



The Happenings

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

TO SHARE THE LOVE OF GOD BY SERVING WITHIN OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND BEYOND;
AND TO DEVELOP AND EMPOWER PASSIONATE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

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Dedication Sunday March 21

9am: Sunday School

10am: Combined Worship Service

11:30am: Lunch

Bring your pledges to church for this dedication service for the Building For The Future Campaign. Then stay for lunch and celebrate together.

PRAYER VIGIL

MARCH 17

8:30am—8:30pm

A 30 minute video presentation will assist you in directed prayer. Pray silently as the spirit leads. Choose a time; come and stay as long as you want. The vigil will conclude with a group gathering at 8pm.

Building for the Future with Prayer

As our church *builds for the future* in prayer, we want to *build our prayer life* as faithful disciples of Christ. In the following issues of the Happenings, please look for the prayer box (see below) for tips on prayer and specific prayer requests. We want to become intense believers and doers of prayer. We welcome your questions or thoughts on prayer.

— Your Prayer Emphasis Team

Slow Down to Pray

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

How difficult it is to be still in our busy world. With so many demands on our time and our attention, it is hard to slow down, be quiet, and find time for prayer and meditation. Yet, this is what we need most to keep our lives in focus.

On Wednesday, March 17th we will have a time to slow down, be still, and pray, especially for the future of our church. The sanctuary will be open for a 12-hour prayer vigil from 8:30am to 8:30pm. An elder or member of the prayer team will be there to greet you. A 30-minute video will play continuously with scripture, prayer thoughts, inspirational music, and information about the Capital Campaign. The prayer vigil will conclude in the sanctuary with a group gathering at 8:00pm, following Rebekah's Bible Study.

Please come to church on Wednesday, March 17th, anytime between 8:30am and 8:30pm, stay as long as you like, be still, and pray. There will also be a sign up through the weekly bulletin.

Home Gathering

Were you unable to attend a home gathering? Still want to learn more or ask question? Join us Monday, March 8th, at 7pm in the sanctuary. We encourage you to come, ask, and learn.

Mission Statement for Building For The Future

"Now He is using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day --- a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home."
Ephesians 2:20-22

Rebekah's Remarks

Dear Fine People,

Most of you know that I am a preacher's kid, and the family moved to wherever God sent us. One of the family stories involved a move my parents made to a little town in South Georgia in the mid-50s. The church had a manse (*preacher's house*) for the pastor's family, because preachers generally didn't get paid enough to have their own homes back then. This little church had an old house that had seen far better days. The committee took my mother to see the house. The toilet was found in the outhouse in the backyard. There was no central heat, and what heat there was, was provided by two working fireplaces. The kitchen had a small pantry, some open shelves, a wood stove and a sink... with a hand pump for water. When asked about updating the kitchen, she was told, "*The last preacher had seven children and they did just fine with the kitchen the way it is.*"

She innocently asked, "*How long did they live in this house?*"

They were silent. The truth was that the previous pastor left after only two years of service with them. The one before him had stayed 18 months. Did they leave because of the condition of the manse and its kitchen? I doubt it. That church had always had "*issues*" regardless of who the pastor was. But an interesting thing happened. My parents decided to accept the call to that church, despite the condition of the manse. They'd just do the best they could with whatever they had. When they moved in a few weeks later, they walked into the house and discovered that the church had completely redone the kitchen, including a water heater and running water throughout the house, an actual bathroom, and central heat.

Turns out that my dad's experience with that church lasted three, very long years marked with an open struggle against the KKK, before they moved up to Atlanta. However, my folks only shared all the bad stuff with us children many years later. In fact, my mother always had warm remembrances of that house.

She said that although the culture of racism and personal attacks on our family were very hard, the manse was a place of refuge and healing because of the renovations that happened prior to our coming. Mama always felt that what the church did for the manse (*and therefore for our family*), was a sign of hope for whoever came after.

That story keeps coming to my mind as we move through the **Building For The Future** campaign. It has been a long, prayerful and thoughtful process that has brought us to this point. We could continue to do ministry the way we have always done it for many years to come, as inadequate as our current facilities may be. But, that's not what we are called to do. We are called to be a home for everyone who walks through the doors of our facilities, on a Sunday morning or evening, or during the week. In this place we are called to serve as a sign of hope not only for ourselves, but also for those who come after us, and this will be a place they will want to be.

