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FINANCIAL FOCUS

By Gayle Coughanour

I answered God's call and committed my life to Jesus at the age of 27. I understood the importance of reading and studying the Bible daily because it is God's words to us on how to become righteous and wise and it is how He speaks to us. Many of the 40 years in my walk with Him, I would read through the Bible in one year. I would get to the book of Job and groan, knowing it is one of the longest books of the Bible but also seems rather monotonous after the first action-packed chapter.

In the first few verses of chapter one we learn that Job was "blameless – a man of completed integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil." God blessed Job for his faithfulness, and he became the richest person of all the people of the East. "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them" (Job 1:7). The sons of God were angels. Satan is a fallen angel, but he has access to God. Satan accused Job of being righteous only because God abundantly blesses him, so God gave permission to do whatever he wanted to Job, other than take Job's life, to prove Satan was wrong. Within days, Job experienced the destruction of his household, the death of his ten children, the elimination of his wealth and the loss of his health. (As a side note, whenever I have a bad day, I think of Job and realize nothing I am going through is as bad as he experienced!)

Then for the next 24 chapters we read the dialogue between Job and three of his friends (Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar) where they accuse Job and he answers them, followed by 6 chapters of monologues by Job and 6 more by Elihu. Elihu was a young man who witnessed all the conversations between the 4 men and was angry at Job because "he justified himself rather than God" and was angry at the 3 friends because "they had found no answer, though they declared Job to be in the wrong." (Job 32:2-3). Finally, in chapters 38-42 God speaks, revealing His omnipotence to Job; Job responded to Him; and Job is restored, giving him twice as much as he had lost, including another 10 children because of God's faithfulness.

One of the marvels of reading the Bible over and over again is that God reveals new things to us. I recently re-read the book of Job, this time wanting to glean from it what it tells us about wealth and money. Two of the major principles I learned was 1) how little we really have control over our own wealth, as well as 2) what we should do when we are blessed with wealth.

As mentioned previously, Job was the wealthiest man in the East, but as a result of a divine-satanic conflict, Job lost it all in a single day, and yet God restored his wealth at a greater level when the trial was over. Deuteronomy 8:18 states, "You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the power to get wealth." "Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all." (1 Chron 29:12). God controls how much money we have and sometimes He allows it to be taken away so we can learn valuable lessons to become more like Him. Daniel 4:28-34 tells of King Nebuchadnezzar, a prideful man. One day he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon and said aloud how he had built the great Babylon by his mighty power and for the honor of himself. As soon as he spoke those words, a voice fell from heaven saying the kingdom has departed from him and he spent the next 7 years dwelling with the beasts of the field. After that time, Nebuchadnezzar realized everything comes from God, so he blessed, praised and honored God and the Lord restored him to his kingdom.

Unlike Nebuchadnezzar, Job loved the Lord. Sometimes there can be godly purposes in suffering unrelated to sin or punishment. In Job's case, he ended up with a deeper and more accurate understanding of God and His ways. By turning to God in his great sorrow rather than pulling away from Him, Job found a pathway to draw nearer yet to God and His tender mercies. When we lose our job or a fire takes our possessions, or the stock market crashes and our wealth diminishes, we can learn from Job by giving ourselves fully to God and walk by faith that He will provide.

Unaware of the wager between God and Satan, Job is forced to argue his innocence to his friends, who claim Job must have caused some major sin to

