



AUGUST 2010

good tidings

First Presbyterian Church of Maitland

The Pastor Pens

by Ron Smith



Ministry & Mission Fair *extravaganza*

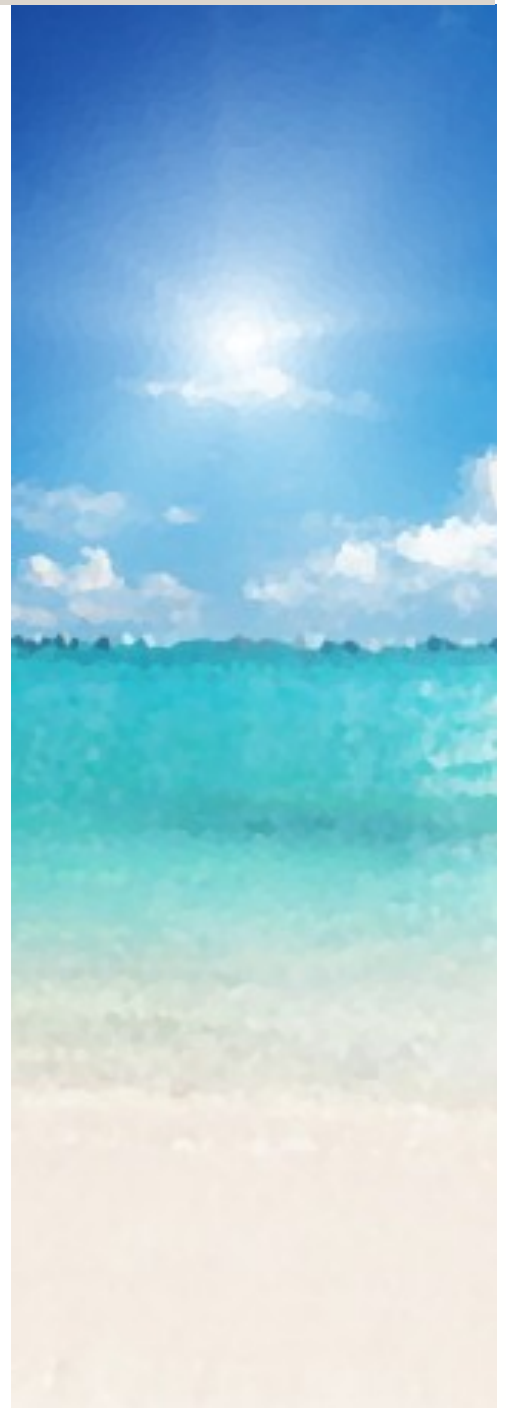
August 29 in the Family Life Center

Sunday, August 29, First Presbyterian will celebrate the climax of our summer series on Spiritual Gifts with a **Ministry and Mission Fair** in the Family Life Center. For weeks, some of our best minds, best writers, best design and graphic artists, as well as event planners have been working to put together the “Best-Ever Ministry and Mission Fair.”

Food! Fun! Music! Ministry and Mission Booths!

In addition to a great time and a kick-off for fall, every ministry and mission outreach will sponsor a booth—there will be dozens upon dozens of booths to check out. Information about an opportunity to use your Spiritual Gift will be available for you to explore.

Don't miss the party atmosphere, eating, listening to good music, and wandering around the inside fair grounds on **August 29!** Festivities will start at **10:30 a.m** in the Family Life Center.



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Blood Drive Report

Our June 20 Blood Drive brought out the following people to donate for our church account:

Janet Adames Rodriguez
Carol Blevins **Gail Fisher**
Junella Hildreth **Doris Houck**
Donna Joiner **Jeff McLain**
Wayne Marquis **Connie Memory**
Helen Miller **Bud Raike**
Pete Taulbee

We appreciate this support, especially on Fathers Day! With each donation saving up to three lives, 36 lives were saved.

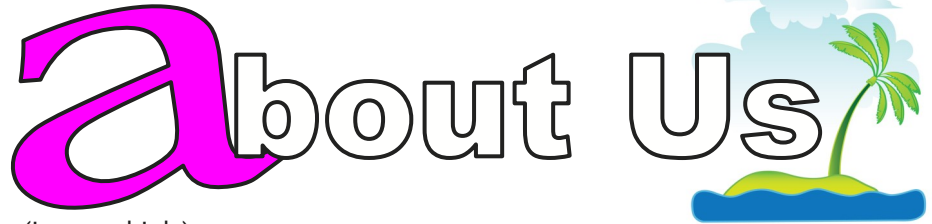
Our next drive is

Sunday, September 12
8:00 - 1:00.