March 21st is going to be a special *dedication Sunday* where we will bring our pledges for the campaign and offer them in a combined worship experience (**one service at 10:00**). As members of this body of Christ, we are called to give *as we are able to give*, because it is through this church home that we most effectively come to be more committed and active disciples of Jesus. One thing I encourage all of us to do is to pray about what we believe God wants us to pledge in faith. Do **NOT** make the decision without *prayer*, or it really won't be a gift to God and His ministry through First Presbyterian. Simply ask what **God wants you to do** with this opportunity to be part of something bigger. Remember that it isn't supposed to be easy, but we are called to be faithful.

I'll see you in worship on Sunday. It's a fabulous time to be here, and a great time to invite a friend to be part of the joy and celebration of our life together.

Much love, *Rebekah*



Notes From The Preschool

I am continually amazed at the way that "blessings" come into our lives, especially when they don't seem like blessings at the start. Although the preschool remains strong and vibrant, our enrollment has been lower than usual this year. We looked at the possible reasons in order to be reassured that our program is still of the highest quality, our staff is well-equipped, and that our facility remains clean, bright, and welcoming.

We found that the state-funded VPK program is a large draw for families of young children, certainly given the current economy. The Preschool Board has discussed the option of becoming a VPK provider for several years. The Board has repeatedly decided to remain "private" with the following presumptions: "families will pay for a five-star program", "we don't want to lose control of our curriculum to the state", "what if state funding runs out or isn't enough to cover our costs?"

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TOM'S TANGENTS

Dear Friends,

This has been quite a season here at the church. We're still in the middle of a very important campaign; it is the middle of Lent as well. Our staff is undergoing some transitions, which are often God's purpose for our ministry, but are never easy to navigate. We also have much going on in our regular mission and ministry each day, every week, every month. I mentioned to Rebekah that one of our challenges has been that there are many layers to the work that we do, and keeping them straight has proven a difficult task.

When Jesus was aware that his time was coming to an end, what do you think was running through his mind? Do you think he was defiant in his purpose as he made his way to the cross? He probably was less than thrilled with the task that was being set before him. His raw emotion comes out a few times in the gospels as he continues to teach his simple-minded disciples, as he turns over the money-changing tables in the temple, as he steals away to pray and even vent to his Father in heaven. "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." (Matt. 26:39b) This cannot be an easy or desirable journey for Jesus, like waiting on death row for that date to come, and then the hour and then the minutes before the death sentence is carried out.

Lent is a time when we try to walk a bit of this journey with Jesus, to put ourselves in his "shoes" and walk around awhile. This gives us a sense of the breadth and depth of his sacrifice for us, that he walked the footsteps we will never have to walk. It's also a time for self-examination and a chance to give up something we would normally need in our daily journey. Some people give up

things to lose weight, to not waste so much time, to find a more meaningful journey. But it's even more crucial to our journey if we give up things we really need each day—chocolate, bread or (for many) meat? Which is truly more sacrificial? And what do we replace in that void that strengthens us spiritually?

I remember my second journey to Malawi vividly, as I guided a group of 8 college students on a 7 week mission trip throughout the country. I still look back and wonder how we did it. The last two weeks were probably the most meaningful for us all as we worked with an orphan ministry that fed children one solid meal a day, numbering about 300 meals each afternoon. We were still eating three full meals a day on our shoestring budget, which gave us all more than we could eat in a country that could not feed itself. So one day I challenged us all to fast, to get a sample of what hunger was really like. It was not easy, nor was it received with a great deal of enthusiasm. But the lessons in hunger were deeply implanted in our minds and our bodies. Hunger is a very difficult thing to endure, even for a day, and yet for most of the children we were feeding, it was a way of life.

So what kind of sacrifice are we called to make that will help us walk with Jesus, to walk where Jesus walked? I think the answer lies with each of us, our own faith journey and what we're willing to endure to be one with our Savior. I pray this Lent is like no other for you as you pray along the journey and look to Jesus for your true and enduring strength.

Peace, Love, Hope and Joy, Tim

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This year our friends at First United Methodist Preschool "went VPK". (They had also avoided it for several years citing similar concerns.) Through their experience, both of our schools have discovered that VPK is not our "enemy"! They offer the same quality program through VPK that they have offered for 30 years. As an added benefit, the literacy portion of their curriculum has been updated and enhanced. And finally, their school families are thrilled to be receiving the program that they always expected at no cost to them! Needless to say, their enrollment has increased dramatically.

