

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
August 25, 2013
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
If you need to leave the Sanctuary, please use the exits at the back.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Air - Bob Moore

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Silent Reflection

Question: *Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?*

Answer: Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

**Question and answer 61 from the Heidelberg Catechism*

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

People: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

ALL: **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #642

**** The Invocation**

**** The Apostles' Creed**

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

The First Scripture Lesson

1 LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?
2 He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart
3 and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman,
4 who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts,
5 who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Psalm 15

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

Gracious Father, I am not worthy of blessings and mercies. My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion. I am often discontented, prideful, envious, and revengeful. As I have confessed my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, to hate my sin, yet to remember there is hope in You. Help me to see the Lamb that takes away sin. Through Him may I return to You, listen to You, Trust in You, delight in Your law, obey You, and be upheld by You, for Your glory and the good of my fellow-men. Amen.

-Adapted from The Valley of Vision p.145

Assurance of Pardon

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
Hymn #254

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Anthem

God Be in My Head - John Leavitt

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be at my end and in my departing.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Third Scripture Lesson

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. 26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

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1 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**** Offertory Hymn**
Tell Me the Old, Old Story
Hymn #625

**** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13

The Offertory
Take My Life and Let it Be - arr. Mark Kellner

*Please fill out the connection card in the bulletin
to indicate your attendance.*

**** The Doxology**

(Hymn # 731)

Children K4 – K5 may be dismissed to Children's Church.

The Message

Rev. Danny Dalton

Associate Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Hymn #521

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Allegro - Mr. Tavers

*** All who are able, please stand*

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Welcome to Our Visitors

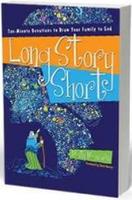
We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881, Ext. 744

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

SPC Family Matters

Parents! Please Read!



As we get ready to debut our new Children's Sunday School curriculum (*Gospel Story* by New Growth Press) next week, we want to let all parents know about an indispensable tool that coordinates with *Gospel Story* curriculum in order to not only help solidify what each child will be learning in Sunday School, but also strengthen families as a whole. This tool is the family devotional guide *Long Story Short*.

Long Story Short will help busy parents share with their children how every story in the Old Testament points forward to God's story of salvation through Jesus Christ. The devotions are coordinated with the bible lessons each child will learn in Sunday School. Then, as a family, spend ten minutes a day, five days a week in order to build upon what each child has learned. You won't find a more important focus for a family devotional than a daily highlighting of the gospel of grace. To obtain your copy of *Long Story Short* for a discounted rate of \$10, please see Danny Dalton (limit one per family, please).



Bill Earnest's Small Group Planning Meeting – The Sunday evening Covenant Group formally led by Bill Earnest is starting again. All former members are invited to join in a planning meeting on **Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat & David Barden (2703 Westhigh Ave., Tampa). Please see or contact Larry Dickey with any questions (813.695.3173).





Women's Ministry News – Guest Speaker

On **Saturday, September 14th** all women are invited to the Southwest Florida Presbytery meeting hosted by Trinity Church in Lakeland (301 N Florida Ave, Lakeland) to hear guest speaker Barbara Aills. Barbara will be focusing on the authority of Scripture as the basis for all our relationships, the counsel we give and receive in them, and elucidating Biblical principles for applying the Gospel to the issues rampant in the culture in which He has placed us.

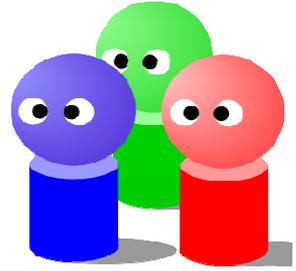
Barbara Aills received her B.A. from the University of Texas (Austin) and holds the Certificate of Christian Studies, emphasis in biblical counseling, from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia). She serves on the Board of Trustees of the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (Philadelphia) and is a member of the Association of Biblical Counselors (Dallas). Barbara has an active counseling practice working along side local churches, is a frequent speaker at conferences and has been counseling and discipling for over fifteen years. Her husband Zach is an elder in their PCA church in Vero Beach, Florida, and member of the Board of Trustees of Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia). They have three grown children, and five grandsons.



The morning begins at 8:00 AM. Combined worship is from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Beginning at 9:30 am, Barbara will be leading two sessions in the morning and a question and answer time after lunch. Lunch will be provided by Trinity (\$5 suggested donation), and a courtesy **RSVP** is requested so adequate preparations can be made. All women are invited to join.

Please RSVP to Kelly Fernandez at
kellyjfernandez@hotmail.com
if you are planning to attend.

