

Palm City Presbyterian Church

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by David C. Mauldin

In September, we return to normal venues for worship. The new audio-visual and lighting systems in the Huizenga Family Life Center (HFLC) will have been installed. You should notice many improvements. Visually, you won't be able to miss the LED video wall behind our worship band, Cornerstone. The lighting will be different, too. We will have two separate lighting systems in HFLC: one when it is used as a gym, the other for worship. The gym lighting is the old system, now updated with LED lights. The worship lighting system is entirely new.

Our goal is to make people forget they are in a gym. We want you not to notice the environment and instead focus on worship. That will be difficult at first. Your mind will constantly register the changes. Be patient. After a few weeks, you will become accustomed to your surroundings. The new will become familiar. You will put the changes out of your mind and, hopefully, enjoy worship even more.

With the new system, we can change the lighting during the service. Our old system allowed us to have the overhead fluorescent lights at 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%. The new system is much more flexible, allowing us to make adjustments that will set the right mood for the moment. That's not manipulation. It provides the best atmosphere. For example, in our contemporary service, the song before the scripture reading always has a quieter, more meditative feel. That mood prepares our hearts to receive God's Word. Now, we can do something similar with lighting.

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You should notice improvements in the overall sound. An electronic drum set and in-ear monitors for the band mean less sound “pollution” coming from the stage. You’ll hear a cleaner sound from the speakers. We added more acoustic panels to the walls to reduce echo. Hopefully, if you worship at our contemporary service, the room will simply sound better.

If you watch our contemporary livestream, you will see significant improvements. We now have improved, properly placed stage lighting and high-quality cameras.



Thank you to all our donors who made these improvements possible. They were needed. We had equipment that was old, and some of it was failing. We also desperately needed to improve our livestream and in-person experience. Technology has become a critical part of ministry. In the past 10 years, the importance of technology in churches has increased tremendously. A church that does not use technology effectively does not reach people effectively. That’s the world we live in. We want to reach people effectively.

Two warnings!

One: Our new systems are designed to be as user-friendly as possible. However, there is a level of complexity to systems this powerful. It will take us a while to work out the bugs. It will take us longer to utilize them to their full potential. Please, be patient.

We want the integration of the new technology to be as smooth as possible. You should be thinking about the pastor’s message, not the pastor’s microphone! If something goes wrong, we will adapt and improvise and do the best we can and move on. In the end, we are here to worship. We should not let glitches get in the way.

Two: What if you don’t like something that changed? Most of the changes should be such obvious improvements that you will welcome them. However, there may be something you notice that you don’t like. For example, we’ve painted the HFLC gym grey. Before, it was a kind of mustard yellow. Several people have said they love the new color. A few find it too dark. If you find yourself unhappy with something, please give it a little time. Maybe we will get it right. Suppose on our first Sunday back in the HFLC, you find the music too loud. Do not assume it will always be too loud. We are learning. The next week, it may be better. If the lights are too bright or too dim, give us time. We’ve literally never used this system before! Please don’t expect perfection right away!

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Or, you may get used to the change. After a few weeks, you may forget about the thing that bothered you, and you will simply enjoy worship.

Our church has a mission. God has placed us here for a reason. He has called us together and given us the tools we need. I am thankful that we are committed to fulfilling that mission and constantly improving. We want people to walk in and find it easy to worship, whether they are in our sanctuary or the HFLC. When people connect online, we want nothing to get in the way of the music and the message.

Our Audio-Visual-Lighting Improvement Project has been a long journey. It won’t be complete until we can fully utilize the marvelous equipment we have. Thank you for your support and your patience.

The Basics of Christian Stewardship

Stewardship is more than just giving money—it's a way of life for Christians that recognizes everything we have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for His purposes. Psalm 24:1 reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." As His stewards, we are called to manage our finances, time, and talents in ways that honor Him and bless others.

Finances: Scripture teaches that giving is an act of worship and trust. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul writes, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver." Our tithes and offerings not only support the work of the church but also free us from the grip of materialism, reminding us that God is our provider.

Time: Time is one of our most precious gifts. Ephesians 5:15–16 urges us to "be very careful ... making the most of every opportunity." Using our days wisely means prioritizing God's kingdom—spending time in prayer, worship, Bible study, and service. Every moment can be an offering when we live with eternal purposes in mind.

