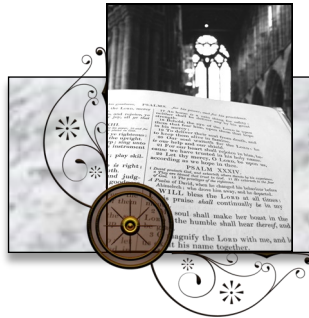




Our Vision - Our Mission
To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world.
To be an inclusive downtown community of faith that seeks to embrace everyone in growing spirituality.



THE REV. DR. D. RONALD WATSON, JR.
PASTOR

On May 19 at the Called Congregational Meeting, the church voted in favor of the Separation Covenant between itself and the Reverend Natasha Sudderth. I am finding it difficult to choose words that describe what this means to us as a church or to me personally. But whether the words will come or not, this is our current reality as well as hers. With God’s help, both she and the church will persevere. I hope you will join me in prayers for her future and for the church’s future.

The summer time will bring us into Vacation Bible School season as well as many folks traveling to cooler places as the summer sun and tropical humidity combine to make all of the people of Ocala thank God for air conditioning. Casey Diuguid Miller and Rhonda Kirk will be helping us again this year. I am thankful also to our own Hannah Batten for bringing us all together in this important annual ministry. We appreciate your donations of money, materials, and time, to VBS. The “how” is addressed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our three services continue throughout the summer as does our music program while we are

in transition. It is good to worship and give praise to God, to feed the soul, and to nourish the body of Christ by our presence. When you are in town, we hope to see you in church. The search for new music leadership is in place, both in the interim and also for more permanent staffing solutions for our music program. We will keep you informed.

I ask all of you to join me in devoting yourselves this summer into prayer and study. My daily Psalm readings will finish in June. If you would like to join me in it, this is the schedule. Beginning July 1, read the Psalms, one a day, in order, 6 days a week, taking a break each Sunday. (The psalms are a part of our worship every week, so you’re really not “skipping” a day. But if you miss worship that day, then read a psalm!) If you do this, you will finish the psalms around Christmas! They have been an important part of my spiritual life, and I invite you to join me on this journey.

May God continue to bless us as we make our journey of faith.

Yours in Christ, Ron

Peggy Wiechmann, Clerk of Session

SESSION BRIEF – MAY 5, 2019

- Mourned the deaths of Marlene Shepherd on April 17, 2019, Spencer Barrett on April 24, 2019 and Fred Burgess on May 4, 2019.
- Approved a letter of transfer for Anne Wilton to First Presbyterian Church of Port Huron, Michigan.
- Approved the Proposed Separation Covenant between First Presbyterian Church of Ocala and Associate Pastor Natasha Sudderth.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting on May 19, 2019 after the 11:00 service. The business of the meeting was to be limited to receipt, amendment, debate and action upon a proposed Separation Covenant between Rev. Natasha Sudderth and the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala. The Separation Covenant will define the process and lead to the dissolution of her call as Associate Pastor of this congregation.

Financial Contributions as at April 30,2019

Contributions	Budget	% of Budget
\$260,229.00	\$827,691.00	31.5



Wednesday Art Connection



Beautiful smiles, welcoming hugs, hearing new and old amazing stories... and sharing a few minutes of yourself with others... By delivering flower arrangements from the Sunday bouquets to amazing and appreciative church members and friends, you can be part of an important ministry. These dear friends love to be connected to the church. The extraordinary result is that those delivering the flowers get as much or more out of the visits as the recipients. You can make a difference by being part of the special Monday ministry. Please contact Evelyn Longo (286-8439) or email evelynlongopw@yahoo.com.

Hannah Batten Youth and Children Ministries

VBS 2019



VBS is such an incredibly important event within our church and our community, but we can't pull it off without tremendous support! Please prayerfully consider donating some of the following items to be used throughout VBS. If you are available and willing, please also consider volunteering that week. Registration is on fpcocala.org for participants and volunteers now! Please bring donations to FPC office any time before June 10th.