This month's donor story: With more than **140 gallons** under his belt, Ron Howard is Florida's Blood Center's top donor. He began donating blood in high school because his mother was a blood donor. It became a habit he couldn't break.

Florida's Blood Centers honored Ron's achievement during a recent multi-gallon donor luncheon. Ron says he donates about every two weeks (apheresis donor) and he has no intention of stopping anytime soon.

An automated aphaeresis donation provides the most precious components used when treating



(June and July)

In the Hospital ...

Our thoughts and prayers are with those recently in the hospital:

Janet Greene	Virgil Hartsock	Lori Martin
Joe Massett	Bob Neff	CeeJay Pedersen
Judy Self	Frank Tibbitts	Angie Tolle

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lisette & Paul Machovina** on the birth of their son, **Conner Allan Machovina**, born on June 23, 2010. Conner is the grandson of **Bob & Twyla Dague**.

Christian Sympathy...

Christian Sympathy is extended to **Leslie Macaulay and Family** on the death of Leslie's mother, Norma Hood, who died on May 26; to **Ray Crickenberger** on the death of his sister, Waltine Wright, who died on June 1; to the friends and family of **Jean DeBarre**, who died on June 5; to **Will Lam** on the death of his brother Caldwell Lam, who died on June 17; to **Angie Tolle and Family** on the death of her mother, Marilyn Aleci, who died on June 28; to **Charles Winscott and Family** on the death of his wife, **Jane**, who died on July 2, 2010; and to **Terry & Carol Hadley** on the loss of their twin grandchildren, Addison and Burke Hadley, who were stillborn.



cancer patients' platelets and plasma. This technology allows donors to give a larger quantity of specific cells than a standard donation so your donation has a bigger impact. For example, one

automated platelet donor produces one complete platelet dose for a patient. Meanwhile, it takes eight whole blood donors pooled together to produce one complete platelet dose.

It's Time to Make Time for God

Prayer: Opening Your Heart to God

- The Privilege of Prayer
- How to Pray Authentically
- Dangerous Prayers
- The Mystery of Unanswered Prayer
- The Painfully Honest Prayers
- The Lord's Prayer

The Creator of the universe wants to have a dynamic personal relationship with you. The key is prayer: authentic, contagious, direct communication with God.

Immediately following Labor Day, the entire congregation will be given the opportunity to have a conversation in worship and in small groups, with God on the subject of prayer—through prayer. Beginning on **Sunday, September 12**, Pastors Ron and Labert will be preaching a series of six messages on prayer: *The Privilege of Prayer*, *How to Pray Authentically*, *Dangerous Prayers*, *The Mystery of Unanswered Prayer*, *The Painfully Honest Prayers*, and *The Lord's Prayer*.

In addition to a weekly message, the Adult Ministry Group will offer small group opportunities for these six weeks as well. Each session in prayer will give you a new window of insight.

You will receive courage to lift “dangerous prayers” with a confident heart. You’ll discover how to handle the disappointments of unanswered prayer, and you will be moved to a depth of honesty in prayer that will surprise you.

If you long for a spiritual life that is deep, fruitful and profoundly real—these small group studies will help you draw heart-to-heart with God. The study guide, “Prayer: Opening Your Heart to God,” has been prepared by Bill Hybels with Kevin & Sherry Harney in the format that most of the congregation journeyed together during Lent.

Beginning Sunday, August 1, Marjie McDonough will be available in the north end of the narthex to begin forming small groups. Please let her know if you would like to join a small group. Each group will be limited to ten members.

There is also a need for additional facilitators. If you would be interested in helping, please let Marjie know. A facilitator training session will be held on **Thursday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m.** at the church.

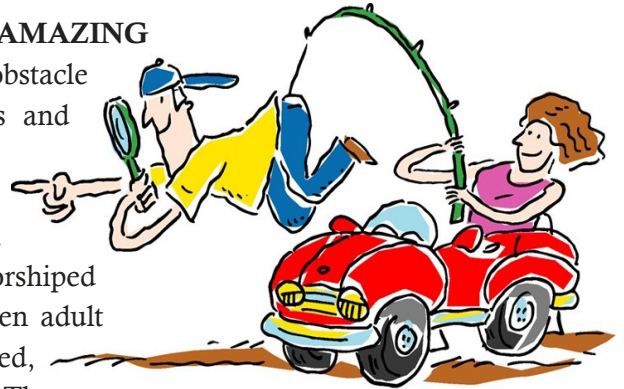
Please prayerfully consider becoming involved in a small group. Through the sermon series and your small group experience, you will learn how to pray more effectively and experience a more intimate relationship with God.



