



# FIRST things FIRST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | BONITA SPRINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 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!

### CHANGE IN SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, October 22, we will begin our winter schedule of three services: First Light at 7:30 AM, followed by full services at 9 and 11 AM. CenterPoint will be open for the late services. Our adult education classes will be held from 10:10 to 10:50 AM, between services. Childcare for children ages 6 months to 3 years will be available at the 9 AM service and during adult CE classes. The Children's Choir will meet at 10 AM. Children's nursery and "Neon Kids" Sunday school will be held during the 11 AM service.

#### Sunday Schedule beginning October 22

7:30AM	First Light "Early Bird" Service   Sanctuary
9AM	Full Service   Sanctuary, CenterPoint
10AM	Children's Choir   Family Ministries Ctr.
10:10AM	Adult CE Classes   Chapel, Great Room
11AM	Full Service   Sanctuary, CenterPoint
11AM	Neon Kids Sunday School   Family Min. Ctr.
12PM	A Time of Prayer & Communion   Chapel

### OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

*"Whoever has my commands  
and keeps them is the one who loves me.  
The one who loves me will be loved  
by my Father, and I too will love them  
and show myself to them."*

John 14:21

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

#### Sunday Morning Classes "Foundational Scriptures of the Reformation"

Sundays in October:

8:45-9:45 AM | Great Room



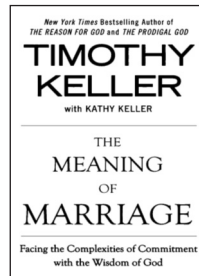
Our pastors are helping us explore some of the foundational Scripture verses that influenced the mindset of the Re-

formers and energized the movement that would forever change the world. **Today**, Pastor June Barrow will discuss "The Priesthood of All Believers." **Next Sunday**, the topic will cover "Solo Christo," Christ as Head of the Church.

#### "The Meaning of Marriage"

Sundays through December 10

8:45-9:45 AM | Chapel



Modern culture would have you believe that romance is the most important part of a successful marriage; that marriage does not mean forever, but merely for now. But these modern assumptions are wrong. Join Dr. Al Barrow, who is leading us through the book *The Meaning of Marriage* by bestselling author and pastor Timothy Keller. Discover the vision of what marriage should be according to the Bible.



## Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

Lucas Tanner, FGCU

First Church supports Lucas Tanner, the Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at FGCU. Their goal is to create a fellowship of university students where every person, regardless of background, personal history, or conviction, can examine the truth claims of reformed Christianity in a non-threatening atmosphere. RUF strives to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life. RUF exists to announce and demonstrate to the world the words and work of Jesus. RUF is the official campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Please pray for Lucas and the staff of RUF as they minister to students on college campuses. Visit [ruf.org](http://ruf.org) for more info.*

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY CONTINUED

### Monday Night Pastor's Study

**"The Protestant Revolt: A Study of the Protestant Reformation"**

**Mondays in October | 7 PM | CenterPoint**

This excellent study, led by Pastors Steven Grant and Brad Rogers, uses the DVD *The Protestant Reformation* created by Dr. Peter Lillback. It is a stunning visual feast that clearly exhibits how the Reformation shaped the world we live in today. A world class team of scholars, pastors, and theologians lead us through an eye-opening journey showing how our modern society, economy, government, and church have their roots in the Reformation.

## SACRED ARTS MINISTRY

For those interested in serving God through music, First Church offers opportunities to participate in various choirs and ensembles. The groups below begin rehearsals soon. For more information, contact Director of Sacred Arts Jeff Faux ([jfaux@fpcbonita.org](mailto:jfaux@fpcbonita.org)).

### Angelus Bells

**Mondays starting Oct. 16 | 5-6 PM | Sanctuary**

This experienced bell choir rings five octave musical arrangements in worship once a month during season. Ability to read music required.

### Jubilate Bells

**Wednesdays starting Oct. 18 | 5:45-6:45 PM | Sanctuary**

This bell choir includes experienced as well as new ringers performing in worship four to five times a year. Ability to read music required.

### Men's Choir

**Wednesdays starting Oct. 18 | 6-6:45 PM | Chapel**

Directed by Peter Lewis, this group sings gospel and hymn arrangements five times a year in worship.