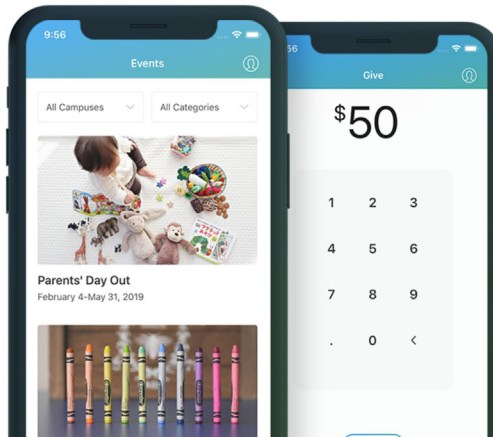
deserve his punishment. In Old Testament times, it was believed that keeping God's statutes resulted in blessing and not keeping the, resulted in cursing. In Job's defense, he describes in chapter 29 how he delivered the poor and the fatherless (vs 12); caused the widow's heart to sing for joy (vs 13); he was eyes to the blind, feet to the lame and father to the poor, and proactively searched out those in need (vs 15-16). In chapter 31 Job articulates the right attitude people should have towards wealth. Job used his wealth generously to those in need (the poor, fatherless, widows). He treated his servants well, meaning he did not gain wealth through the exploitation of his employees. Most importantly, he had not placed his ultimate security in it, but in God alone. Job was following the greatest commands of God – to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. I pray that we can learn from Job regarding wealth and money without having to go through the trials.

Fiscal Year End Results

The Church finished its fiscal year on July 31st. With gratitude to our generous donors, we are pleased to report that our revenue exceeded our expenses, thereby sustaining our healthy financial picture. We have much to be thankful for – we have this beautiful campus that is totally paid for, amazing mission partners that we are privileged to support, both locally and globally, and a wonderful fellowship of believers that give their time, talents, and treasures to this Church and each other. As Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, our Church leadership echoes: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."



- Service Times
- Easy Giving
- Event Signups
- Community Connection
- Family Pre-Check



Our New Giving Platform

In the month of September, we completely switched to a new giving platform which can be accessed on our new church app, called Church Center, and our website. The giving history under the old giving platform could not transfer over to the new giving platform, so if you are accustomed to seeing how much you have given this year, you will only see your giving under the new platform. We have sent via email Contribution Statements from January 1, 2023, until we made the switch to the new platform towards the end of September. If we do not have an email address on file for you, the Contribution Statement was mailed to you. Please retain this for your year end tax purposes as we no longer have access to that platform.

For those of you who give through your I.R.A. or a charitable gift fund, you will not see these gifts shown on your contribution record under the new giving platform, as it will only process tax deductible gifts. When we receive these gifts, you will receive an email acknowledgment from us, or if you don't have an email address, it will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please email Gayle at gcoughanour@firstpresnpb.org or call the Church to speak to her.

LOCAL MISSIONS

The Refuge Ranch

The Refuge Ranch, located on a 120-acre property in Okeechobee, Florida, opened in January 2007, offering women a safe residential environment to address drug and alcohol addiction from a Christ-centered perspective. Women arrive at the Ranch broken, hopeless and devastated by the negative impact of their addiction. These women need food, clothing, shelter, emotional and physical care, as well as love and empathy. While applying a faith-based perspective to the recovery process, women experience personal transformation and gain the tools necessary to support long term recovery. A woman who completes the Regeneration and Transition Program has developed the skills necessary to maintain self-sufficiency for herself and her children.

First Pres began supporting this ministry in 2011. The Local Missions team decided at their last meeting to hold a non-perishable food drive during the month of October to benefit The Refuge Ranch. Bins will be in Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary all October. We appreciate your participation. Here are the items they have specifically requested:

- Canned Goods – green beans, whole kernel corn, carrots, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup. Diced tomatoes, mushrooms, black olives, chick peas, salad dressings, spaghetti sauce
- Chapstick with sunscreen
- Sunscreen lotion – high SPF
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- 18 x 8.50-8 GTX OEM Golf Cart wheels (white) and Golf Cart tires Combo – set of 4

Other Local Missions News

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies is an organization that focuses on improving birth outcomes through the compassionate and equitable delivery of early prenatal care, education and support for all pregnant women across our communities. In Palm Beach County, births with adequate prenatal care dropped to 68% in 2020, the lowest rate since 2006. Their mission is to ensure that the more than 14,000 women delivering babies each year have access to early and consistent care. They are focused on nurturing healthy births and families by meeting the physical, emotional, economic and social challenges of pregnancy and infant wellness. First Pres has been supporting this mission since 2019.

