and a leisurely walk. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Kiplinger Nature Preserve in Stuart.

9/19

Women's Ministry Breakfast

All women of PCPC are invited for ministry planning and a continental breakfast.

9/20

Connect with PCPC!

Our next New Members Class will be held at 12:15 p.m. in Langill Hall. Lunch and childcare are included.

What One Caterpillar Tells Another

by David C. Mauldin

Two caterpillars were crawling along one day, minding their own business, when suddenly a butterfly floated by overhead. "Did you see that?" asked one of the caterpillars. "I sure did," said the other one, "You'd never get *me* up in one of those things."

The caterpillar does not know it, but he will be a butterfly. He may be happy enough in his little caterpillar existence, but he will someday float on the wind. This is his destiny. I suspect a lot of people crawl through life, blissfully unaware

The Resurrection of Jesus is more than something we believe. It is a present reality and a way of life. The Father raised the Son through of a greater destiny. They take life as it comes, never imagining that they could fly.

Butterflies have long been a symbol of the resurrection and of the Christian life. The caterpillar forms a cocoon, and, though it remains alive inside, it appears dead. Metamorphosis happens. Then in due time a butterfly emerges—life where there appeared to be none. What was old is new. What was bound to the earth is set free to fly. It is a beautiful image of the Christian life.

I believe that the Resurrection of Jesus is our destiny. What happened to Jesus is the pattern for what will happen to all of those who belong to him. This is what Scripture means when it calls Jesus the "last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:22) and the "first fruits of those who have died" (1 Corinthians 15:20). He was raised by the Father, through the power of the Spirit, to a new and glorious life. The Good News is, of course, that those who follow him, those who are united

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to him through baptism and faith, share in his future. If you want to know what that future might be like, we know precious little; but we can be confident that he leads the way. the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Holy Spirit, the risen Lord lives in his people. He strengthens, guides, and comforts us. He makes God's Word effective in our lives. We walk in the way of Jesus through the Spirit's power. We persevere through life and overcome trials and temptations through his power. It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

This is why Paul call the Holy Spirit a down-payment or guarantee of our future glory. See 2 Corinthians 1:22, 2 Corinthians 5:5, and Ephesians 1:14. The word Paul used was a financial term that referred to a deposit or down payment. We know we will be glorified someday because the Holy Spirit lives in us today. We are already flying. We do not have to wait until the other side of death to fly!

“The Resurrection of Jesus is more than something we believe. It is a present reality and a way of life.”

This does not mean, of course, that life will be easy. Scripture warns us it will not be. Someone asked me, “What would you say if you were pastor of a church in a farming community devastated by drought? What good would the Resurrection of Jesus do in that situation? Sure, Jesus came back with a miracle, but we cannot expect God to pull a rabbit from a hat every time we face disaster. Things do not work that way.” I replied, “If I am facing devastation, of any kind, I want to know that God is there. I want to believe God is going to be at work in my life, whatever happens. The Resurrection of Jesus is why I believe that.”

The Resurrection is also not an easy answer because the power of God changes us, sometimes in ways we never intended. God's Spirit takes us places we never set out to find. All that talk about “being a new creation” sounds

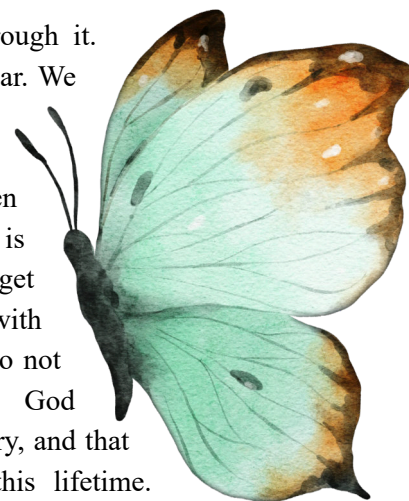
good until you go through it.

We're like the caterpillar. We are going to fly, but change comes first. The difference between the caterpillar and us is that he can change and get it over with and get on with being a butterfly. We do not stop changing until God finally brings us to glory, and that does not happen in this lifetime.

When it finally happens, though, you can be sure of this: God will be finishing something that has already started. God doesn't begin work when you die. It is a present reality.

No one ever became a great Christian by deciding to be one. The things we so admire in the heroes of the faith—prayer, giving, service, and so on—they can become burdensome if you try to use them like tools. The Christian life has to *flow*. It must be natural, like flight to a butterfly. Butterflies fly because that is what they do. It is their nature. Great Christians, likewise, do not try to be great Christians, they try to be Christians. They live what is in their hearts. You can never be something you are not. Let God work in your life, though, and something wonderful happens. Metamorphosis!

