Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.
- Psalm 86:11

Upcoming Sermons

May 5
21st Century Disciples
2 Timothy 1:3-7
Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

May 12
The Blessing of Children
Mark 10:13-16
Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

May 19
Effective Stewardship
Proverbs 3:9
Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler

May 26
Feeding Sheep
John 21:7-17
Rev. Fred Lundy

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Robert Shettler, Pastor

4 Ways to Join Us on Sunday Mornings!
1 8:30 a.m. in Iona Chapel
2 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary
3 10:00 a.m. on Cox Channel 11
4 11:00 a.m. on 1stpc.org
Dear Friends,

From the beginning of my ministry in the local church over forty-five years ago, I have always had an interest in passing on the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the next generation. This desire is seen in my doctorate dissertation, “Cross Generational Ministry in the Twenty-First Century Church.”

Part of the practical application of the dissertation was the development of youth Sunday school classes composed of members of five different generations. We also began to take older adults on youth camps, retreats, and mission trips. There was an immediate connection.

The Sunday school curriculum included issues youth were confronted with at the present time. They included dating relationships, parents, worship, music, driving, and substance abuse. We found that every generation faced similar struggles with the same issues.

The whole congregation was impacted by this cross generational study. The youth were no longer the rowdy youth who sat in the front three rows of the church on Sunday, and the adults were no longer the old people who always complained about the youth. They were people with names and stories and experiences they could learn about and learn from.

Recently in my research for a sermon, I ran across a term that defines exactly what we did through this study and what we are doing in our ministry here at First. The term generativity was coined by the psychoanalyst Erik Erikson in 1950 to denote “a concern for establishing and guiding the next generation.” He first used the term while defining the Care stage in his theory of the stages of psychosocial development.

Parker Palmer in his book, On the Brink of Everything, writes, “Psychologist Erik Erikson said that en route to old age, we face a critical choice between “generativity” and “stagnation.” Generativity means something more than creativity. It means turning toward the rising generation, offering whatever we know that they might find useful—and, even more important, learning from them. I talk and work with young people as often as I can, and always come away the better for it.”

The ministry of a local congregation should always be a generativity ministry. The concept is found in Psalm 71: 17-18.

> O God, from my youth you have taught me,
> and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs,

> O God, do not forsake me,
> until I proclaim your might to another generation,
> your power to all those to come.

Paul modeled this with Timothy and encouraged him and us to do the same. “You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

We also find this in the sacrament of Holy Baptism when the congregation makes a covenant with the parents and the child to provide ministries to nurture the child until they come to their own understanding of their faith in Jesus Christ.

We see this concept in our ministry today. First is a church dedicated to nurturing all generations and

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**In Recognition**

On these anniversaries, we want to recognize the following people with gratitude for their work and ministry:

*5 years* Sonya Terrell started in First Presbyterian’s preschool in May of 2014. She is the Lead Preschool Teacher in the Infant room.

*2 years* Cindy Wright is an Assistant Teacher with the 3 year-olds and 4 year-olds, our Busy Bee’s and Hoppers. She started with the preschool in May of 2017.

*2 years* Lorissa Porter also started in May of 2017. She is an Assistant Teacher for the 2 year-olds class.
offering ministries that provide the opportunity to have a two way street of learning for children/youth/college students to learn from adults and vice versa. These types of ministry include, inter-generational Sunday school, Youth Connection, Logos, music, Montreat, Great Escape, and Confirmation just to name a few.

My concern is in the words of Erickson - warning people not to fall into stagnation, but to live out generativity, both personally and collectively as the people of God.

Looking to the future, my encouragement is to not lose sight of how important this type of ministry is. There is a need to continue to provide the resources for ministries for all ages and especially children, youth, college, and young adults, inviting other generations to join in the mutual experience, conversation, and mentoring.

Just because we have a good history, we cannot become stagnant when it comes to proclaiming the might of God to the next generation.

Rukia Draw, a Mentoring Coordinator at the faith-based Outreach Community Ministries in Illinois, addresses the question of the Church’s role in transferring faith to the next generation, and the importance of generativity in sustaining Christianity into a new generation.

She claims: “Generativity will become an increasingly important term for the church because it is precisely where two of its central tasks meet: meaning making and caring for others. If Christians fail to do these two things well, they miss the very heart of their mission in the world. A church with an aborted mission cannot provide for the young the things they desire most according to psychosocial theory: security, belonging, and identity. Without the nurturing of future generations from the earliest of opportunities, Christianity will not remain a living religion and vital institution.”