### Tuesday Singers

**Tuesdays starting Oct. 24 | 1:30-2:30 PM | Choir Room**

This ensemble visits local assisted living facilities, performing a wide range of familiar music. Lots of fun and a great outreach ministry!

## TICKETS KIOSK

Speak with Ticket Coordinator Scott Fox at the **Tickets** kiosk this morning with any questions about our concert and Bonita Christian Forum season, and for assistance with sponsorships and ordering tickets.



*Ticket Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Contact Scott Fox (239-992-3410 or [sfox@fpcbonita.org](mailto:sfox@fpcbonita.org)).*

## 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 Jerry Barnette, Sonny Buono, Ron Maki, Kathy McMichael, Mary Webster.

**Our Christian sympathy goes out to:** Dick Fredrickson on the death of his wife, **Kathy Fredrickson**, on October 5.

**Memorial Note:** A memorial service will be held for **Helen Shuart** on Saturday, October 21, at 2 PM in the Sanctuary.

### 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).

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayer shawls are made by volunteers and blessed by a pastor before they are given to those facing difficult times. Anyone willing to dedicate time to knitting or crocheting a shawl is welcome to join this worthwhile ministry.

*For more information, stop by the **Prayer Shawl** kiosk today or contact Deacon Polly Grafton (239-949-4632).*

## ORDER OF ST. LUKE

### "Healing Ministry" Course

**Wednesdays beginning October 18 | 3-5 PM**

**Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & 15 | Margaret's home**

**Oct. 25, Nov. 8 & 29 | Lightner Conference Room**

This international healing ministry is dedicated to equipping members to encourage the healing of body, soul and spirit in others. This in-depth study of Jesus' 26 healing miracles provides the foundation for membership. Classes are free but participants need to register and purchase the membership kit at [orderofstluke.org](http://orderofstluke.org).

*To learn more, visit the **OSL** kiosk this morning or contact class leader Margaret Gieselmann ([mgieselmann@att.net](mailto:mgieselmann@att.net)).*

## FIRST MISSIONS CONTINUED

### Kingdom Work in East Africa Missions Dinner: Sunday, Oct. 22 5:30-7:30 PM | McClure Hall

Come join the FPC Mission Leadership Team in celebrating what God is doing in and through our partners in East Africa. After sharing a meal together, FPC-supported missionaries Seth and Emily will offer some stories, show some pictures, answer questions, and join us in prayer. If you want to learn more about FPC's impact around the world, be encouraged by stories from East Africa, and enjoy some refreshing time in God's presence with brothers and sisters, then come join us for this special evening.

***The RSVP deadline is tomorrow (Oct. 16) at noon.** Contact Trusha Barner (239-992-3233; [tbarner@fpcbonita.org](mailto:tbarner@fpcbonita.org)).*

## Operation Christmas Child

OCC delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to needy boys and girls in 130 countries worldwide. Each box includes Gospel storybooks printed in the child's own language. Last year First Church donated 940 shoeboxes. Let's continue to bless the children with Good News and Great Joy!

Stop by the **OCC Missions** kiosk or tables on Sundays to pick up your empty shoeboxes and OCC brochure. There is also a kiosk with hats knitted by ladies of our church that can be included. **Return your filled shoeboxes to FPC between Oct. 22 and Nov. 5.**

*Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). You may also contact Trusha Barner ([tbarner@fpcbonita.org](mailto:tbarner@fpcbonita.org); 239-992-3233) for more information.*



## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

*At Neon Kids, our mission is to partner with parents to lead children into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Our Children's Ministry (**Neon Kids**) and the Children's Choir meets on Sundays in the Family Ministries Center. For details, inquire at the Children's Desk this morning. You may also contact Children's Ministry Coordinator Grace Coldiron ([gcoldiron@fpcbonita.org](mailto:gcoldiron@fpcbonita.org)) or visit [neonkids.org](http://neonkids.org). For information on the Children's Choir, contact Choir Director Peter Lewis at [plewis@fpcbonita.org](mailto:plewis@fpcbonita.org).

