

Haiti Donation Drive: August 27 – September 17

Last day to donate! Sam will have collection bins in the Harbor, the front office, the lobby of the Neumann Center, and the Choir Room.

Items needed include: Boys and Girls Sneakers, socks, toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc), backpacks, notebooks and notebook paper, soccer balls and other sports equipment.

Mission Kids Parent Social

Wednesday, October 4, 5pm–7pm

Here's your chance to meet some of the other Mission Kid Parents. Parents are invited to drop off their agents at 5:00 and we will bring them to our Weds Night dinner and then to Mission Kids while you enjoy dinner on Las Olas with other MPK parents. Reservations are needed by 9/27, contact Cindy Vason at 954-598-9341 or CindyV@firstpres.cc.

Annual First Pres Dolphins Game! Miami Dolphins vs. Tennessee Titans

Sunday, October 8, 1pm game time

All are welcome to join the Men's Ministry for a great afternoon of fellowship and football. Invite your friends and family to enjoy this annual event. Ticket prices: \$40 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets is September 30. Questions? Contact Bill Condon at 732-670-7435 or whcondon1023@gmail.com.

Family Campus Project Update

We are pleased to provide an update that the Family Campus project is almost underway. We experienced some delays due to permitting, but we expect that construction will begin soon and should not take longer than 6 weeks. When complete, the Family Campus project will include parking, recreational facilities and a secure and safe campus setting for our church families. Please park in the the main lot on 15th Avenue during the week. On Sundays, look for the big white sandwich board signs for parking at these two locations:

- The triangle lot on the corner of Tarpon Dr. and SE 4th Street
- The parking lots across from the Hoch Center on SE 15th Avenue.

Join us for fellowship dinners on Wednesday evenings

5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free. Dinner Menu September 20: BBQ Pulled Pork
RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- Leading people to Jesus Christ.
- Learning about our faith.
- Living a Christ-centered life.
- Loving our neighbor through ministries of service and compassion.

ACE

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

THE OLD IN THE NEW

A look at the Old Testament and how its words and ideas influenced the writers of the New Testament.
6:30pm
Room: Chapel In The Sky
Facilitated by Mary Helen Merchant

THESE HIGH GREEN HILLS

In this 3rd book of the Mitford Series, we're once again in Mitford, a southern village of local characters so heartwarming and hilarious you'll wish you lived right next door.
Room: SRC-100 (Study & Renewal Center)
Book: \$10 www.amazon.com/These-Green-Hills-Mitford-Years/dp/0140257934
Facilitated by Kathy Craven

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

Man troubles? Food issues? Can't let go of the past? Can't let go of money? Let these Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun!
6:15pm
Room NC-216
Book/Workbook: \$10
Facilitated by Mona Petersen
(954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

Congregational Care Offerings:

CAREGIVER SUPPORT (continues)

First Wednesdays
11:00am - 12:30pm
SRC - 100 (Study & Renewal Center)
Contact TriciaY@firstpres.cc / (954) 598-9344

DIVORCE CARE (continues)

This 13 week support group, which began Aug 9, is for anybody who is separated or divorced.
6:30pm
Room NC-115 / Spanish Room
Contact TriciaY@firstpres.cc / (954) 598-9344

GRIEF SUPPORT (continues)

For more information about this group, please contact Tim Dobbins.
(954) 598-9332 / TimD@firstpres.cc

GET PLUGGED IN!
Contact Mona Petersen, Director Adult Christian Education & Small Groups
(954) 598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

SUNDAY MORNINGS

2 PETER FOR EVERYONE (continued)

How does a Christian behave when surrounded by a hostile world that doesn't understand who we are or why we do what we do? Peter provides some answers: Abandon the old ways, learn the new habit of love and put on the mental armor that will make you strong to face suffering that may come.
9:30am
Room: NC-216
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw

PARABLES, APHORISMS AND

QUESTIONS OF JESUS

Begins Sept 17th

9:30am
Room: Chapel-In-The-Sky
Facilitated by Herb Clark

TUESDAYS AM / PM

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

7:45am (continues)
Room: NC-202 / Neumann Center Library

PEBBLES OF FAITH EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our study of Joyce Meyer's "Battlefield of the Mind"
Fourth Tuesdays - next meeting Sept. 26
6:15pm Potluck Dinner with study and discussion to follow
Room: NC-218 (2nd floor of Neumann Center at the end of the hallway)
Facilitated by Kim White

THURSDAYS AM / PM

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECT! MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Sept 21
Lisa Harper's "Hebrews" 10:00am
Room: SRC-100 (Study & Renewal Center)
Workbook: \$15, Contact LauraZ@firstpres.cc / 954-598-9312

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

12:00pm
Room NC-202 (Neumann Center Library)
Facilitated by Eric Johnson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE

11 AM

September 17, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! As a courtesy to others around you, please silence your cell phone. Nursery service is available in the Neumann Center for children aged 3 and younger. Ask an usher for assistance, if needed.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (to be read silently by each worshiper)

God of truth and mercy, we come to worship You, because You are the source truth and mercy, without which we cannot live. Grant us in these moments of quiet worship a sense of Your presence. Increase our knowledge of who You are so that in turn we may truly know who we are so that we can live our lives devoted to loving You. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray to You. Amen.