First Priority of South Florida forms clubs in middle schools and high schools to help students find Jesus Christ. In August, a First Priority club at Jupiter High School relaunched after being inactive for four years. Our financial support assists in providing Bibles, Gospel gear that helps students evangelize, prayer cards and many other resources to get new clubs launched. Our Student Ministries Director, Kimberly Sanders, is involved in a First Priority Club at Gardens High School.

Youth for Christ has requested our prayers as they share the Gospel with students because they (and we) believe every kid deserves to hear about Jesus' love for them.

GLOBAL MISSIONS



Travel with First Pres

Pack your suitcase and join a group from First Pres as we travel to visit several of our Global Mission Partners! Watch for details of these upcoming trips.

- A group from FPC will be traveling to Merida, Mexico, the first week of February 2024 to spend some time with Antonio Reyes and the church he leads. This is a great opportunity to learn what God is doing in the Yucatan Peninsula and meet our Presbyterian brothers and sisters who live and serve there. Mayan Ruins also await your visit!
- Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean and is filled with unique culture, colors, and charm. We will be visiting our partners in San Jose de los Ramos, Varadero, and Havana. Come and see what God is doing in the lives of our neighbors who are 90 miles away! This visit will take place in January 2024.
- A unique opportunity awaits as a small group from FPC will travel to a country in North Africa to visit our friends Jordan and Michelle Barry. This will be an amazing trip as we visit them for the first time. This trip will take place later in 2024 and we will let you know as soon as the dates are set.

Global Mission Updates

- First Pres collected 46 bikes that have been sent to Cuba. With the fuel shortage that is taking place, these bikes will enable church leaders to travel in the cities where they work. Thank you to all who contributed to this project!
- Rev. Ron Hilliard will be traveling to Istanbul in November to teach at a workshop for Persian-speaking leaders who are gathering for encouragement and training.
- A group of seven from First Pres are traveling to Havana in November to lead several workshops for the new church in Guanabacoa, a neighborhood community in Havana. We have recently helped with the launch of a new church in this neighborhood and Pastor Ulises invited us to help equip the leaders of this church to serve their community.
- Twenty leaders of our partner church in Athens, Greece, will be gathering for a leadership retreat the last weekend in October. Alex Pipilios, the pastor of the Exarcheia church plant, is excited for this time for their leaders to come together for encouragement and planning for the next season of their ministry. First Pres is helping with the costs of this gathering.
- Julio Chaing, a church planter in Peru, has recently launched a second church in Lima. He is also training leaders throughout South America to start new worshipping communities. It is exciting to see how God is at work throughout South America.

Your contributions and gifts to the Global Mission Fund of First Pres helps make possible the work that is taking place through leaders all around the world!

Summer Musical Travels for First Pres Musicians



The Bells of Spain

Soprano and handbell ringer, **Katherine Lamb Chico**, joined the Suncoast Bronze Ringers, an auditioned



handbell ensemble from Tampa, directed by Katherine's father, Michael Lamb, for a concert tour of Northern Spain in July. The ensemble performed concerts in Barcelona, Covarrubias, Salamanca, and Illescas over 10 days. The concerts were a mixture of large cathedral concerts in big cities and local church concerts in small villages where much of the entire village would come to the concert. According to Katherine, "those (village concerts) stick with me the most as they seem so happy and grateful that we would come and play something we're so passionate about and share God's gift in music. There might be language barriers in those small villages where few speak English, but music is a universal language."

Katherine is the Marketing Director of a local community theater and has been attending First Pres since 2015 with her husband Winston, and son Oliver.