## Kids Night Out: Glow Party

**Friday, October 20 | 5-8 PM FMC**

Find out all the fun games and crafts you can do that glow! 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 Tuesday, Oct. 17. Contact Grace Coldiron or visit the Children's Desk on Sundays.*

## UPPER LEVEL STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Wednesdays | 6-8 PM | SMC**

Our youth group gathers weekly for Bible study, fellowship, activities, games and mission opportunities. New middle and high school students are welcome to join us in our study series, "**Hello, My Name Is...**" Who are we, really? The answer may be simpler than you think. Our youth will discover that when we look to God for the answer, we can live confidently knowing our identity is found in Him.

*For more info, contact Student Ministry Coordinator Chris McNamara (239-221-8319 or [cmcnamara@fpcbonita.org](mailto:cmcnamara@fpcbonita.org)).*

### Next Sunday: New Schedule

10AM Children's Choir | FMC

11AM Neon Kids Sunday School | FMC

*Childcare (for ages 6 months to 3 years) is available during the 9 & 11 AM services and the adult CE classes.*

## Wednesday Family Night Programs

**Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM | Family Ministries Ctr.**

Children 3 years through 5th grade are invited to participate in age-appropriate Bible lessons, crafts and games with **KIDMO's "Drive"** and **LIL'K** with "**I Can Follow God.**" Older students (in middle school and high school) can attend their ongoing **Upper Level Student Ministries** study and fellowship (in the Student Ministries Center). Parents meet for the **Parents Group** with Pastor Brad Rogers to discuss **Raising Kids for True Greatness**, a DVD study from Dr. Tim Kimmel (meet in Lightner Conference Room). Childcare is provided for children 6 months-2 years of age.

## Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival

**Tuesday, October 31 | 6:30-8 PM**

**Church parking lot**

This safe option to trick-or-treating is open to the church and the community. The whole family can enjoy lots of fall



festival goodies along with Christian music, contests, prizes and bounce houses. Wear a costume (nothing scary, please); vote for your favorite "tricked-out" trunk! Bring your neighbors and friends.

**SIGN UP TODAY!** Church members and friends are invited to reserve a parking space to participate. Visit the **FAMILY MINISTRY kiosk in McClure Hall today.**

*Donations of individually wrapped candy for this event are also welcome and may be dropped off at the Children's Desk on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.*

## MEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Fall Golf Outing

**Saturday, October 28 | Spring Run Golf Course**  
**8 AM Check-in | 8:30 AM Shotgun Start**

Men are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, golf & lunch at Spring Run. Cost of \$75 includes green/cart fees, lunch, prizes; \$20 for those who attend lunch only.

To register for this event, visit the **Men's Ministry** kiosk during First Stop on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up at the MMF Breakfast on Thursday morning. Questions? Contact: Mike MacDowell at 570-406-3021 or rmmacdowe@miseriordia.edu.

### Men's Annual Fall Dinner

**Tuesday, November 7 | 6 PM | McClure Hall**

The Men's Ministry invites all men to our Annual Fall Dinner featuring homemade corned beef with all the trimmings catered by Fitzgerald's. After dinner, our guest speaker will address the men in McClure Hall.

A portion of the net proceeds from dinner will go to Hurricane Irma relief in Immokalee in honor of the speaker.



**7 PM Guest Speaker**

### Chris Bent

**Author & former Navy SEAL**

Chris is a graduate of Yale and became a Navy SEAL "Frogman," graduating from BUDS (Basic Underwater Demolition/Seal School) Class 31E. He served as an officer in Underwater Demolition Team 21, which eventually became Seal Team 4 in 1984. He had the honor of recovering several spacecraft, including Gemini 6/7 and AS-201, the very first Apollo craft to visit space. Currently, Chris and his wife run one of the most successful independent women's accessories stores in the country. Chris has written 12 books; his latest, *Call to Arms* (not yet released), is scheduled to be available in the FPC BookCenter by November 1.

To register for this event, visit the **Men's Ministry** kiosk on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up at the Men's Breakfast on Thursdays. Questions? Contact Bill Secrest (wtsecrest@embarqmail.com; 239-287-2077).

# MMF

## Breakfast Fellowship

**Thursdays, 7:20-8:35 AM**

**McClure Hall**

All men are invited to join us on Thursdays for fellowship with other Christian men, encouragement from the Bible, and a delicious continental breakfast!