On another note, let me recommend to you a new book by John Lennox, *Joseph*.

*Joseph* is a powerful word for us today. Joseph is tested and trained through suffering and broken relationships to become a forgiving brother, son, and leader; and his relationship with God is not only a stabilizing factor, but a sustaining force in his life.

Throughout the book, we see how a man with a transformative relationship with God can be used by God in all areas of his life: family, work, bondage, business, government, and faith. Lennox skillfully looks back to the ancestors of Joseph to show how history was repeating itself in his family, and he looks forward to the life of Jesus to give us hope.

Let us not become weary in well doing as we mentor the next generation.

Expectantly,

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The preschool is busy ending our yearly school program and getting ready for our year-end special events. We will be hosting our VPK tea party for all the mothers on Thursday, May 9. We have the VPK water play and picnic lunch May 22 and then our school-wide end of year music program and awards show Friday, May 24 for the Teddy Bear and Busy Bee classes. Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 with a light lunch following the program.

I am truly thankful for the chance to see these beautiful children growing and learning each day!

- Lisa Hershkowitz, Preschool Director
I have dedicated this month's Bugle to the following as I believe:

1) Prayer is vital to our lives as Christians
2) Opportunities to join other believers in prayer brings another element of Christian vitality
3) We should pray for specific things.

Hope you can join in – when you can – for what you can!

The Session has appointed a prayer committee of Sarah Whitfield, Rick Smith and George Lebo to organize our congregation in prayer for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC).

You can join them in prayer through:

1) Receiving daily prayer requests (supplied by the PNC) to church members who desire to receive them. If you would like to receive daily PNC prayer request emails, please respond to George Lebo at grlebo2003@gmail.com.
2) Gathering with them to pray in the church parlor each Monday at 7:30 p.m., immediately after the PNC weekly meeting adjourns.

As well, please feel free to:
Join the Tuesday Evening Prayer Group at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Gainesville’s ‘first’ First Presbyterian Church

Construction of the ‘first’ First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville began in 1859. It was built by W. L. and Mike Finger, the same team that built Gainesville’s first courthouse a few years earlier. A wood framed building, it was located near the center of the town, close to the current location of the Hippodrome State theater. The cost of the building, roughly $1,200, was paid in part by friends in South Carolina. It was this structure that housed the Meneely Bell, that rings each Sunday morning from our church tower.

Though a ‘Presbyterian’ church, for almost a decade, the building served several congregations until Methodists, Episcopalians, and Baptists each built their own structures. In its earliest years it was serviced by itinerant ministers. In their book A History of Gainesville, Florida, Hildreth and Cox describe Sunday morning services not just as a time of worship, but also as a time the people of Gainesville, regardless of religious affiliation, could gather and socialize. The building was not formally commissioned as a ‘Presbyterian’ Church until 1867, when a delegation from Presbytery traveled to Gainesville for that purpose. This structure served our congregation until 1890 when it was replaced by the ‘second’ First Presbyterian Church built on the corner of West University and Pleasant Street.
When it is no longer true, I will quit saying it, but until then I will be ever reminded of the joy and sorrow of my job. As the college director, I have the awesome privilege of watching students come through our doors year after year. Our college students here at First Presbyterian are involved in a variety of ways: they sing in the choir, go on mission trips, attend Bible study, eat home cooked meals every Sunday during our school year, and show up for the various things we do throughout the year. With all this, I can’t help but see our college students on a frequent basis. And all that to say, I cannot help but get attached to them along the way.

Watching them grow in their faith towards the Lord is one of the greatest joys I have in my job. Whether these students join us as freshmen or happen to find us as a last semester senior, the excitement is still the same. When I served as staff with Campus Crusade for Christ we used to say, “Build them up and send them out.” Having this responsibility sometimes leaves me with a sense of awe, knowing that we are sending this next generation into the work force and to begin their own families. Moments like this leave me with thoughts like, “Did I do enough?” and “Are they ready for the next chapters of their life?”

I suppose there are no answers to questions like these; thus, this is where faith comes into play. We do what we can to raise these students up in the ways of the Lord in the hopes that they will take the Gospel to their respective areas of life. However, with this joy comes sorrow, because if left up to my own devices, I would keep them just a little bit longer. Plainly put, I get attached to my students and I hate seeing them go.