So here is the blessing, albeit disguised at first. Our program already exceeds the standards for us to become a VPK provider. Our school families have been asking if we would consider it. And after much research and prayer, our Board responded "Yes, we can! And we will!" The blessing was revealed in the faces of our families when we told them the good news. (One mom cried saying, "Now I can afford to put *both* of my children in your wonderful school.") And the blessing is affirmed because 100 percent of our VPK-eligible students have signed up for next year.

— Kathy Kranendonk, Director

Building for the Future Comments From the Youth

The whole church family has been involved with the Building For The Future Campaign. One of the outcomes of a campaign is that the church family becomes closer and unites in the common goal. Our youth have been extremely involved in the campaign. The vision team thought it would be interesting to share with the church family the youths' response to the question "what First Presbyterian Church of Brandon means to them". .

... an everlasting family. A bond between the whole congregation that can't be broke up. Also, a time to spend with a God that created you, that now most people don't understand. Church should be a time spent with your "family" and escape the drama of every day to day life. ~ Colleen McInnis

... it is like my 2nd home, somewhere that you can always be who you truly are WITHOUT being judged. It is full of people who are always there for you and who will be there for you even after we leave the youth group. Being involved in this church has definitely shaped me into the person I am and I am so grateful that I have such an amazing church family. ~ Katy Reinke

... it means family, friendship, and love. Also the church means a place to be yourself and worship God. ~ Laura Wilhelm

... it means a place to come and feel accepted. To love and learn about God. Helping each other and care for one another. ~Hunter Bassett

...getting together every Sunday and lifting our voices to God and hearing His word, while learning about His Son Jesus. It also means a safe place and a second home. ~Cate Wilhelm

... love, life, caring. ~ Tim Fonfara

...it is a home for me. It's a home with a bunch of my friends, the youth group. ~ Alex Royle

... it's like an extended family. Church is a place for friends, family and worshipping God. Church is a place to escape from the week. It's a place to hang out with friends in the youth group. At church there are no pressures from school. ~ Ian Reinke

... it's been five years since I first stepped through the doors of this church, and ever since it has been my home away from home. It has been a warm and inviting place to let down my walls and be comfortable in my own skin. ~ Jacob Wilbanks

...it has been a stead fast place in my life. If everything was going wrong I knew I had all of the people that loved me there. It's a place where you can truly feel God and his work being done and that you can be a part of it all. ~ Bonnie Mc Innis

... it is like a second home to me. I can always have fun and hang out with my friends at youth, while learning about God. This church means the world to me. ~ Carly King

.. it means joy, and fun worship. It also means fun fellowship and love. ~ Noah Poirson

... the church is my home. I love how we all come to worship our God. I love church like my family, because it is my family. ~ Lydia Zane

... it means that we come together to be happy. The church means love. The church also means to me happiness and a place to worship God. ~ Caitlyn Donovan

... it allows me to see my friends. I can eat good food. Most importantly, I spend time with my family. ~Alex Barlow

... it is a place where we can feel close to God. We also can make great friends. ~ Marianna Sharp

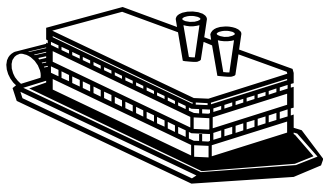
... it's a place where I come and be myself without wonder about fitting in. I be myself and meet new people. It means the world to me. I wouldn't ask for a better family than the one I have been blessed with. ~ Hannah Sutherland

... it is a place where I know I won't be critiqued or criticized for what I have done or did. It's a place of comfort and solace. It's a safe haven where advice is given and received. ~Emily Royle

... it is friends and food. Lots and lots of food. Presbyterians are the best Christian branch. ~Robbie Barlow

... it means more than just family. It is a place where everyone around you supports you and wants to see you succeed. Even coming to a basketball game to show their support and packing the stands. ~ Shelby Dale

... when I first started to go to First Presbyterian Church of Brandon, I did not know anyone and was very shy. As the years go on I have gotten to know the people here and I have become very good friends with them. The church has given me a family that looks after and cares about me as well as I care about them. ~ Emily Wilbanks



Join the Retirees' group for a
**GUIDED GROUP ECOTOUR BOAT RIDE
 ON THE HILLSBOROUGH RIVER
 on Friday, MARCH 12**

Boat leaves the dock at 2:00pm

Please respond by e-mail to Terrie48@TAMPABAY.RR.COM or by telephone to Judy at 643-9586. RSVP by noon March 10.