For more details, contact Steve Thompson (smt4444@gmail.com or 765-427-5299).

## ART GALLERY

### Attention Artists!

**Tuesday, Oct. 17 | 10 AM | Gallery**



The Art Gallery in Café First will be open to receive original artwork on October 17 for the first show of the season. Artists are invited to come to the gallery between 10 AM and 12 noon to submit their work along with the completed prospectus (available in the gallery). This juried show is open to all Southwest Florida artists; a variety of media is welcome. All submissions must be suitably framed and wired for hanging; there is no entry fee. This show will run through January 23, 2018.

For more info or if you can help with the setup, contact Director of Sacred Arts Jeff Faux (239-992-3233 ext. 288; jfaux@fpcbonita.org).

## Women's November Missions Brunch

**Wednesday, November 15**  
**Doors open 9:30 AM**

Join us in celebrating the work of the Salvation Army in SW Florida. A non-profit, international Christian organization, the Salvation Army is supported by the FPC Mission Ministry. Guest speakers for this event are **Jeff and Sarah Clarke**, who serve as Mission Station Administrators in Bonita Springs. No doubt, they will talk about the recent devastation locally in the wake of Hurricane Irma. **Major Cheryl Gilliam**, will also be with us to offer an opening prayer. She serves as the Salvation Army Area Commander.

*Sign up today at the **Women's** kiosk. Cost is \$15.*

## THRIFT SHOP MINISTRY



First Thrift is featuring an assortment of Halloween costumes for both children (\$6) and adults (\$10) as well as home décor for fall and Thanksgiving. These items may sell fast, so shop early! First Thrift Shop, located on the southeast corner of the church campus, is open Monday-Saturday, 10 AM to 3 PM.

*Questions? Contact Manager Jill House (239-992-0285).*

## WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Our new season has something for everyone! Please join us.

### Manna for Monday

**Mondays | 2-3:30 PM | Chapel**

**TOPIC: Interior Design**

This 10-week video study with Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Mary Kassian reveals ten profound truths from Titus 2 that will transform your life. The Lord wants to do a radical renovation of your heart, transforming you into a godly woman from the inside out. If you let Him, He will give you an extreme makeover!

### Working Women's Fellowship

**Tuesdays | 7-8:30 PM | Lightner Conference Room**

**TOPIC: The Later Minor Prophets**

Learn about the prophets Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi from "The Amazing Collection" Bible study series. Through video teaching, testimonies, songs and personal study, we are exploring the themes addressed in these books.

### Wednesday in the Word

**Wednesdays | 9:30-11 AM | McClure Hall**

**FALL STUDY: The Psalms—Our Songs, Our Stories with Pastor June Barrow**

Together, we are looking at the beautiful, powerful, wonderfully honest book of Psalms. Is there anything you cannot talk about with the Lord? No, declare the writers of the Psalms. Join us as we study, laugh, sing and enjoy being Christian women together.

### Moore on Thursday

**Thursdays | 10:30 AM-1 PM | Chapel**

**TOPIC: *Jesus, the One and Only* from Beth Moore**

If you've thought about joining a study but believe you don't "know enough," this is the perfect time to join us as we study the life of Christ on a personal level. Teacher/evangelist Beth Moore makes His life real by bringing alive each story from the Gospel of Luke. This in-depth DVD study draws you into knowing Jesus more intimately... like walking with Him during His earthly ministry. Bring a bag or box lunch; beverages provided.

### Trunk-or-Treat Candy Donations

Women's Connection is sponsoring a tricked-out trunk to support our Trunk-or-Treat event! You can help by donating individually wrapped candy; drop it off at the Women's kiosk on Sunday mornings or at the Wednesday in the Word study.



*Questions? Visit the **Women's** kiosk or contact Donna Tenfelde (239-992-3233 ext. 293; dtenfelde@fpcbonita.org).*

## 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

#### **Russia Rising** *Mark Hitchcock*

This book explores the history of Russia, its current military moves, and biblical prophecies related to Russia, the Middle East, and the end times. Are we on a collision course?