Talents: God has equipped each of us with unique gifts to serve the body of Christ (1 Peter 4:10 "...use whatever gifts you have received..."). Whether teaching, encouraging, building, cooking, leading, or simply offering a listening ear, our talents become powerful tools when surrendered to Him. Stewardship means identifying these gifts and using them to build up others and advance God's mission.

True stewardship flows from gratitude for what God has done for us in Christ. As we manage our resources, we participate in His work, glorify His name, and store up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19–21).

We invite you to prayerfully consider your own stewardship—your finances, time, and talents—and ask God how He would have you use them for His glory and the good of His church.



Want to Learn More About PCPC?

Whether you are new to PCPC or have been attending for a while and would like to know the next steps, you're invited to our upcoming New Members Class! Come and learn about who we are, what we believe, and how you can get connected!

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

A light lunch and childcare will be provided. Please visit our [website](#) to RSVP.

Prayer Warriors Needed!

Are you passionate about praying for others? Join our Prayer Warriors and make a difference! We currently have openings on Wednesdays, with flexible times available throughout the day. No prior experience is needed—just a heart for prayer. If you're interested in this rewarding opportunity, please contact the church office, and a member of our team will get in touch with you. Become a vital part of our prayer community!



Deacon Team Spotlights

by Ernestina Holton

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and it has been a busy season for our deacons, filled with a wide variety of activities, such as assisting with memorial services and Shepherd Sunday. Several deacons teamed up with youth group members and volunteered with local mission partners. Our library now sparkles as it has been cleaned and reorganized. And of course, Communion is always ready for the beginning of each month.

We are looking for new members to join our board of deacons as we have several who are completing their terms. Everyone has been blessed with gifts. Do you have a servant's heart? Do you love hospitality? Do you know others who do? To express interest or suggest someone you know, please fill out the suggestion form found in the church office or scan the code provided here.



I want to introduce you to a few more members of the deacon team. We are thankful for the care and leadership they bring to PCPC!



Amy Urban

(pictured above, left)

Amy was ordained as a deacon in last year's class. Having felt warmly welcomed as a new member, she is eager to extend that same hospitality to others. She is actively involved with PCPC's youth, serving at VBS and in both middle and high school groups, and also contributes her time on the Turkey Trot committee. At home, Amy and her husband, Chris, enjoy life with their three-year-old son, Collin, and their cat, Winnie. In her spare time, she shares her love of soccer as an assistant coach with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Sallie Snyder

Sallie is in her second year as a deacon. She says it has been a privilege, a joy, and an honor to serve as a deacon. She and her husband, Bob, have attended PCPC for five years. They were drawn to the friendliness, melodious choir, and exceptional preaching. Sallie is always ready and available to help wherever needed at the church. She also facilitates our women's Thursday morning Bible study and is part of the Worship Committee. In her free time, she enjoys taking walks, reading, and needlepoint.



Marlene Cross

(above with husband, George)

Marlene is in her first year as a deacon. When she was asked to join the team, she felt inadequate but knew the Holy Spirit would guide and direct her in all her duties as a deacon. Marlene looks forward to serving, growing spiritually, and growing closer to her fellow deacons. You will find Marlene wherever help is needed, including helping with memorial services. Her free time is spent gardening, reading, and doing decorative painting.



Judy Scott (pictured above, left)

Judy has been a long-time member of PCPC, actively participating in Thursday morning and evening women's Bible studies. Serving as a deacon has deepened her love for helping others, including assisting with memorial luncheons, serving meals to visitors, and supporting the bereavement team. In her free time, she enjoys boating, motorcycling, traveling, and family time. Judy treasures her role at PCPC and is grateful for God's faithfulness and generosity.

Wanda Rosello (pictured above, right)

Wanda and her husband, John, have been members of PCPC since 2017, moving here from Texas. Wanda has been a deacon for several years and is involved in women's Bible study, VBS, and the youth programs. She is an active shepherd and is on the Mission Committee. Wanda is part of the New Member Assimilation team for the 9:30 service, as well as the Linger Longer coffee initiative. Wanda, like all the deacons, is always ready to help wherever she is needed.