The Christian life is not about trying harder. It is about living out what you really feel in your heart. The power of God that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you. You may never have books written about your incredible faith and deeds, but you can glimpse the vision that has inspired the saints. You can know the depth of commitment that kept martyrs faithful to the end. You can feel the devotion that drove mystics to prayer. And above all you can feel the love and compassion that moved Jesus himself to do God's work. In short, you can fly!



The Doxology: Giving Back to the God Who Gives Us Everything

by PCPC's Stewardship Team

Each Sunday, as we present our tithes and offerings to God, we sing words that are familiar to nearly every Christian:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

This may be the single best-known verse in all Christian hymnology. We know it simply as The Doxology. Yet because we sing it so often, it is easy to overlook just how much Christian faith and theology are contained in these few lines.

A doxology is an expression of praise and glory to God, often specifically praising the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Doxology, which we sing when presenting our tithes and offerings, was written in the 1600s by Thomas Ken, an Anglican clergyman and bishop. While serving at Winchester College, he wrote a morning and an evening hymn to encourage his students in their daily worship of God. Both hymns concluded with the same stanza—the words that eventually became known throughout the Christian world as The Doxology.

Its message is remarkably simple, yet profound: Everything begins with God. And the first line says it all: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” James expresses the same truth in Scripture: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.” (James 1:17 ESV)

Everything we have ultimately comes from God—our lives, our families and relationships, our abilities, our opportunities, our possessions, our financial resources, and above all, the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. The remaining lines of The Doxology expand the circle of praise outward. We join with “all creatures here

below” and the “heavenly host” in praising the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Christian stewardship begins with recognizing that God is the giver and we are the stewards. We are not just giving, rather we are giving back. When we give of our financial resources to the work of His Church, when we use our abilities to serve others, or when we devote our time to worship, ministry, prayer, and service, we are returning to God a portion of what He has first given us.

This changes the way we think about generosity. Giving is not merely an obligation or a way to meet the financial needs of the church. It is an act of worship, gratitude, and trust. It is part of our discipleship. We give because God has already given so abundantly to us.

So, the next time we stand together and sing The Doxology, perhaps we can hear these familiar words anew. As our gifts are presented before God, we are declaring together that He is the source of every blessing we possess.

And our response is both simple and profound: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

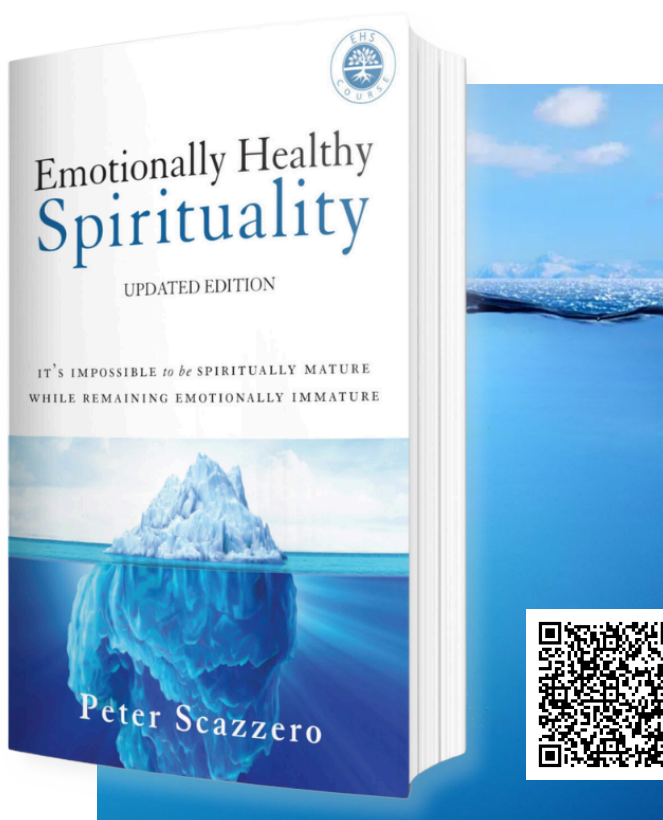
by Rev. Bryan Wenger

Are you looking for a deeper, more authentic connection with God and others?

It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of life while feeling spiritually dry or emotionally exhausted underneath. Many of us try to grow spiritually while ignoring our emotional health, but the truth is, you cannot be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.

To help us bridge this gap, I am launching the **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS)** course. This transformative journey offers a roadmap to move beyond shallow Christianity and develop a deeply integrated faith. Together, we will explore seven key biblical principles to help us:

- look beneath the surface of our daily lives.
- break the power of past hurts and patterns.
- gain the gift of limits and rest.
- love well by learning healthy relational skills.