Argentinian Pianist in Switzerland Playing Bach



First Pres organist and pianist, extraordinaire, **David Block**, spent a week in June lecturing and performing the music of Johann Sebastian Bach with Welt Musik (weltmusik.org), in Delémont, Switzerland. Welt Musik is a Swiss non-profit, established by the Argentinian pianist and conductor, Dario Ntaca. David lectured on his experiences studying

with Rosalyn Tureck in New York City from 1990-1992. Tureck is regarded as one of the world's foremost Bach performers and scholars. The opportunity to study with her is what ultimately brought David to the USA. Students from Singapore, Vietnam, Italy, Albania, Paraguay, Guatemala, Russia, Turkey, and Switzerland participated in this festival. David states, "At the end of each day, students and teachers gather at the house for dinner prepared by the participants, and we get more opportunities to share musical experiences and customs from our countries of origin as we break bread together and play impromptu performances at the piano." David and Dario Ntaca are currently in discussions to bring the Welt Musik International Piano Workshop and Festival to the Palm Beaches in the near future. David has been our Organist and Pianist since 2014.

Songs in the South

Arizona native and First Pres soprano, **Rebecca Emerson**, got an immersive southern experience as she worked as a Worship Leader for WinShape Camps for 9 weeks during the summer. Her program lasted 9-weeks where she travelled through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, leading Christian Camps in multiple cities, where they partnered with local churches. Rebecca says, "What I enjoyed most about this trip was seeing the kids open their hearts to the Lord during worship more and more each day. I could see Him slowly transforming them through worship and watching them learn to worship Him through music. Rebecca is a Senior at Palm Beach Atlantic University and has been singing at First Pres for a year. She is also starting an internship in the Youth Department where she will continue to lead worship.



SOUTHARD SABBATICAL



I would like to thank you from the entire Southard family for your generosity and care for our family over many years. Our time at the church has been a blessing as you have helped us navigate many difficult times in our lives as well as share our many joys. We thank you for joining us on our Christian journey.

Before we left for sabbatical, Jared called my family to the front of the sanctuary so he could pray for us. Caleb asked, "Why are we going down? We are not going to sabbatical." I said this sabbatical is for all of us. The next three months were full of laughter, deep conversation, and many adventures.

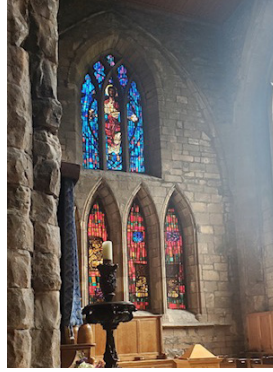


Our first adventure was to Scotland. Brenda and I traveled throughout that picturesque country and marveled at the history, the kind people, and the sacred spaces that we visited. We began in Edinburgh,



traveled to Oban, took a ferry to the Isle of Mull and made our way to Iona, one of the most sacred "thin" places I have ever visited. Brenda and I worshiped together, rode bikes and explored beaches for stones that the locals referred to as the "Tears of Columba." From Iona, we journeyed to the Isle of Skye and then to the Highlands around Inverness. After I drove Brenda to the airport, I made my way to Pluscarden Abbey. There my intention was to read 10 books. I





found out very quickly that the monk life did not allow for uninterrupted reading. This was a prophetic word from my sabbatical team that this would not be about accomplishing reading lists but a time of prayer. That was exactly what my time at the Abbey became. I spent many hours in prayer walking, sitting, and journaling. I attempted to join the monks by praying the hours beginning at 4:30 am and ending at 7:30 pm. The hours were prayed in Latin so it became a time of quiet contemplative prayer as I listened to the peaceful sounds of Gregorian chant. The Father was very present as I spent time in silence and solitude and received a sense of belovedness from the heart of God.