Luke Romig (pictured above, 2nd from right)

Luke has served as a deacon for several years, helping members with meals and visiting those recently hospitalized or homebound. She is on the New Member Assimilation team for the 8:20 service and assists with Communion setup alongside her husband, Steve. Active in women's Bible study, VBS, and adult Sunday school, Luke enjoys cooking, rubber stamping, and bow making in her free time.



Laura Gonzalez (pictured above, left)

Laura has served as a deacon for the past year, bringing a "How can I help?" spirit to every task. She's involved with VBS, youth activities, women's Bible study, and the mission team, and also assists with Communion, ushering, and greeting. At home, she cares for her family and two dogs.



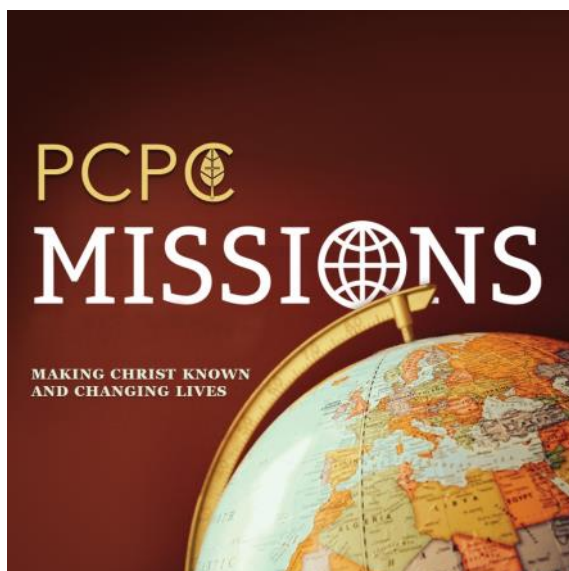
Sherry Sloat

Sherry has been an active member of the deacons this past year, serving as our memorial service coordinator for grieving families. She helped with VBS, serves as a greeter for the 9:30 service, and is always ready to help with hospitality needs.



Debby & Glenn Hedden

Debby and Glenn are long-time members and have served as deacons for several years. They can always be counted on for Communion setup. Glenn and Debby are part of the New Member Assimilation team for the 9:30 service, and they are greeters for the 9:30 service.



CSA Traveling Team

by Susan Hastings

Pastor Yinho lives out Matthew 28:19–20a (NIV): “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” He began his ministry by recognizing that soccer (“fútbol”) could be a powerful way to disciple young people, teaching them how to evangelize and share the Word of the Lord. His team, JETSET V, stands for “Jesus Es Tu Salvador, Entrégale Tu Vida” (Jesus is Your Savior, Give Him Your Life). Their jerseys display this message in many languages, and wherever they travel, people stop to find it in their own tongue—creating an opportunity to begin a conversation about Jesus, our Savior. Team members carry pamphlets and Bibles to hand out as they walk among spectators, athletes, and coaches. They’ve been to several Olympics and World Cups. They aren’t always there to play, although some of these young men go on to become professional soccer players. Their goal is to “go and make disciples of all nations” and spread the word about Jesus.

Pastor Yinho recalls that, early in his ministry, event organizers often told him he couldn’t speak about

Christianity. Yet in conversations—usually through his interpreter, Mateo, one of his players—his warm smile and compelling stories opened unexpected doors. Invitations soon followed, giving him opportunities to enter the right places and share the message of Jesus. Bold and passionate about the Word, Pastor Yinho inspires his team, who eagerly carry his enthusiasm wherever they go.

What an exciting and interesting time we had hosting this team of young men! From the time they arrived on August 10th until they left on the 20th, there was never a dull moment. Their tournament was nearby, giving the team time to rest before facing several days of play in extreme heat. Afternoon storms often interrupted matches, with games paused for lightning delays. Coming from the Christian Soccer Asso-

ciation (CSA) of Colombia, the players were unaccustomed to the heavy humidity and torrential rain—conditions far different from Bogotá. Despite the challenges, they advanced to the finals on Saturday evening and finished as runners-up.

The team enjoyed wonderful accommodations in Langill Hall, made possible by your generous donations of mattresses and bedding. Thanks to your gifts of food and financial support, we were also able to provide several breakfasts and a few dinners. The

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- Pastor Yinho

hall was quiet, cool, and the perfect place for them to rest and reflect. In total, 17 people stayed there, including coaches, players, and the team “mom.”