However, in moments like this I am reminded, they were never mine to begin with for they have always belonged to the Lord. Instead of focusing on the sorrow of watching them go, I try then to remind myself of stories like Hannah. Hannah cried out to the Lord for a son, promising to consecrate him back to the Lord after he had been weaned. As Hannah was faithful to her promise, the Lord blessed her son Samuel, who would one day become one of the greatest prophets Israel had ever seen.

Though I don’t think my students will become Israel’s next prophets, may my heart be like Hannah’s as I focus on directing them to the Lord while they are here with us and consecrating them to the Lord as they go out into the world before them.

To class of 2019:

*The LORD bless you and keep you;*
*the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*
*the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

*Amen*

Numbers 6:24-26
NURSERY - The nursery is available every Sunday for infants (starting at 6 weeks) to 18 months in Room 109, 19 months to 2 years in Room 111, and 3 years to PK in Room 113 from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES - During the 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service, all children are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for a children's lesson.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS are available every Sunday in the Chapel, the Narthex, and the Sanctuary entrance from Gordon Hall. Please pick one up before the worship service to help your child participate in worship. Following the service, please return the bags to the basket. Bring your worship guide (from inside the bag) home from church and enter your SECRET CODE from the box on the cover to unlock fun GAMES!

KIDS-4-GOD - During the 10:55 a.m. worship service, children ages 4 through 2nd grade have a special learning and worship time immediately following Time for Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from the worship service and will meet back with their families on the stage in Gordon Memorial Hall following the worship service. Kids-4-God will conclude for the 2018-2019 school year on Sunday, May 12 and will resume in the fall.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Children's Sunday School classes meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays May 5 and 12 in Room 216 (upstairs in the Christian Education building). During the month of May, our children will dig deeper into the scripture passages being used in the worship services each week. The 2018-2019 Christian Education school year ends on Sunday, May 12 and will resume in the fall.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL classes meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays May 5 and 12 in Room 217 (upstairs in the Christian Education building). During the month of May, our Youth will dig deeper into the scripture passages being used in the worship services each week. The 2018-2019 Christian Education school year ends on Sunday, May 12 and will resume in the fall.

YOUTH CONNECTION is for youth in grades 6 through 12. We are on summer break and will resume our weekly meetings in the fall. During the month of May, we encourage our youth to join us for the Lewis Lake Party and to volunteer with set-up for Vacation Bible School. Contact Vicki Sumner, children@1stpc.org, for more information.

SUMMER CAMP – Are you looking for a summer camp? We suggest considering our Presbytery’s camp which is located east of Starke, FL. The Montgomery Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center has announced their schedule of camps and retreats for the summer with multiple camp options for first time campers entering 2nd grade through college. For more information contact Camp Montgomery at 352-473-4516 or www.montgomerycenter.org/summercamp.

GORDON HOOVER CLASS - ROOM 115

Visitors and new members are welcome every Sunday.

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LOGOS is an after-school, mid-week ministry designed to nurture children and youth in Christian discipleship. The LOGOS program includes development in worship skills through five children/youth choirs, growth in Kingdom beliefs and values through Bible study, service to others before self, and building lasting relationships through recreation and a shared meal. This Wednesday program is offered throughout the school year, 3:30-6 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. during Family Time where children, parents, leaders, and church members share a delicious meal in fellowship around the table. Leadership involves parents and draws in many members of the congregation with participation from our college students. This ministry provides a multi-generational system of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents in their special responsibility to lead their children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

LOGOS Banquet – Please join us for a special meal to celebrate a great year of LOGOS at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:45 p.m. in Gordon Memorial Hall. The cost of dinner is $3 per person/$1.50 per preschool aged child. Together let’s praise the Lord for blessing this ministry; thank our fantastic volunteers; recognize our graduating senior; and enjoy our annual cup stomp competition. Questions? Contact Vicki Sumner, 378-1527 or children@1stpc.org.

Vacation Bible School

We hope you have marked your calendars to send your kids on an impacting island adventure this June 3-7 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. each day! Church members AND non-members are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors to join in this great adventure! The cost is $15 per child and scholarships are available. You will find our registration packet on the Christian Education page of the church website. As you plan, know that most Sunday mornings in May a notary will be available in Gordon Hall after worship. At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life’s storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we’ll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. These experiences make God’s Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Parents and grandparents -- if you are looking for a meaningful way to spend time with your young ones this summer, look no further. We are searching for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this the best VBS possible. Whatever your talents may be -- crafts, teaching, leading, serving, helping -- we have a spot for you on our team! Please call the church office (378-1527) and they will put you in touch with the Christian Education Committee.