The rest of the time was filled with a trip to San Diego with Caleb and Keegan to watch them play against other Lacrosse teams from around the world, serving with FCA as a scout team to prepare them for the World Lacrosse Games. Then Brenda and I took Jaden and her friend to a country concert. I attempted to find cowboy boots and hat but thankfully, according to my daughter, I was unsuccessful. We were also able to go on a family trip with my sister's family and my mother to Ana Maria Island for a week of rest and relaxation. The part of the sabbatical my kids dreaded the most were the many and various yard projects we attempted to complete. That time proved to be special as well because it allowed for some time to share in meaningful work and create memories with my children.



With much appreciation,
The Southard family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Fall 2023 Upcoming Events -

2nd GRADE

SEPTEMBER 24 @ 9:30AM

Milestone Communion Class for students 2nd grade and older

OCTOBER 1 @ 9:30AM

Milestone Communion Class taught by Rev. Ron and Cary Koepke for 2nd grade students AND their parents

FAMILY DAY

SEPTEMBER 24 @ 12:00PM

Family Day BBQ In The Courtyard

AUDITIONS

DECEMBER 3 @ 10:30AM

Christmas Pageant Auditions

3rd GRADE

OCTOBER 8 @ 9:30AM

Milestone Scripture Reading Class for students 3rd grade and older

2nd & 3rd GRADE

DECEMBER 9 @ 9:00AM

Kingdom Connection Snowy Day Trip

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24 @ 5:00PM

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals on Dec 14 @ 6:30pm (for speaking parts) and Dec 20 @ 5:30pm (for all)

4th & 5th GRADE

OCTOBER 7 @ 3:00PM

Trip to Fun Depot

NOVEMBER 4 @ 2:00PM

Road Rally for 4th & 5th Grade Families

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

DECEMBER 6 @ 6:00PM

All Clubs Christmas Parties

CAMPING TRIP

DEC 29 - JAN 2

Family Camping Trip to Myakka River State Park

- Weekly Ministries -

Play and Pray Mom's Group

Fridays from 9:00am - Noon. Come and hang out with other moms with your kids and have time of fellowship. Perfect for moms with young children or homeschool families.

Mom's Bible Study

Mondays at 9:30am starting with breakfast, then study. Beginning October 2nd this group will begin a study on prayer with a 7 session study led by six Bible teachers who will help you study prayers in the Bible that can inspire your own.

You'll learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. As you draw near to God through prayer, you'll find your faith strengthened and your heart united to Christ.

Kid's Clubs

Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner followed by individual clubs at 6:30. Grades Kindergarten through 5th. Scan the QR code to register -->



Sunday Morning Kid's Worship

The Grove: 9:30 and 11am - Elementary age students
The Orchard: 9:30 and 11am - Preschool age children

Club 45 Annual Kick-Off



Shhh... It's a surprise for incoming Club students!

Back To School Bash!



Sunday school students blasting off to a new year.



Water Day Kick-Off For All Clubs!

A special thank you to Frosty Ice Cream Truck!



STUDENT MINISTRIES

Trampoline Park Thriller Thursday

On July 27th, we brought our middle school students to Adrenaline Trampoline Park for our last Thriller Thursday of the summer! Our time at the trampoline park was full of thrills and excitement, enjoying all that Adrenaline had to offer. We are thankful that we had a safe trip; it was the perfect end to our summer activities.



Leader Meeting

God has provided new leaders to serve within our Student Ministry team! We are so excited that God has brought us Blair and Emmanuel Perdomo, Jimena De Santiago, Zach Hendrix, Kara, and Omar Avila, and Rebecca Emerson to serve on our student ministries team.



Staff News

Our student ministries associate, Andrew Wikse, aka 'Moose', recently landed a job with the Florida Panthers and therefore will no longer be serving on staff. Andrew grew up here at First Pres, where he attended the children and student ministry programs. After graduation, he served three summers as a youth intern and this year on full time staff. He will continue to be involved as a volunteer leader for Team on Sunday evenings. Thank you, Moose, for all your hard work, planning, creating, serving, leading, organizing, speaking, and spending time with our students. You have been a light for Jesus to many and we are grateful for the ways you have used your gifts in serving students. May God bless you on your new adventure!