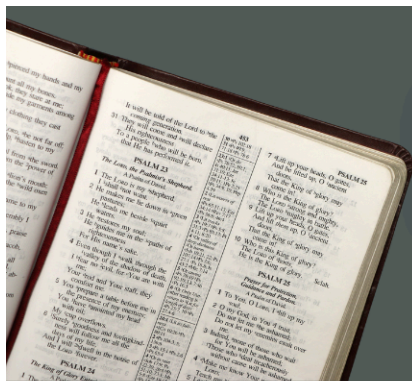
If you are ready to slow down, break free from old cycles, and experience a profound spiritual renewal, this course is for you. The material we will be covering in these sessions is meant to challenge you. In fact, my hope is that the concepts we will be talking about will profoundly affect you—in a good way, of course—in terms of what it means to follow Jesus. We will be looking at some significant missing elements of our discipleship.

Week 1 (9/2) will be the introduction to the course; think of it as an orientation meeting. You can pick up your course materials then or stop by the church office during the week of August 31. Then, for the next eight weeks, we will look at:

- The Problem of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality – Saul
- Knowing Yourself that You May Know God – David
- Going Back to Go Forward – Joseph
- Journeying Through the Wall – Abraham
- Enlarging Your Soul Through Grief and Loss – Jesus
- Discovering the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbaths – Daniel
- Growing into an Emotionally Mature Adult – Good Samaritan
- Going the Next Step to Develop a Rule of Life – Acts 2: The Early Church

Course Details

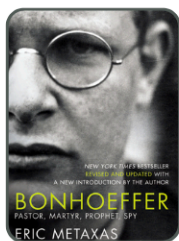
The class will be held for nine weeks from September 2 through October 28 on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Langill Hall. There is a \$15 suggested donation to cover the cost of books. Please RSVP by scanning the code or visiting our website. Feel free to contact me at bryan@palmcitypres.org with any questions. This class will be in-person; it will not be recorded. Invite friends and join us as we learn to live and love like Jesus!



BIBLE STUDY

Groups & Classes

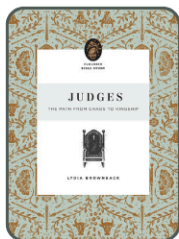
SUN
9:30 AM



Adult Sunday School

This exciting four-part study explores the life, faith, and theological legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor and martyr. We'll learn about the major themes of Bonhoeffer's life and how his commitment to truth and justice remains relevant today. Join us in the library every Sunday. Feel free to contact facilitator Mike Jones with any questions: mjonesas@comcast.net.

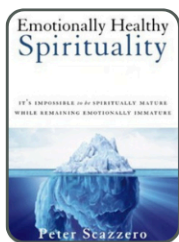
WED
10:00 AM



Women's Bible Study

This in-depth study by Lydia Brownback examines the biblical account of the 12 judges—an exciting read but not an easy one! The pages feature lying, assassination, murder, massacres, and worse. Flawed individuals living in a flawed society—what's it doing in the Bible? Come and find out! This 10-week class will meet in the library beginning September 9. Study guides will be available in the church office. For more information, please contact Cathy at cococat17@aol.com.

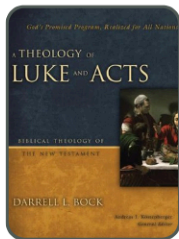
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6:00 PM



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

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

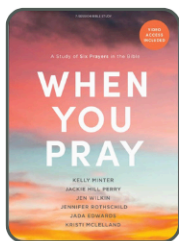
THURS
7:00 AM



Men's Bible Study

Join us for an hour of fellowship, study, and discussion. A light breakfast and coffee is served. Our current study is focused on the books of Luke and Acts. We're looking at who Jesus was, what he did, why he came, and our role in his plan. The video series, featuring New Testament scholar Darrell Bock, PhD., helps bring the meaning of Luke's gospel into our current daily lives. New members are always welcome!

THURS
9:30 AM



Women's Bible Study

In this study, six popular authors offer a look at prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own. You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ. Books, including access to the videos, are available for \$25 in the church office. Please contact the church with any questions.



We had lots of opportunities to share the gospel in Costa Rica, and we saw several people give their lives to Christ. It was exciting to watch our students step out of their comfort zones and realize that God can use them to share their faith. - Curtis & Jen Burnam

The Multiply Project

by Curtis & Jen Burnam with Missionary Gospel Fellowship

Hey Everyone! We just got back from an awesome 10 days in Alajuela, Costa Rica. We had 32 students and leaders on the trip, and it was amazing to watch God work throughout the week.

Our goal was to encourage the local churches and youth groups we partnered with; serve at Campamento McConnell through painting, cleaning, and landscaping; and disciple our students as they learned what it looks like to live on mission.



One of our favorite parts of the trip was watching our students connect with the local youth groups. We had around 40 students come out to camp one afternoon for games, swimming, testimonies, and just hanging out together. It was fun to see friendships form so quickly,

even though we all came from different backgrounds and cultures.

