

**The Flame**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Green Cove Springs, Florida**  
**July 2010**



**First Presbyterian Church**

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**Worship Services**

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion is celebrated every  
Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. service and on the  
first Sunday of each month at the  
10:30 a.m. service  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
for all ages

**Staff**

The Rev. Dr. W. Hunter Camp, II  
*Pastor*

The Rev. Amy Lehr Camp  
*Parish Associate*

The Rev. Dr. John Ragsdale  
*Parish Associate*

Ellen Aguirre  
*Office Administrator*

Sandra Royal  
*Director of Music*

Alta Kremp  
*Organist*

Donna Jones  
*Pianist*

LeVonne Stansberry  
*Nursery Attendant*

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*Newsletter Editor:* Shirley Youngerman



Dear Friends,

One of our Elders, Sheen Rogers, shared the following at last month's Session meeting. The text was found written on the wall by Mother Teresa in her home for children in Calcutta:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.  
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Shalom Y'all,  
Hunter

***The Purpose of First Presbyterian Church of Green Cove Springs is:***

To share the love of Jesus Christ with all people  
By God's grace, we seek to accomplish this through:  
Joyous worship of our Lord and Savior,  
Christian nurture and education for all ages,  
Being authentic family, in times of joy and of crisis,  
Local and global outreach, especially serving children, the poor,  
and the disadvantaged.



Even if we are distracted by various thoughts, we are not on that account completely divorced from faith. Nor if we are troubled on all sides by the agitation of unbelief, are we for that reason immersed in its abyss ... For the end of the conflict is always this: that faith ultimately triumphs over all those difficulties which besiege and seem to imperil it.

.....John Calvin

***Plan ahead for ENRICHMENT 2010***  
**Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. – Montgomery Presbyterian Center**

This is the premier event in St. Augustine Presbytery for enriching the lives of all our brothers and sisters in every one of our churches, offering a wide range of classes and workshops, such as a 2-part study of David, Faith at the Movies, Religion and the Constitution, and The Old Testament in the Church. These are only four topics of the 18 classes being offered. Pick up a brochure and registration form on the Information Table outside the church office or register online at [www.staugpres.org](http://www.staugpres.org). Registration deadline is August 21. Cost is \$20 – includes lunch.

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Summer office hours for Ellen Aguirre, our Office Administrator, are:  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. - 12 noon on Friday

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***CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, July 11, following 2<sup>nd</sup> Service*** – This meeting will be held to elect a Nominating Committee to select candidates for Elders in our next election.

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***BOOK CLUB***

**Tuesday, July 27, 7 p.m. in the Conference Room**

July selection: *Noah's Compass* by Anne Tyler in which she "...reveals, with unobtrusive mastery, the disconcerting patchwork of comedy and pathos that marks all our lives."—Michael Dirda, *The Wall Street Journal*

August selection: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This epistolary novel gives us stories of life as it was lived by inhabitants of Guernsey Island while under German occupation during WWII.

Both of these books are available in our local libraries.

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***Please share your time.....***

Volunteers are needed for ushering and liturgy at both Sunday Services and for the Children's Moment at the 10:30 Sunday Service. Please contact Floy Turner, phone: 706-455-2985; email: [turnerf@fvtc.edu](mailto:turnerf@fvtc.edu)

**ELDERS of our church:** Michelle Brobston, Jim Corbin, Martha Dagnall, Judy Jewett, Charlie King, Opal Phelps, Sheen Rogers, Sandra Royal, John Swanson, Floy Turner



Please remember the Food Pantry when you shop.

You may also write a tax deductible check, made out to "Food Pantry" and drop it in the collection plate.

## ***MISSION MOMENTS***

*From Global Mission Committee*

Missionary Esther Wakeman from Thailand writes: “It is a privilege to join the journey of life with staff and students at Payap University, sharing struggles and joys as disciples of Jesus, and sharing His love with those who don’t know Him yet. On a recent Sunday morning I walked the kilometer from Payap’s cabins on Khun Tan mountain up to the top with 20 seniors in our international programs. We took a group photo and then walked down to the cabins and thought together about our vocation or calling – that place where Frederick Buechner says, “our great gladness and the world’s great hunger meet.” ‘Ban’ was listening intently. Her parents are active in the movement for democracy for Burma and are no longer welcome in their home country. She’s finishing a degree in business and wondering what God is calling her to – direct action in the democracy movement or a business career to make money and support others in their efforts for democracy. She wants to do what’s best for her people. What a privilege we have to serve students like ‘Ban’ with hearts for their people and for peace and justice, and what a joy to give her some time at a retreat in the mountains to consider God’s calling on her life.”

