



*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

*Summertime...*

Summer can be a time of quiet reflection, a time to catch up on reading, or just a time to thank God for the gift of air conditioning. Summers can be very busy for those traveling back and forth to cooler places. For Floridians, we have the inevitable interest in the formation of storms in the Atlantic. We will more than likely hear about the Lesser Antilles soon, a place that hardly ever comes up in conversation otherwise.

And of course, we plan for the fall. We take advantage of the slightly less chaotic atmosphere here at the church to make our plans for the coming

year. While making these plans, I came across this gem from Proverbs 19:21: "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

As I look at where my plans have taken me over the years, I am both humbled and encouraged by these words. Planning is good and necessary. As humans, we make plans to be Godly. But in the end, it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. I found a new peace with these words. I give them to you today to ponder. Make plans, but remember, it will not be your work, but the Lord's purpose in you that will be.

Yours in Christ,  
Ron Watson

The Seal: A Closer Look—The Cross

Last month we included a breakdown of our Presbyterian logo. Over the months ahead, we will explain the different aspects of the Seal, with information courtesy of [www.oga.pcusa.org](http://www.oga.pcusa.org)

The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.



The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames. The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross — the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian church. The cross represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ and his passion and resurrection. Because of its association with Presbyterian history, the Celtic cross was chosen as a model for this contemporary rendering of the ancient symbol.

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary through ministry as well as 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 (June through August) from our Circle meetings and begin again 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 call Pat Greaves at 352-362-0013. The cost remains at \$10 and you can purchase a \$15 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 women in FPC.

We will 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.

**Special thanks** to Jean Morse for her willingness to represent Presbyterian Women on the Nominating Committee for the Church's Officers for the year 2019-2020.

**Circle Duties:** August, Circle 3; September, Circle 4

Presbyterian Women's Program Meetings for August 2019					
Ways to Serve with your Sisters in Christ					
Program	Date	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Thursday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Liz Diener-Dickmann	732-6368
WeCare Sewing Ministry	WILL NOT BE MEETING			Evelyn Weaver	622-6028

Out to Dinner Group will be having August Dinner at

**Mesa De Notte**

2436 E Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala



**MESA DE NOTTE**  
RISTORANTE  
ITALIAN FINE DINING

Aug. 15th,  
5:30 pm  
RSVP to  
Susan Raffa  
352  
620-8087

By Aug 12th

## Donate Flowers for a Sunday Service

You can donate a lovely arrangement of flowers for many different occasions:

- ◆ Birthdays
- ◆ Anniversaries
- ◆ Births
- ◆ To the glory of God
- ◆ Special intentions
- ◆ Anything

There are envelopes in the back of church or Fellowship Hall. Fill out and put in the offering plate or bring to the office. You can also call the church office 352-0629-7561 to arrange the details and dates!





## August Birthdays

1	8	12	20	27
Skip McDonald	Ella Charnley	Jonathan Meyer	Jeanette Bryant	Dave Taylor
Bill Bowen	Jeff Grodi	Mary Morris	Lois Dolin	Cathy Edwards
Brian Shotwell	Troy Barrett	Austin Schwaller	Rusty Juergens	Kayla Higgason
Leighton Luther	Mac MacKay	13	21	28
4	Caroline Schlenker	Ruthanne Reiss	John Kirk	Barbara Tomyn
Kevin Brooks	9	Ken MacKay	Richard Kirk	John McMichael
Caroline Cook	Marilyn Allsopp	Chris Gilman	22	29
6	Cody Peterson	16	Oleda Woods	June Dunn
Diane Morthland	10	Lloyd Kauffman	23	Rose Roberts
Jeff Baker	Carlton Curtis	Luke Patrick	Lex Peek	Matt Kleckner
7	11	17	Sarah Bennett	30
Jennifer Carlisle	Roger Drummond	Jane Miller	24	Ann O'Hart
	Kylie Gankiewicz	18	Craig Cannon	Chris Hasselkus
		Blue Montsdeoca	25	Pat Bald
		Jim Giles	Richard Faust	Avery Davis
		19	Paralee Johnson	
		Taylor Ingram	Jannet Siebert	

**"Death, Dying, and the Afterlife: Lessons from World Cultures"**  
**by Prof. Mark Berkson, Chair of the Religion Dept. at Hamline University.**  
**Moderated by Nita Williams.**

We live our lives knowing that we, as well as our loved ones, are going to die. It forms the horizon against which we live our lives. The choices we make are shaped in countless ways by how we think about death, about what happens after death, and by what death (and life) ultimately mean. So thinking about death is really an essential element of the reflective human life. That raises many questions. Perhaps we don't have a well-defined understanding of how, as Christians, we "should" think about death and its role in our lives. It might be helpful to know how those living in different cultures and historical periods come to terms with death. This course will be a multidisciplinary exploration of a complex topic and will include the lenses of theology, philosophy, history, psychology, anthropology, sociology, and literature as we look at the problem. We will encounter great thinkers in our studies, reflecting many different approaches in their thoughts about death.

The course is organized around five major questions concerning our relationship to death. It is for everyone old enough to contemplate the subject and will involve topics explored every week on a CD that accompanies the lesson. There are 24 lessons, and there will be discussion about each one. I look forward to studying this topic with you and hope that you will be positively influenced by what we learn. The class will be held in the conference room 9:30 - 10:30 AM on Sundays. If there are people going to the 9:30 AM service that would like to attend, the materials will be available in the church library when we finish with our use of them for this class OR we can change the time of the class to 12:15 PM on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this interesting topic. The more people who come, the better our discussions will be. The class will begin the Sunday after Labor Day; and in August, we will do a poll and see how many would like to attend and at what time.