Throughout the week, we had lots of opportunities to share the gospel in Alajuela and San José, and we even saw several people give their lives to Christ. It was also exciting to watch our students step out of their comfort zones and realize that God can use them to share their faith.

As always, in-depth Bible study was a huge part of the trip. Spending time in God's Word every day had a significant impact on many students. Our prayer is that they continue that habit long after the trip is over.

One of the verses that always comes to mind when thinking about these trips is Colossians 1:6, where Paul says that the gospel is "bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world." That's why we do what we do. It's not just about what happens during one week on a mission trip. It's about seeing the gospel continue to bear fruit in the lives of the people we serve and in the lives of our students long after they return home. Our prayer is that this trip is just another step in helping these students become lifelong disciple-makers wherever God takes them.

Thank you so much for praying for us and supporting this ministry. We couldn't do this without your partnership. Thank you for investing with us in the next generation of disciple-makers.

Volunteer Day at LAHIA

by Jane Shubert, PCPC Liaison

On Saturday, August 1, 2026, the following members of PCPC attended our volunteer work day at LAHIA: Greg Hardcastle, Marti Hayes, Griff DeMare, Chuck MacGregor, Sherie MacGregor, Bob Gillen, Diantha Gillen, Sherry Sloat, Maren Zacharias, and Rex King.

Here are snapshots of the day's activities:



Place of Hope's Summer Social Event

by Wanda Rosello, PCPC Liaison

PCPC members Ryder Labar, Brandon Labar, and Laura Duke volunteered at Place of Hope's Summer Social in July. They assisted with games and water sports. Another social is planned for September at the Bender Family Campus on Cove Road in Stuart. If you are interested in participating in this fun event, contact me at rosellow1@gmail.com to learn more.



Lunch at The Refuge Ranch

Tuesday, September 15

You're invited to lunch at The Refuge Ranch! Don't miss the opportunity to learn about this impactful mission partner and hear testimonies of how God is changing the lives of women who are participating in their addiction recovery program. Lunch begins at 12:00 p.m. Carpooling from PCPC will take place at 11:30. Bring a dish to share if you wish. Please RSVP to Wanda Rosello at rosellow1@gmail.com.



A Summer of Impact

by Megan Million, Kordick Fund Recipient

This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to spend six weeks serving through the IMPACT Internship at Immanuel Baptist Church in Corbin, Kentucky. Thanks in part to the generosity of Palm City Presbyterian Church and a grant from the Kordick Fund, I spent my summer serving students, sharing the gospel, traveling on mission, and seeing God work in ways I never could have imagined.

I served primarily with the youth ministry, helping with VBS, youth services, summer camp, outreach events, media production, and mission work. One of our first events was Lucid Late Nights, a week-long outreach where nearly 400 middle and high school students attended. Throughout the week, 27 students surrendered their lives to Christ! This was also the first time I had personally shared the gospel with a nonbeliever, and God gave me the opportunity to walk four people through decisions to follow Christ.

A week later, our team traveled to Spain to work alongside missionaries. We visited college campuses, prayer walked through communities, surveyed residents, and started conversations about faith. I spoke with people from many different religious backgrounds and people with no religious beliefs at all. God taught me that sharing the gospel is not always about immediately seeing the result. Sometimes we are called to listen, answer questions, plant a seed, share Scripture, pray, and just trust Him with what happens next.

Back in the United States, we helped lead 1451, a summer camp for 287 middle and high school students. I led small groups, worked in media production, and emceed nightly activities. We ended our internship with a mission trip to Cosby, Tennessee, where we helped with VBS, served the local youth group, evangelized, and invited families in the community to church.

These six weeks completely changed the way I understand evangelism and living on mission. God can use us anywhere—from a church where we live or a college campus in another country, to an airport, a neighborhood, or even through a social media post. As I begin my last year

of college, I want to continue allowing God to use me on my own campus and in my classes. Anywhere we go can be a mission field if we let God lead our path.

I am incredibly grateful to Palm City Presbyterian Church, the Mission Committee, and those who made the Kordick Fund grant possible. Your prayers and financial support helped make this experience possible. Please continue to pray for the people of Spain and all the lives impacted by our team's conversations this summer. Thank you for investing in me and in what God is doing through the next generation!



In the photo above, Megan is fourth from the left in the top row.



Evangel Family Church Tacloban: Reaching the Next Generation and Serving Our Communities

by Camille Batis-Villarin

Evangel Family Church Tacloban (EFC) continues to see God open doors for ministry across Region VIII. Through our churches and outreaches, we are doing our best to reach people with the Gospel, serve families in need, and help children and young people grow in their relationship with Christ.