Global Mission Committee asks that those struggling for peace and justice in this world be a focal point of the prayers of our church family. We who live in a country with freedom to worship and live in peace need always remember those countries where people yearn and suffer for these freedoms.

### **Missionary Contact Information**

The Rev. Dr. Esther Wakeman & husband Rob Collins (Retired Missionary)

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Chaing Mai 50000

Thailand

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Birthdates: Esther 2/25, Rob 6/25

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### ***BANNERMAN PROJECT***

Please continue over the summer to bring disposable diapers (size 3 or larger) and baby wipes for the babies and toddlers at Bannerman. Parents and their children will be returning to school in August and will need our continued support. You may bring the items to a PW meeting or deliver them to the church office. Thank you.



### ***PRAYER SHAWLS***

Our prayer shawls are for sharing with anyone who is in need of comfort and prayer for any reason, i.e., someone facing surgery or struggling with illness, anyone needing comfort after a loss or in times of stress, a young person leaving family and home for college, a mom and her newborn baby, a homebound senior citizen experiencing loneliness and isolation, etc. Each prayer shawl is made with love and prayer and extends a “hug” to anyone needing comfort and solace when we cannot be physically present to do so. Recipients do not need to be members of FPC. If someone you know is in need of this special “hug,” please contact Mary Faith Vines or Pastor Hunter.

### ***PRAYER GARDEN***

Orders forms for additional inscribed bricks for our Prayer Garden are available on the Information Table outside the church office. Bricks may be inscribed to honor or remember someone special in your life. Inscriptions may be 1 to 3 lines, with each line containing up to 15 characters for a total of 48 characters (include spaces when counting) and may be ordered for a tax deductible donation of \$100 each. There are plans to upgrade the garden in the fall, so now is the time to place your order. Orders will be accepted through September 30. This is a project of the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church.

## ***BAKELESS BAKE SALE OFFERING – July 18 – Sponsored by Presbyterian Women***

For our bakers, there are no ingredients to buy, recipes to find, or a lot of time to be spent on shopping, mixing and baking. For our shoppers, there are no calories to be consumed. Everyone is invited to contribute the amount you might have spent at a traditional Bake Sale on a cake or pie, fresh baked bread, or a plate of cookies. We hope you'll join in the fun of this easy fundraiser which truly "takes the cake."

### **Why Sing?**

*"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."*



Judges 5:3, NIV

"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth," exclaimed the psalmist. The church's song is a radically new and different song from all others that fill the earth. It is a song of praise to the Lord our God. It is a song that joins our voices with the song of the heavenly host around the throne of God and with all the saints who have gone before us.

Christians sing because we believe, and believing we find our hearts overflowing with thanksgiving to God for his goodness in Jesus Christ, in all creation, and in the daily evidences of his presence with us. Joy inevitably breaks forth into song, but so does sadness. Music is first and foremost a form of prayer.

We sing because we are one. When we join our voices in song we are not only drawn into the music, but we are drawn closer together with those with whom we sing. The early church felt so strongly about the unifying power of shared song and the importance of the symbol of singing as one that all congregational song was in unison.

We sing because we want to remember. Music aids memory. When we sing a text, we are much more likely to remember it than when it is merely spoken. When we sing a text, we are also much more likely to remember the emotional and personal context in which it has been previously sung. Even more than that, a sung text can take us to the place of which it speaks. "Go to Dark Gethsemane" and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" take us to quite different places, but both are important places for us to go.

We sing because it is part of our heritage. Christians have sung since the church's beginning. The apostle Paul encouraged the Christians in the church at Colossae: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

Whether your voice is trained or untrained, thin or full, melodic or free-ranging over the melody, do not withhold your voice from the song of the church. "O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."

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***Chancel Choir*** is seeking additional voices for either just the summer months or all year long. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the choir room located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Friendship Hall. Please contact Sandra Royal for more information.