Our goal is to reach not only the children of First Presbyterian Church but also other children in our community. While the registration fee helps cover some of the costs of presenting VBS we do not want the fee to discourage families from participating. Therefore, we are requesting contributions for the VBS Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in contributing to our scholarship fund, please send your check to First Presbyterian Church and write VBS scholarship in the memo section. Thank you for your generosity!
Join the Family Promise bed race to end childhood homelessness
May 4th 9:00 – Noon

Family Promise is celebrating over 300% growth in the last three years! We need you to join the race to end childhood homelessness. Ask your youth group, club, or Sunday school class to Build a bed, Build a team of five racers, and Build the lives of local kids.

Registration for race teams is now open on the Family Promise website: www.familypromisegvl.org.

Join Family Promise Saturday May 4th at Trinity United Methodist Church at 4000 NW 53rd Avenue for its 5th Annual Bed Race from 9:00 am to noon.

For more information, call 352-378-2030 on to help support our congregation’s local mission work.

www.familypromisegvl.org

Summer Choir
Summer Choir begins on May 19 and will conclude on July 7. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 –10:40 a.m. in the choir room immediately preceding worship. Well aware of summer schedules, it is not necessary for members of the summer choir to be present every summer Sunday. The anthems are selected to match the abilities of those in attendance. For more information, please contact Mark Coffey at music@1stpc.org.
Characteristics of Pastor

Instructions: Choose Your Top Ten

_____Preaching and Worship Leadership - biblically based proclamation of Gospel including both evangelism and discipleship - inspires congregation through meaningful worship

_____Teacher - provides strong teaching that leads to self-reflection and growth - can adapt instruction to audience

_____Spiritual maturity and personal integrity - has close and growing relationship with God that directs the pastor’s leadership

_____Hopeful – maintains stability in the moment and hope for the future - helps followers to see a way through difficulties and complexities of life

_____Compassionate and Loving – relational; genuinely cares for individuals in the congregation

_____Lifelong learner - learns from experience and actively pursues knowledge and growth - utilizes resources available in our university environment and more globally through missions

_____Public Communicator - can address small and large groups effectively both within the congregation and other organizations

_____Advisor – sought out for guidance, both within congregation and in outside organizations

_____Has a vision for the church and its direction - seeks God’s wisdom to lead the congregation to be more effective in its ministry and missions

_____Organizational Agility – understands the workings of the church and provides leadership to accomplish goals

_____Task manager - creates environment so that individuals can succeed in ministry; clear expectations, accountability, open communication

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Interpersonal engagement – builds relationships of trust - engages people and organizations to achieve common goals

Motivator - influences others “toward a spirit of service and meaningful contributions to mission”

Initiator - challenges one’s self and others to pursue opportunities that will advance the growth and vision for the church

Flexible – adaptable; able to lead across generations, able to change course if necessary

Collaborator - helps people flourish within groups - works closely with ministries: Christian Education, Music, College, Youth

Decision maker - listens and engages many sides, then responds - Communicates in ways that encourage consensus

Technologically savvy - recognizes the benefits of technology, uses it as a tool to strengthen communication and ministry

Funds developer - can present the needs of the church and its ministry to potential donors, and encourages members to understand and participate in stewardship (talents, time, tithes)

Culturally proficient - takes advantage of our university town and environment, strives to engage people from multiple cultural settings

Other Characteristics or Competencies -

Please return to church by May 15, 2019 or email to Deanna Cook
First Presbyterian Church
106 SW 3rd Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Deannakcook@gmail.com
Presbyterian Women (PW) is sponsoring a summer Bible study circle that will meet on three dates only: Monday nights, June 3, July 8, and August 5 @ 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. at FPC. Any woman who attends FPC is welcome to join in this summer circle. Men are also welcome if they are brave enough to attend!

Who is Jesus? is our anticipated study. Judy Yates Siker, an ordained PC(USA) minister and faculty member in New Testament studies at Loyola-Marymount College in LA, is the author of the nine-lesson study and presents it to us via DVD. Twenty centuries after his human lifespan, we put our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. This is an opportunity to see how that faith has been rooted and grafted into lives from the viewpoints of the Gospel authors who first told us who Jesus is.