# Music News

Carol Piatnek—McCoy

**Hello First Presbyterian Ocala!** Welcome to a new church year! I am looking forward to ringing and singing with you as we live our faith through worship together. Three choirs are starting up in the next few weeks. No previous experience necessary :). If you have not yet joined us, then come on in! if you are returning, welcome back and bring a friend!

It would also be of great help to let us know you're coming so we can better prepare. Contact the Church Office: or you can email me: [piatnekc@gmail.com](mailto:piatnekc@gmail.com)

**Chancel Choir (high school, college age, adults)** meets on Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the Choir room. No auditions necessary. Chancel sings every Sunday and on special holidays/services. Bring your smile and a friend! The first rehearsal is July 31 and we will lead worship on Sunday, August 4.

**Handbells (middle school, high school, college age, adults)** meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm upstairs in the Bell room. No auditions necessary. The Bells ring approximately once a month at the 8:15 service and

the 11:00 service (not all bells may ring at the earlier service) and also at special or holiday services. Gloves are provided but you may also bring your own. The first rehearsal is August 21 at 6:30 in the Bell room and we will lead 8:15 and 11:00 worship on Sept. 22.

**Children's Choir (K through 5th grade)** will meet on Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 in the Choir room. No auditions necessary. The children will lead worship once a month and also at special or holiday services. Our first rehearsal is September 4 and we will lead worship on Sunday, September 29.

Schedules will be provided at the first rehearsals and will be available online and in the Church Office.

I am thankful to be here as your Interim Director of Choirs and I look forward to meeting and worshipping with my new church family. If you have any questions/concerns about the Choirs, please feel free to contact me via the Church Office or my email.

See you all soon! Carol Piatnek-McCoy

## Summertime births make FPC members great-grandparents!

On June 23, **Pat** and **Bob Greaves** welcomed their *fourth* great-grandchild—

**Nell James Shepard** daughter of **Grey and Alexandra Shepard** of Madison, Mississippi.

And then—on July 1— **Evelyn and Tom Weaver**—

*newcomers* to greatgrandparenting— welcomed their first:

**Anna Jane Sandy**

daughter of **Jordan and Katie Sandy**,  
of Cumming, GA.

*Congratulations, best wishes and happy days to these young ladies, their parents and their very happy great-grandparents!*

Attendance				
Worship services	6/30	7/7	7/14	7/21
8:15 a.m.	34	39	34	34
9:30 a.m.	60	59	68	54
11:00 a.m.	91	80	83	68
Total	185	178	185	156



## PRAYER LIST

**Brent Barber** (Gera Fleming's son-in-law)

**Bill Blackwell** (Mary Kauffman's brother)

**Jeanette Bryant**

**Randall & Linda Deyton** (Pickard family prayer concerns)

**Noemi DiGeronimo** (granddaughter of Mina)

**Kathy and Terry Donovan**  
(Nita Williams' friends)

**Stewart Edwards**

**Hank Fleming**

**Maranell Fleming**

**John Gilkes**

**Barbara Gowie**

**Richard Grosso**

**Nancy Harrel** (Bill Harrel's sister)

**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**

**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**

**Steve and Keith Shotwell**

**Betty Jeanne Spencer**

(Lady Lake Specialty Care)

**Jill Hester Whitaker**

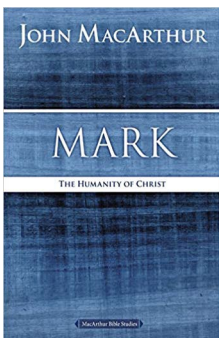
**Bo and Sally Williams**

**Diane Wirono**

*Please also remember in prayer all our church leaders and the missions we support.*

## Disciples XV resumes Sept. 18 and will study Mark's 'busy book' that shows Jesus as the Servant, a Workman of God

Newcomers as well as old-timers are invited to join the Disciples XV class when it resumes on Wednesday, September 18 from 10:00-noon in Room 1. Co-teachers **Barbara Parks** and **Tom Weaver** will lead the study of John MacArthur's *Mark—The Humanity of Christ*.



Author David Guzik says that the Gospel of Mark shows Jesus as the *Servant* of God—as a *Workman* of God. He says that for this reason, the Gospel is a “busy” book in which Jesus seems the busiest—quickly moving from one event to another. One of the key words in the Gospel of Mark is *immediately*,

that occurs more than 40 times. We see Jesus as a *servant*—busy meeting needs and busy being God's Messiah.

Guzik says the Gospel of Mark, emphasizes the *deeds* of Jesus more than his *words*. Mark's Gospel pictures

Christ in action. Guzik adds, “There is a minimum of discourse and a maximum of deed.”

The Gospel of Mark, more than any other, gives us precious glimpses into Christ's humanity. Jesus amazes His followers—those in the past as well as His disciples today—as He teaches, heals, performs miracles, casts out demons, and raises the dead. Mark's account shows Christ using every opportunity, despite resentment and persecution from His enemies, to show God's awesome power. Through Mark's writings, we follow Jesus' pain, joy, and fervent dedication as He walks the earth, touches lives, and ultimately conquers sin and death through His crucifixion and resurrection.

This Disciples class began in 2004. In its fourteen years its Bible studies have included a wide range books of both the Old and New Testaments.

**Come join us!** The study books for this fall are available on the shelves in the conference room.



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We currently are seeking members who are able to assist with serving Communion (when needed), and not currently an elder or a deacon. Communion is usually on the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to assist, please fill out and return it in the offering plate or drop it in the office!

*Thank you, The Worship Committee*

Name

Contact Info

Service You Attend

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