



# Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church  
Marianna, Florida

## May 2015

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## FAREWELL TOUR BEGINS

Do you remember when Derek Jeter retired from professional baseball last year? Everybody knew he was going to do it, so the season became sort of a farewell tour. Kareem Abdul Jabbar did the same thing when he retired from professional basketball.

Well, I'm not going to be retiring from ministry just yet. God has called me to yet another challenge. The Presbytery of Sierra Blanca which is comprised of the Presbyterian churches in Southern New Mexico, has called me to be their Transitional Shepherd. This is a two year interim position, overseeing the work of 17 churches, 3 missions, and 2 campus ministries. The task is to equip the Presbytery so that it can be self-sufficient, functioning without executive leadership. It is very similar to the work which I have done with the Presbytery of Florida.

There are several factors contributing to my decision to accept this call. One, of course, is the conviction that God is calling me to this new work.

Another is that I feel that the Pulpit Nominating Committee is very close to recommending a person to be your next installed pastor. I have been here too long. I have loved you too much. I do not need to be hanging around like the "ghost of pastor past."

Huw Christopher very wisely moved to California when he retired. I haven't been here quite as long so I don't need to move quite as far. I have loved my ministry with you. I have loved my work with the Presbytery of Florida. But the Presbytery cannot afford to put me on full-time. And there is no other part-time ministry for me to take up to maintain the lifestyle we have come to enjoy. Besides, I'd still be hanging around looking over the shoulder of your new pastor, and that wouldn't be fair.

Polly and I have always wanted to live in the Southwest. When we bought new wedding bands to celebrate a special anniversary, we bought a Southwestern design, and it was in anticipation of retirement to the Southwest. At one point, we had our names on the waiting list for a Presbyterian retirement facility in Santa Fe. We have a little bit of Southwestern furniture in our Arcadia house. Well, it is Southwest Florida. Our dishes and flatware there are Southwestern patterns. And we have some Southwestern art that we've accumulated over the years.

I never dreamed that God would call me to a fresh new ministry in the Southwest after I turned 68 years of age, but who knows what God will do?

But about that farewell tour: during the next few weeks, I will be abandoning the Lectionary for the Christian Year and preaching some of my favorite sermons. Someone once called them “Ted Land’s Greatest Hits.” I’m also going to be out of town a few Sundays in the next couple of months.

So here is the schedule: May 3: The Three Little Pigs Sermon

May 10: Mother’s Day: Rev. Frank Beall  
preaching

May 17: All Dogs Go to Heaven, Or Do They?

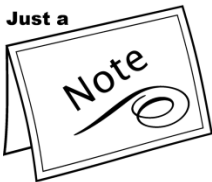
May 24: Great Balls of Fire(Pentecost Sunday)

May 31: Red-Headed Angels

I will give you the June schedule next month. On Mother’s Day, Polly and I will be with her 98 year old mother in Tennessee.

Speaking of Tennessee, I want to close my message to you this month with some words from a lady from Tennessee that I lost a talent contest to when we were both eleven years old. Her name is Dolly Parton, and she wrote: “If I should stay, I would only be in your way. And so I’ll go, but I know, I’ll think of you every step of the way, and I will always love you.”

I will. I will love every memory of every day that I spent in Marianna, Florida. It has been a blessed time. And God will continue to bless you and this church which has served God with love since 1835.



## To Church Members and Friends

Don and I appreciate the love, gifts and prayers for the new adventure in our lives. We have enjoyed the fellowship, the people and the First Presbyterian

Church for fourteen years and will miss each and every one of you.

The Lord has a way of calling at different times in each life and we feel this is ours.

