



FIRST things FIRST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | BONITA SPRINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 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 Steven Grant continues with Chapter 5 and the Apostle Paul's comparison of Christ to Adam. Next Sunday Pastor Paul Fahnestock will lead our study of Chapter 6. If we are justified by faith alone, what incentive do we have to live a holy life? To answer this, the analogy of slavery is developed. We are all slaves; it's only a matter of who our master is. Former slaves of sin, we have become slaves of righteousness.

"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 will be providing—for those of our church family in SW Florida part or all of the summer—an opportunity to "break bread" at a monthly potluck dinner and sharing with our church family.

Monday, July 10 | McClure Hall

6 PM Potluck Dinner

The church will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a covered dish to serve 8-10, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-H Dessert

I-Q Salad or bread

R-Z Vegetables

JUNE MEMORY VERSE

*"But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."*

The Acts of the Apostles 1:8



7 PM Presentation An Update from Paul & Linda Fahnestock

As missionaries with Wycliffe Associates, Paul and Linda have recently returned from a successful MAST translation project in Zambia (southern Africa) with 35 Namibian and five Botswana translators. MAST (Mobilized Assistance Supporting Translation) is the innovative Bible translation methodology that, used along with current technology, is accelerating the goal of every language group having a portion of Scripture in their heart language. Join Paul and Linda as they share the progress being made!



Central Asia *(names withheld for security reasons)*

The political regime of the country where this couple live and work is strongly opposed to any kind of Christian witness or ministry. They own and manage an agricultural training and consulting firm which employs local residents, giving them a legal platform to remain in the country. Clients are typically agricultural graduate students or professors and international agencies. These missionaries are gifted evangelists, and opportunities to share their faith and make disciples for Christ come through their day-to-day work relationships, interactions in the community and networking with expatriates.

Please pray for this couple (he recently had hip surgery) and for the work they are doing in Central Asia for His Kingdom.

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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 Lynn Blake, Ron Brown, Ed Drake, Colleen Galbraith, Jerry Gray, Iris Hocker, Ann Lindsay, Carol Marchell, Norma Reynolds.

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).

MEN'S MINISTRY

Summer Schedule

July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17 | 8 AM | Perkins Restaurant

The Men's Ministry Fellowship meets every other Thursday at 8 AM at the Bonita Springs Perkins restaurant (Bonita Beach Road and US 41) for breakfast and fellowship.

For more details, contact Bill Jones (wjones1352@bellsouth.net; 239-596-9141).

FIRST MISSIONS CONTINUED

DR Project: We Have Met Our Goal!

Because of you, children in one of the poorest areas of the Dominican Republic will be able to learn and grow in a safe facility, planned and created especially for them through Compassion International and their local church. This expanded Child Development Center will create more opportunities to reach families and help release them from poverty in Jesus' name.



Thank you to all who donated toward this project; you are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Please continue to pray for this mission partnership with First Church, Compassion, and Pastor Josefina and church leaders in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic.

FIRST STOP

is our coffee & fellowship time following worship.
Come to McClure Hall for refreshments and to visit with friends.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

Working Women's Fellowship

Tuesdays through July | 7 PM | Lightner Conf. Rm.

Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson

God has some questions He wants us to contemplate, wrestle with and pray about. Join us as we explore them.

Summer Sisterhood: Favor to Fervor

Wednesdays through July 12 | 9:30–11 AM

McClure Hall

We challenge you to move from favor to fervor by igniting a passion for prayer from within. We are looking at the prayers of Jesus, Daniel, Paul, Peter and Mary — straight from Scripture — to stretch us into a deeper prayer life, helping us to see God with clearer and fuller revelation.

Questions? 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: Sunday after worship; Monday through Thursday, 9 AM–4:30 PM.

Today's Featured Books

Faithful Women and Their Extraordinary God *Noël Piper*

Read the amazing stories of five ordinary women — Sarah Edwards, Liliias Trotter, Gladys Aylward, Esther Ahn Kim, and Helen Roseveare — who trusted God to lead them. Special excerpts from letters and journals exemplify their devotion.

Luther vs. Pope Leo *Paul R. Hinlicky*

Discussing the key issues that divided Catholics and Protestants and shaped the Reformation 500 years ago, this book creates an imaginary reconciliation in heaven between Martin Luther and Pope Leo X. Purgatory scenes include theological and historical backdrops to help us understand each man's views and motivations.

Rescuing the Gospel *Erwin W. Lutzer*

This riveting account of the Reformation reminds us of its great significance in Western history and why it still holds lessons for God's church today.

ILLUMINATION STUDENT MINISTRIES

Wednesdays | 6–8 PM

Student Ministries Center

Illumination is all about letting your light shine bright for God. The youth group gathers on Wednesdays for Bible study, activities, games, mission opportunities and fellowship. New middle and high school students are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Student Ministry Coordinator Chris McNamara at cmcnamara@fpcbonita.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25

First Light Service, 8:00A, CenterPoint

D.I.G. Bible Study, 8:45A, Chapel

Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary, CPT

Time of Prayer & Communion, 11:00A, Chapel

Tuesday, June 27

GriefShare, 1:30P, Parlor

Working Women's Fellowship, 7:00P, LCR

Wednesday, June 28

Summer Sisterhood, 9:30A, MCH

Illumination, 6:00P, SMC

Thursday, June 29

Banner Committee, 9:00A, Banner Room

Friday, June 30

Bulletin Crew, 8:30A, Narthex

Sunday, July 2

First Light Service, 8:00A, CenterPoint

D.I.G. Bible Study, 8:45A, Chapel

Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary, CPT

Neon Kids Sunday School, 10:00A, FMC

Time of Prayer & Communion, 11:00A, Chapel

CPT=CenterPoint

FMC=Family Ministries Center

HHC-Hawk Hospitality Center

LCR=Lightner Conference Room

MCH=McClure Hall

SMC=Student Ministries Center (9696)

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

8:30 AM to 5 PM, Monday–Thursday

8:30 AM to 2 PM, Friday

“Finding Our Purpose”

Psalm 139:1-16 (NIV)

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,”
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

