



# FIRST things FIRST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | BONITA SPRINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF **AUGUST 12, 2018**

## 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!

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

#### Membership Class

**Today | 5:30-7:30 PM | McClure Hall**

First Church extends an invitation to those interested in learning more about church membership. This class, led by Senior Pastor Doug Pratt, 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. Get to know our pastors and church leaders; discover opportunities for fellowship and service. Membership options will be explained, with no obligation to join. Walk-ins welcome.

*Questions? Stop at the Welcome kiosk in the Narthex today and speak with our Membership Coordinator Rebecca Harley.*



## 2019 PHOTO DIRECTORY

**Sign-ups to begin!  
Sunday, August 19**

The Membership Committee is excited to begin work on a new pictorial directory of the members and friends of First Church. Sign up for the September and October photo sessions begins next Sunday, August 19, following worship; look for the table in the narthex. A link will also be available on the church website, [fpcbbonita.org](http://fpcbbonita.org), to encourage early online sign-up.

### FIRST ACADEMY OF MUSIC Fall Semester Begins August 13



First Academy of Music (FAM) provides high quality musical instruction for students of all ages and skill levels. Private lessons are offered for children and adults of any age. The faculty includes professional edu-

cators, church and symphony musicians, and active performers. Cheryl Bauer serves as the school's director. Financial assistance is available to qualifying students ages 18 years and younger enrolled in private lessons.

*For more details or to register, contact the music office at [fam@fpcbbonita.org](mailto:fam@fpcbbonita.org) or 239-308-1712. The school's website, [firstacademyofmusic.org](http://firstacademyofmusic.org), provides more resource information, including a downloadable registration form.*

#### AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

*"But if serving the LORD  
seems undesirable to you,  
then choose for yourselves this day  
whom you will serve...  
But as for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD."*

*Joshua 24:15 (NIV)*



## **Propempo International** **David Meade**

A former missionary to the Philippines, David is founder and director of Propempo International. Propempo's mission is to come alongside churches and equip them to prepare, send, and shepherd workers for strategic cross-cultural church planting. They do this with both domestic and international churches and agencies. This translates into a rigorous schedule of producing and teaching resources that help churches in their evangelistic and church planting ministries, including raising up, sending, supporting, and shepherding missionaries from their congregations. Propempo has helped scores of missionaries go to challenging, limited access, or high-security environments, to minister the Gospel to the unreached in these areas.

*Please pray for David and his team. Please visit [propempo.com](http://propempo.com) for more information.*

## **MEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP** **Thursdays beginning September 6** **7:20 AM | McClure Hall**

All men are welcome to join us weekly for a continental breakfast, fellowship, and a message from Pastor Doug Pratt or an invited speaker. Watch for announcements coming soon for men's fall events. Our vision is to build relationships with men for mutual encouragement, and to bring them closer to Christ through fellowship and discipling.

*Questions? For more information, contact John Myers at [mail.myers@gmail.com](mailto:mail.myers@gmail.com).*

## **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 it. To be added or removed from the Prayer Chain, call Sherri Feeley at 239-992-2726, or place a written request in our prayer box at the Welcome Desk.

### **Special Prayers**

Please remember: Ray Eifler, Duane Joseph, Debbie Norton, Harold Peterson.

**Our Christian sympathy goes out to:** the family and friends of Marilyn Stewart on the death of her husband, **John Stewart**, on August 1 in Michigan; and Linda Day on the death of her mother, **Virginia Snell**, on August 5 in Illinois.

### **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. Please contact the Parish Nurse office at 239-992-3233 ext. 296.

## **WOMEN'S CONNECTION**

### **Wednesday Prayer Warriors**

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 11 AM | Chapel**

Prayer warriors are invited to help us pray for the concerns of families, friends, church, community, country and world.

*New women's studies will begin in September. For more information, contact Donna Tenfelde at [dtenfelde@fpcbbonita.org](mailto:dtenfelde@fpcbbonita.org).*

## **FIRST STOP**

All are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship in McClure Hall today after worship.

**TODAY'S KIOSK**

**Military Care Ministry**

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES



### Sunday Morning Schedule

**Childcare** for children ages 6 months to 3 years is available during the 10 AM service. Register before worship at the Children's Desk, located by the entrance to the Family Ministries Center.

The **Neon Kids** Children's Ministry, for children through grade 5, meets for Sunday school in the Family Ministries Center during the 10 AM service.