One of the things that has been especially close to our hearts is reaching the next generation. In April, we gathered our young people for our youth camp with the theme, “NexGen 2026: Discipling Tomorrow’s Generation, Today.” It was three days filled with worship, fellowship, fun, teaching, and training. The camp encouraged our youth to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and challenged them to become a generation ready to preach Christ and share the Gospel. We believe that young people are not only the church of tomorrow, but an important part of the church today.

Our concern for our youth has become even more personal because of what recently happened in our own community. On June 22, a tragic shooting occurred at San Jose National High School in Tacloban City, where three students lost their lives, and others were injured. The community was deeply affected. As a church, this tragedy strengthens our conviction that reaching and discipling the next generation is urgent.

Through EE Night (Evangelical Explosive Night), our youth-focused gathering, we provide a place for young people to worship, hear God’s Word, fellowship, pray, and grow in their relationship with Christ. Our desire is for them to know God personally and learn to live more like Christ.

Our Kids’ Feeding Ministry continues to reach children in various areas. We provide food and snacks, but also something that lasts beyond a meal: the Word of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every feeding is an opportunity to show God’s love and plant His Word in young hearts.

EFC also continues to support families facing difficult circumstances through relief and community assistance. We are grateful for God’s provision, which enables us to provide essentials such as rice and canned goods. These simple acts of giving allow us to demonstrate Christ’s love in practical ways and remind families that they are cared for.

We are forever grateful to PCPC Florida for standing behind us and supporting our mission. Your generosity and support for our volunteer workers have been a great blessing to our ministry. Thank you for helping us reach and serve the communities in our 10 outstation churches in Eastern Visayas. Your kindness and partnership allow us to continue sharing hope, love, and God’s provision with those in need.

Our prayer remains simple: to keep giving, serving, discipling, and sharing the Word of God wherever God opens the door. To God be all the glory.



Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff

This is OUR Ministry

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of the church: one body with many parts. Each part is different, each has a purpose, and each depends upon the others. When one part struggles, the rest of the body doesn't simply watch and hope it gets better. We respond together.



As we look toward the future of our student ministry, I believe this is an important reminder for us as a church family. Over the years, when student ministry has struggled, it can be tempting to look for the next great leader—the person with the energy, gifts, and passion to breathe new life into the ministry. In some ways, hiring a new leader can feel like giving a struggling part of the body a transfusion. It provides something necessary and important. However, a transfusion can sustain a part of the body, yet it cannot make that part healthy on its own.

We are searching for our next Youth and Young Adult Ministry Specialist, and that person will have an important role to play. But no staff member can be the student ministry. A healthy ministry thrives when the whole body of Christ recognizes that our students belong to all of us. This is an opportunity for us to live out the values we say define our church family.

We show up. Our students need adults who are willing to be present and consistent. Sometimes the most meaningful ministry begins simply by learning a student's name and caring that they are here.

We put Jesus first. Our goal isn't merely to build an exciting youth program or increase attendance. We want young people to know Jesus, grow as His disciples, and discover what it means to follow Him in everyday life.

We stand on God's Word. Our students are navigating complicated questions about relationships, identity, culture, faith, and their future. They need a church family willing to open scripture with them and help them discover God's truth.

We know “it's not about me.” Instead of asking, “Is student ministry really my thing?” perhaps the right question is: “How can I help make this ministry better?”

The answer will look different for each of us. Some may lead a small group or mentor a student. Others might facilitate games, drive to an event, welcome students on Wednesday nights, help with a special activity, or faithfully pray for our students and their leaders. Not everyone needs to serve every week, and not everyone needs to be a Bible teacher.

The invitation is simply to take one next step. Ask God, “Is there a place for me here?”

If the answer might be yes, come talk with me. We can discuss our students, the needs of the ministry, and where your gifts, availability, and interests might fit. Raising your hand doesn't mean signing up for a job. It simply means being willing to discover your part.

We will hire another leader. But the future health of our student ministry cannot rest on that person alone. We are the body of Christ. And if we want this part of the body to thrive, then the whole body has a part to play.

Pickleball Volunteers Needed Mondays @ 4:30 p.m.

In August, we welcomed 19 families from our community for an awesome season of learning, playing, and building friendships together! The program offers practices and games on Monday afternoons. **We're looking for two more volunteers** to join us on the courts to assist our coaches and players and to monitor games. You don't have to be a pickleball pro! If you enjoy encouraging kids and being active, we'd love to have you. Please contact me at jessica@palmcitypres.org to learn more and/or sign up.

MomCo Beginning September 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Whether motherhood feels joyful, exhausting, or a little of both, MomCo is a space to connect with other moms, grow in faith, and find encouragement for the journey. Beginning September 15, we'll meet monthly in Langill Hall on the 3rd Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare are provided. The invitation to join is open to the community. Visit our website or scan the code for details and registration.