We will need a telephone number to reach you to let you know if the zoo cancels due to bad weather. They will try to give several hours notice, if that happens. As always, we are looking forward to fun, fellowship and renewing friendships.

Terrie Morrison & Judy Smolk

Cost: \$11.85 per person (boat trip only). If desired, zoo admission would be extra. Free parking at the zoo parking area. Bring cash, check, or credit card and purchase your ticket at the main gate of the zoo.

Car pool to the Lowry Park Zoo: Meet at FPCB at 12:15 pm and ride together OR drive to the zoo, and arrive by 1:15pm. Meet in parking area in front of the ticket booth at the main gate.

At 1:45 the tram will transport us across the street to the dock on the river. Trip lasts about 1 hour. Pontoon boat which holds up to 40 people has been reserved for us. *Sorry, the boat is not wheelchair accessible.*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Isaiah Fonfara, Dennis Rodgers, Ernestine Volpel
- 2 Sheila Keel, Kathie Riek
- 3 Cole LeFevre, Brenda Reinke, Morgan Warner
- 4 Tyler Fonfara, Sarah Gillespie, Luke Liberato, Sherry Skovgaard
- 5 Joseph Boettger, Angela Nolte, Katie Perryman
- 6 Jack Botts, Frank Crawford
- 7 Lori Lynen, Eleanor Peacock
- 9 Bill Endriss, Mark Schied, Susan Wilbanks
- 10 Marie Rodgers
- 11 Julia DiChiara
- 12 Michelle Forsyth, Everett Nolte, Mike Poirson, Jason Thoms
- 14 Kim Kocak, Laurel Parrish, Jackie Williams
- 15 Al Frost, Bonnie McInnis, Patti Presnell
- 16 Marianna Sharp
- 17 Joel Epps, Brad Harper, Hannah Sutherland
- 19 Minyon Freiermuth, Sally Yockey
- 20 Carol Coldwell, Shelley Grable, Lindsay Randall
- 21 Carly King, Charlotte Lamont, Lauryn Sutherland
- 22 Sophie Wright
- 23 Ken Cartee, Randy Steele
- 24 Ian Thoms, Don Zegel
- 25 John Beck, Melissa Roy
- 26 Lindy Barr, Jackie Edge, Haley Jones, Derek Maul, Noah Poirson, Ben Yocom,
- 27 Carolyn Garrison, Nancy Willard
- 28 John Ayers
- 29 Soleil Gates, Haley Nixon, Bill Penrose, Bernadette Steller
- 30 Robin Anderson, Adrian Vance
- 31 Allison Barkley

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Astrid Beck
- 3 Steve & JoEllen Preston
- 4 Randy & Rebecca Steele
- 8 TJ & Karen Childs
- 14 Craig & Debbie Nixon
- 18 San & Debbie Bradshaw
Chris & Elizabeth Wilhelm
Bo & Teresa Davis
Bruce & Jennifer McVey
- 23 Lee & Barbara McInnis
- 26 Ken & Beverly Cartee



EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, symbols of renewal, new life, and the hope which is ours through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord. To place your order, call the church office, fill in the tear off in the weekly bulletin, or sign up on the website. The cost is \$7.00 each. **Deadline** to order is March 28th.

Flowers can be given in honor, in memory or in celebration of family, friends or an event.



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 Web Site: www.fpcbrandon.org

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 9pm: Men's Softball	2	3	4 7pm: Ministry Teams	5 SHARE Money Due	6 6pm: CUPIDS Concert
7 Communion 4pm: Confirmation Class	8 8pm: Men's Softball	9 11:30am: Women's Support Group	10	11 6pm: Pre-school Board 7pm: Stephen Ministry 7pm: Family Promise	12 2pm: Retiree's Outing to Lowry Park SHARE \$ Due	13 Confirmation Class Retreat at Cedarkirk
14 Blood Pressures Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 8pm: Men's Softball	16	17 8:30am-8:30pm: Prayer Vigil	18 6:30pm: Coor Council 7pm: Session	19	20
21 Dedication Sunday 3 Cents A Meal 9am: Sunday School 10am: Combined Worship Service and lunch	22 8pm: Men's Softball	23	24	25 7pm: Stephen Ministry	26	27 8am-noon: Church Work Day 9am: SHARE Pick
28 SHARE Sign Up Name Tag Sunday 8:30 & 11: Service of Lent Music 4pm: Confirmation Class	29	30	31			