VBS Participant Registration will be closing on Friday, May 31st.

Donation List

Stretchy bracelet string (thin-medium thickness)	Gift Cards (Walmart, Publix, Hobby Lobby, etc.)
Fun, colorful beads	Paper towel tubes
Small letter beads	Washi tape
Key chain clips	Duct tape (fun colors)
Clear plastic cups (9 oz. - the short, squat ones)	Yellow and orange fleece
Colorful yarn	Cotton stuffing
Yellow and orange tissue paper	Rice
Scotch tape	
Toilet paper tubes	

**Are you interested in helping with VBS preparation and set up?
We are meeting at the church June 3rd-7th. Please feel free to come by
anytime after 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!**

Presbyterian Women, Pat Greaves, Moderator

To ALL the women of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Thanks to all who support the mission programs of Presbyterian Women. In 2019 PW celebrates its 31st Anniversary through ministry as well as providing financial gifts to ensure that PW will continue to make God's world a place of hospitality and abundance for God's people for another 31 years and beyond.



We will have a summer break from our Circle meetings (June through August). We'll resume in September with our new 2019-2020 PW Horizon's Bible Study book *Love Carved in Stone*, by Eugenia Anne Gamble. You may order your study book through your Circle Leader or by calling Pat Greaves at 352-362-0013. The book's cost remains at \$10. You can purchase a large print edition as well. We welcome newcomers. If you're interested in joining a Circle, September will be an excellent time to come and join in Christian fellowship with other FPC women.

We recycle our old study books. You can give them to your Circle Leader or place them in the PW closet at the bottom of the stairway on the side of the Fellowship Hall and near the Conference Room.

BEREAVEMENT....Debbie Koch is seeking a co-chair to help with memorial receptions when she is away. If you are able to help, please give Debbie a call on her cell at 630-254-8844. This is not overwhelming since you will always have the assistance of the Circle having duties in the month of the reception as well.

BIBLE STUDY MENTORING....a very generous "thank-you" to Tom Weaver who gives so much to preparation for our Bible Studies each month. Thanks, Tom, for a job well done. We look forward to what you prepare for our studies in 2019-2020. God Bless You!

TABLECLOTHS – We are missing several oblong white tablecloths in a closet in Fellowship Hall. The tablecloths belong to PW and we would appreciate your returning them to the closet as we use them for PW-sponsored events. Thanks.

THANKS to all who give of their time and energy to make PW a success. Your love and support of the women in our various Circles shows the love of Christ in you as we minister in His name. God bless each and every one of you. I personally thank each of you for your love and support in my fulfilling my role as Moderator. Your suggestions for ministry areas are always appreciated. Love to all of you! Have a safe summer as you travel or as you remain here in Ocala. May God Bless one and all!

Presbyterian Women's Program Meetings for June 2019 Ways to Serve with your Sisters in Christ

Program	Date	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thursday, June 27	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Liz Diener-Dickmann	732-6368
WeCare Sewing Ministry	Monday, June 24	9:30 a.m.	Room 1	Evelyn Weaver	622-6028

Presbytery Meeting News

Highlights of the spring 2019 St. Augustine Presbytery meeting

Approximately 130 persons attended the spring meeting of the St. Augustine Presbytery, including including minister members, commissioners, and guests. Pastor Ron Watson and Elder Tom Weaver represented FPC. Meeting highlights—beyond routine business—included...