## ***FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP – July 4***

Friendship Hall

7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

10:00 a.m. – Coffee, Cookies, and Camaraderie for all

*Learning about hieroglyphics .....and brick making*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
2010**

First Presbyterian Church  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church



*.....and giving praise to God*

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***An Invitation from The Rev. Rick Douylliez  
and the First Presbyterian Church of St. Mary's GA***

*".....to join us for six days this fall in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina"*

From Sunday, October 3, through Friday, October 8, 2010, this trip will include the following exciting opportunities: Montreat Conference Center, Black Mountain shops and restaurants, Chapel of the Prodigal, the Asheville Farmer's Market, historic Biltmore Village, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*-a production of the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, The Cove-Rev. Billy Graham's National Training Center, golfing at the beautiful Grove Park Country Club (optional), Chimney Rock, Folk Art Center, Grandfather Mountain, and dinner at the Grove Park Inn. The cost for this 6-day adventure is \$350 per person which includes transportation, lodging, linens and 10 meals. Entrance fees to the Tom Sawyer play, Chimney Rock, Grandfather Mountain and golfing are not included. More detailed information about the itinerary and a registration form are available on the Information Table outside our church office. Registration cut-off is July 31, 2010. If you have any questions, you may phone the St. Mary's church office at 912-882-4650.

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***Invitation to a Special Gathering at Presbytery Resource Center, Jacksonville***

When: Tuesday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., lunch included

For: Educators, CE Chairs, Youth Leaders, Adult Leaders, Children Leaders, Resource People; to get acquainted and share program ideas, materials, and resources, and to learn how the Resource Center can meet your needs. Please RSVP at 904-733-8277, or email Dorothy Dornblaser, Director of the Resource Center, at [resource.center@staugpres.org](mailto:resource.center@staugpres.org).



## Youth News.....

**VBS:** Over 40 kids and youth and over 40 adults helped bring Egypt to Green Cove Springs. We partnered again this year with St. Mary's Episcopal, and great fun was had by all! Ramses, the Egyptian guard, guided us from the prison where Joseph was being held to the palace. We learned how God is always with us-giving us hope, special abilities, wisdom, and forgiveness! We enjoyed getting dressed and made up like Egyptians in the marketplace. We made headbands, Egyptian collars, game boards, hieroglyphic necklaces, and pyramids made out of sugar cubes. We learned about foods, medicines, and the embalming practices of ancient Egypt. We played fun games-wrapping each other in toilet paper to make mummies!

Special thanks to all those who helped make this our best VBS ever-especially Floy Turner and Betty Shaw, our co-directors!

One of the new things that happened this summer at VBS was a challenge to look for "God-Sightings" every day. We wrote them down on paper stones and were able to fill a giant pyramid with lots of ways we saw, felt, and heard God's presence. Our Sunday school classes are continuing this practice. The 6th-8th grades have been looking for God and worshipping God in all kinds of places including Starbucks and downtown at a Jacksonville Suns baseball game!

Many of our young people are at Camp Montgomery this summer. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pastor Amy and Janelle Knoff are joining with St. Giles youth for our annual Montreat/ Mission trip July 17-24. Please keep us in your prayers. The theme this year is "Into These Waters." We will be reflecting upon our baptismal identities, studying Bible Stories that involve water, and talking about stewardship of our natural resources. The youth of the PC(USA) are challenging the larger church to steer away from buying water in plastic bottles, and to use aluminum refillable water bottles instead.

Rock the Universe is coming up September 11 and 12th. More info to come...

Hope everyone is having a fantastic summer!

Much love in Christ, Pastor Amy - 904-327-9762; Email [revamycamp@hotmail.com](mailto:revamycamp@hotmail.com)



Vince Platania  
June 13, 2010

*"Thank you so much for the meat tray and food. Your prayers and attendance were greatly appreciated. The Platania Family."*

Sunday Worship Attendance May 23 - June 13, 2010		
	8:00 am	10:30 am
May 23	45	106
May 30	30	81
June	50	98
June	45	95
Service Average	43	95
Sunday Average	138	

Sympathy is also extended to the Harris family upon the death of Tracy's father, Howard Eunice, on June 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Prayer requests will remain on this list for 30 days unless otherwise requested. Please call or email the church office with any additions, changes, or deletions.*

Tara Bailey  
 Family of Ruth Baker  
 Connie Bradley  
 Gary Carmichael  
 Jane Cruze  
 Glen Dolpp  
 Ashley Dupree  
 Family of Howard Eunice  
 Kathleen Evans  
 Elise Finney  
 TJ Fox  
 Janet Gross & Family  
 Austin Heath

