



Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church
Marianna, Florida

July 2015

Located on the corner of Jefferson and Clinton Streets Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Education Hour	9:45 a.m.	Phone:	(850) 526-2430
Worship	11:00 a.m.	Fax:	(850) 482-7745
Published Monthly Volume 15 Number 7		E-mail:	firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net
		Website:	www.firstpresmarianna.org



GOOD-BYE AND HELLO...

A Beatles song has been running through my head for the last few weeks. It goes something like, “You say good-bye, I say hello.”

Well, I am saying hello to a lot of new friends in New Mexico, but I am also saying good-bye to a lot of dear friends here in Marianna.

Good-bye is shorthand for “God be with you.” And one of my favorite choral benedictions or closing hymns contains those words: God be with you till we meet again.

Another choral benediction that is a favorite of mine is known to church musicians as “the Lutkin” and it quotes scripture, asking that “The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.” And then comes that wonderful seven-fold amen. It is a great way to end a service of worship!

I’ve ended a lot of prayers with the words “And may God be with us ‘till we meet again, even if that meeting be only in the kingdom of heaven which surely awaits us. “ ONLY in heaven did I say? How presumptuous! I think I learned that one from an Episcopal priest who used to be the director at Ring Lake Ranch, where Polly and I have so often retreated and studied in Wyoming.

I promised Luanne Law a long time ago that I would write down a couple of prayers for her. One isn’t really a prayer, it is ascription, a closing for a prayer, that goes something like, “May God bless us and keep us, guide us, direct us, protect us, and most of all forgive us.”

The other is one I’ve taught the children at Wild Wonderful Wednesday: “Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, and keep us in your grace, until in heaven we see you face to face.”

Those are original with me, and I give them to you to use in any way you see fit.

I have said many times that I do not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future in His hands. My future lies at least for the next two years, in New Mexico. God’s future for the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida, holds a new pastor. That person has not yet heard God’s call. The Pulpit Nominating Committee needs your constant and abiding prayers and encouragement as they continue to search for the one that God knows is waiting.

And even though I leave you, God will still be with you, and it is God’s abiding presence and love that really matter. Share God’s love with one another. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will abide in your hearts and minds now and forever more.

Good By – Twice Over



My memory is reverting back to July 1, 2012, when we bid farewell to Huw and Rachel Christopher as they left First Presbyterian Church to retire in California.

I am now once again bidding farewell to our Interim Pastor Ted Land, as he leaves for a new adventure in New Mexico. Your Administrator is still faithfully here, and I do not know what the future holds, but do hope that God's plan for this Church has a new pastor in the very near future. As your Church Administrator, I wear many different hats every day, and I pray that God will give me the patience and the wisdom to "hang in there" as the Pastoral Search Committee continues their quest for a new minister. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my work here at First Presbyterian Church.

Blessings to All,

Valerie Marlow



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:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| July 5 | No Rest for the Wicked
<i>Micah 2:4-11</i> |
| July 12 | No Tolerance for Corrupt Leaders and Prophets
<i>Micah 3:5-12</i> |
| July 19 | Justice, Love, and Humility
<i>Micah 6:3-8</i> |
| July 26 | God Shows Clemency
<i>Micah 7:14-20</i> |



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.



Our Prayer Calendar: : Ned Grove (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Bob Ward (requested by Mary Wierman), Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), David Clark (requested by Mel McLure), Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Destry Burch (requested by Mary Schmidt), Harold and Tammy Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), Sherry Vanlandingham (requested by Joy Lewis), Louise Pumphrey, Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, 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:

Ilene Culpepper

Remember those serving in the Military:

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

Joe Busby

Church Session

Susie Barber 209-1403

barber.susie@gmail.com

Joe Busby 526-2927

joebusby@wfeca.net

Jim Gibbs 482-2188

jimgibbsfl@gmail.com

Linda "Joy" Gilbert 482-3895

joy@innovativecharities.org

Lu Anne Law 526-3989

luanne_law@hotmail.com

Ellie Lawson 526-2912

telowson@embarqmail.com

Peggy Peacock 693-1854

ppeacock@embarqmail.com

Chris Milton 482-7944

chris.milton@gentiva.com

John W. Milton 482-8963

miltonj@embarqmail.com

Kitty Myers 718-6628

kittymyers3@yahoo.com

Larry Spivey 592-5227

larryspivey@centurylink.net

Scott Yant 526-9108

scottandcindyant@yahoo.com



Kathy McCrary	July 3
Lu Daffin	July 4
Helen La Fontaine	July 4
Tatum Milton	July 4
Louise Daffin	July 6
Robert Hinson	July 8
Parker Roberts	July 9
Angela Franz	July 12
John Milton V	July 13
Merian Milton	July 13
Alex Nowell	July 13
Kathy Roberts	July 14
Tom Wilkinson	July 14
Mary Lu Andreu	July 15
Courtney McKeen	July 15
Matt Payne	July 21
Macky Gortemoller	July 23
Frances McNeill	July 23
Vikki Milton	July 26
Beth Beasley	July 27
Larry Spivey	July 27
Margaux LaFontaine	July 29
Jake Gunter	July 31

Sanctuary Flowers in July are given by:

July 05	Stanley Littleton
July 12	Toni Nowell
July 19	Don and Ouida Morris
July 26	Hanni Daffi

Sanctuary Flowers



First Presbyterian Church
4437 Clinton Street
Marianna, Florida 32446-3436

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 179
Marianna, Florida 32446

Return Service Requested
(Except "Temporarily Away")