- **A tour of Camp Montgomery's impressive new garden** and its healthy vegetables some of which became part of our meal. The garden currently produces cucumbers, nasturtium flowers, and a variety of greens, herbs, and radishes. Our walk to the pavilion took us by growing gardens, where tomatoes, cucumbers, pole beans, bush beans, radishes, cantaloupes, peppers, lettuce, spring onions, nasturtiums, corn, squash, celery, sunflowers, collard greens, mustard greens, and Swiss chard are happily growing with plenty of God's light and water! Very impressive!
- **Rev. Don McGarity preached the morning's sermon and focused on 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 and Luke 9:10-17.** He shared that giving is a reflection of the love of Jesus "down in my heart!" -- from the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 (and more). From Luke, Rev. McGarity reminded us that God can "take our little and turn it into much," for it is "not how much we have but what we do with what we have." To our delight, two old hymns were sung with gusto: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" and "We Give Thee but Thine Own".
- **The morning's offering** designated for Camp Montgomery was \$1,043.48.
- **Presbytery welcomed two new ministers to our presbytery:** Don Johnson (Woodlawn) and Marc Jones (St. Andrews) and recognized Steve Goyer (Riverside) in his upcoming retirement.
- **Following a presentation from Camp Montgomery Director Lexi Green and a member of its Board Member Jason Salvagni,** the proposed \$700,000 loan to MPCC and the presbytery as co-borrowers was approved. The proceeds of this loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) will fund significant capital improvements in MPCC's property and facilities. In a related action, individuals and groups/entities who have made commitments to the MPCC board will fulfill the PILP's reserve/investment requirements. Finally, the recent loan from the presbytery to MPCC in the total amount of \$56,600 will be paid back in installments of \$5,500 per month following an initial payment of \$25,000 at the time that the loan is closed.
- **Our Mutual Mission Team** reported on its March 10-15, 2019 Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission trip that was a success! Patients received medical and dental care, and lots of love from over 25 presbytery volunteers who were dedicated to the project. **They treated a total of 721** including **358** persons seen for medical treatment; **126** for dental hygiene exam, education, and prophylaxis; **167** for dental extractions (418 teeth & root tips, 359 partial/broken tooth extraction); **70** for dentures (54 full dentures, 44 partial, and 7 repairs). **WOW!**
- **The Mutual Mission Team** also reported on its trip to Cuba.

Congratulations FPC's 2019 Graduates



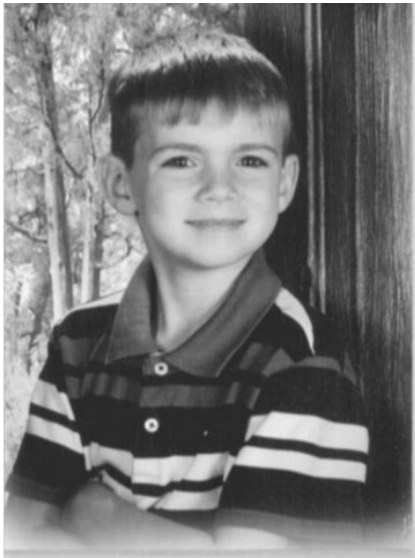
Hope Runyon, daughter of Bryan and Felicia Runyon, will graduate from Forest High School with a 4.3 GPA and highest honors. Her accomplishments include being a member of American Teen Cancer Society, a member of Health Occupations Students of America, a member of Alliance to Lead and Serve, a member of the National Honor Society, and being a Forest High School cheerleader during all four years of high school. Hope will be attending the College of Central Florida, majoring in Nursing, in hopes of transferring to the University of South Florida to earn her Master's Degree. Her favorite memories from FPC are those memories she made volunteering for VBS, leading the kids for the week, and watching them become closer to God.



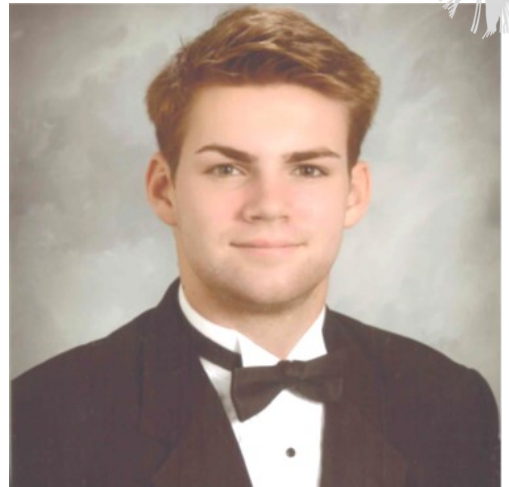
Faith Runyon, daughter of Bryan and Felicia Runyon, will graduate from Forest High School with a 4.4 GPA and highest honors. Her accomplishments include being a member of Health Occupations Students of America for all four years of high school, a member of Alliance to Lead and Serve, and a member of the National Honor Society for three years, and a member of CAT Crew for one year. She also was a Forest High School cheerleader during all four years of high school as well as being the Varsity Basketball Cheer Captain for two years. Faith will attend the College of Central Florida, majoring in Nursing. She then plans to transfer to the University of South Florida to earn her Masters degree in order to become a Nurse Practitioner. Volunteering for Vacation Bible School each year is her favorite FPC memory.