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

7:30am: Praise Ensemble
 8:30am: Praise Service
 9:45am: Sunday School
 11am: Worship Service
 2pm: Korean Worship Service
 4pm: Confirmation Class
 5pm: Chime Choir
 5pm: Sign Choir
 5:30pm: Youth, POTS, & POGS

Mondays: 6pm: I Am Hope Café and every 4th Friday
 9:30 am & 7pm: Beth Moore Series

Tuesdays:

7am: Sunrisers

Wednesdays:

9am: Meals on Wheels
 6:30pm: Handbell Practice
 6:45pm: Men's Room Study Group
 6:45pm: Women's Group
 7pm: Building for the Future Bible Study
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Thursdays:

10am: Crafters

Friday:

10am: In His Name 2nd & 4th week

Other Groups Using Facilities:

AA

Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 8:15pm

Tues: 8pm

Fri: 7pm (women only)

BAN Support Group 3rd Tues: 6pm

NA Mon & Fri: 6pm

Tues & Thurs: 8pm

Nar Anon Thurs: 8pm

Alanon Mon: 8:15pm

Parkinson Support 4th Tues: 1pm

TOPS Tues: 6pm

CODA Sat: 10:30am

Women's Investment Group

3rd Mon of every month: 7pm

Widow(ers) Support 1st Fri: 1:00pm

Ohmbudsmen 3rd Fri: 9am

Stitchers Fridays: 7pm

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Friends of the Congregation

Tom & Chris LeFevre (Tom LeFevre's parents)	Marie Platts (Stowers' friend)
Michael Beddow (Gregos' grandson)	Bob & Deb Hanson (Christine Orlosky's friend)
Dick & Jane Wood (Jane Owens' friends)	Michael Chenoweth (Don Zegel's brother-in-law)
Jeff & Donna Dixon (Mary Ellen Dixon)	Judy Brown (Ogden's friend)
Jeff Crompton (Winnie Wilk's son)	Gene Waters (Fran Gregos' father)
Gladys Spakes (Janice Poindexter's sister)	Smith Family (McClellan's friends)
Charlene Canady (Suzanne Odomisi's friend)	Jill Jordan Ernst (Gil & Marianne Evans' niece)
Anitra Ruth (Suzanne Odomisi's friend)	Virginia Whitlatch (Friend of the congregation)
Spring Smiley (Merle Wooten's daughter)	Robin (Heather McClellan's sister)
Rosa Boeres (Merle Wooten's sister-in-law)	Bob Hutton (Laura Hogg's father)
Billy Vinson (Darrell Vinson's father)	Dennis Streng (Bj Herig's nephew)
Bonnie Moore (Randy Poindexter's sister)	Aime Dryer (Alicia Braddock's relative)
Wesley Henry (Crenshaw's grandson)	Betty Cromwick (Dan & Ruth Craft's friend)
Sharalyn Hogan (Laura Hogg's sister)	Karyn Miles (Mike & Linda Miles' daughter)
Bill Robinson (Carol Coopriider's brother-in-law)	Kelly Izzard (Sondra Cone's niece)
Amanda Hawkes (Garrison's granddaughter)	Mary Anne Hill (Amanda Trauger's cousin)
Brenda Chapman (Friend of the Congregation)	John & Peggy Nugent's grandsons in Iraq
Shane Long (Shelley Grable's cousin)	Tyler Kemp (Coldwell's grandson)
Sherry Daugherty (Lisa Paterson's mother)	Jesse Heath (Dave & Sondra Cone's grandson)
Dianne, Doug & Sara Seelbach (Sofarelli's relatives)	Keven Hamlet (Jackie William's friend)
Lucy Sahr (Sondra Cone's sister)	Marci Smith (Earl & Judy Smith's daughter-in-law)
Peter & Colleen Giamanco (DelVecchio's family)	Jason Conley (Sherry Skovgaard's nephew)
Tim Slinkosky (Jean Emery's friend)	Keith Browning (Marcia Wiles' friend)
Edna Davies (Henrietta Zahrobsky's sister)	Marguerite Barnes (Marge Hubbard's friend)
Janice Bishop (David Bishop's stepmother)	Cali Moody (Priscilla Babas' friend)
Gregory Johnston (Darwin & Pat Johnston's son)	Corey Robinson (Jackie Williams' grandson)
Kathy Welch (Sherry Skovgaard's cousin)	Sarah Hart (Amanda Trauger's grandmother)
Carol Jaegar (Suzanne Odomisi's daughter)	June McClelland (Marcia Wiles' friend)
Jesse Scott (Jane Scott's grandson)	Sharon Walker (Jean Hayhurst's friend)
Paul Doucette (Trojak's friend)	Taylor Stokes (Trojak's friend)
Cathy LaRussa (Elena LaRussa's sister)	

