



# FIRST things FIRST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | BONITA SPRINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF **AUGUST 13, 2017**

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs!

Whether you're a resident of Southwest Florida or just visiting, we invite you to participate in any of the following worship, study, mission or fellowship opportunities available at First Church. So, as you plan your week, be sure to put "First things" first!

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

#### Sunday Morning D.I.G. Class



#### "The Book of Romans"

8:45-9:45 AM | Chapel

The Book of Romans is considered by many to be the most sweeping and theologically rich of Paul's letters. **Today**, Pastor Doug Pratt teaches on Chapter 11 which begins with examples to show that—despite Israel's rebellion—God has not totally rejected His people. Paul's summary of God's dealings with Israel is seen in verse 32: "For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all."

**Next Sunday**, Pastor Steven Grant will begin Chapter 12, which is a turning point in the Book of Romans. While previous chapters have emphasized why we need a Savior, this chapter begins to deal with how a Christian ought to live out his salvation. In verses 1 through 8, the Apostle Paul uses the illustration of a physical body—with each believer exercising their spiritual gifts in a way that honors Christ. In the remaining verses, we find some very practical ways we can obey God's plan for our life.

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### MEMBERSHIP CLASS TODAY

5:30-7:30 PM | McClure Hall

First Church extends an invitation to those interested in learning more about church membership. Led by Senior Pastor Doug Pratt, this class covers what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of First Church. Come hear some of our history and get a snapshot of our ministries. Spend some time getting to know our pastors and church leaders; discover opportunities for fellowship and service. Membership options will be explained with no obligation to join at that time. Walk-ins welcome.

*Questions? Stop at the Welcome kiosk in the Narthex or contact Membership Coordinator Rebecca Harley (239-229-8953).*

### AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

Jesus answered,  
"I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

For exciting news in the  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY  
MINISTRY**

see pages 4 & 5!



## Wings of Shelter

Wings of Shelter Int'l, Inc. is a Christian organization dedicated to the rescue, restoration, education and prevention of minor female victims of human slavery and child trafficking. Their mission is to provide long-term rehabilitation for the victimized children rescued and to spread awareness of the fastest-growing crime in the world. This involves outreach to the public, law enforcement, and judicial, medical and educational professionals through education and community awareness.

Their **Rescue Program** works conjointly with law enforcement by educating them in the details of child trafficking. The **Restoration Program** focuses on providing Safe Houses to help rebuild the lives of young females (ages 8-18) who have been abused, and transform them through the unconditional love of Christ and people who care. The **Education Program** offers human trafficking intervention/investigation training at no cost. The Wings of Shelter **Prevention Program** offers age-appropriate information on human trafficking/child slavery to middle and high schools. The organization helps to set-up shelters and train others both nationally and globally in the area of human trafficking. Currently Wings of Shelter has three safe houses in the Estero area.

Visit [wingsofshelter.com](http://wingsofshelter.com) for more information. Please pray for the staff as they work to transform the lives of these young girls through the love of Jesus.

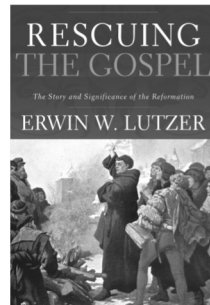
## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY CONTINUED

### “Breaking Bread” Together

Just as in the Book of Acts, when the church would meet together to “break bread with one another” as part of their fellowship, so we at First Church are providing an opportunity to “break bread” at a monthly potluck dinner and sharing with our church family.

**Monday, August 28 | McClure Hall**

**6 PM Potluck Dinner** (Look for details next Sunday.)



**7 PM Book Discussion**

### **Rescuing the Gospel**

with Pastor Brad Rogers

How can a revolutionary movement that occurred 500 years ago have such lasting influences on both our lives and our faith today?

The Protestant Reformation unfolded in the cathedrals and town squares across Europe; dramatic events and big ideas fueled passionate Christ-followers to proclaim, once again, the radical gospel of Jesus—once lost in the pageantry and ambiguity of the Roman Catholic Church. Pastor Brad will discuss author Erwin Lutzer’s survey of the broad sweep of Reformation history including the foundational doctrines that were rediscovered, its courageous key players, and how their actions still matter today.

## MEN’S MINISTRY

### Mark your calendar for September 7!

**New Season of Breakfast Fellowship Resumes**

**7:20-8:35 AM | McClure Hall**

The kickoff for our weekly Men’s Breakfast Fellowship is scheduled for the first Thursday in September! This is a great way to start your day — with encouragement from the Bible and in fellowship with other Christian men. Join us for a delicious continental breakfast and Bible study!