It was a Godsend that we had hosts for the two ladies, which allowed us to keep the upstairs of Langill Hall “guys only” for easier access to showers. A heartfelt thank-you to Madonna and Gary Hunt for welcoming them into their home for the week. With Madonna fluent in Spanish, they enjoyed meaningful conversations together. Later, Kim and Rob Johnson hosted the ladies for the last three

nights, making great use of Google Translate as they got to know one another.

On their first night, the mission committee hosted a welcome dinner with our youth group, planned by Jessica Waltersdorff and youth ministry specialist David Amerson. It was a joy to see both groups sharing a meal and beginning to connect in faith. As the days passed, everyone grew more comfortable, greeting one another with smiles, hugs, and handshakes. Before every meal, they waited for Pastor Yinho’s blessing—and then ate heartily! Tom, our operations manager and chief cook, was there by 6:30 a.m. each day, preparing meals while practicing a few words of Spanish.

I learned at the beginning of their stay that this trip was two-fold. In addition to being a mission trip, Pastor Yinho was mentoring Ricardo, one of the coaches, to branch out and start his own team within CSA. This takes us right back to Matthew 28 and the message of the Great Commission. A few of these team members didn't know a lot about Jesus, and each morning they had devotionals after breakfast. Curtis Burnam, our missionary partner from Missionary Gospel Fellowship and a friend of Pastor Yinho, came a few times to teach them about discipleship. His ministry is working with youth and groups in Latin America. On the last day of his teaching, five of them boldly confirmed their faith in Jesus. It was worth the whole trip!

On the final night of their visit, Rob and Kim Johnson welcomed the team to their home for swimming and a cookout. While chatting with Pastor Yinho—his animated gestures brought to life through Mateo’s translations—he shared something very moving: “Even though they can't understand you, they have seen your love every day. Many don't have a stable family life, but from what your church has done for them, they now know what love is.”

Note: If you donated items that you would like returned and have not yet been contacted, please call the church office. All items have been washed and are ready either to go back home or to be donated. Thank you for the impact your generosity has had—both on those served and on those serving.



Next Generation Ministry

by Director Jessica Waltersdorff



We are excited for the opportunities God is opening before us—whether it's continuing to strengthen partnerships with schools, encouraging students in their faith, or building bridges across generations within our church family. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pour into the next generation.

AUGUST IN REVIEW



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and help from the Thursday morning women's Bible study, **our ministry blessed 400 teachers and staff** at Palm City Elementary, Bessey Creek Elementary, Citrus Grove Elementary, and Hidden Oaks Middle School. One teacher remarked,

"Thank you from the bottom of my grateful heart for the gift bag you so graciously provided for me at Citrus Grove Elementary School! Your kindness touched my heart. As a kindergarten teacher, it blessed me to know you and the community are supporting my class of students along with me this year. I feel extremely valued and appreciated!"



We're excited to share that Leslie Rocha, a Spanish teacher at Hidden Oaks Middle School, has agreed to serve as our **First Priority Club** sponsor teacher. With her support, we can launch this ministry on campus this fall—an

incredible opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with students right where they are. If you'd like to show appreciation for Ms. Rocha, please visit the Education Foundation of Martin County website and look for her name under Hidden Oaks Middle School.



PCPC member Kelly Riccardo hosted a **college application information session** for our senior students and their families, helping them prepare for this next important step in their journey.



We were overjoyed to welcome **Jake VanVliet** to Christ's family through Baptism and to bear witness as **Luke White** reaffirmed his commitment to Christ. The outpouring of support from our church family at Stuart Beach that evening was a powerful reminder of the beauty of togetherness in Christ, and that church is not a building or a location but a people committed to advancing His kingdom!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Sundays, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the HFLC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Wednesdays, 4:30–6:00 p.m. in the HFLC

YOUTH GROUPS

In August:

- we spent time with the visiting Colombian soccer team, playing dodgeball, sharing meals, learning about each other's culture, and telling faith stories through prayer and Bible study.
- we welcomed Lee and Mike England, who taught our youth about liturgy.
- we continued our studies of Ephesians, as well as looked at the stories of David and Goliath and Jesus calming the storm.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS will be digging deeper into some of Jesus' parables. Through these stories, students will explore God's character and heart for us.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS began meeting again at the end of August. Along with interactive games and eating together, they will look at some of Jesus' parables, exploring God's character and heart for us.