WELCOME

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" SUSAN DODD, organ
– Michael Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

TRICIA YOUNG

Leader: "How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.
My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**People: Happy are those who sing Your praise.
Happy is everyone who trusts in You.**

Leader: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly."

All: Let us all now worship God.

(Psalm 84)

***HYMN 442** "The Church's One Foundation"
(omit stanza 3)

AURELIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)

Loving and gracious God in meekness and humility we come to offer to You our prayers and to praise Your holy name. You created us for Yourself, and we are restless and confused when we turn away from You. In these moments of worship, help us to open our minds to hear Your words of truth for us. Give us humble hearts so that we may trust You, hearts of love that we may serve You, reverent hearts that we may truly adore You.

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Then send us forth out into Your world, to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Through Christ our Lord we pray to You, gracious God. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Because we know that we are accountable to God for the way we have lived our life this past week, and because we know that we have failed to live perfectly, let us admit to God all that we have done that is wrong.

All: God of mercy and forgiveness, hear us again as we confess to You our foolishness and disobedience, and the hidden sins of our hearts. If You kept a record of sin no one could escape Your judgment, but in Your love for us You have forgiven us. Since we are always standing in need of Your forgiveness, help us also to forgive those whom we have offended. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Accept the forgiveness which God offers to you in Jesus Christ and go forth remembering God's mercy never ends. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: Because of Christ's love for us we do believe we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)**

In life and death we belong to God. This is the good news which we have received and in which we stand, and by which we are saved. That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day. And He appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIMOTHY DOBBINS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

OFFERTORY

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14: 1-12

Please feel free to follow today's scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fpcguest (case sensitive)

SERMON "Living Out the Gospel" REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

***HYMN 210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE**

***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" ORGAN
– Emma Lou Diemer**

WELCOME GUESTS!

- Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment outside the Neumann Center (across the street) after worship.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.
- For families with young children: in addition to the nursery in the Neumann Center (Room NC 120), we have a "crying room" located in the Spanish Room with a live stream of the service. (Also through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.)
- Children's Sunday School schedule:
9:30 am: PreK3 Sunday school in Room #NC127, PreK 4-5th grade meet upstairs on the second floor –Room #NC224
11 am: Children's Chapel is held in Watts Chapel. Children ages 4 and up will join together in exploring their faith with a Sunday School lesson and fun Bible story activities.

THE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION IS EXTENDED TO:

Jamie Stiles and family on the death of her husband, Terry Stiles, on September 11, 2017, and

Alison Cappellin and family on the death of her mother, Joan C. Meyer, on September 7, 2017 in Taylorville, Illinois.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Benek, Associate Pastor, Tricia Young, Director of Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries (AAC), Timothy B. Dobbins, Pastoral Associate

PLEASE VISIT <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for the full staff listing.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of husband and father, Bob Botkin's 85th birthday, by his family.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: September 24, October 1, October 8

THE PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY enables you to let someone know that you have just prayed for them. It is an easy, anonymous, and effective way of providing encouragement and comfort during a difficult time. Please call the church office if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support. This week, please pray for:

Michelle and John Pidgeon – call pager number 954-823-0115

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

The prayer ministry team would like to pray with you. At the end of the service, come to the front of the church, and you will find a team member ready to pray with you. Prayer requests may be noted on the Connect Card inserted in your bulletin, then place it in the offering plate, and your prayer request will be added to our weekly prayer letter. If you would like to be a prayer warrior and pray for our church family and their needs, please let Tricia Young (TriciaY@firstpres.cc) know and you will be added to receive the weekly prayer letter.

NO FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST THIS MORNING DUE TO BLOOD DRIVE

Breakfast will resume NEXT Sunday, 9:15 am – 11 am.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Mission Sponsored Blood Drive TODAY

8am – 1pm in NC-101, St. Andrews Room / Neumann Center
Please donate this Sunday! After Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the need is greater than ever.

Membership

New Member Orientation: Become a member of our First Pres family NEXT Sunday, September 24, from 10:30am – 11:30am in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

First Step: Discover ways to connect and learn about membership at First Pres NEXT Sunday, September 24 from 10:15 – 11am in the Spanish Room, S-115 (1st floor of the church building, adjacent to the kitchenette). **Come when you can, leave when you must!**

Accepting Nominations to Serve!

The Congregational Nominating Committee needs your help in suggesting candidates to serve as Elders and Deacons. Please see the yellow nominating brochure in your bulletin for all the details on service!

Christian Women Connect Bible Study

Thursday, September 21 in the Study and Renewal Center
Join us as we delve into Lisa Harper's Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus. Fellowship at 9:45am, Study & Discussion at 10am. Study Guides available for \$15. For more information, contact Laura Ziegler at 954-598-9312 or LauraZ@firstpres.cc.