Please remove this page and incorporate it with your daily prayers. If you have a special request for family and friends to be added to this prayer list, contact the church office. We also look forward to hearing from you regarding your joys from answered prayer. The Covenant of Prayer list for church members can be found in the weekly bulletin.



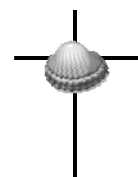
Dinner and a Concert

Couples are invited to join us Sat, Mar 6th at 6:30pm for dinner in Mauldin Hall and a Live Concert by Mark Prater and David Royle! The event is sponsored by CUPIDS (Couples United Prayerfully in Devoted Service) and is open to all church couples. The cost is only \$5 per person. Please sign up by Feb 28th through the church office, our church website, or contact Karin and David Dale at 653-0495 (ddale4@verizon.net).

Looking Ahead

- CUPIDS Dinner and Concert: Mar 6, at 6:30pm
- Retiree's Outing at Lowry Park: Mar 12, 2pm
- Combined Worship Service: Mar 21 at 10am, lunch at 11:30am
- Services of Lent Music: Mar 28 8:30 and 11:00am
- Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service: April 1 at 6:30pm
- Good Friday Service: April 2 at 7pm
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 3 at 10am
- Sunrise Service: April 4 at 6:30am
- Easter Breakfast: April 4 at 7:15am

Baptism



Elizabeth Jane Naylor

Born: April 22, 2009
 Baptized: February 14, 2010
 Parents: Adam & Holly

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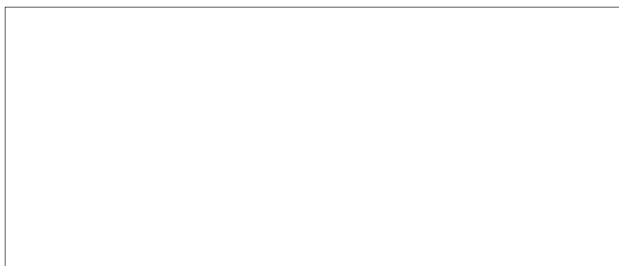
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WORSHIP:

9:45am - Sunday School for all ages
8:30 & 11:00am - Worship Services

Church Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm



THANK YOU

❖... for all your many prayers, loving thoughts, beautiful and comforting cards, delicious meals, visits, flowers, books and magazines and caring for me around the clock during my recent illness. Friendship like all of yours is appreciated more than these words can say. May God's richest blessings be yours each day.
— Allison Elrod

❖... for all your prayers during and after our granddaughter Amanda's brain surgery. We know all the prayers helped. Amanda is doing well, but has a long way to go. — Rey & Carolyn Garrison

❖... to everyone who participated and supported the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected \$288.05 for the Brandon Outreach Clinic and the I Am Hope Café and 121 cans of food for ECHO.
— Youth Group

❖... for your donation through the 3 Cents A Meal Offering. We are extremely blessed to have supporters that care for those in such need. In mid-January we served 610 hot meals and then 715 on Friday to farmworkers in Immokalee who have not had work due to the crops being hindered by the weather. If you would like to hear more about what is happening at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry and receive an online newsletter, email your interest to dave@beth-el.info and put in the subject line "Beth-El News".

❖... to those who helped with the last edition of *The Happenings*: Suzanne Onodmisi, Billie Piché, and Jane Scott.

Elders

*Margaret Barlow
Mary Lou Cannone
David Childs
David Dale
Nancy Donovan
Gil Evans
Michele Gates
Stormy Dngold
Christine Karow
Elena LaRussa
Lloyd Lasher
Lori Lynen - Clerk
Mike McClelland
Lee McInnis
Peggy Nugent
Bill Ogden
Katy Reinke
David Rogers
Jim Yockey
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Mark A. Prater

Director of Youth Ministries

Lynn Pabst

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Bookkeeper

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