

First Presbyterian Church of Green Cove Springs

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Worship Services

8:00 am and 10:30 am

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



THE FLAME - JUNE 2018

The Mission of our church is: To share the love of Jesus Christ with all people.

We will accomplish this through:

- ♦ Joyful worship ♦ Education for all ages ♦ Community outreach with a particular emphasis on children and the poor
- ♦ Providing an authentic sense of family in times of fellowship and crisis



Summer

I want to take us back to an earlier time in our lives. I want us to think about how we felt approaching summer vacation. I do realize some of us are teachers and others of us are students. This reality isn't in the past for all of us. Although I do know there are a few of us that loved everything about school and annually hated it coming to an end, most of us looked forward to the break and greater freedom that summer promised. My first job out of college was selling copiers, a job done mostly by recent college graduates that were trying to establish themselves as salespeople. Many of us had the same experience. About 3-4 months into the job, we woke up one morning and thought, "I'm going to be getting up like this, to go to work, every morning for 45 years or so!" Even though many of us liked our job at that point, it was an overwhelming feeling for people in their early twenties.

One of the best things summer did was to establish a rhythm in our lives. A time to work very hard and a time where things were lighter. As we enter the summer season, ask ourselves, "Is it time to adjust to a new rhythm?" The possibilities are endless, aren't they? For some, it may be a time to take a break from something or change a routine. Our exercise patterns or devotional practices could change for the summer. For others, it could be a time to commit to something for a little while. We might ask a few people to form a small group just for the summer or make time to participate in something that we don't feel we can handle year-round.

Whatever we decide to do, the most important thing is to make sure we don't let the time slip away. Coming to a decision that this isn't the time to change anything is a great decision too. What I want to help us avoid is allowing the opportunity to slip away. If you need some help considering options, talk to your spouse, a friend or two, or set up a time to come and see me.

Blessings as you consider the opportunities God has before you,



Highlights from the May Session Meeting:

Nothing Submitted

Ed Kelly, Clerk



PW Dine Out at Santioni's

In Fleming Island on Tuesday June 5th
5:30 pm meet at church to carpool
6 pm at Santioni's
All Women are invited!!



Saturday June 16th at 8 am
for breakfast, fellowship and
a chance to share your gifts to aid
us in our Christian Mission!
All men invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The FPGCS men's club held our Home Tweet Home/Fish Fry on Saturday, 5/12/18. There were 8 birdhouses donated to our auction and were in the fellowship hall for judging and then the silent auction. We enjoyed a wonderful meal of fried fish, hush puppies, cold slaw, awesome cheese grits followed by fresh baked cupcakes. Special thanks to our cooks, kitchen and serving helpers.

We had a good crowd with a number of people who bid on the bird houses. First place was won and presented to Sandra Royal for her well-crafted birdhouse, Steampunk Saturday Nite. Second prize went to Tony Ledbetter for his Paradise Pineapple birdhouse. Third Prize went to John Breakfield for his log cabin bird house. Thank you all for building and donating such wonderful birdhouses. I know that they will be used to provide shelter for a number of birds, here in Clay County and North Georgia. Special thanks to Anita Dolpp who provided the wonderful hand made trophies. They were special!

Everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening and auction and left with smiles on their faces and some had birdhouse(s) in hand! We raised \$456.



Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:15 am on June 21st at La Casita in GCS. No reservations are needed and everyone is welcome to join the group for a good lunch and friendly conversation.



We will celebrate God's graciousness to our church through the survival and ongoing recovery of Jessica Land with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, June 24th at 11:30 am.



Green Cove Springs Police Department is sponsoring a weekly pickup slow pitch softball game on Thursday nights for about 12 weeks starting on June 7 (5:30 & 7:00). If we had several who would like to play (It doesn't even need to be a full team), Mark would be willing also. Let Mark know if you are interested at mhults@gmail.com or 524-1613.



**Vacation Bible School (VBS)
"Rolling River Rampage"
will be June 11-15
Register online at firstpresgcs.org**

Please bring any items you have signed up for as soon as possible. If you signed up for refrigerated items, please place them in the refrigerator in the kitchen on the left side that is labeled VBS. Thank you to everyone who has purchased or lent us items for VBS, they are greatly appreciated. We could not do this every year without people like you.
THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

There are still some items that need to be purchased or borrowed on our NEEDS LIST. Please help the children experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!!

Volunteers are still needed. Keep watching the Weekly Email for additional information or contact Lee Anne Higel at bhigel@aol.com or 904-614-8469 to volunteer or for more information.



2017 Annual Attendance Averages

2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr*	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
1st	32	31	36	35	37	42	28	35	35	31	38	32	34
2nd	98	95	76	97	85	86	73	85	94	84	85	86	87
Avg.	130	126	112	132	122	128	101	120	129	115	123	118	121

2018 Annual Attendance Averages

2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr*	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
1st	41	42	33	34	31								36
2nd	88	96	88	90	77								88
Avg.	129	138	121	124	108								124

OUR STAFF:

Rev. Mark Hults	Pastor	mhults@gmail.com
Jacquelyn Mizeur	Administrative Assistant	admin@firstpresgcs.org
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Sandra Royal	Director of Music	
Donna Jones	Pianist	
Patti Knoff	Nursery Attendant	

OUR MINISTRY LEADERS:

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Finance	Bob Higel, 2018	bhigel@aol.com
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FINANCIAL REPORT YTD as of May 31, 2018

Donations:	\$113,222.33	Fund Balances:	
Disbursements:	<u>\$107,875.04</u>	Operating	\$15,977.66
Net Profit (Loss):	\$5,347.29	Reserve	\$1,990.33
		Designated/Memorial	\$14,835.81

The Designated/Memorial Account is a specific account from donations that are Designated Funds.