First Priority Beginning September 9 @ 8:30 a.m.

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

Youth Groups Beginning September 9 & 13

Middle School Youth Group will be held on Wednesdays beginning 9/9 in the HFLC. Doors will open at 4:15 p.m. for students coming from Hidden Oaks Middle School. The program will be part of our new Faith & Fellowship Nights, 5:00–7:00 p.m. There'll be food, fun, and fellowship, along with solid biblical teaching.

High School Youth will meet weekly on Sundays beginning 9/13. Join us from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the youth room following the 9:30 service.

What We're Learning



This month, **preschoolers** will meet Otis the copycat cat during *Copy That, Copycat*. As children act out Bible stories, Otis copies them! Together, they'll discover how God helps them be brave and make good choices.



All aboard the *Imagination Time Machine*! During this series, **elementary kids** will join Max on a journey through the Bible to the Promised Land. Along the way, they'll imagine the sights, sounds, smells, feelings, and tastes of life as an Israelite in the land God gave them.



Truth can seem like a moving target, but God's truth never changes. *Forged for Preteens: Faith Refined* explores what truth is and how to engage others with the unchanging truth of the Bible.



Encouragement from the Deacons

by Deacon Katie Bradshaw

As we enter September, though the weather still insists that summer is not yet finished, we find ourselves in that familiar feeling of being in between seasons. Most students have returned to school, yet not all of our routines have settled back into place. Many beloved members are still away on vacation or spending time elsewhere. If you are among them, please know that you have been and will continue to be missed. Your presence enriches our worship and our lives together here at Palm City Presbyterian Church.

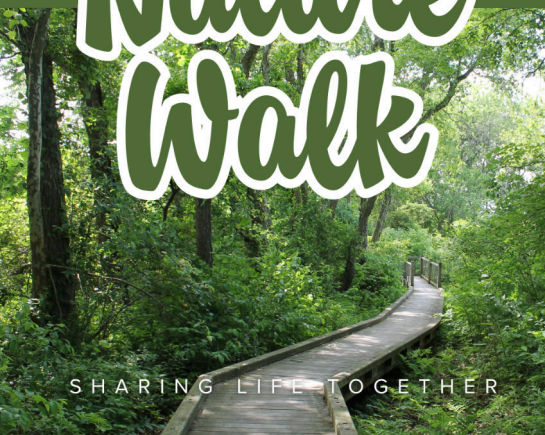
Even though some of our deacons are also traveling during this time, please be assured that there will always be a caring team here, ready to support the congregation. The ministry of compassion never pauses. If you need prayer, a listening ear, or practical help, we are here.

We also ask you pray for your fellow congregants and individuals throughout the country who have suffered as a result of the storms, the violence, and fires that have affected so many communities this summer. We also ask that you lift up the members of [Iran Alive Ministries](#). Several of their leaders have been arrested in Iran. Their courage and faith remind us of the global body of Christ—one family, united in hope, even during hardship.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” — Galatians 6:2 (NIV)



As we move through this month, may God keep us connected across distance, strengthen our prayers, and fill us with compassion for all who suffer. Whether near or far, you all remain in our hearts.



Nature Walk

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

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

Saturday, September 12, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

Sermons in September

by Pastor David Mauldin

In September, we begin a two-month sermon series called *Are You Saved?* We recognize that term “saved.” It is a good biblical word. Jesus used it. The New Testament writers used it. Romans 10:9, for example, says, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” But what does it mean to be saved? Most people outside the church have no idea, and many within the church have only a partial understanding. Being saved means much more than you don’t go to hell. Or, you go to heaven when you die. It means that, but much more. It is about God’s glorious kingdom and living in it now. It is about a relationship with God. About a new kind of life. It is about ... Well, come hear the sermons. The series will be about what salvation is, how we get it, and how we experience it.



- September 6: John 17:20–26, “United with Christ”
- September 13: Ephesians 1:3–14, “Chosen”
- September 20: Romans 8:28–30, “Called”
- September 27: Romans 3:21–26, “Justified”

A vertical poster for Women's Ministry Breakfast. It features a grey background with a green and gold horizontal band. The text "WOMEN'S MINISTRY" is in a serif font, and "Breakfast" is in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the date and time are listed: "Saturday, September 19" and "9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall". A paragraph of text follows: "All women of PCPC are invited to gather for breakfast and fellowship as we plan future events! Scan the code or visit our website to learn more and RSVP!". At the bottom, there is a QR code and floral illustrations on the sides.

**WOMEN'S
MINISTRY**
Breakfast

Saturday, September 19
9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall

All women of PCPC are invited to gather for breakfast and fellowship as we plan future events! Scan the code or visit our website to learn more and RSVP!