New Leader Spotlight

This month we would like to highlight and introduce everyone to Blair and Emmanuel Perdomo. Blair is originally from Albany, New York, and Emmanuel grew up in the Boston area. They both attended Palm Beach Atlantic University, graduating in 2019/2020. They were married in June of 2020. Blair currently is working full time in interior design for a company in Jupiter and Emmanuel is a carpenter in his family business, also located in Jupiter. During their free time, they love to travel, work out doing Cross Fit, and enjoy a variety of outdoor adventures. They are amazing leaders, and we are so grateful to have them sharing their love for the Lord with our students.



Parent Meeting

To kick off our Fall semester, we invited parents of middle school and high school students to our Parent Meeting. We provided an opportunity to meet our new leaders, hear about our upcoming events, and learn more about our program. It was a great evening getting to know several new families and having the opportunity to share our mission of spreading the

gospel to all students. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents in our program. We appreciate the continued support and are excited for the opportunity to walk alongside students as they continue to explore and grow in their faith journey

Crew & Team Kick Off

On August 20th and 23rd, we kicked off our Fall programming with our new schedule for Crew, grades 6-8, and Team, grades 9-12. We are ready and excited for the semester ahead and welcome all our students back for amazing times of bonding, fun and spiritual growth. We thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our program. If you have a student in 6th - 12th grade, we would love to have them join us at Crew or Team! Both meet in the Way building, in the back parking lot. Please see the information below about our new meeting days and times:

Crew (6th - 8th grade): Wednesday, 6pm - 7:30pm
Team (9th - 12th grade): Sundays, 6pm - 8pm





Upcoming Student Ministries Events

- Midnight Mayhem -

All middle school students are invited to a late night of fun at Midnight Mayhem, from 5pm - midnight on October 27th! It will be an action filled night! The cost is \$65 and includes transportation, Chick Fil A dinner, Defy trampoline park, Fun Depot, pizza and soda. Drop off at the Way building at 5pm and pick up at the same location at midnight. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Sanders at (772) 263-1226. Scan the QR code to register!



“It’s A Wonderful Life”

Mark your calendars for another amazing student ministries performance, directed by the extremely talented Nick, Piper and Briley Crisafi. Shows will be Saturday, December 2nd at 2 pm and 6:30pm and Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm in the Way building. Tickets will be available by early November.



Save The Date For Student Life Camp 2024!

We have reserved spots for camp at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina, July 27-August 1. Details, fundraising and deposit information to save your spot will be available by early October. The cost will be approximately \$695.



- Wreath Fundraiser -

Our first fundraiser for Student Life Camp is live now! Get your beautiful Christmas wreath from Browns Tree Farm in Michigan. Wreaths are \$45 for decorated

and \$40 for undecorated. Proceeds will go directly toward students and leaders camp fees. Scan here to order. To directly support a student, please choose their name as “Champion” under “Referral Information” during checkout. Hard copy orders will be available in the church office and at the student ministry kiosk on Sunday mornings.



<https://shop.wreathraiser.com/>
Campaign ID is 10085

ADULT MINISTRIES (60+)

A Message From JoAnn Hayes

Senior Adult Ministry Director

Unexpected pleasures can be such a delight when they happen. It can be anything from running into an old friend, reading a great book or a discovery we didn't expect. Our faith journey can often be filled with unexpected pleasures as well. There are all sorts of different moments and times that we don't expect but add so much to our faith. I believe that is something that we can all experience and share with others. We don't always know how much the prayer we offer or the listening ear we give can mean.