### Kids Night Out: "Back-to-School Bash"

**Friday, August 17 | 5-8 PM | Great Room**

Children 1 to 11 years old are invited to attend. We'll create with crafts, participate in hands-on activities, play games, and watch a short movie. Pizza dinner will be served. Please submit your non-refundable payment upon signing up at the Children's Desk. Church Members: \$5 per child; Non-members: \$15 per child, \$30 max/family.

*Questions? Inquire at the Children's Desk this morning or contact Grace Coldiron at [gcoldiron@fpcbonita.org](mailto:gcoldiron@fpcbonita.org) or 239-992-3233 ext. 249.*

## UPPER LEVEL STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Wednesdays starting August 15**

**6-8 PM | Student Ministries Center**

New middle and high school students are invited to join us for our Fall Kick-off event this week. Our youth group gathers weekly for Bible study, fellowship and activities.

*For more information, contact Director of Family Ministries Sheila Sierts at [ssierts@fpcbonita.org](mailto:ssierts@fpcbonita.org) or 239-992-3233 ext. 292.*

## FPC BOOKCENTER

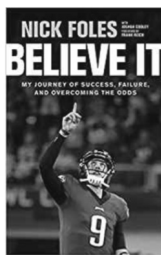
Our BookCenter has the latest in devotionals, Christian fiction, non-fiction, and Bibles at 20% off retail.

**Hours:**

**Sunday after worship;**

**Monday-Thursday**

**9 AM-4:30 PM**

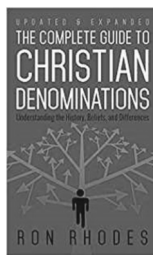


### Believe It

*Nick Foles*

Accompany Nick Foles, starting quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles, as he relates the obstacles that threatened to hold him

back, his rediscovery of his love for the game, and the faith that grounded him through it all.



### The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations

*Ron Rhodes*

Do you ever wonder what the difference is between one denomination and another? In this concise but comprehensive guide, learn about the lead-

ers, teachings, and history of most of the church families in America.

## Family Worship & Teacher Dedication Sunday

**Sunday, August 19 | 10 AM Sanctuary**

Next Sunday in worship we will offer recognition to our Wonder Years Pre-school teachers and all those who serve in our Children's Ministry. Children will be invited to come forward on the chancel for a children's message from Pastor Brad Rogers. Afterward, they can stay with their families for the rest of worship or depart for Neon Kids Sunday school with their teachers.

During Neon Kids, we will celebrate **Move Up Day** when children "move up" in Sunday school to the grades they will enter in the 2018-2019 school year. Depending on the child's grade, this may mean a new classroom and/or a new teacher. Parents are encouraged to help the children acclimate to their new routine.

*Please remember to check your children in at the Children's Desk before the service if they plan to attend Sunday school.*

## 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, add their name to our **Military Prayer List**. And if your loved one is currently deployed, be sure to alert us; a separate list is maintained for **Deployed Military Personnel** so they can receive care packages from members of our church. To send a care package to a deployed soldier, stop by the **Military Care** kiosk in McClure Hall this morning.

*For more information, contact Deacon Jim Gelhaar at 239-248-8133 or [jgelhaar2@gmail.com](mailto:jgelhaar2@gmail.com).*

## CAFÉ FIRST

Café First will continue coffee service coinciding with church operating hours. Our delicious pastries and specialty teas will not be available until August 22, when full service resumes.

*Self-serve; a \$1 per item donation is requested.*

## PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

### GriefShare

**Resumes Tuesday, September 4**

**1:30-3:00 PM | Student Ministries Center**

The GriefShare support group meetings are on hiatus for the summer. Meetings will resume after the Labor Day holiday.

*Questions? Contact the Parish Nurse Office at 239 992-3233 or [parishnurse@fpcbbonita.org](mailto:parishnurse@fpcbbonita.org).*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 12

First Light Service, 8:00A, CPT  
Neon Kids Sunday School, 10:00A, FMC  
Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary  
Time of Prayer & Communion, 11:00A, Chapel  
Membership Class, 5:30P, MCH

### Monday, August 13

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

### Wednesday, August 15

Wednesday Prayer Warriors, 11:00A, Chapel  
Facilities Staff Meeting, 2:00P, HHC  
Thrift Store Committee, 3:30P, LCR  
Upper Level Student Ministries, 6:00P, SMC

### Thursday, August 16

Session, 7:00P, MCH

### Friday, August 17

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

### Sunday, August 19

First Light Service, 8:00A, CPT  
Family Worship Service, 10:00A, Sanctuary  
Neon Kids Sunday School, 10:15A, 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)*



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