

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 - AUGUST 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



Walking with Jesus in Luke

I hope you are enjoying your summer and dodging the near constant rainfall as best you can. The last couple of weeks of July and the first few weeks of August, we will be in the Book of Luke. If you haven't yet, I'm encouraging everyone in our church to watch a couple of short videos about Luke put out by a group called the Bible Project. You can find them by clicking here: <https://www.bible.com/videos/2003/series> or typing that address into your internet's browser. These videos will help us have a general overview of what's going on in this book and help us apply it to our situations and lives.

Every book of the Bible gives us a different lens on the human experience. In Luke, we see scenes with Jesus that help us understand how upside down or opposite our experience are in relationship to the Kingdom Christ is implementing. Luke promotes Jesus as both the Messianic King and the one that brings God's blessing to all humanity. One of the aspects that Luke does stronger than any other of the Gospels is to develop poverty and freedom. Instead of only seeing those without money as impoverished, Luke also defines spiritual poverty as a resistance against Jesus and his message. Luke requires us to see ourselves as poor, but gives us a picture of what it looks like to walk away from our poverty for a newfound freedom with Messiah Jesus.

Like many of the gospels, the stories of Jesus in Luke are fascinating. They both encourage and challenge us as we think about what our lives should look like as we take Jesus' call seriously. I really hope you enjoy this series and it's a great way for you to end your summer on a high note.

Blessings to you all,



Highlights from the July Session Meeting:

There was no July Session Meeting

Ed Kelly, Clerk



Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:15 am on August 16th at The Loop in Fleming Island. No reservations are needed and everyone is welcome to join the group for a good lunch and friendly conversation.



Monday August 13th at 7 pm

Meeting and monthly Bible Study.
All women of the church are invited to participate.



Saturday August 18th 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 WOMEN

Our "Days for Girls" project is ongoing. Refugee aid often focuses on food and shelter, but for women and girls, feminine hygiene supplies are also badly needed. We are collecting girls' underpants, sizes 5 to 9, in dark colors, to aid in this national PW project. Please bring your donations to a PW meeting or drop them off in the church office. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make your check out to Presbyterian Women and mark for "Days for Girls."

The PW of St. Augustine Presbytery invites all women to a Summer Event at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center on August 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be a discussion of the upcoming Horizons Bible Study: God's Promise I Am with You, followed by lunch, and then a play, mission updates, and worship in the afternoon. Registration deadline is August 7th. If interested in attending, please contact Bonnie Sprinkle, PW Moderator.

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	45	31						37
2nd	88	96	88	90	77	92	86						88
Avg.	129	138	121	124	108	137	117						125

OUR STAFF:

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Jacquelyn Mizeur	Administrative Assistant	admin@firstpresgcs.org
Ines Martinez	Financial Secretary	financialsec@firstpresgcs.org
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Donna Jones	Pianist	
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OUR MINISTRY LEADERS:

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FINANCIAL REPORT YTD as of June 30, 2018

Donations:	\$140,362.10	Fund Balances:	
Disbursements:	<u>\$129,299.24</u>	Operating	\$21,724.58
Net Profit (Loss):	\$11,062.86	Reserve	\$1,991.15
		Designated/Memorial	\$17,330.81

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