Look at Jesus' ministry. It was a series of unexpected pleasures for the blind man, the bleeding woman, the hungry people on a hillside, and so many others. That is just what Jesus did. I see that happen every day at First Pres – how people reach out to help other people- those who are part of our church family or wherever help is needed.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

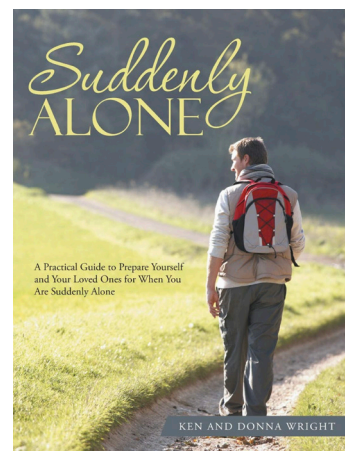
meets on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are presently studying the book "Jesus & Women" by Kristi McLelland. Join us!



KINGS ACADEMY – sign up for your tickets now and pay later to see **Best of Broadway** Saturday, Feb 3rd at 1:00 pm. Tickets cost \$40/per person.

The TKA Theatre Company and The King's Academy Symphony Orchestra join to bring you **Best of Broadway**. This theatrical concert will bring to life some of the best musical numbers that Broadway has ever produced ranging from Vaudeville to modern day

musicals. This one-of-a-kind performance will include impressive special effects, grandiose instrumentals, dynamic acting, and impressive vocal performance that you will not want to miss. Tickets go on sale January 5th.



SUDDENLY ALONE

SEMINAR: Friday, Feb 2nd at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Donna & Ken Wright will be our speakers. The seminar and the book are at no cost to you. Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

- If you were suddenly alone, could you wake up in the morning, operate

effectively throughout the day as you performed

the activities of daily living, retire self-assured at night, and repeat that process in the weeks, months, and years to come?

- Could you today, without help from anyone, put your hands on all your financial records, legal documents, personal identification cards, insurance policies, medical records, prescriptions, computer logins and passwords?
- Have you thought about what you will do or where you will live if you become incapacitated?

This seminar will help you find answers to these questions. RSVP to JoAnn Hayes at 561-308-9206 or email jhayes@firstpresnpb.org.

SAVE THE DATES : EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Out to Lunch Bunch

2nd Friday each month at noon

Oct 13 – Honeybell Restaurant in PGA National

Nov 10 – PF Changs in the Gardens Mall

Senior Dinners Dates & Speakers

Oct 27th: Speakers, Taylor & Josh Bartz

Nov 17th: Speaker, Catherine Hilliard will be discussing her book on “Caregiving”

First Pres’ 60th Anniversary Celebration

November 12

Congregational Care & Prayer



On September 12th and 16th, members of our congregation enjoyed walking the prayer Labyrinth at Good Shepherd Church in Tequesta. This beautiful labyrinth is set in a shaded garden area and is open to the public. Each person was able to walk the labyrinth

in silence bringing their own soul to God. We will schedule another walk during Lent.

On October 1st, World Communion Sunday, our elders and deacons will be spreading out to deliver home communion to those not able to attend services.

The Congregational Care committee is preparing for a special dinner on Friday, October 13th at 5 pm for those who are caregivers for members of their families. We invite all caregivers to attend this dinner. We hope it will be a blessing and encouragement to those who do such important work.

On November 1st at 5 pm in celebration of All Saints Day, we will have a service to remember those who have gone before us into heaven. If you have lost a loved one this last year, you may send their photo and name to kavila@firstpresnpb.org for inclusion in our slide show. Everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle for those they have lost.

November 19th will be our next Prayer and Healing service in the chapel at 12:15pm. Please come to share your testimony of God’s faithfulness or to pray for your own or a loved one’s healing.

Ladies Circle



On September 19th, after the Ladies Circle met, there was a surprise luncheon in Fellowship Hall for Betty Percy attended by almost 80 people in celebration of her faithful service to the Church since she joined First Pres in 1990. Jane Sanders organized the event and gave a wonderful tribute to Betty. Nancy Keeler organized the food and Annie Talley decorated the tables. There were many volunteers who brought desserts or volunteered in other capacities. Thank you to everyone involved.