Congratulations FPC's 2019 Graduates



Yancey Guest, son of Heather and David Guest and brother of Robyn and Kaylyn Guest, grandson of Jim and Kay Yancey, and great grandson of Joanne and Jim Yancey, Sr., will graduate from Forest High School with a 4.4 GPA and highest honors. Yancey was baptized and confirmed at FPC, which is also where his parents were married. He has been a three-sport athlete in football, soccer, and track, lettering all four years. He also was a member of the National Honor Society and a



member of the Student Television Network Honor Society. He was Student Government Class Senator and was on the Marion County Academic Athletic Team. Yancey volunteered for over 400 hours while in high school alone. He has a University of South Florida scholarship to run Track doing hurdles. He will major in Business and Marketing. His favorite memory from FPC is volunteering every summer at Vacation Bible School.



Rachel Heinbockel, daughter of John and Suzy Heinbockel, graduated with highest honors from the Advanced International Certificate of Education Program at Belleview High School (AICE). During high school she played trombone in the marching, concert, and jazz bands. She participated in the school's color guard and winter guard performance groups. Rachel also was a member of the varsity swim team. She was an active member of the National Honor Society and Student Government Association. Rachel played in the FPC handbell choir for three years. She will continue her education at



Florida State University, where she will major in Criminology and Psychology.

FPC Announcements

Disciples XIV class contributes to panhandle storm relief

As its spring class project, the Disciples XIV class donated \$500 toward helping those hard-struck by Hurricane Michael last October—the first Category 5 hurricane to strike the contiguous United States since Andrew in 1992. In addition, Michael was the thirdmost intense Atlantic hurricane to make landfall in the contiguous U.S. in terms of pressure, behind the 1935 Labor Day hurricane and Hurricane Camille in 1969. The Disciples' contact, Rev. John Wamsley, pastor of Marianna's First Presbyterian Church, responded to the gift as follows: "We know that you were originally concerned directly with Mexico Beach which was destroyed. We are directing your mission dollars to Innovative Charities of Northwest Florida (www.innovativecharities.org). They are a sister organization that works with First Presbyterian Church of Marianna's Food Pantry. They are open every day and are helping people with food, clothing, hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, and baby supplies. There is a current need for bed and bedding and that is how your \$500 will likely be used. There are people living in tents - well over 200 days after Hurricane Michael (October 10, 2018). Thank you for your Christian compassion and generosity."

PW Bible study literally moves into the community! Wherever two or three...

Things were a bit different for Circle 7's last meeting this year. When its reservations at a rather upscale local restaurant were altered, it caused the group to meet in a common area alongside another large women's group. Ever resourceful, the group chose to eat lunch and then regroup on the restaurant's portico for its Bible lesson. The PW women sat on a bench and their Bible study leader, **Tom Weaver**, sat on a rather nice, upscale trashcan. Cool May breezes provided a pleasant study atmosphere. Restaurant patrons—coming or going—didn't disturb the group's study and, hopefully, got something out of their brief exposure to the lesson! (Part of the lesson centered on Matthew 18:20: *For wherever two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*)

Attendance			
Worship services	5/5	5/12	5/19
8:15 a.m.	35	33	33
9:30 a.m.	52	88	41
11:00 a.m.	98	141	135
Total	185	262	209

Out to Dinner Group will be having June Dinner at

All are Welcome!