For more details, please contact Steve Thompson ([smt4444@gmail.com](mailto:smt4444@gmail.com) or 765-427-522).

### IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

**Our Prayer Chain** continues to pray for all who have asked for prayer. Even though an individual’s name may appear once in this section, be assured that our “prayer warriors” are persistent in their work and continue to pray for all who have requested prayer. To be added or removed from the Prayer Chain, call Sherri Feeley (239-992-2726) or place a written request in our “prayer box” at the Welcome Desk.

#### Special Prayers

Please remember Dick Fredrickson, Mary Webster.

#### Pastoral Care

The Pastors, Parish Nurses, Deacons and Visitation Team are available as needs arise. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized, requests a visit or needs prayer, let us know by calling the Parish Nurse office (239-992-3233 ext. 296).



#### MILITARY CARE MINISTRY

Knowing that their First Church family in Bonita Springs is praying especially for them means so much to every soldier. If you have a loved one serving in the military, we urge you to place their name on our **Military Prayer List**. For deployed military personnel, you may also add them to our **Military Deployed List** so they can receive a care package from members of our church.


To send a care package to a deployed soldier, stop by the **Military Care** kiosk today during First Stop to pick up all that is needed. You may also supply the deacon there with your loved one’s name, military address and your contact info.

Questions? Please contact one of the following deacons:

- Bob Lorenz (239-495-8172)
- Jerry Meier (239-992-9033)
- Ron Maki (239-596-8821)

### SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Through the month of August, we are suspending the video feed to CenterPoint during the 10 AM worship service. DVDs and new online videos will not be available; instead, our webcasts will feature some of our “greatest hits” as a viewing option. Audio and text versions of the weekly sermons will be available as always.



**FIRST STOP**  
 is our coffee & fellowship time following worship.  
 Come to McClure Hall for refreshments, ministry information ... and to visit with friends.

**TODAY’S KIOSK**  
**Military Care Ministry**

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

## UPPER LEVEL STUDENT MINISTRIES

### Upper Level “Open House”

Today | 12-1:30 PM

at the Student Ministries Center

All students in middle school or high school are invited to become part of **Upper Level Student Ministries** at First Church! New students and students currently attending Upper Level are encouraged to attend today’s Open House along with their parents. Get to know one another as the new school year begins. Get acquainted with Student Ministry Coordinator Chris McNamara, who leads the middle and high school youth in their weekly get-togethers. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments; and see the space your kids share on Wednesday evenings.

*The Student Ministries Center (SMC) is located across the street from the First Church campus at 9696 Bonita Beach Road (on the second floor).*

### Weekly Youth Group

Wednesdays | 6-8 PM | SMC

Our youth group gathers weekly for Bible study, activities, games, mission opportunities and fellowship. New middle and high school students are welcome to join us as we begin our new study series, “**The Battle for Holiness.**” Being a Christ-follower is not for the faint of heart; it is serious business as we battle against the enemy. But how can we “be holy”? What does that mean? Join us and find out!

*For more information about Upper Level Student Ministries, contact Student Ministry Coordinator Chris McNamara at [cmcnamara@fpcbonita.org](mailto:cmcnamara@fpcbonita.org) or 239-221-8319.*

## SPECIAL SEMINAR & LUNCHEON

# CollegeForLess

REACHING HIGHER

Saturday, September 9 | 9 AM–1 PM | CenterPoint

If you are among those concerned about attending and paying for college, this seminar may be just what you need to develop a strategy for success!

### Learn...

- How to **prepare** spiritually, emotionally and mentally for college
- How to **select the right** college
- How to **pay** for college
- How to **succeed** at college

College for Less, Inc. was founded to help middle school and high school students shape their future by developing strategies to empower them to make smart, confident choices. Our speakers are the Strategic Education Consultants who founded College for Less: **Mike Crawford**, a Certified College Planning Specialist recognized in *Worth* magazine’s list of the “Top 250 Best Financial Advisers in America”; and **Allen Hye**, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus at Wright State University. Their goal is to share state-of-the-art planning practices and proven skills to succeed in college and to graduate debt-free!

### Registration fee: \$30 per family

covers program, snacks, refreshments & lunch

Register by email at [CollegeForLess@FPCBonita.org](mailto:CollegeForLess@FPCBonita.org)

Registration deadline: September 2

Questions? Contact Pastor Brad Rogers at [brogers@fpcbonita.org](mailto:brogers@fpcbonita.org) or 239-992-3233 ext. 248.



## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



### Sunday Mornings

Neon Kids Sunday school meets in the Family Ministries Center during the 10 AM worship service. Parents are encouraged to register their children for both nursery and Sunday school at the check-in desk before worship begins.

For more details about Neon Kids, contact Children's Ministry Coordinator Grace Coldiron ([gcoldiron@fpcbonita.org](mailto:gcoldiron@fpcbonita.org) or 239-992-3233 ext. 249). Also visit [neonkids.org](http://neonkids.org).

### Wonder Years Preschool Open House & Brunch

Thursday, August 24 | 9AM to 12:30 PM | Preschool



Wonder Years begins the new school year on Monday, August 28! Registered students and their parents are invited to celebrate with us as we welcome

you to our school. Families will meet their child's teacher, explore the classrooms, attend a brief orientation, and then share brunch together. Also meet Senior Pastor Doug Pratt, Associate Pastor Brad Rogers, Children's Ministry Coordinator Grace Coldiron, Student Ministry Coordinator Chris McNamara, and Preschool Administrator Lauren Hargis. Wonder Years is a VPK provider and APPLE accredited.

Questions? Contact Preschool Administrator Lauren Hargis (239-948-6677; [lhargis@fpcbonita.org](mailto:lhargis@fpcbonita.org)).

### Kids Night Out: Back to School Bash!

Friday, August 25 | 5-8 PM | Family Ministries Center



Our **Back to School** theme features an appropriate movie and hands-on crafts and activities, all in an environment designed to teach more about Jesus. Open to children of First Church and Wonder Years Preschool (ages 1-11). Church Members: \$5/child. Non-members: \$15/child (\$30 max/family).

RSVP and payment due by Wednesday, August 23; limited spots available. Contact Grace Coldiron or visit the Children's Desk on Sundays.

## FIRST ACADEMY OF MUSIC Fall Semester Starts Tomorrow



First Academy of Music provides high quality musical instruction for students of all ages and skill levels.

Private lessons are offered on individual instruments with a faculty that includes professional educators, church and symphony musicians, and active performers. Financial assistance is available to qualifying students aged 18 years and younger enrolled in private lessons at the school.

To register or for more details, call the music office at 239-308-1712 or email [fam@bonita.org](mailto:fam@bonita.org). The school's website also has more resource information, including FAQs and the registration form. Visit [firstacademyofmusic.org](http://firstacademyofmusic.org).

## Wednesday Night Family Programs Start September 6!

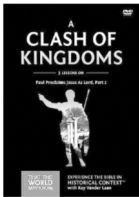
Look here next week for details or visit the Children's Check-in Desk today!

## FPC BOOKCENTER

Our BookCenter has the latest in Christian fiction, non-fiction, devotionals and Bibles at 20% off retail. Hours: Sundays after worship and Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-4:30 PM.

### Today's Featured Books

#### A Clash of Kingdoms (DVD)



*Ray Vander Laan*

Like the Roman Empire, today's governments and organizations can become centered on power, believing their messages are the "good news." Discover how Paul communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshipped false gods.

#### Before You Hit Send



*Emerson Eggerichs*

There are always new examples of people "hitting send" and soon regretting it. This book is about preventing people from getting the wrong idea and enabling them to get the right idea.

#### Don't Waste Your Life



*John Piper*

In a passionate call for this generation to make their lives count for eternity, this book discusses the risks for those seeking to accomplish something in life for the sake of Christ. Take up the challenge to live and die boasting in the cross of Christ; make the glory of God your singular passion.

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## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The SDC offers confidential counseling, spiritual direction, retreats, classes and resources for personal and spiritual growth. The Center is located directly across the street from the main church campus, at **9696 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 207**. There is no charge for services.

*Appointments for confidential counseling or spiritual direction may be scheduled by calling the Center at 239-221-8250.*

### COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

#### GriefShare

**Weekly sessions begin Tuesday, Sept. 12 | 1:00-2:30 PM**

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future if you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend. You don't have to face your grief alone. The GriefShare support group at First Church is beginning a new 13-week term with innovative sessions to help movement toward healing. Each self-contained session includes three components: a video seminar featuring interviews with top experts on grief and recovery, real-life case studies and dramatic re-enactments; discussion time, with no pressure to participate; and a workbook for personal study and expression through journaling.