The next Ladies Circle will be held on October 17th at 10 am in the chapel. All ladies are invited to attend. Ladies Circle normally meets the third Tuesday of the month, but there are some exceptions. There will not be a Circle in November because it would be only a couple of days before Thanksgiving so we are scheduling one on Tuesday, December 12th.

FAMILY NEWS

- Baptisms -

We rejoice with these couples who have dedicated themselves to raising their children to love Jesus:

Cooper William Cauley, whose parents are Bud & Kristina Cauley, was baptized on August 6th.

Paige Elizabeth Craft, whose parents are Darren & Melanie Craft, was baptized on August 13th.

Wilson McKay Heisey, whose parents are Jillian & Ryan Heisey, was baptized on August 20th.

- New Covenant Partners -

Welcome to the family these new covenant partners who have completed the New Members Class and met with our Session: **Mary Arden Carroll, Barbara Harris, Trudie Houghton, Zachary Johnston, Stephan & Jennifer McQuown, Robert & Racquel Slawinski**, and **Nicholas & Amanda Staffieri**.

- Men's Events -

Men's Solitude and Silence Day

Chapel 10am – 4pm on Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th

Wednesday Men's Lunch

Fellowship Hall at noon every Wednesday

Man's Prayer Breakfast

Fellowship Hall – 7:30am every Thursday

- Women's 1st Friday Book Club -

Join us from 9:30 - 11am in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss these books:

October 6

The Mountains Sing by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

November 3

Yesterday's Tides by Roseanna M. White

- Parenting Class -

It is not easy raising children these days, especially with the influence of social media, everyone having cellphones (at least according to our children) which has broken done communication within families, and rampant immorality. Bob Johnson is facilitating

a course based on the Bible from Dr. Jim Dobson called "Preparing for Adolescence" that includes such topics as: who am I; acceptance; appearance; social position; money; purpose; puberty; sex and love. If you have children, you would greatly benefit from the course and the discussion with other parents. You can attend every week or just when you are able. The class meets at 6:30 pm in the Admin Conference Room on Wednesday evenings for one hour.

Celebrating 60 Years of First Presbyterian Church in NPB

This year marks 60 years of First Presbyterian Church in North Palm Beach! We'll be celebrating our 60th anniversary for 4 consecutive Sundays with a special sermon series called Vision 60, kicking off on October 29th. We'll be featuring some one-of-a-kind interviews with significant people of our church history, and hearing from special guest preacher Dana Allin, who is the head of the ECO denomination on Sunday, November 5th. We'll celebrate First Pres with one celebratory worship service at 10 am on Sunday, November 12th, followed by a huge birthday party in the courtyard with food prepared by the Sons of BBQ! Our local mission partners will also be attending on that date so we can get to know them better. We will have live music by Chris Santiago, along with games and fun activities for all to enjoy!

Additionally, we'll be compiling a collection of stories and testimonials of how First Pres has impacted the lives of our congregation, and we'd love to hear from you! If you'd like to share your *First Pres story*, you can submit your story by going to this link: <https://firstpresnpb.churchcenter.com/people/forms/615755>, scanning the QR code, or emailing Kara Avila at kavila@firstpresnpb.org. We'd also love to collect any photos you have that share the history of our beloved church.





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Don't miss Taiwan's "Prince of the Piano" **Eric Chen** as he makes his Florida debut! Eric will be joined by **Irena Kofman**, FAU faculty member and internationally renowned pianist, who forged a deep friendship with the Taiwanese pianist during her mission as a Fulbright US Scholar in Taiwan. Enjoy solo and duet performances featuring the music of Beethoven, Schubert, and Barber.

Guaranteed to be a magical evening of creativity, friendship, and mutual commitment to the art of music!