Bring your supper or snag a sub on the way and we'll eat while doing a couple of lessons, then break, eat ice cream and do at least one more lesson. There will be time for discussion, and we'll all be home before sundown! We also ask that everyone bring 3 cents. One penny will go to Fellowship of the Least Coin and the other two will go to Cents-ability.

*Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global prayer movement to connect the worldwide family of faith. As people pray for peace and reconciliation, they set aside the least coin of their country as a symbol of that prayer. FLC’s international committee awards grants from these “least coins,” funding special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women, and relief throughout the world.

**Cents-ability is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty that invites every member to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. After all, somewhere in Gainesville, there is someone who will be hungry while we are eating ice cream!

- from presbyterianmission.org

Call for Ushers:
If you would be willing to lead worship by welcoming members and guests to our doors and collecting the offering during worship, we would love to teach you how to be an usher. We are in need of ushers on both a regular and substitute basis. Please talk to or email Laura at assistant@1stpc.org if you are willing and able.
Congratulations and blessings to the graduating class of 2019.

**High School**

Benjamin FitzGerald
John Lingg

Benjamin FitzGerald has sung in the choirs of FPC since 2004. He has also spent overnights in the church with our Family Promise guests during his high school years. Ben graduated from the church preschool, and will soon graduate from Eastside High School. He plans to study computer science at Lafayette College. Ben is the son of David FitzGerald and Coleen O’Brien, and has three living grandparents in the mid-Atlantic states: Miriam and Bruce FitzGerald and Nancy O’Brien.

John Samuels Lingg is the son of Margaret and Howard Lingg and the grandson of Eleanor Samuels and the late Ben Samuels, as well as Ralph and Shirley Lingg. John has been selected as a Top Scholar for Putnam Samuels based on his GPA and will graduate Suma Cum Laude from Q. I. Roberts Jr. – Sr. High School, Cambridge Academy on May 24. John is an Eagle Scout from Troop 146 in Keystone Heights, FL and has continued to be active in Boy Scouts of America through Crew 432, Sea Scout Ship 283, Echokotee Lodge Order of the Arrow, Apiaka Chapter, as well as, serving as summer camp counselor and lifeguard at Camp Shands over the last few years. John has enjoyed domestic and international travel; fulfilling a love of adventure instilled in him from his Papa, Ben Samuels. John will begin his college experience at the University of Central Florida on June 24 where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.

**College**

Jonathan Chiputula
Taylor Cook
Ryan Dradzynski
Christine Feigum

Jonathan Chiputula will be graduating this summer with his PhD in agricultural and biological engineering. After graduation he would like to remain in academics to continue to teach and do research.

Taylor Cook will be graduating from Florida State University with a degree in digital media production. He has a job right now at a marketing agency in Tallahassee, but is eagerly awaiting an offer from PBS.

Christine Feigum graduated from the Rasmussen College of Nursing with an associate degree in nursing and as Rasmussen's student nurse association president in fall 2018. She has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church her entire life. Christine currently serves as our nursery coordinator and works at North Florida Regional Medical Center as a cardiac nurse in the Cardiac Progressive Care Unit.

Kayla Graham is graduating with a bachelor's degree in hospitality management and a minor in business administration. Her plans after graduation are to find a position in Florida within the hospitality management field.

Kristin Maine will be graduating *magna cum laude* with her Master of Arts in linguistics. She’s currently applying for a job as a defense analyst.

Courtney Rouse will be graduating with her PhD in mechanical engineering and moving to San Antonio, Texas to be a research engineer at Southwest Research Institute.

Ashley Shalna will be graduating *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance. This fall she will be attending the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami for vocal performance with a teaching assistantship.

Lauren Smith is graduating with a Master of Fine Arts in costume design and will be moving to St. Louis to be with her husband, Neil (They will be married on the 11th), and pursue a freelance career as a designer.

Scott Stuart is graduating from Reformed Theological Seminary with his Master of Divinity degree. His plan is to continue to serve as the Director of College Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville.

Elizabeth “Lizzy” Tobener will graduate with a doctorate in audiology from the University of Tennessee. She will finish her externship at Audiology by Accent here in Gainesville and join the team as their newest audiologist.