*Questions about GriefShare? Contact the Parish Nurse Office (parishnurse@fpcbonita.org; 239-992-3233 ext. 296).*

#### DivorceCare

**Weekly sessions begin Monday, Sept. 18 | 5:30-7 PM**

Divorced? Separated? Know someone who is? Unless you've been there, it's hard to understand the hurt that comes from separation and divorce. Our DivorceCare group is led by people who have been through divorce and successfully rebuilt their lives. The 14-week program is non-denominational, open to the community and includes a session for "Surviving the Holidays." Practical information and biblical teaching is presented through video features, group discussion and homework. The group meets weekly but each session is stand alone so you can attend as few or as many you wish. Cost is \$15 for the workbook.

*To register or if you have any questions, contact Biblical Counselor Maria Karl at the Center (mkarl@fpcbonita.org; 239-221-8250). Details about the program are also available at their website, [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).*



### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Our Women's Ministry have been busy planning inspirational studies for the upcoming season and will offer a "preview" here next week, so stay tuned. As always, we hope

you commit to attend at least one of our studies and pray for revitalization in spirit and in faith.

### Wednesday Prayer Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 11 AM

Hawk Hospitality Center

The Women's Connection invites all women to join our small (but mighty!) group and gather with us for prayer. A small group is a wonderful way to get to know others. This is particularly true in a prayer group. There is something about praying together that brings us close in the bond of Christ, and we have much to pray for. Prayer requests are gathered from many different sources and continually updated. We lift up many concerns to God, trusting that He hears and will answer. Come help us pray for the concerns of families, friends, church, community, country and world. Join us this Wednesday!

Questions about Women's Connection? Contact Women's Ministry Coordinator Donna Tenfelde (239-992-3233 ext. 293; [dtenfelde@fpconita.org](mailto:dtenfelde@fpconita.org)).

### ORDER OF ST. LUKE

#### OSL Course Coming Soon

The International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) is a Christian healing ministry of people from all walks of life who believe that the healing ministry of Jesus Christ belongs in the church today. The in-depth study of Christ's 26 healing miracles provides the foundation for OSL membership. Beginning in October, classes will be held at First Church once a week for nine weeks.

For more information, contact class leader Margaret Gieselmann at [mgieselmann@att.net](mailto:mgieselmann@att.net). The class is free but participants need to visit the OSL website, [orderofstluke.org](http://orderofstluke.org), to register and purchase the membership kit.

### BOOKCENTER CONTINUED

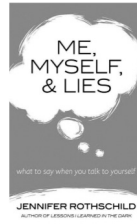
#### God, Country, Golf



Wesley Hobbs Bauguess

Larry Bauguess was killed in action while serving overseas with the 82nd Airborne Division in 2007. His widow soon discovered that she already had all the tools she needed for the strength to carry on. This is her story.

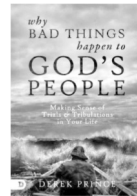
#### Me, Myself, & Lies



Jennifer Rothschild

Have you ever noticed the things you say to yourself and believe? *I could never do that. They don't like me.* Learn to replace these lies with truth, speak kindly to your soul, and practice biblical soul-talk.

#### Why Bad Things Happen to God's People



Derek Prince

Why is there so much misery, suffering, persecution, and injustice in the world? This book shares timeless truths from the Book of Job that will keep you anchored during any storm.



### CAFÉ FIRST

Café First is now closed for the summer but will reopen for the season on Monday, August 28.

## “It Builds Character”

2 Peter 1:5-9 (NIV)

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 13

First Light Service, 8:00A, CenterPoint  
D.I.G. Bible Study, 8:45A, Chapel  
Family Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary  
Neon Kids Sunday School, 10:15A, FMC  
Time of Prayer & Communion, 11:00A, Chapel  
Upper Level Student Ministries Open House,  
12P, SMC  
Membership Class, 5:30P, MCH

### Monday, August 14

Human Resources Committee, 2:00P, LCR  
Mission Leadership Team, 5:30P, LCR

### Wednesday, August 16

Women's Prayer Group, 11:00A, HHC  
Upper Level Student Ministries, 6:00P, SMC

### Thursday, August 17

Men's Fellowship, 8:00A, Off campus  
Resurrection Garden Committee, 2:00P, LCR  
Session, 7:00P, MCH

### Friday, August 18

Bulletin Crew, 8:30A, Narthex

### Sunday, August 20

First Light Service, 8:00A, CenterPoint  
D.I.G. Bible Study, 8:45A, Chapel  
Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary  
Neon Kids Sunday School, 10:00A, FMC  
Time of Prayer & Communion, 11:00A, Chapel

*CPT=CenterPoint*

*FMC=Family Ministries Center*

*GR=Great Room*

*Hawk=Hospitality Center*

*LCR=Lightrner Conference Room*

*MCH=McClure Hall*

*SMC=Student Ministry Center (9696)*



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