E26 *Uniting youth in Christ's love through service, with fun and fellowship.*

The members of FPCM have many good reasons to be proud of their youth this summer.

- June 27- July 2, ten high schoolers and four leaders spent time in Hot Springs, North Carolina working in Mrs. Payne's 1971 trailer. With the help of **Joe Erbes**, **Kris Sigle**, and **Mitch Wells**, this group of teens put their algebra and geometry lessons into action and mastered power tools. As a group we demoed two ceilings, replaced a beam, replaced sheet rock, spackled, re-plumbed a section of toilet, did electrical work, water proofed a section of roof, cut out and replaced sub-flooring, retiled a bedroom, organized the shed, painted the porch and bought hanging plants for Mrs. Payne. When not working on Mrs. Payne's house, we studied Micah 6:8, "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?"
- A week later all thirty-three teens participated in **THE AMAZING RACE!** The Family Life Center was transformed into an obstacle course and the youth had to follow the trail of clues and challenges that took them to City Walk, WonderWorks, 7-11, and back to the church. It was a blast! Once the Amazing Race was over, the Lock-in began. After a sleepless night, and a home cooked breakfast, we all worshiped together at the 8:00 service. Many thanks to the seventeen adult volunteers, who planned, drove, judged, timed, cooked, sorted, jogged, and played along with us to make The Amazing Race and Lock-in such a fun event!
- E26 supported the Children's Ministry of FPCM during the week of **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**. The youth acted as Christ-like ambassadors as they mentored, led and assisted throughout the week of July 26.
- This year on the **PLUNGE**, we're headed toHA! Nice try, but you can't trick me into telling you where we're going! Please keep us in your prayers as sixteen middle school students and four leaders head out August 8-14 for the undisclosed adventure. It is safe to say that the trip will challenge our comfort zones and will encourage us to grow in Christ.



As Summer 2010 continues, E26 extends a big THANK YOU to our FPCM family for your support and prayers!

"As iron sharpens iron, so one friend sharpens another." -Proverbs 27:17



If you are in your thirties or forties, join us for our monthly get together at Habanero's Mexican Restaurant on 436 in Winter Park. The date is **Monday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m.** This event is for adults in this age group to get to know each other better and to create a stronger community within the church. Please join us! An invitation will be sent out prior to the event, or call **Linda Altizer** at 407-657-5350.

Ministry for Children & Families of FPCM

Summer Camps have been going on strong across FPCM's entire campus! Little ones have been enjoying the **CECE's Pre-school Camp**. Young athletes have loved **L.A.B. Sports'** basketball, dance and cheerleading camps. **Art Camp** had many returning and new students who got to perfect their pottery, painting, printmaking and mixed media art skills. The **Mission Camp** had a small but energized group of kids and counselors who learned about:

- why **Personal Hygiene Bags** are important to the employed homeless at the Coalition for the Homeless Shelter (downtown Orlando)
- how the gift of a **goat** via **Heifer International** can change a whole family's life
- and about **relief efforts** in Haiti through the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** organization

In next month's newsletter we'll tell you about our Vacation Bible School! Hooray for Summer!



FPCM Presbyterian Women are making cremain containers for use in the church Memorial Garden.

They are biodegradable sewn cotton bags with an embroidered cross and are available at no charge. Once cremains are received from the crematorium, they may be placed in one of these beautiful and dignified containers for interment in the memorial garden. Please let the church office or the memorial garden committee know if you wish to have one. Also, our appreciation to the women of the St. Marks Episcopal Church in Jacksonville for sharing this idea and sending us a model of this project.

Dessert

Wednesday Evenings 7:00-8:30

Social with the Smiths!



Members of the congregation are invited to attend a dessert social with **Ron & Cheryl Smith** on Wednesday evenings this summer from **7:00 to 8:30**. These gatherings, limited to ten guests, will also give you an opportunity to hear what Ron has learned about FPCM and to hear his vision for the church. Sign up on the white board in the narthex or call the church office (407-644-3455).