2370 SW College Rd

On June 20th, 5:30 p.m.

RSVP by June 17 to Susan Raffa
(352) 620-8087

Scholarship News

FIVE FPC students receive \$500 FPC scholarship awards



During the May 5th worship service, the FPC students who received \$500 scholarships for their post-high school education included **Lisa Arango, Savannah Bennett, Yancey Guest, Faith Runyon** and **Hope Runyon**.



(Left to right) **Hope Runyon, Faith Runyon, Savannah Bennett** and **Yancey Guest**. Not pictured: **Lisa Arango**.

Thank you:
Educational Scholarship 2019

I would like to take a moment to thank our church and the scholarship committee for this award. I appreciate the support for my studies as I progress through the Physical Therapist Assistant program here at the College of Central Florida. I have been studying for over a year and I will be graduating in December 2019. Once again a huge thank you and I am excited to continue learning about rehabilitation and to begin my career.

Lisa Arango

We Need a Meals on Wheels driver for the 4th Tuesday every month. If interested, contact Jo Ann Brandt (671-1429). She will take you on the route to familiarize you.

From the Fellowship Committee

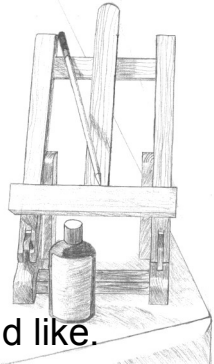
Art Connection

in Fellowship Hall
Fun for all ages and abilities
bring a friend!

Wednesday, June 19th
4-6:30 p.m.

Bring a snack or dessert if you'd like.
All materials are provided

For more information, contact Mary Moore
352-598-2525, Mfcmo@aol.com



June Birthdays

1 Miranda Bishop	8 Sara Wood	16 Donna Claus	22 Tom Cooley	27 Edward Honkus
2 Carter Grodi	9 Taylor Bissett	Alice Carlisle	Andrew Patrick	John Roberts
3 Keith Shotwell	10 Ron Watson	Morgan Evans	Kyle Brawner	28 Jerry McCurry
4 Pat Greaves	13 Edward Aldrich	17 Dwayne Molock	23 Jordan Schwaller	29 Christopher Wollett
Alfred Carlson	Ethan Russell	18 Elaine Cox	Jennifer Gilman	30 May Fair Taylor
5 Elizabeth Cannon	14 Caviness Drake	20 Jake Palacios	Naomi Renee DiGeronimo	Marilyn Youngman
6 Karen Faust	15 John Heinbockel	Louise Kail	26 James Stone	Anna Moore
Janie Scott	Evelyn Yorlano	Betty Williams	Frank Roberts	
7 Elizabeth Burfening	Fredric Wollett	Courtney Edwards	Cathy Hancock	
Elizabeth Futch	Marlene McMurrer-Shank	21 Janice Schafer		



Welcome FPC New Members



Miranda and Travis Barrineau have joined First Presbyterian Church by reaffirmation of faith. Travis and Miranda have two daughters, **Gracen** who is 7 years old and a first grader at St. John's Lutheran School and **Ellison** who is in K3 at Ocala First Preschool. Miranda grew up at First Presbyterian and is now returning with her family while Travis has been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Travis is a surveyor at R. M. Barrineau & Associates in Ocala. Miranda is an administrator at R. M. Barrineau & Associates and also teaches fitness classes at the Frank Deluca YMCA. We are thrilled to welcome them to First Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER LIST

Brent Barber (Gera Fleming's son-in-law)
Bill Blackwell (Mary Kauffman's brother)
Jeanette Bryant
Michelle Burgess and family
(on the death of her husband, Fred)
Barbara Christensen
Randall & Linda Deyton (Pickard family
prayer concerns)
Noemi DiGeronimo (granddaughter of Mina)
Kathy and Terry Donovan (Nita Williams'
friends)
Maranell Fleming
Barbara Gowie
Pat Greaves
Richard Grosso
Gary Harward
Betty Ann Jones (Margaret Trump's sister)
Brian Kuhn (Rusty Juergens' friend)
Kathy Lance (Lois Lance's daughter-in-law)
Gisela Lehner
Grietje Lewis