Equipped Volunteer Training

Saturday, September 20,
9:00-11:00 a.m. in Langill Hall

Get ready for a new season of ministry! If you are planning on volunteering with our children and youth this year, or even thinking about it, don't miss this annual ministry training designed to encourage, empower, and equip you with practical tools, fresh vision, and spiritual focus as you lead. Let's step in ready—because when we're equipped, we're unstoppable. Please email Jessica to RSVP and/or learn more: jessica@palmcitypres.org.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



In "Tippy's Mouse House," preschoolers search for missing Bible story pictures and discover God's provision and perfect love.



September's elementary theme is "Snapshot." Through fun poses, kids will help tell the Israelites' journey and capture an unforgettable picture of God's love and faithfulness.



Our Next Level lessons will encourage preteens as they face the challenges of life and trust God with their future. Preteens will understand that problems are an opportunity to embrace God's hope and grace.

MomCo



Make It Awkward: beginning
Tuesday, September 16

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



See You at the Pole™

Wednesday, September 24 at all local schools

This is a special opportunity to lift up our schools, teachers, and students in prayer, uniting across campuses and the country. Encourage your children and grandchildren to participate and be a part of this powerful moment of faith and community.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

This co-ed class meets weekly in the library for a video from Dr. R.C. Sproul's *Dust to Glory* series, followed by discussion on key biblical themes, events, and people. The class offers insights to help you apply scripture to daily life. In September, we'll review the 400 years between the Old and New Testaments and begin a study of the gospels. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:00 a.m.

This group meets in Langill Hall. Coffee and breakfast are served every week. See our website for more information about their current study as it becomes available.

Women's Bible Study

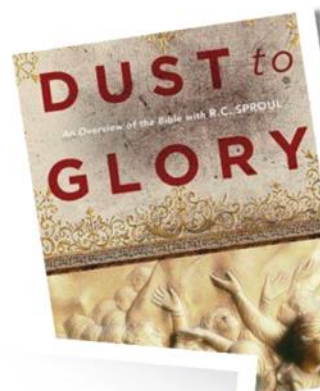
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

This September, join us for a study called *Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight* by Jennifer Rothschild. This series separates what's true about heaven from what's based on legend. You'll gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for his children and learn to live confidently today. Books are available in the church office for \$20 each. If the cost is a hardship, please contribute what you can, and the remainder will be covered.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

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



What Is
Reformed Theology?
by R.C. Sproul



Good Samaritan Ministries

Looking for a Christian cleaning service or handyman? Need expert lawn maintenance or a tree removal? Our mission partner, Good Samaritan Ministries, offers a variety of essential services at affordable rates, all provided by teams of skillfully trained individuals within their ministry who are seeking a fresh start in life and endeavoring to develop a new trade.

Homeowners along the Treasure Coast can avail themselves of exceptional services from any of six companies with the Good Samaritan Ministries programs. Heavenly Cuts Landscaping offers lawn maintenance and installation. Trinity Trees is their tree service company. Mighty Men Mechanics, located in Port St. Lucie, provides basic car repair and maintenance services. FSH Flooring offers a variety of handyman services, everything from installing flooring and drywall to painting and pressure washing. Maids From Heaven and Kingdom Moving & Storage offer full-service cleaning and moving services, respectively.

THEY HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO

Addiction. Homelessness. Life after prison. Abuse. Mental disabilities.

At Good Samaritan Ministries, we open our doors to the men, women, and children society too often forgets.

When you hire one of our businesses, you're not just paying for a service — you're giving someone a second chance at life:

- Trinity Trees of PSL
- Heavenly Cuts Landscaping
- Maids from Heaven Cleaning
- FSH Flooring & Handyman
- Mighty Men Mechanics
- Kingdom Moving & Storage

Every dollar goes directly to helping the most broken rebuild their lives.

