



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Church School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
DEAR RUTH!**

Rebekah Circle celebrate Ruth Bupp's 102nd birthday at it's meeting on October 13.



Shown above are Elaine Swain, Judy Greaves, Rochelle Davis, Mary Jane Mayo, Gena Marvin and Bill Swain, our Bible leader. The Swains and Mary Hardison, who joined us after the picture was taken, were our special guests. Circle members unable to attend were Janet Fixel, who provided the refreshments and made all arrangements, Judy Flanigan, Carol Lou Phillips and Marge Meeter. We were sorry that Janet's mother Alethea Segal was in the hospital. She, Mary Hardison and Judy Flanigan also have October birthdays.

Congregational Care Brown Bag Lunch Sunday, October 25



The Congregational Care Council invites all those interested in meeting a few other First Presbyterian folks for an informal brown bag lunch.

If your lunch needs refrigeration, you can use the kitchen. We plan to eat in the Westminster Room and have dinner and conversation right after worship.



Ramp Building Blitz

Thanks to everyone who made our Ramp Blitz a success by their participation: Brant Copeland, Thomas Guthrie, Todd Hinkle, Jose Cruz Sr., Matt Grundon, Lindsey Welch, Emma Lowry, Jose Cruz, Lillian Cleveland, Christy Williams, Chris Weeden, Amy Chaaban, Matt Morse, Mary Kennedy, Chris Erikson and Donovan Geradine. Our group along with friends from Fellowship Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian and St. Stephens Lutheran Church were able to build two ramps at locations in Gadsden and Leon Counties.



Welcome Our Newest Members

**Beth, Jim and James, Jr.
Thielen**

Beth was received as a member on October 18, 2009 and James Francis Thielen, Jr

In Memoriam

Jim Sayes

October 18, 2009

Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m.



Pastor's Column
Brant S. Copeland

"Stewardship Season," as it is often called, stirs up conflicting feelings for me. I grew up with the idea that giving money to support the church is essential to one's Christian identity and vocation. It's simply what Christians do. Here's what

I was taught:

Christians give proportionately, according to their income, beginning with the tithe (one tenth). The tithe is the starting point, not the goal.

Christians give regularly. As soon as I received my allowance from my parents, the tithe went into the envelope for the church. That's just the way it worked. I truly thought everybody's allowance worked that way.

Christians give sacrificially. Over and above the tithe, Christians forego spending for other things in order to further the mission of the church. If it didn't hurt just a little, it didn't seem like a true gift.

If those seem like the three points of a sermon, they probably are. I think my Dad must have preached that sermon a hundred times in the course of his ministry. These days, I suspect that few children grow up under the same regimen.

These days church leaders are encouraged to help people see the human relationships that are strengthened by their financial support of the church. Younger people, we are told, do not give out of a sense of duty or responsibility, and they tend not to trust institutions. They have to see the good their gifts are doing in peoples' lives. In my growing-up days, everybody assumed the church leaders would do good with the church's money. It never occurred to me to ask for evidence.

There's a lot to be said for this "modern" approach. In some ways, it resembles the appeals the Apostle Paul makes in his epistles. But there's also a danger. I fear that the concept of discipleship can get lost. Surely the essence of the Christian life is living under the lordship of Jesus Christ. I can't help but think that the best reason to give is because Jesus calls us to do so.

I'm all for making personal connections. I just don't want "stewardship" to become the same thing as "marketing." Jesus didn't solicit customers. He called disciples to follow him.

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 25 2009

(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (19-22); Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

November 1, 2009

All Saints Day

Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 24; Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Elders serving communion will be Margaret Allen, Jean Lee, Mary and Glenn Hodges, Margaret and Bob Stakenas.



Canopy Connection Dinner

Have you contacted Ann Westall at 562-2468 or e mail at anndals2@yahoo.com about contributions to the Canopy Connection Dinner? For many of those that attend, it is the only Thanksgiving Dinner they will have. Your dessert, money for food or time to act as a server will help make this a wonderful evening for the 150 to 200 people that attend this event.

Middle School Youth Group

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Westminster Room

Snack Provided by: Taylor Codrick and Emily Weeden

High School Youth Group

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Calvin Room

Tallahassee CROP Walk for Hunger Relief Sunday, November 8

2:00 p.m.

(12:30 to 2:00 - music and lunch of beans and rice)

E. Peck Green Park (across from library)

You may sign up in the courtyard following worship on **October 25, November 1, or November 8**, to walk and/or to sponsor someone to walk.

Young Adult Gathering Thursday, October 22, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Bella Bella Restaurant

If you would like more information, contact Christy Williams by e-mail or phone - Christy@oldfirstchurch.org or 222-4504.

**Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team
Monday, October 25
5:45 p.m.
Calvin Room**

**Session Meeting
Monday, October 25
7:00 p.m.
Westminster Room**

Mid-Week Adult Enrichment
Series II

Calvinism and the American Character

Spend four weeks exploring the ways Calvin has influenced American culture and the ethos of our thoughts and daily lives.

Leo Sandon will be leading this series.

October 28, November 4, November 11 and November 18

To register call the church office at 222-4504 by Monday at noon

or

e-mail office@oldfirstchurch.org

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.-Bible Study at 6:15 p.m.

Meals are \$5.00/with a family cap of \$15.

Children 10 and under are free.

Childcare is provided upon registration.

**REGISTRATION
IN COURTYARD
ON SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 25**

Church School

Church School for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m. There is childcare for infants through preschoolers in the main floor nursery. Elementary School aged children should come up to room 305 for community time. They will be dismissed by 9:30 a.m. to their classrooms.

ABC (Adult Bible Class)

Calvin Room

We will begin the study of Micah with chapter 1:1-3-3:12. Davis Thomas will lead us.

Faith and Families Class

Library

We will return to our study using the series, *Saint or Sucker*.

Hearing and Sharing the Word Class


Conference Room

Join us as we begin our study of the Bible and our faith.

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room

Kip Carpenter, a long time local Remodeling and CAPS* contractor will speak on: "Aging in Place- How our Homes can change as we change." He'll have a PowerPoint with lots of photos on 'Home modifications, changes and remodeling specifically for seniors so they can stay in their home independently, comfortably and safely as long as possible'.



Pastor's Book Club

November 15, 2009

John Calvin, Reformer for the 21st Century
by William Stacy Johnson

@ 6:00 p.m. at the Westminster Oaks Pool House