

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July NEWSLETTER

2023

310 Plantation Road, Perry, FL 32348

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE AT 10 AM
July 2, 2023**

Star Spangled Banner

*Oh say can you see
By the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd
At the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd
Were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
Oh say does that star-spangled
Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave*

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Notes and Reminders

Bible Study



♦ **Wednesday night** Bible study led by Steve Brown on the 12 disciples based on a book by Dr. Richard Orzeck. 12 week study through August 16. BYODinner will begin at 5:45 and the study will start at 6:15. Please join us in the fellowship hall for Christian fellowship and study.

♦ Revelation study, led by Marilyn Culpepper. **Sundays** at 11 am July 2-Aug 6.

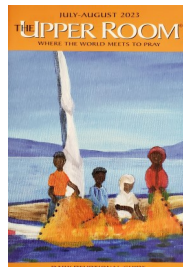


Our worship time changes to 10:00 am on July 2 - Aug 6



and Remember

Dr. McGarity will train Elders to serve **Communion to home-bound**, July 9th after Worship.



Make sure you have picked up your copy of the Upper Room. If you need assistance with getting one please contact the church office.

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Martha Davis, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregational Care-Nancy Bell

Fellowship-Sandi Hilgendorf

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach-Marne Helberg, Rachel Poppell

Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers. The committee consists of Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas and Shona Whiddon. We know God has a pastor for us and we pray He reveals this person to the PNC quickly.

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Session Sharing

Finances – Chuck Eckel

I've been asked to share the status of our finances at the First Presbyterian Church.

I have a positive report for you on our finances through May 31 of this year.

INCOME

Our income in tithes and offerings as collected through the first five months has been consistently steady and above budget. However, as Pastor Don pointed out last week, we ask that you keep your gifts coming during the slow summer months. Nevertheless, your Session is blessed by the awesome way in which you have responded to God and contributed to His Church. Just as important as money gifts, you are giving your time to support Missions, Fellowship, Christian Education, and Worship. We enjoyed hearing from Bob Bell and Ashley Bidy about their Jamaica Medical Mission trip, and from Joey about mission work in Guatemala where Anna and Karl Morgan joined him.

EXPENSES

Our expenses through May have been below budget due to good stewardship on your Session Committees' part. Looking forward to the end of the year, we expect to spend a little more to activate important, necessary work that had been deferred. Examples are work on the organ and repairs to the red entrance door to this Sanctuary. Also, we continue to fund significant local and global mission work.

Looking at banking Account Balances, in the last 2 years we have recovered much of what we lost in the 4 years previously. These balances are designated for current Operating Expenses and for separate funds for Memorial, Organ, Breadbasket, and Care Account. We also have a CD account where we conservatively earn a higher interest rate using CD ladder techniques.

Let me remind you that a majority of the CD account balance is designated by your Session as a Reserve to accommodate major expenses. Examples are when the roof on this 20-year-old Sanctuary needs to be replaced or our large air conditioners need replacing. Also, at times we suffer damage on the property that is not covered by insurance or is considered to be in our deductible expenses.

When I last spoke to you in January, I made an observation about the health of our finances. A new full-time pastor will cost more than the supply pastors we use now. But, because of your response in giving, we are in a position to offer a call for a full-time pastor when the Pastor Nominating Committee completes its search. Let us thank God for His blessings in this.



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July 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10 am Bible Study 11 am	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 Prayer Group 9:30 am BYOD 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 10 am Elder Training Bible Study 11 am	10 Mission Outreach Meeting 1:00 pm	11 Beach Bible Study 9:30 am FPC Bible Study 10 am	12 Prayer Group 9:30 am BYOD 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm	13	14	15
16 Worship 10 am Bible Study 11 am	17 Session Meeting 5:00 pm	18 Beach Bible Study 9:30 am FPC Bible Study 10 am	19 Prayer Group 9:30 am BYOD 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 10 am Bible Study 11 am	24	25 Beach Bible Study 9:30 am FPC Bible Study 10 am Worship Meeting 4:00 pm	26 Prayer Group 9:30 am Cong. Care Meeting 4:00 pm BYOD 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:15 pm	27 Perry Caregiver Group 10:30 am	28	29
30 Worship 10 am Bible Study 11 am	31					

July Birthdays

Eli Biddy—July 11 Judy Neal— July 12
 Karl Morgan— July 16 Joey Ratliff— July 21
 Jan Perrine — July 22 Randy Speas— July 22
 Ben Whiddon—July 24 Cindy Brown—July 31
 Charles Maulsby— July 31

July Anniversaries

Eric & Patricia Ratliff—July 7