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Sermons in September

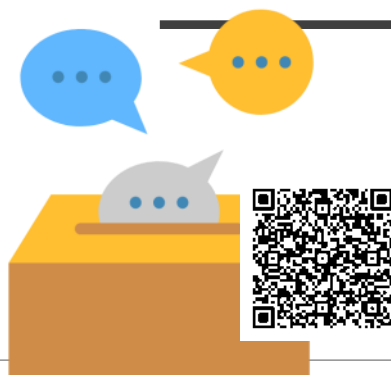
Pastor David will be in the pulpit each week in September. On September 7, he concludes his series *A Glorious Regiment of Women*. This series holds up heroes of the faith whose lives illustrate the truths of scripture. This final sermon points to Corrie Ten Boom, a holocaust survivor, with a powerful message about forgiving. For the rest of the month, we return to our series through 1 John.

September 7: "Corrie Ten Boom"
Matthew 18:21-35

September 21: "Love One Another"
1 John 3:11-24

September 14: "Children of God"
1 John 2:28-3:10

September 28: "Testing the Spirits"
1 John 4:1-6



Suggestions for Elders & Deacons

Do you know someone who would make a great elder or deacon? Our nominating committee is now receiving suggestions. Scan the code to submit a name, or pick up a paper form in the church office.

A Night at the Elliott Museum

by Jon Albright

Another successful PCPC men's event took place on Wednesday, July 30, at the beautiful Elliott Museum. Eighty men—members, fathers with sons, and guests—gathered for an unforgettable evening! The night began with PCPC's Debra Duvall, chair of the Historical Society of Martin County (HSMC) board, introducing HSMC CEO Rob Steele. PCPC's Eric Haas, HSMC board's vice chair, was there with Debra.

After enjoying fellowship, Rob led a museum tour, which was followed by a dinner and a powerful keynote from retired Navy SEAL Jeff Samuels. Jeff shared the importance of fellowship and teamwork within the SEALs and how those principles apply to our work at PCPC and in the community. Thanks to all who attended!

Thank you to those who served on the planning team for this event: David Bates, Mike England, Eric Haas, Tom Lytle, Tom Mooney, Bob Shubert, and Adam Waltersdorff. A special thanks to John Nelson for capturing the night in the photos below.



Your PCPC Library

by Sallie Snyder



Have you ever had a meeting or group study in our library? Many of us have. We come in, sit down, and talk to one another, and when the meeting is over, we walk out and go on to other things. But have you also

noticed that the library is actually a LIBRARY?

Thank you to Steve Breckley and Janet Sallman for beginning the organization of this space two years ago. Now, thanks to a team of deacons (Laura Gonzalez, Linda Hughes, and Sallie Snyder), who have spent the summer refining and relabeling the shelves, the library is ready for you to use, not just for meetings, but to borrow any of the resources found there.

Checking out books couldn't be easier! Just write the title and your name on a card in the basket provided and take the book(s) (or DVDs) for as long as you need. When you return the book, put it in the basket labeled "Return Books Here," and the library team will reshelve them for you.

You'll find the resources grouped according to the labels listed below. Each section is alphabetized by the author's last name.

Fiction	History
Spiritual growth	Jesus
Grief	Holidays
The Church	DVDs
Biographies	Finances
Leadership	Miscellaneous
Prayer	Mental health
Theology	Parenting
Dictionaries and Concordances	Marriage
Devotionals	Women
Bibles	Men
Study Bibles	Teens
Bible Commentaries	
Individual Book Commentaries	

The top shelves are labeled *Group Studies*. These are from studies done previously at PCPC, and can be used by new groups either on or off campus.

Library access is provided by the church office. Trish Jones will give you a card to unlock and relock the door. Please take time to visit and borrow books that will strengthen your faith!

New Bible Study Class

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

**Wednesdays, beginning September 10, in Langill Hall
9:30–11:00 a.m. with childcare provided**

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

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



Be a Beacon

by Marlene Boobar, Deacon Team

A famous landmark in Maine is the Portland Head Light. This lighthouse is Maine's oldest lighthouse, dating back to 1791. It sits along the coastline and is located within Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth. Today, it is still an active lighthouse giving aid and warnings for ships, alerting them to the dangers of the rocky coastline. The location has become a popular spot to visit, whether for a local or a tourist. It is also where they have the finish line for the once-a-year Beach to Beacon 10K race started by Joan Benoit Samuelson.

This lighthouse and others give aid to ships coming in to harbor. They give guiding light, so that passage is safe. They give comfort to those relying on seeing that light. They are beacons!