Celine Mack
Ellen Matthews
Anna Marie Miller (Hawthorne)
Gloria Miller
Ray Newhouse (Pat Bishop's brother)
Raul Nieves (Mina DiGeronimo's brother)
Brenda O'Quinn (Elaine Cox's sister)
Charlene Preston
Dave Proctor (Sue Straub's son-in-law)
Richard and Fritz Rain
(Mary Beth Olson's friends)
John Reynolds (Suzy Heinbockel's brother)
Tania Sayre (Mary Kauffman's daughter)
Janice Schafer (Palm Garden)
Wes Schultz
Delores Shotwell (Palm Garden)
Steve and Keith Shotwell
Betty Jeanne Spencer (Lady Lake Specialty Care)
Von Hayes Switzer (deployed with the Navy)
Jill Hester Whitaker
Bo and Sally Williams

Please also remember in prayer all of the missions we support.



First Presbyterian Church Ocala gives thanks for the life of **Fred Burgess** a long time member who joined the saints of light on May 4, 2019.

With believers of every time and every place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Getting to Know Your Ministries

**Christian
Outreach**



Thornwell
Building Tomorrow's Families Today

Founded in 1875, Thornwell began as a Presbyterian ministry for orphans. Today, Thornwell is a full-service, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing the most innovative and effective solutions to help children and families in need.

Thornwell's programs are all rooted in the evidenced-based Teaching-Family Model and value a family-style approach to healing. We provide Christian love and support to children and families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

OUR LOCATIONS

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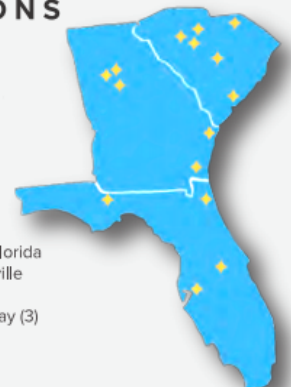
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N. Charleston
Spartanburg

GEORGIA

Lilburn
Roswell
Savannah
St. Marys
Tucker

FLORIDA

Central Florida
Jacksonville
Quincy
Tampa Bay (3)



◆ Current Thornwell locations and community-based programs



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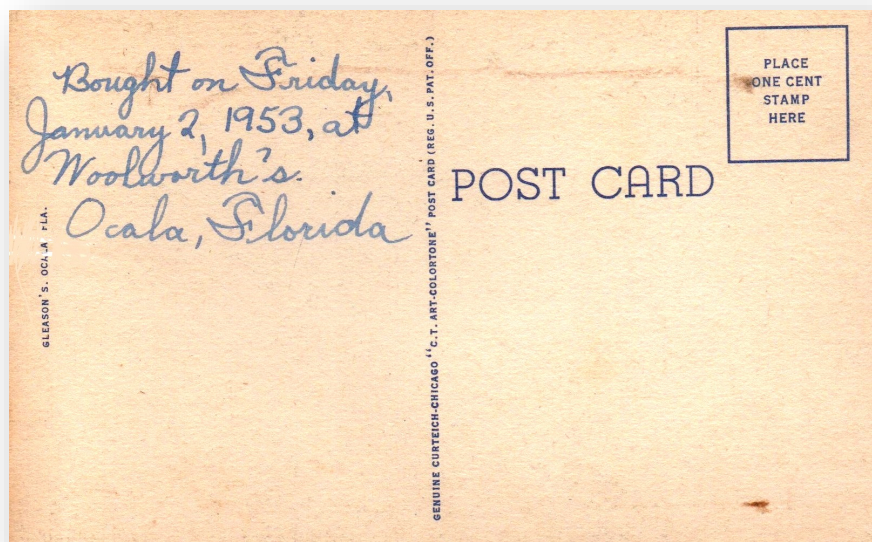
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Look for the answer in our next Spire!



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