



Newsletter

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Marianna, Florida

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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Someone once said that we have the memory of yesterday and the hope of tomorrow, so we must live today between memory and hope.

I find myself living between memory and hope more and more. I have many rich memories of my two and a half years as your interim pastor here in Marianna. And I have a great hope for your future as a church. I have great hope that God is sending (and soon) the one who has been chosen by God to be your next pastor.

I know not who that person may be, nor when he or she is coming, but I know God is faithful and will send the right person at the right time.

I have great hope for the work that I have done with the Presbytery of Florida, and great hope for the work that I am undertaking for the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca. I took the position here because I felt I was needed. I am taking the position there because they, too, have a need that I think I can fill.

On our first Sunday in New Mexico, I plan on attending the Cowboy Camp Meeting at Nogal. It is an old fashioned camp meeting, something that has been around a long time, going back to the time when there were few churches in New Mexico and when Christian cowboys would come together to worship God, to sing hymns, to hear preaching.

A few weeks later I will be attending a cluster worship service, where all of the churches in an area within the Presbytery will gather at a church camp to do the same sort of thing.

The Presbyterian Church, nationwide, is shrinking. First Presbyterian Church of Marianna actually grew by two members last year. But many of our churches have shrunk to the point where they cannot afford a pastor. Many of our Presbyteries have shrunk to the size where they cannot afford paid staff.

There are many reasons for this shrinkage. And it isn't just our denomination that has shrunk: even the Southern Baptists have shrunk. In Cape Coral, Florida, where our son used to live, the oldest church in town, a Lutheran congregation, abandoned its buildings, letting them go back to the bank that held the mortgage, and is now worshipping in the same facility with an Episcopal church. The Lutherans built a large school campus for a parochial school in what has become an upscale retirement community. It was the founding pastor's dream. It has become the present church's nightmare.

The Presbytery of Florida has churches that need to be closed due to a lack of membership and due to a lack of money. The Presbytery of Florida has churches that can no longer afford their buildings.

What does the future hold for the Presbytery of Florida? For the Presbyterian Church USA? For the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna?

I know not what the future holds: but I know Who holds the future. And I know that this church has faithfully served God since 1835, and will continue to faithfully serve God in whatever future God puts before it.

Blessings to you in your future,

Ted Land, Interim Pastor



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:

June 7 Judgment on Israel and Judah

Amos 2:4-8

June 14 God Is Not Fooled

Amos 5:14-15, 18-27

June 21 Rebuked for Selfishness

Amos 6:4-8, 11-14

June 28 God Will Never Forget

Amos 8:1-6, 9-10

Preaching Schedule for June

The Worship and Music Committee has filled the pulpit with guest preachers for the next few Sundays. To date, the June calendar is as follows:

June 7: Rev. Frank Beall

June 14: Mike Evans

June 21: Ruling Elder Ben Powell



New Devotional Literature available

Copies of the new **Our Daily Bread** for June, July and August are now available. You may pick one up on the table in the narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office during the week.

VBS ROUNDUP



Save the Dates for Vacation Bible School Howdy, Partners!

Shine up your boots and get your cowboy and cowgirl hats ready for Vacation Bible School. Parents, we'll need ya'll to round 'em up and herd them to the church from Monday, July 13 thru Thursday, July 16. We'll start workin' those cow hands at 9:00 a.m. and let them knock off for the day at 11:00 a.m. We do need some volunteers to help corral these kidos in art, music, and recreation. For more information, contact LuAnne Law at luanne_law@jcsb.org.

REMEMBER

**SUNDAY
JUNE 21**





High School and College Graduates

Congratulations are extended to the following College and High School Graduates:

Galen Olds graduated with the Class of 2015 at Marianna High School and will be attending Chipola College.

Mallory Gullede graduated from Southside Middle Scholl in Gadsden, Alabama, and

Alexis DiBenedetto has graduated from Lee-Scott Academy in Auburn, Alabama. They are the Grandchildren of Gayle DiBenedetto.

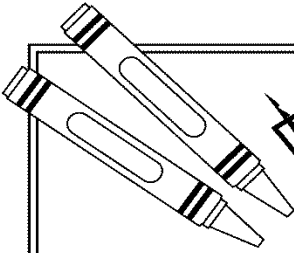
Abigail Parker West graduated with honors from Ashford High School in Ashford, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Gina Stuart,

Hanna Nicole Donofro, daughter of Kim and Sean Donofro graduated from Marianna High School with the Class of 2015. Hanna plans to start Chipola College in the fall working on her BS in Education Degree,

Shawna Leigh Donofro, daughter of Kim and Sean Donofro graduated from Chipola College with her AA in Exercise Science. She was the SGA Student Body President this past year. Shawna will spend the summer working as a counselor at Montreat and return home in time to continue her studies at Chipola. She plans to enter their RN nursing program for the next two years. Shawna and Hanna are the granddaughters of Jane Powell

Destiny Schaeffer graduates from Lehighton High School in Lehighton, Pa. Destiny will be continuing her education in the U.S. Army. She is the granddaughter of our Church Administrator, Valerie Marlow

KIDS CORNER



PUZZLE

Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask do eternal if good good Why
	good Jesus life man One Teacher

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 “_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?” “_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?” Jesus replied.
 “There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied, “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments.”

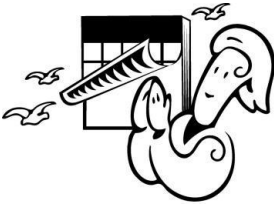


Property and Operations Committee Reports

The Peanut Gallery will be closed for use this summer while the ceiling is being repaired. Sorry for the inconvenience. The flat roof repairs are near completion. Painting on the outside of the buildings will resume soon.

If you are using any of the Church Facilities for your meetings or get-togethers, please leave it as you found it.

Please help keep our church clean & neat!



Prayer Calendar Policy

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee wishes to remind everyone of the policies adopted over the years by our Session concerning our Prayer Calendar:

An individual's name will be placed on the Prayer Calendar (in the Bulletin and in the Newsletter) if:

1. an individual requests his or her own name be placed on the list, or
2. a family member of the individual makes the request, or
3. a non-family member makes the request with the knowledge and approval of the individual.

Names of individuals will be included on the Prayer List for a four week period. Names will be removed after that time, unless a request is made that the name continue for another four week period.

The Committee will be encouraging those responsible for our bulletin and newsletter to follow this policy. If you have any questions about it, please contact any member of our Evangelism and Fellowship Committee.



Our Prayer Calendar: Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Destry Burch (requested by Mary Schmidt), Harold and Tammy Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), Family of Beth Fitzgerald (requested by Ted Land), Dr. Jim Hammett (requested by Scott Yant), Sherry Vanlandingham (requested by Joy Lewis), Louise Pumphrey, 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

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)



JUNE

**Elder of the Month
John W. Milton
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Brianna McKeen June 1
Chelsey McCrary June 2
John W. Milton June 2
Ilene Culpepper June 4
Carol Maxson June 12
Pam Fuqua June 13
Leigh Reddoch June 14
Perry Ledbetter June 14
Joy Hinton June 17
Paige Lawson June 18
Barry Stafford June 18
Alexis Pueschel June 22
Cindy Yant June 23
Jason Law June 24
Syntha Alvarez June 25
Buddy Bannerman June 25
Colin Kish June 27
Lauren Lyons June 27
Melissa Krebeck June 30

Sanctuary Flowers in June are given by:

June 07 Louise Daffin
June 14 Betty Hatcher
June 21 Kip and Betty Blighton
June 28 Alex and Joy Lewis and Louise Pumphrey.

Sanctuary Flowers



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