In Christ,  
Don and Charlotte Hunter

# Adult Education Hour

Enjoy cookies, juices, hot chocolate and coffee every Sunday prior to Education hour from 9:15 until 9:45. Whether you are new to Marianna or a life- long member, gather for a time of fellowship, make new friendships and to ask about our Church. There are classes for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. including three classes for Adults. The Adults in the parlor will be studying:

May 3 – Co-workers with the Truth

*3 John: 1-15*

May 10 – Gifts of the Spirit

*1 Corinthians 12: 1-11*

May 17 – The Spirit Creates One Body

*1 Corinthians 12: 14-31*

May 24 – Gift of Languages

*Acts 2:1-7,12;1 1 Corinthians 14:13-19*

May 31 – The Greatest Gift of Love

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

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## Ladies Circle Meetings

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on the following dates:

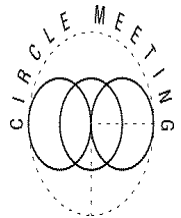
**Monday, May 4**

**Circle 1** at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. A Salad Luncheon will follow the Bible Study.

**Circle 2** at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall with a "salad and dessert supper" Please try to be there for this time of fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Monday, May 18**

**Lunch Bunch Circle** at 11:30 a.m. at Betty Joyce Hand



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## Do You Have Children or Grandchildren Graduating?

If you have children or grandchildren who will be graduating from College or High School, please forward the information to the church office at 526-2430 or [firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net).





## Car Wash

## Rescheduled for Saturday, May 2

The Youth will be hosting a re-scheduled **CAR WASH** this Saturday, May 2nd at the carwash on Jefferson near Kelson. Please come support our youth group. The proceeds help the youth attend the Montreat Youth Conference in June. Please help encourage the future of these youth's in the Presbyterian community. Thank you, we greatly appreciate all you do.

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REMEMBER

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**



REGIONAL  
CONVENTION

## Church Administrator Out of the Office

Valerie Marlow, our Church Administrator, will be out of the office May 13, 14, 15, and 16 for continuing education as she attends the Florida Regional Administrative Personnel Association (PCUSA) Conference, May 14-17 at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach Florida. She will be attending educational classes to conclude her Level III Certifications and also serves as the Secretary for the Association and a member of the Conference Committee. She will also be teaching a class while at the Conference on the Care and Nurture of Volunteers.

Our Interim Pastor Ted Land will also be teaching the Classes for Book of Confessions and Polity.



**Our Prayer Calendar:** Dr. Jim Hammett (requested by Scott Yant), Sherry Vanlandingham (requested by Joy Lewis), Trina Smallwood (requested by Hazel Nelson), Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Jane Powell, Dennis Maxson (requested by Carol Maxson, Destry Burch (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Louise Pumphrey, Mike Andrejko (requested by Mary Wierman), Ned Grove, Margaret McRae (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Eleanor Houyoux, Will Rountree (requested by Jo-Ann Rountree), Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, Kena Nelson, JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Sid Riley and Millie Sica.

**Homebound Members and Friends:**

Eileen Drew  
Doris Irwin  
Joy Gilbert

**Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:**

Daun Crews (Tallahassee)  
Edith Griffith (Dothan)  
Louise Hoy

**Signature Health at the Rehabilitation Center:**

Raynell Morris      Ilene Culpepper

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**Please remember those serving in our military:**

**Memorial Day is Monday, May 25.**

Wayne Busby (son of Joe and Ginny Busby) at Naval Station in Rota, Spain  
Jarred Roberts (Son of Lou and Kathy Roberts) at Camp Pendleton, California  
Tyler Schaeffer (grandson of Valerie Marlow) at Tyndall AFB  
Tom Abney in Afghanistan (son-in-law of Larry and Jackie Spivey)





**Elder of the Month  
Kitty Myers**

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Jack Peacock	May 3
Olivia Watford	May 3
Trey Stevens	May 4
Andrew Law	May 5
Katie Moore	May 5
Valerie Marlow	May 5
Ernest McNeill	May 6
Matt Milton	May 7
Marsha Rodgers	May 7
Elizabeth Watford	May 7
Erin Christopher	May 9
Nancy McMullin	May 9
RuthAnne Allen	May 11
Colton Hinson	May 11
Dorothy Long	May 13
Phil McCrary	May 15
Daun Crews	May 20
Eva Marie Stafford	May 21
Ron Goold	May 22
Deck Milton, Jr.	May 22
Cori Christopher	May 25
Albert Milton	May 25
John Lawson	May 29

**Sanctuary Flowers in May are given by:**

May 3 Betty Pettis  
May 10 Jim and Eileen Drew (Mother's Day)  
May 17 Bryan and Merian Milton  
May 24 Nancy McMullin and Keri Loving  
May 31 Gene and Ethel Pelt

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