



CHANGE REQUIRES CHANGE THE REVIVAL

**ACTUALLY
GETTING
READY
TO
MOVE
WHEN
GOD
DOES**

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CHANGE REQUIRES CHANGE... how is that working for us all?

I hope the **REVIVAL** of this series has been helpful in reminding us what it is we are trying to do here – honor Jesus Christ above all else!

Now, the Rustin family is about to go through one of the biggest changes of our lives. We know that EVERYTHING will be different. Some of it will be easy...some of it will be difficult...but all of it will be awesome, as the effort is in support of new life!

In the same way, let us be encouraged by the transformation that is happening here within us and among us, and remember that God is in control! "Your will be done" needs to be our collective and continued prayer as we realize a new building and the ministry and mission that will follow!

While I mention new life, I do want to tell you all what the preliminary plan is going to be when the baby comes, because I've been asked about it quite a bit. Obviously, we don't know when the baby is going to come. Anytime is fair game at this point, although our due date is March 24 and we're thinking that sometime in mid-March is our best guess.

Once the baby comes, Larry and Lewis are already ready to preach for a couple weeks while I pour into my family and get our bearings for having a newborn in the house. During this initial couple of weeks,

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my family will be my complete and total focus. Once we get our bearings, I'll start to pop in at the office here and there while I also work from home. I'll be back in the pulpit and around on Sundays for worship. I'll take this time to reintegrate into the flow of balancing full-time work life and full-time family life, and sooner than later it will be back to business as usual (except for the sleepless nights!).

As a final note, THANK YOU for the love, prayers, and support you've given us during this exciting time in our lives. We are blessed by all the gifts, notes, words of wisdom, and prayers for our family! We cannot wait to meet our little girl – and we can't wait for her to meet our church family as well!

In Christ,

Dino

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 26 @ 6 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we usher in the Lenten season with a light dinner followed by worship and the imposition of ashes

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dino Rustin

Care & Visitation: Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter

Organist/Director of Music Ministry: Ted Hayes

Michelle Noval, Church Op. Director
Doreen Hawkins, Financial Admin.
Fernando Olaya, Maintenance Tech.
Paul Fullylove, Web/IT/Sound Tech.
Teagan Duncan, Nursery

Larry Underwood, Family Min. Dir
Amy Connours, Office Assistant
Christine Melchior, Custodian
Diane Varnadore, Pianist
Mariah Sopko, 9 am Worship Leader

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February Birthdays

- 3 Gwynneth Rustin
- 5 Ralph Garrison
- 10 Jim Dunlap, Emily Buskirk
- 11 Harry Ferguson, Diane Varnadore, Larry Underwood, Anya Shannon
- 13 Belinda Ferguson, Lee Holsberry, Grace Eason
- 15 Jeff King
- 17 Wayne Scroggins
- 19 Debbie Harp
- 20 Carol Rydant
- 24 Diane Adams, Beth Meadors
- 27 Allen Day
- 28 Cathy Phelps, John Chaney
- 29 Kim Johnson, Vanessa Bobkoskie

Birthdays Blessings



FPC Building Commission Update



As you can see from the photo below, the new parking lot is well underway. A lot of the dirt had to be removed and new material brought in to meet the soil density testing. You can be assured this parking lot is going to serve the needs of our Church for many years into the future.

The parking lot is not the only area where progress is being made. A new elevator pit has been dug and new concrete walls have been installed to house the new equipment. This is all in addition to a lot of demolition work that has been going on since December. In the next weeks and months, you will begin to see many changes occurring both inside and outside of our Church.

As always, we ask that you keep our Church and this Commission in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward with this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Building Commission.

Wayne Scroggins, Chairman

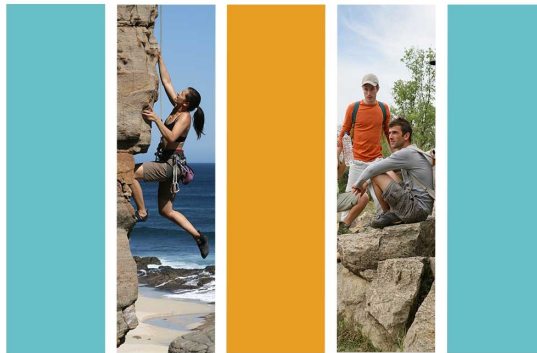
Members: Kaye Butler, Steve Porter, Kathy Schermer and Bill Schmoll