#### **To Be Where You Are** *Jan Karon*

This 14th novel in the Mitford series weaves together the richly comic and compelling lives of two Kavanagh families, and a cast of characters that readers love.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Deacons Holiday Red Kettle Project

#### Fraturdays & Saturdays, Nov. 24 – Dec. 23

Our deacons invite you to join the mission of the Salvation Army this holiday season by overseeing a Publix Red Kettle station on a Friday and/or Saturday beginning after Thanksgiving. We are starting signups early in order to cover the 110 hours scheduled at each store. Many bell ringers are needed for two-hour shifts, 9 AM to 7 PM, at two stores: the Publix across from Bonita Bay and the one in the Center of Bonita. Sign up with a friend; bring your grandchild!

*Sign up at the **Deacons** kiosk in McClure Hall on Sundays. For more details, contact Deacons Bob Lorenz at 239-495-8172 or Loren Luppés at 217-358-4340.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 15

First Light Service, 8:00A, CPT  
D.I.G. Bible Study, 8:45A, Great Room  
The Meaning of Marriage, 8:45A, Chapel  
Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary & CPT  
Neon Kids Sunday School, 10:00A, FMC  
Children's Choir, 11:00A, FMC  
Time of Prayer & Communion, 11:00A, Chapel

### Monday, October 16

Manna on Monday, 2:00P, Chapel  
Angelus Bells Rehearsal, 5:00P, Sanctuary  
DivorceCare, 5:30P, SDC  
Monday Pastor's Study, 7:00P, CPT

### Tuesday, October 17

GriefShare, 1:30P, SGR  
Men's Leadership Team, 1:30P, LCR  
Working Women's Fellowship, 7:00P, LCR

### Wednesday, October 18

Wednesday in the Word, 9:30A, MCH  
Women's Prayer Group, 11:00A, HHC  
Facilities Meeting, 2:00 PM, HHC  
Jubilate Bells Rehearsal, 5:45P, Sanctuary  
Men's Choir Rehearsal, 6:00P, Chapel  
Wednesday Night Family Programs, 6:00P, FMC  
Parents Group, 6:00P, LCR  
Upper Level Student Ministries, 6:00P, SMC  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00P, CR

### Thursday, October 19

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 7:20A, MCH  
Banner Committee, 9:00A, Banner Room  
Prayer Shawls, 10:00A, Great Room  
Moore on Thursday, 10:30A, Chapel  
Session, 7:00P, MCH

### Friday, October 20

Bulletin Crew, 8:30A, Narthex  
Kids Night Out, 5:00P, FMC

### Saturday, October 21

Memorial Service for Helen Shuart, 2:00P, Sanctuary  
CenterPoint Praise, 5:30P, CPT

### Sunday, October 22

First Light Service, 7:30A, Sanctuary  
Worship Service 9:00A, Sanctuary & CPT  
Children's Choir, 10:00A, FMC  
D.I.G. Bible Study, 10:10A, Great Room  
The Meaning of Marriage, 10:10A, Chapel  
Worship Service, 11:00A, Sanctuary & CPT  
Neon Kids Sunday School, 11:00A, FMC  
Time of Prayer & Communion, 12:00PA, Chapel  
Missions Dinner & Program, 5:30P, MCH

CPT=CenterPoint

CR=Choir Room

FMC=Family Ministries Center

HHC=Hawk Hospitality Center

LCR=Lightner Conference Room

MCH=McClure Hall

SDC=Spiritual Development Center (9696)

SGR=Small Group Room (9696)

SMC=Student Ministries Center (9696)



## CenterPoint praise

**Returns for the Season!  
Saturday, October 21  
5:30 PM**

Join us in the casual atmosphere of CenterPoint for a time of contemporary praise music and a message from the pastor the same message delivered by the same pastor as on Sunday. Music leaders Randy & Lori Thomas will present a mixture of modern worship music and traditional hymns.

## “The Blessing of Shalom”

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

## FIRST STOP

All are invited to join us for our coffee & fellowship time in McClure Hall after worship.

### TODAY'S KIOSKS

Deacons Ministry  
Family Ministry  
Men's Ministry  
Missions Ministry  
Order of St. Luke  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Sacred Arts: Tickets  
Women's Ministry



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