Lighthouses serve as a physical beacon. Individuals can also serve as an emotional beacon. They can act as a guiding light and serve to care for others.

A person can be described as a beacon when they act as a source of inspiration and hope for others, particularly in challenging situations. These beacons signify persons who illuminate, inspire, or serve as a positive example to others.

Members serving in various capacities within our church become beacons! We witness selfless acts of kindness to others, whether they are opening the door to church on a Sunday morning or helping to host a memorial luncheon. We have beacons all around us. We all know individuals who give of themselves in service in varying ways.

This time of year, we add to our Deacon Board. We are seeking individuals who have a servant's heart. What does that mean? When Gabriel came to Mary, announcing to this teenager that she would be the mother of the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32

ESV), "Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.'" (Luke 1:38 NLT). Mary had a servant's heart. When asked to do something for the Lord, she simply said, "Yes." She was a teenager! She had never been with a man, yet she agreed to do whatever the Lord was asking of her.

Our deacons serve the church actively for a three-year term. Individuals generally find an area of interest that uses their gifts and talents, and then they focus on that area. Some find visiting members who are in the hospital is something they like to do.

Someone else may find bringing Communion to the homebound something they may like to do.

Another might like to come on their own to help straighten out pews before a Sunday service.

All the deacons (if available) take turns helping to prepare Communion each month and cleaning up afterwards. There are multiple areas of interest that individuals can choose from. Aside from the exhilarating feeling of gratitude while

serving, the deacons find fellowship with each other. While serving, each

can find that their relationships grow and they find a deeper closeness within our church family.

A deacon is a beacon! Their acts of service give that shining light. Like Mary, we say, "Yes, may Your will be done." And like we see in Isaiah's commission, as Isaiah did, "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" (Isaiah 6:8 ESV)

Is the Holy Spirit stirring in you and prompting you to get more involved with our church family? This may be the time to step up and say yes. "Yes, Lord, I want to serve! I want to be a beacon and be the light You have wanted me to be for You!" Time to shine your light!



CLASSES IN *September*

ENGAGING CLASSES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

Community Bible Study THE BOOK OF PSALMS

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

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

www.palmcityeve.cbsclass.org

palmcitypres.org/ministries/adult-ministries

The New Testament with Pastor David

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

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

GriefShare

ENCOURAGEMENT & HOPE IN THE
MIDST OF LOSS

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

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

www.griefshare.org

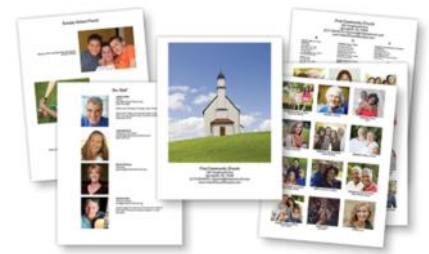
Sharing life together as Christ transforms us by His Truth

Updated PCPC Directory

The Membership Team is excited to announce that an updated interim directory is now available! Church members who have opted in to the directory can now access it using the free **Instant Church Directory** app. The directory app is regularly updated, so no need to wait for the next hard copy to see new members! If you would prefer to be emailed a PDF copy of the directory, please email directory@palmcitypres.org, and we will be happy to send that to you. If you are not in the directory and would like to be added, please use this same email address to let us know.



Instant Church Directory
Social Networking



Please note that only those listed in the directory can access it. Not yet a member? Join us for the next New Members Class on September 14 at 12:15 p.m. in Langill Hall.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Videography

PCPC's Mission Committee is seeking a volunteer to help create a new video highlighting the many missions we support. If you have experience filming or editing and are interested in helping with this project, contact Kim Johnson through the church office: (772) 286-9958.

PALM CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRIP TO



Explore Mount Dora!