Betty Holmes  
 Fran Hutchinson  
 Ayden Jolicoeur  
 Norma Jones  
 Elberta Kiser  
 Mike Lablue & Family  
 Rob & Dr. Annabelle  
 Matias  
 Debbie Messer & Family  
 Carol Miller  
 Rev. Bob Morris  
 Ray Pitzen  
 Marie Platania & Family

Jared Prater  
 Randy & Ellen Ragan  
 Yvonne Reidenbaugh  
 Sadie Rooks  
 Tara Smith  
 Jonathan Soud  
 Richard & Emma Stanford  
 Bob Stearman  
 Gary Westall  
 Ron Williams & Treasure  
 Dr. Richard Wood & Family  
 Kathleen Wright

*Our Military:*  
 Joe Larsen, Jr.  
 JJ Mebiame-Eya  
 John Mikelaitis  
 Justin Molock  
 William Simpson IV \*  
 Justin Sleeth \*  
 Trey York  
 \* overseas

**July Birthdays:**

- 01 Bill Mulford
- 01 Mary Faith Vines
- 02 Trent Hanson
- 02 Joy Molock
- 02 Amanda Stevens
- 05 Travis Cunningham
- 05 Payton Johnson
- 06 Judy Jewett
- 07 Gary Carmichael
- 10 Jim Hammett
- 11 Braden Cunningham
- 11 Julie Harms
- 12 Sandi Dunnavant
- 12 Lisa Helms
- 12 Maxine Larsen
- 13 Anita King
- 14 Hannah Mulford



- 19 Kaitlyn Scileppi
- 20 Preston Anderson
- 22 John Mikelaitis
- 25 Ariel Damren
- 25 Gordon Holmes
- 27 Gay Corbin
- 28 Jean Thrasher
- 29 Amanda Golisch
- 30 Ellie Hammock
- 30 Rosalie York

**Anniversaries:**

- 03 Bill & Joanne Mulford
- 10 Creed & Jill York
- 14 John & Jennifer Mikelaitis
- 26 Lee & Martha Dagnall
- 31 Thomas & Rebecca Dunn

**Read the Bible in a year – July:**

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|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1  | Job 21,22       | Acts 10:1-23  |
| 2  | Job 23,24,25    | Acts 10:24-48 |
| 3  | Job 26,27,28    | Acts 11       |
| 4  | Job 29,30       | Acts 12       |
| 5  | Job 31,32       | Acts 13:1-23  |
| 6  | Job 33,34       | Acts 13:24-52 |
| 7  | Job 35,36,37    | Acts 14       |
| 8  | Job 38,39       | Acts 15:1-21  |
| 9  | Job 40,41,42    | Acts 15:22-41 |
| 10 | Psalms 1,2,3    | Acts 16:1-15  |
| 11 | Psalms 4,5,6    | Acts 16:16-40 |
| 12 | Psalms 7,8,9    | Acts 17:1-15  |
| 13 | Psalms 10,11,12 | Acts 17:16-34 |
| 14 | Psalms 13-16    | Acts 18       |
| 15 | Psalms 17,18    | Acts 19:1-20  |
| 16 | Psalms 19,20,21 | Acts 19:21-41 |
| 17 | Psalms 22,23,24 | Acts 20:1-16  |
| 18 | Psalms 25,26,27 | Acts 20:17-38 |
| 19 | Psalms 28,29,30 | Acts 21:1-14  |
| 20 | Psalms 31,32,33 | Acts 21:15-40 |
| 21 | Psalms 34,35    | Acts 22       |
| 22 | Psalms 36,37    | Acts 23:1-11  |
| 23 | Psalms 38,39,40 | Acts 23:12-35 |
| 24 | Psalms 41,42,43 | Acts 24       |
| 25 | Psalms 44,45,46 | Acts 25       |
| 26 | Psalms 47,48,49 | Acts 26       |
| 27 | Psalms 50,51,52 | Acts 27:1-25  |
| 28 | Psalms 53,54,55 | Acts 27:26-44 |
| 29 | Psalms 56,57,58 | Acts 28:1-15  |
| 30 | Psalms 59,60,61 | Acts 28:16-31 |
| 31 | Psalms 62,63,64 | Romans 1      |