THE **DANIEL** PLAN

Sunday School Class



FAITH FOOD FITNESS

FOCUS FAMILY FRIENDS

Teacher: Patty Li

Author: By Rick Warren

January 5 – February 23
Small Dining Room
10 am

Rick Warren of Saddleback Church, the author of “The Purpose Driven Life” has written another study series called “The Daniel Plan” which features six sessions: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, Family and Friends. Remember the story of Daniel and his young friends being held captive in Babylon? The king wanted to produce the strongest, healthiest, smartest young men in his kingdom. Daniel was chosen along with his friends. Part of the plan was to feed them the best foods, yet Daniel and his friends refused to eat the foods that had been offered to idols and which were too rich for good health. They remained on their God-honoring diet and became healthier than the other young men! The Daniel Plan includes exercise, meal plans, and faith focused lessons to help us be the best we can be for the Lord!

Please note: There will be no classes held on Koinonia Sunday – February 16.

We are in need of volunteers to help out in the church office during the work week from 9 am – 1 pm to answer phones, “ring” visitors in using our new *Ring*® feature, as well as proof-reading and light clerical work.

If you are able to help out, please contact Amy Connours in the church office at 941-746-6141 or info@firstpresbradenton.com. We would greatly appreciate any time you are able to donate!

Thank you!



FLOWER CHART



If you would like to purchase flowers to beautify the church sanctuary this year, please sign up on the 2020 flower chart in the narthex on your way in or out of church. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize someone that you love. Remember, you may take the flowers home with you after the service, if you wish.

Please contact Nancy Varner, Flower Coordinator, at 941-704-2053 for additional information.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Peace River Presbyterian Women
30th Annual Gathering**

Saturday, February 22, 2020
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

Love one
♥ ANOTHER ♥
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

You're Invited!

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald,
Assoc. Pastor for Family Ministry, FPC, Sarasota

9 am – 10 am Check-in, Fellowship & Continental Breakfast
10:00 – Noon Gathering ~ Noon – 1:30 pm Lunch & Fellowship

Cost: \$12 ~ Registration Deadline: February 3, 2020

Contact Caroline MacDonald for registration forms and additional information.
Email: macdonaldcg@gmail.com or Phone: 517-881-7374



**A fresh look at the Ten Commandments
Lesson Six: The Seventh Word**

JOY CIRCLE ~ 1st Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm
(FPC's Small Dining Room ~ Teacher: Patty Li)

The Seventh Word (Commandment) "You shall not commit adultery" expresses God's desire for faithful relationships, and if this relationship is broken, people and communities are affected. In the Hebrew culture, adultery was a property crime as misuse of a man's property (his wife) by another man. It was a crime against honor, stability of the family, and economics. Rules were different for men and women. Adultery did not apply if the man was married and the woman was single. For a man to have multiple wives was a status symbol. Yet, in Jesus' time, we remember the story of the religious leaders who brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus. They reminded Jesus that the punishment for adultery was stoning. Jesus then asked them, he who is without sin may condemn her. The men walked away and Jesus tells the woman to go and sin no more.

Even in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:27-30), Jesus says damage is done even if it is in imagining, or entertaining a sinful thought. We can violate this commandment with dishonesty, abuse, disinterest, and according to the author, these actions cheapen our relationships. The problem comes when we try to get what we want at the expense of others.

Renew your commitment to God and the special people in your life now!