A vertical poster for Ladies Bunco Night. It has a light beige background with a green and gold horizontal band. The text "Ladies" is in a black, cursive font, and "Bunco Night" is in a large, red, outlined font. Below this, the date and time are listed: "Friday, October 16" and "6:30 PM". A paragraph of text follows: "Join us in the Huizenga Family Life Center for an evening filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Spots are limited! Please register before October 9. Scan the code or visit our website for details and to sign up!". At the bottom, the price is listed: "\$10 per person; Ages 14 and up". At the bottom, there is a QR code and dice illustrations on the sides.

Ladies
Bunco Night

Friday, October 16
6:30 PM

Join us in the Huizenga Family Life Center for an evening filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Spots are limited! Please register before October 9. Scan the code or visit our website for details and to sign up!

\$10 per person; Ages 14 and up





———— SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 ————

SHEPHERDS

Breakfast

9:30 a.m. in Langill Hall

All current and potential PCPC shepherds are invited for an encouraging morning in Langill Hall. Come and learn about our Shepherd Program, fellowship with others, and be encouraged in your ministry. The goal of our Shepherd Program (established over 40 years ago!) is to make sure each church member is assigned someone to offer cheer, comfort, and compassion through prayer and sending cards. Due to our growing congregation, we need more individuals or couples to serve in this simple, yet vital, ministry! This is something that you can conveniently participate in from home. No experience necessary! No meetings!

Please RSVP on our [website](#) or by calling the church office. Please contact our coordinator, Carol Elswick at carolg427@gmail.com with questions or to express interest in the program if you cannot attend the breakfast.

Chancel Choir: Resuming September 3

Choir rehearsals will resume this month on Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m., in the choir room. Now is a great time to join this talented group! No previous experience is needed.

Our choir sings for the 8:20 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. traditional services in the sanctuary. The repertoire of sacred music includes traditional hymns, anthems, and spirituals.

Joining our choir includes the opportunity to perform in our annual Christmas cantata, December 12 and 13, 2026.

To get involved, contact Director of Traditional Music Reva Rogers at reva@palmcitypres.org.



Prayer **BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21**

Save the date and join us for an encouraging morning hosted by our deacons.

See our website for details!



Men's Event: October 22

by PCPC's Men's Series Events Planning Team

Our men's event at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center (located at 890 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart/Hutchinson Island) is drawing closer, and we're delighted to share some exciting news. Please save the date of:

Thursday, October 22

4:30–7:00 p.m.

No admission charge!

We are pleased to have Mark Perry, Executive Director of the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, as our keynote speaker!

Our event will be held in the EcoCenter, a large building accessible from the parking lot through the south gate. We will gather on the third-floor Ocean Deck Terrace, a spacious, covered open-air venue with sweeping views of the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy beverages and time for fellowship, followed by hors d'oeuvres served at your table before our keynote speaker's presentation. To conclude, attendees are invited to head to the first floor for a self-guided tour of the exhibit hall.

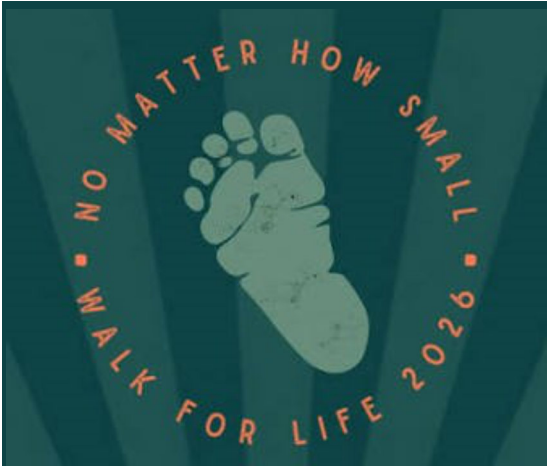
Each exhibit highlights Florida's coastal ecosystems, featuring 2,000 gallons of aquariums filled with local fish and invertebrates, nearly 30 interactive installations, and engaging educational digital displays. Highlights include:

- Lake Okeechobee/Dike exhibit featuring dynamic floor projections and narration that explain how the Herbert Hoover Dike, built after the 1920s hurricanes, altered the natural flow of fresh water from Lake Okeechobee toward Florida's coasts
- Estuary aquarium, a brackish water tank with lush vegetation, offering a look at estuary life
- Worm reef replica of the rare Sabellariid mounds found at nearby Bathtub Beach



Men, please invite a friend or neighbor! Grandfathers and fathers are encouraged to bring their grandsons and sons. Let's continue building a legacy of faith across generations. God has opened the door for this very special event, and we hope you'll be part of it. **Please RSVP on our website's [Events page](#) or by scanning the code provided here.**





Save the Date!