October 25-26, 2025

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

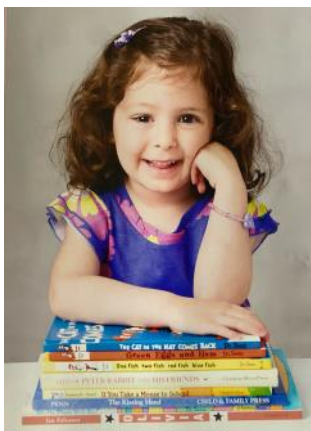
Space is limited! A \$100 deposit is required to hold your place, with the **balance due by September 25th**. Registration includes transportation, overnight accommodations, four meals, a two-hour boat cruise, and time to explore the craft fair featuring over 350 vendors from all over the country. This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

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

Celebrating Our High School Seniors!

by Jessica Waltersdorff, Director of Next Generation Ministry

As our students prepare to take the next step in their journey, we want to honor the amazing young adults in our church family. Each month, we'll shine a spotlight on one of our graduating seniors—celebrating their accomplishments, passions, and the ways they've grown in faith. Join us in cheering them on and keeping them in your prayers as they embark on this exciting new chapter!



AVA WITT

This month, we celebrate Ava Witt, one of the shining lights in our church family and a soon-to-be graduate of the Class of 2026! A dedicated and accomplished student, Ava serves as vice president of the National Honor Society, historian of the Green

Club, parliamentarian for her class at Martin County High School, and a member of both the Spanish Honor Society and Student Government. She also pours into younger students through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Beyond her academic and leadership roles, Ava is a talented musician, having studied piano for 10 years and sharing her gift of singing in her school's choral program. When she's not in school or at the piano, she enjoys baking, babysitting, going to the gym, and listening to music.

At church, Ava is an anchor in our youth ministry, assists with our middle school ministry, and serves faithfully as a teacher in our children's ministry. Her heart for service extends beyond our walls—she's traveled on mission trips to Puerto Rico and served in our local community through the A.C.T. Mission Days this past summer. Her favorite scripture, Galatians 6:9, perfectly reflects her life: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Ava remarked, "Over the



past five years, Palm City Presbyterian Church has been like a second home to me. I've met so many amazing people and have built some of my strongest friendships. Most importantly, I've found my relationship with God, and seen how incredible it is to serve Him both here and in our community. From teaching kids about the Bible every Sunday to learning about Him myself, I can proudly say that PCPC has given me some of the best memories of my life!"



One of her favorite memories with our church family is the annual Sun Up/Sun Down trip, where faith, fun, and fellowship come together. *Pictured at left: Ava with youth group members Luke and Jake.*

Looking ahead, Ava plans to attend Florida State University in the fall to study communications and pursue a career as a speech and language pathologist, with hopes of studying abroad during her college years.

We are so proud of all you've accomplished, Ava, and even more grateful for the Christ-like love and service you've shared with our community. Join us in praying for her as she takes these exciting next steps!

2025 September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day <i>office closed</i>	2 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	3 10:00 a.m. WBS 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. NT Class	4 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Adult Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	8 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	9 12:00 p.m. GriefShare	10 9:30 a.m. WBS 10:00 a.m. WBS 2:00 p.m. MS Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. NT Class	11 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	12 5:00 p.m. Family Cookout	13 11:00 a.m. Refuge Ranch Graduation
14 9:30 a.m. Adult Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids 12:15 p.m. New Members Class 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	15 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	16 10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support 12:00 p.m. GriefShare 6:00 p.m. MomCo	17 9:30 a.m. WBS 10:00 a.m. WBS 4:30 p.m. MS Youth 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics 6:00 p.m. NT Class	18 7:00 a.m. MBS 9:30 a.m. WBS 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. CBS 7:00 p.m. Choir	19 1:00 p.m. Caregiver Support	20 9:00 a.m. NextGen Volunteer Training
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28 9:30 a.m. Adult Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Kingdom Kids 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group	29 5:15 p.m. Walk Aerobics	<div>Sunday Worship</div> <div> <div>8:20 & 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>Traditional Services</div> <div>MBS: Men's Bible Study</div> <div>CBS: Community Bible Study</div> </div> <div> <div>9:30 a.m.</div> <div>Contemporary Service</div> <div>WBS: Women's Bible Study</div> </div>				

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Have something for our latest newsletter?

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

Ministry Wishlist

- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sneakers (Men’s all sizes & Women’s size 9-11)
- ☐ Men’s underwear
- ☐ Hand sanitizer (small bottles or packets)

Items can be brought to the church office during business hours. Thank you for your support!



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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



FAMILY COOKOUT

MUSIC - FOOD - GAMES



Friday, September 12
5:30-8 PM at PCPC