Patty Li

it's a Girl

PHOTOS FROM A BABY SHOWER HONORING

Jennifer Rustin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020



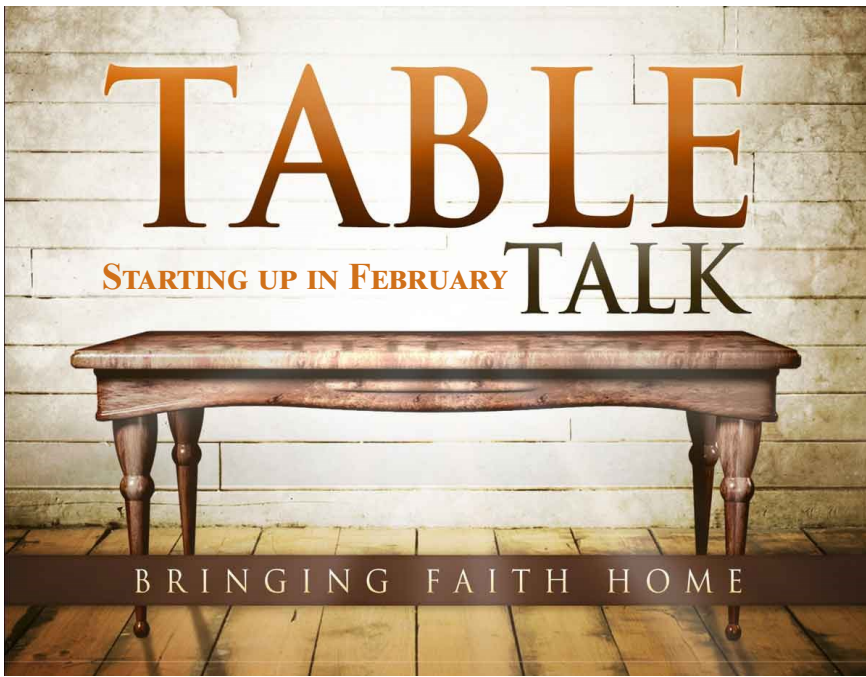
Congratulations

To the proud parents, Nevin & Meghan Seus,
and grandparents, Nevin & Karen Seus
on the birth of

Kinsley Josephine Seus

Born on January 7, 2020
8 lbs 3 oz and 23"





We will be starting new groups of Table Talk in February to continue through May. This ministry is a great way to gather as a family of faith and to fellowship through dining. You need not be a member to participate. Groups of eight are the norm, mixing couples with singles. Groups meet once a month at the group's convenience, passing the hosting around the group.

You may sign up for a group that meets for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner. There are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall and in the narthex designating your preference. If you prefer to meet for lunch, this usually indicates restaurants. Dinner usually indicates a home meeting, but the group can change as

they wish. Dining at home usually involves the host preparing the main dish and fellow group members bringing a dish to share. In the case of singles, they can partner to host.

In our current Table Talk grouping, some are new to the program, some are repeaters and some took a break. Whatever your situation, I hope you'll sign up for the new groups in February. If you took a break, we've got great new people you'll want to know; if you're new, we've got wonderful long timers you'll want to know. Whatever the case, Table Talk is a great opportunity for Christian fellowship.

Please note: sign up sheets may be found in the Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Please be sure to provide all your contact information.

Love in Christ,
Emily Buskirk

For additional information on TABLE TALK, please contact Emily Buskirk at:

Email: ebbuskirk@gmail.com

Phone: 941-792-1495

Thank you!
FPC family



Thanks to all of my friends at First Pres. We finally tried riding the lovely bicycle that some of you gave me. Judge thoroughly enjoyed it.

I look forward to seeing you when I come down to visit. May God bless you all.

In His love,
Pat Zalo



Beth-el

Farmworker Ministry, Inc.

Much has happened during the last several months at Beth-el Farmworker Mission in Wimauma, Florida—one of the long time missions FPC supports. The Rev. Kathy Dain, Executive Director, has left her position to return to ministry after five years of service. On January 1st, Teresita Maria-Post began tenure as Executive Director at Beth-el. She has 11 years of non-profit sector experience with a passion for justice and mercy ministry. She has 5 years experience as lead pastor in cross-cultural duties with the United Methodist of Greater New Jersey. She worked on eradicating hunger and poverty.

Every Sunday, Beth-el, a Presbyterian mission, welcomes 50-60 persons. A total of 35 families of 100 children and adults make up the community of immigrants from Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Puerto Rico. All live below the poverty line. Much of the ministry to the farm workers centers around pastoral care and Christian discipleship. The families gather for worship Sundays and Wednesday s. Churches in the Tampa Bay area, including Bradenton, take turns providing a noon meal once a week to farmworkers directly at a designated farm. A Thanksgiving meal served 375 young men in November.

The Mission provides a food pantry, a store, Sunday School classes for children and youth, worship services, Christian summer camp experiences with camp scholarships, mentoring programs, a dental clinic, a pet clinic in the winter months, VBS, education scholarships, and clothing and hygiene essentials for farmworker families. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas by collecting hygiene items, clothing, volunteering by teaching, or mentoring, please contact Pete Jensen or Patty Li through the church office.

Patty Li

During the month of December we provided 155 food bags for needy families feeding 408 people. Also we provided 337 snack bags to the homeless people coming to our door.

Since February is Super Bowl month, we ask while you are doing your grocery shopping you include soup for our pantry to give to needy families, making this a *Soup for a Bowl Month*. Your donations of soup will be greatly appreciated by the families receiving the food bags.

