

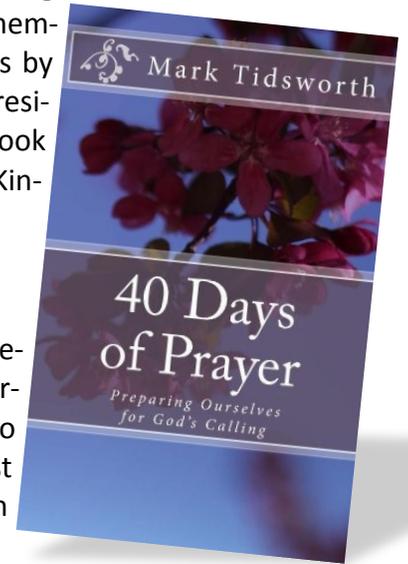
This week at FPC February 17—February 23, 2022

The Way Forward

That is the name of our committee working with our consultant, the Rev. Dr. Dan Holloway of Pinnacle Leadership Associates. Our goal is to discover who we are as a church, what our strengths are, and where we are headed as a church into the (pandemic/post-pandemic) landscape. You, as a member of our faith community, have several ways to participate. The first way is by joining us in 40 days of prayer. We will do this with a guide written by the president of our consulting firm, Mark Tidsworth. We will make 60 copies of the book available in the narthex on March 6th, or you may purchase it for yourself on Kindle.

40 Days of Prayer: Preparing Ourselves for God's Calling by Mark Tidsworth

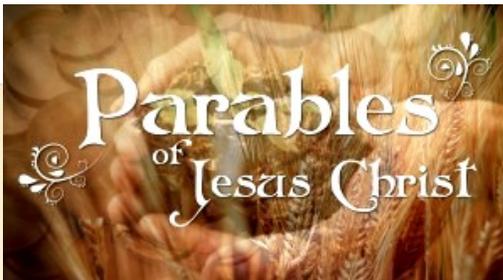
The goal is for us to begin this study together and end on Good Friday, that being 40 days. This will prepare us for the next phases of our process, namely, participating in church wide surveys, and then, listening groups. We are striving to find the "way forward" together, as we continue our witness to Jesus Christ here in Ocala. I urge you to participate with us as we experience the Lenten season.



Yours in Christ, Ron



Griefshare is held each Friday from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Call the church office (629-7561) or email wjones@fpcocala.org for information about the meetings. Participants may join any week by showing up or registering at www.griefshare.org/groups/141283.



Changes to Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Life always presents us with challenges and how we respond is so important. Due to a recent setback in Janet's knee surgery recovery, Mike Morehouse will be stepping away from helping with the Sunday Morning Discussion Group for a time. Dale Ambler will continue and has provided the following changes for the weeks leading up to Easter. We will continue looking at selected parables of Jesus with a few Sundays where there will be no class.

Here is a quick look at the next couple of weeks:

- February 20: The Sower and the Seed (Matthew 13)
- February 27: The Persistent Widow (Luke 18)

Our Soup-R Bowl Sunday food drive was a huge success. We collected and delivered 1,314



pounds of food and other necessities, and also \$589 in cash contributions to Interfaith. I wish all of you could have seen the look on the faces of the folks at Interfaith when we filled their containers with your donations. It was gratifying to say the least. We'd like to thank Casey and her youth group, along with Jeff and Margaret Baker, and Cheryl Fante for their help.

This is just more proof that FPC of Ocala has its collective heart in the right place.



Monday, April 4th is the DEADLINE to apply for FPC

Post-secondary school education SCHOLARSHIPS!

Applications for the fall 2022 term are available in the church office. The deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on **Monday, April 4th**. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to Scholarship Committee members—Chair Kay Yancey, Todd Carstenn, Elaine Cox, Paul Vowinkel, Bonnie Vorwerk or Tom Weaver.

PRAYER LIST

Claudia Markham-Ahl (cancer treatment)
Eddie Allsopp
Wilma Andrews
Devin Anthony-Christiansen
 (grandson of Marcia Dove)
Cede Blackwell (great-niece of Mary Kauffman)
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Mina DiGeronimo
Adele Evans (friend of Richard Grosso)
Ruth Fraser
Barbara Harrel
Tola Hass (Life Care Center)
Hope Hill (friend of Richard Grosso)
Mark and Melanie Heuer (son-in-law and daughter of Julia Wirono)
Jolene Kai (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)
Janice Kelly
Scott Kinnaugh (son of Dorothy Siemons)
The Kirk Family (on the death of Biddie)
Ken Kramer (brother-in-law of Evelyn Longo)
Lois Lance

Celine Mack
Susan Marta
Judith Martin
Ruth Matti (friend of Pat Bishop)
Skip McDonald
Ron McMillin
Bob Mikulski (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)
Gloria Miller
Kathy Mortensen (sister of Sharon Shirley)
Barbara Parks
John Peterson (Bridgewater)
Bobbie, Bob Ripple and family (Mike Poteet's sister and brother-in-law)
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Betty Smith (friend of Pat Bishop)
Shannon Tanga (granddaughter of Bill Harrel)
Debbie Tompkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)
Jason Trump (son of Margaret Trump)
Richard and Sandy Valvo
Larry and Lisa Waldren
The Wells Family (on the death of Shirley)
Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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<i>Sustained by God's Renewing Word of Love</i>			Sunday	February 20	Colossians 1:24-29
Thursday	February 17	John 17:1-28	Monday	February 21	Colossians 2:1-19
Friday	February 18	Colossians 1:1-14	Tuesday	February 22	Colossians 2:20-3:4
Saturday	February 19	Colossians 1:15-23	Wednesday	February 23	Colossians 3:5-17