Allison Walters is graduating with her Master of Arts in communication sciences and disorders. She plans to move to Orlando and is applying for a job as a speech-language pathologist.
The Scholarship Committee on behalf of the Trustees is pleased to announce the following Scholarship Recipients for 2019-2020:

Howard and Emily Patton Scholarship
Emma Summers

John R. Greenman Scholarships
Sam Williams

William K. Robertson Scholarship
Megan Giovenco

Kirkpatrick Family Scholarships
Avery Kitchens
William Lavery
Cher McBride
Katie Sutton
Sarah Thorp

Ruth H. Maren Education Scholarship
Ben Fitzgerald

Billy Matthews Scholarships
Emilee LeMaire
Alexis Vellis

J. Wayne Reitz Scholarships
Andrew Osmun
Ben Williams

Hank and Margaret Weech Scholarship
John Lingg

Charles and Mary Ross Scholarship
Vicki Sumner

On behalf of the Trustees, the Scholarship Committee would like to thank the donors and the families of the donors for their generous contributions to the Scholarship endowment funds that continue to make it possible for First Presbyterian Church to award scholarships to qualified applicants year after year.

THE LIFE

The Virgin conceives the sinless child. Born in a stable, so meek and mild.

Astounding with wisdom, thoughts from above. Showing us always the Father’s love.

Obedient in all things. Never a vice. Preparing to be, the perfect sacrifice.

To another garden the last Adam goes. Feeling the agony of all man’s woes.

“No other way possible, for this I was born”. All of man’s sin, He begins to adorn.

Betrayed and arrested in seeming defeat. “Father, our plan is almost complete.”

Beaten and scorned, sentenced to die. No word of defense, His guilt was mine.

Thorns and nails, freely blood flows. Pierced Lamb of God, greatest love He shows.

Watercolor red flows from His side. The way into Heaven is opening wide.

Laid in the tomb the victory assured. For death cannot hold one who’s so pure.

Three days and nights in the heart of the earth. Now up from the grave, we have our new birth!

All glory to the One who took it all, all glory to Jesus, who took the fall!

By Tony Cogdill
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT 10:55 A.M.

Austin Ball, Lillian Byrum, Benjamin Johnson, Jenna McDowell, Zoë Pertson, Kate Pickens, and Caroline Thaxton will be confirmed on Sunday, May 5 during the 10:55 a.m. worship service. Afterward, the Youth Connection Committee will host a reception in their honor. Please join us to celebrate this special day.

PRAYER TIME
TUESDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

All are welcome to join us as we gather together to give thanks to the Lord and pray for each other, our church family, our community, and other needs. If you have questions, please contact Fred Lundy at youngadult@lstpc.org.

May we be "a house of prayer" - Isaiah 56:7 and Matthew 21:13

MAY 18TH, 2019

Meals of Hope

Communities coming together to end hunger!

We will be packaging 100,000 meals to help feed the hungry throughout Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, and Levy counties. More than 53% of all children attending Public Schools in these counties are participating in the Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program. That means that more than 14,000 kids are food insecure.

Volunteers are needed. Everyone can participate. Bring your family and friends to a two hour experience that you won’t forget. Volunteers work in teams of ten people. What better way to spend two hours than by helping to feed thousands of people in our own community. Please consider sponsoring meals for the many people in our community who are food insecure. The cost of meals is $0.20 per meal. Payments can be made the day of the event or made in advance by mailing a check payable to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church (memo: Meals of Hope). Address: 9700 W. Newberry Rd. Gainesville, FL. 32606

Sign up or donate today!
Visit www.abidingsavior.info
For more information call 352-331-4409 or email office@abidingsavior.info
Child care will be available.
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**MEMBER INFORMATION**

**NEW MEMBERS**

Beverly Hellenthal

**DEATHS**

Richard Little, March 30, 2019

Shirley Gregory, April 2, 2019

Lane Craig, April 21, 2019

Ruth Johnson, April 30, 2019
May Bugle

Annual Lewis Lake Party
Saturday, May 11
From 12 - 5 P.M.

We’ve fired up the grill in hopes you’ll appear!
Chicken and ribs, you’ll find it all here!
Bring your swimsuit, towel, your sunscreen and gear,
a dish to share, and all your good cheer!

Join us for swimming and fellowship! Water activities will include paddle boating, canoeing, and swimming. Please bring lawn chairs and drinks for your family and an appetizer, salad, veggie, or dessert to share! Please do not bring jet skis or pets.

This is an event for the entire church family. Come regardless of age and enjoy fellowship with one another. If you don’t want to get in the lake, there will be shaded seats for you to relax with us. To RSVP, contact Jenny in the church office at communications@1stpc.org or 378-1527.