Locations and Hosts:

August 4	Tracy & Barbara Allen	1621 Lakehurst Avenue, Winter Park
August 11	Ivor & Mary Scott Singer	1816 Tioga Trail, Winter Park
August 18	Nancy Peters	221 Shady Hollow, Casselberry
August 25	Debbie Horn	1350 Dutch Elm Drive, Altamonte Springs

If you would like to host a gathering for your neighborhood for a Wednesday in September, please call the church office, 407-644-3455.

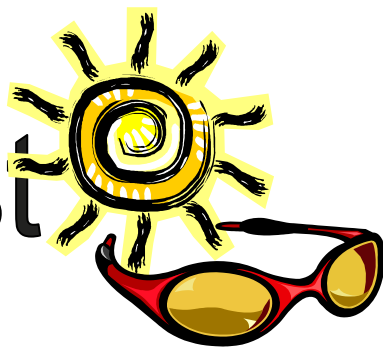
Let's go "F.I.S.H."ing

On **Saturday, August 21**, let's go "F.I.S.H."ing with the Presbytery of Central Florida. F.I.S.H. is an acronym for **Fresh Ideas Start Here**. Presented annually by the leadership development committee of Central Florida Presbytery, numerous workshops for various local church ministries will be offered at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orlando. The workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. This year's special guest is Suzie Lane, regional coordinator for the LOGOS Ministry.

The early registration deadline is August 13; the cost is \$15, which includes lunch. After August 13, the price increases to \$20. Brochures describing offered workshops may be found in the narthex.



August



1 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*

12:00 p.m. - VBS Celebration

2 Monday

8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. - Praise Team

3 Tuesday

6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - *Tuesdays with Labert*



4 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - Quilting Group
1:30 p.m. - Bridge Group

5 Thursday

12:00 p.m. - *Lunch with Labert*
1:30 p.m. - Senior Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - **Beth Moore Bible Study**

8 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*

9 Monday

8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group

10 Tuesday

6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - *Tuesdays with Labert*
7:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry

11 Wednesday

1:30 p.m. - Bridge group

12 Thursday

12:00 p.m. - *Lunch with Labert*
1:30 p.m. - Senior Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - **Beth Moore Bible Study**

15 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*

16 Monday

8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

17 Tuesday

6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - *Tuesdays with Labert*

18 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - Quilting Group
1:30 p.m. - Bridge group

19 Thursday

1:30 p.m. - Maintain Your Brain
6:30 p.m. - **Beth Moore Bible Study**

22 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*

2:00 p.m. - PW Council Meeting

23 Monday

8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group

24 Tuesday

6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - *Tuesdays with Labert*

25 Wednesday

1:30 p.m. - Bridge group

26 Thursday

12:00 p.m. - *Lunch with Labert*
1:30 p.m. - Senior Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - **Beth Moore Bible Study**
7:00 p.m. - MSO Rehearsal

29 Sunday — Worship Services & Sunday School*

10:30 a.m. - **Ministry & Mission Fair**
5:30 p.m. - **Voices of Cana**
6:30 p.m. - **E26 (Middle & High School Youth)**

30 Monday

8:45 a.m. - Prayer Group

31 Tuesday

6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. - *Tuesdays with Labert*

* 8:00 a.m. Early Bird - Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional

**Deadline for your announcements
and articles for September's issue
of Good Tidings is Monday, August 16.**



Update on Haiti from Child Sponsorship Program

We recently received a letter from **Charlie & Mary Scott**:

- “When we arrived in Port-au-Prince last month, several scenes that we will not soon forget stunned us:
- Tents everywhere—some decent pup tents but many tents made of sticks with a piece of tarp on top.
 - Toppled buildings that have not been touched since the January earthquake. Haiti simply does not have the machinery to remove the massive amounts of rubble from collapsed buildings.
 - Seeing about eight hundred children of our school meeting under makeshift, tent classrooms still singing, laughing and enjoying their lunch of rice and beans.
 - Our teachers and staff are still living in tents or cars due to fears of another earthquake or because their homes were destroyed by the earthquake on January 12.
 - Our school turned into a hospital for one day with several hundred children, babies and adults lined up to see a doctor.”

The Scotts will be returning to Haiti again this summer. Part of this time will be spent with Architecture for Humanity, a nonprofit design service firm that is working in Haiti to rebuild schools. They will be “gathering information on the costs of rebuilding, new regulations for schools in Haiti, the process for removing the rubble of the destroyed school and many more items related to the future new school.”

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