10.10.26

This year's Walk for Life will be held at the MIDFLORIDA Event Center in Port St. Lucie at 9:00 a.m. Join the PCPC team! Scan the code for details or contact Marlene Boobar through the church office.

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What Does the Call to Worship Really Mean?

by Lee England

In Christian worship, one of the most overlooked parts of the service is the liturgical element formally titled the Call to Worship. Too many people think of it as a way to “get the service started.” From a Reformed perspective (like our ECO denomination), the call to worship has a deep theological meaning. This is God Himself bringing His people into His presence for worship.

The Bible tells us to gather before God in worship. This is not an invention made by Adam and Eve or Moses or David—worship is a dialogue—God speaks, and His people respond. The Call to Worship sets the mood for the entire service—we are responding to our God.

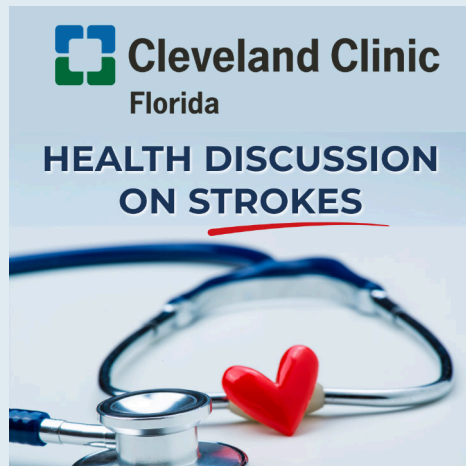


Worship is a response to divine initiative, and including a Call to Worship reflects this. That is why the call is read directly from scripture and is not composed by someone in the church office. Our church uses a responsive call, where our liturgist reads a verse and the covenant partners respond. The liturgist reflects God’s authority using His word, and we respond.

From a Reformed perspective, there are four truths we can find in the Call to Worship:

- God is *sovereign*. We gather because God calls us to.
- Worship is *corporate*. The call is for all gathered to worship God, not select people in the crowd.
- Worship is a *holy encounter*. The call reminds us that we stand before a holy God. We are not to be casual, but reverent.
- Worship is *response*. The call to worship shapes the rest of the service. All the prayers, hymns, and preaching are a response to God’s invitation to worship.

Next Sunday, when we open with the Call to Worship, remember it is God’s invitation to each of us to gather our thoughts and hearts to him. The liturgist represents God’s word to us, and we respond in obedience and joy.



Men’s Health Discussion: Presented by Cleveland Clinic Tuesday, September 29 at PCPC

All are invited to a free presentation by Cleveland Clinic on stroke awareness and prevention. It will be held in Langill Hall from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. *Stroke and Men's Health: What Every Man Should Know* will be led by neurologist Dr. Fouad Abuzeid who will explain why strokes happen, how to recognize the warning signs, and what to do if a stroke occurs. This event is open to the community. Please RSVP on our [website’s Events](#) page.



Don't miss our 15th annual Palm City Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run on Thanksgiving morning! Each year, over 600 participants and spectators take part in this family-friendly fundraiser for one of our local mission partners. This year's proceeds will benefit **The Refuge Ranch**, a nonprofit, Christ-centered organization that provides residential drug and alcohol addiction treatment for women. Last year's event raised \$27,000 for Our Community Table.

The 5K course is a flat, fast loop beginning and ending at PCPC. This chip-timed race is limited to 600 participants. Finishers receive a commemorative medal, coffee, and breakfast. Awards are given for Male & Female Overall, Male & Female Masters, and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each division.

Registration is open at [RunSignUp.com](https://www.runsignup.com)!

Scan the code or visit www.runsignup.com for more information and to register! Sign up early to guarantee your t-shirt size. This event will sell out!

To become a **sponsor or volunteer** for the race, please see our website's [Events page](#).



September

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If you have an article for the next newsletter, please email it to our editors at newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline listed on the calendar page. Please write "Newsletter Submission" in the subject line and attach any photos you'd like to include.

Ushers and Greeters Needed at 11:00!

In an effort to organize a permanent schedule, we are seeking people to join the usher and greeter ministry for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are willing to serve, please call Shannon at the church office and let her know your availability. Subs are also needed. A coordinator will contact you to confirm the schedule once it is finalized.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional Services

8:20 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

Contemporary Service

9:30 a.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center

Our worship services are livestreamed on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on YouTube and our website.

A graphic with a background of teal puzzle pieces. One piece in the center is missing, revealing a light brown surface. Overlaid on the puzzle pieces is the word "Connect" in a large, white, cursive font with a yellow outline. Below it, the words "WITH PCPC" are written in a smaller, yellow, all-caps sans-serif font.

Connect
WITH PCPC



NEW MEMBERS CLASS
September 20 @ 12:15 p.m.