Linda Dobarganes



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Budgeted Offering Through January	\$53,997
YTD Offering Received Through January	\$58,872

JANUARY'S ATTENDANCE
9 am 61 11 am 127

The Session met on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Loft. Below are the highlights from the meeting:

- ◆ The Session will be meeting on Saturday, February 8, for a full-day retreat to plan for the future.
- ◆ Larry Underwood noted that participation in our 10:00 am Sunday school is growing quickly.
- ◆ We currently have seven Table Talk groups! This is a tremendous increase over the last year.
- ◆ A New Members class is planned for the spring. More details to follow.
- ◆ We have five baptisms planned over the next six weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Smith

Clerk of Session

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Stephen Ministers

ELDERS:

Class of 2020—Emily Buskirk, Pete Jensen, Caroline MacDonald, Janet Schmoll

Class of 2021—Kaye Butler, Melissa Eason, Mary Herold, Bob Schermer

Class of 2022—Brittany Dickerson, Rob Moran, Dwayne Smith (Clerk of Session), Steve Porter

DEACONS:

Class of 2020—Sandy Gravlee, Coleman Gravlee, Mary Hoagland, Maggie Rienets

Class of 2021—Linda Dobarganes, Barbara Perry, Jerry Perry, Nancy Varner (Deacon Moderator)

Class of 2022—Roy Bass, Ray Lopez, Cathy Phelps, Sandy Scroggins

TRUSTEES:

2020 Kathy Schermer (Chair) and Allen Butler, 2021 Bill Schmoll, 2022 Frank Buskirk, 2023 Greg Bustle

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

Roy Bass, Yvonne Bedell, Patty Li*, Barbara Perry*, Karen Seus, Nevin Seus, Ann Wolpers*

* Leaders

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kevin Binder, Kathy Binder, Jean Phillips, Jeannie Oliver, Steve Abbey, Ann Porter, Steve, Carrie Leitzman, David Winfried Wolpers, Carol Frankland, Frances MacDonald, Cameron Bogue, Don Harris, Janice Lange, Judy Plano, Sally DenUyl, Catherine Wilcockson, Rose Carlson, Vic Kane, Irene Henderson, Debbie Parvin, Bob Marsh, Jay Daspit, Donna Jones, Betty Gilmore, Melody Porter, Vada Johnson, Keith Allen, Dave Stacho, Ellen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Betty Harkins, Frances Moody, Elma Westney, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery, Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

PRAYER CHAIN / PRAYER REQUESTS


If you would like to join our Prayer Chain and receive prayer requests via email, please contact the church office. Also, we would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or e-mail the church office at: office@firstpresbradenton.com

CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS // ASSISTED LIVING

<i>Health Care Facilities</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Name(s)</i>
Bay Vue Nursing & Rehab.	105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208	941-747-8681	Betty Harkins (Room 132)
Inn at Freedom Village	6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209	941-798-8250	Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A)
Summerfield Assisted Living	3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-751-7209	Vada Johnson (Room 126)
Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeanne Oliver (RAL Room 408)
Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL)	1610 3rd Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-748-1700	Rae Flanders (RAL Room 124) E. Jean Phillips (RAL Room 134) John Weichel (RAL Room 125)
Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic Kane (#146) Al Murden (#175) Joanne Oostenbrug (#141) Debbie Parvin (#133)
Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5941	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Marty Murden (HC 215) Elma Westney (HC 327A)



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

KEY:						1
SG = Small Group						
2 Communion Sunday 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	3 Newsletter Submission 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	4 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew	5 7:00 Choir	6 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 1:00 Worship Team 2:30 Building Com. 7:00 Joy Circle	7 7:00 Spanish Ministry	8 9:00 Session Retreat
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16 KOINONIA 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 KOINONIA Lunch 3:00 Spanish Ministry	17 President's Day 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir Church Office Closed	18 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting	19 7:00 Choir	20 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 1:00 Worship Team 2:30 Building Com.	21 7:00 Spanish Ministry	22 4:00 Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
23 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service & 3:00 Spanish Ministry	24 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	25 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Session	26 Ash Wednesday 6:00 Dinner & Worship Service 7:00 Choir	27 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 12:00 PW CT Mtg. 1:00 Worship Team 2:30 Building Com..	28 7:00 Spanish Ministry	29



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Happy Valentine's Day



*He loved
us first.*

For God loved

*the world so much
that He gave*

His only Son

*so that everyone
who believes in*

Him

may not die but

*have eternal
life.*

John 3:16 GNT