MAD @ Southwest Florida Presbytery



Don't get MAD, just get glad and join in one of the Ministry Area Discussion groups at the upcoming Southwest Florida Presbytery Meeting on **Saturday, September 14**. In addition to the special Women's Ministry Discussion Group featuring guest speaker Barbara Aills (see related announcement), there will be discussion groups on the following areas:

- **Session Clerks** (Facilitated by TE Freddy Fritz)
- **Music/Worship Teams** (Facilitated by Adam Davidson, Director of Arts and Worship at Trinity PCA, Lakeland)
- **Evangelism and Apologetics** (Facilitated by Dr. Scott Oliphint, professor of Apologetics at Westminster Seminary)
- **Men's Ministry** (Facilitated by Dave Enslow, Director, Next Steps for Men)

All are encouraged to attend. The Presbytery Meeting will be held at Trinity Church in Lakeland (301 N Florida Ave, Lakeland) and the morning begins at 8:00 AM. Combined worship is from 8:30 to 9:30 am, and the Ministry Area Discussion groups will convene from 9:30 to 11:00 am. See or contact Danny Dalton for more information.



If God is Good, Why is There Suffering and Evil?

*another in the series of
Conversations That Matter*



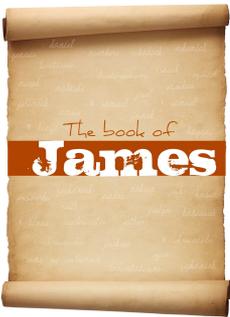
Our sister church, Holy Trinity PCA, is extending an invitation to one and all to join in the next installment of *Conversations That Matter* on **Friday, September 13 beginning at 7 pm**. Dr. Scott Oliphint, professor of apologetics and systematic theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, will address how an omniscient, omnipotent, and benevolent God can exist in a world with evil and suffering. Following Dr. Oliphint's presentation, there will be a time for Questions & Answers.

Holy Trinity is located at 350 S. Hyde Park Ave. in Tampa. For more information, call (813) 259-3500 or visit www.holytrinitypca.org

New Adult Sunday School Classes Starting September 1

Study of James – Church Office

Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto

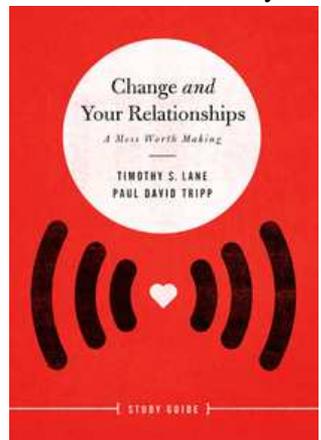


We all want a faith that won't let us down in times of trouble or loss, uncertainty or fear. A faith that can pull us through the worst—and best—times in our lives. This is the kind of faith that James wrote about. It is the faith that we practice day by day. Studying James will help us grow a steadfast faith that can carry us through life. Come join Elder Joe DeNitto in the church office for this class. Our study will involve group discussions and personal reflection on over 120 questions about the text. Together we will explore topics and themes in the book of James.

Change and Your Relationships – Room 102

Teacher: Elder Ben Lambers

God designed us to be relational—it is our very nature, and it is one way in which we reflect the image of God. And only when we live in community do we fully reflect the likeness of God. Relationships are not optional! Because of sin, relationships can be messy, but they are not optional. *Change and Your Relationships* is a study that will help individuals and small groups identify the deeper issues that keep relationships from being less than they were designed by God to be. Based on principles from the book, *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*, this curriculum gives practical direction on how to resolve conflicts, have difficult conversations, grant forgiveness, overlook weaknesses, and celebrate strengths. So come and join Elder Ben Lambers as he leads you through *Change and Your Relationships*.



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Alan Dostal (Judy Dostal's husband)
- Connie Trim

Pray for our missionaries & supported ministries:

- Scott & Kathy Craig, MTW/Short-term Team Coordinators (Costa Rica)
- Costa Rica Mission Project: Birth of a New Presbyterian Church
- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS (Papua New Guinea)
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development nationwide
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF
- Joel DeVictoria, Berea Presbyterian Church (Winter Haven)
- Steve Light, Sojourner Presbyterian Church (USF Area)

E-mail: prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5	Sally Quick & Tami Lang	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Raquel Fernandez & Ines Lopez de Lara	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Kelly Fernandez & Tami Pothoven	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton	#101
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Steve Pothoven & Richard Zak	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Randy Johnson	#108
Adult – OT Poetic & Wisdom Literature	Steve Strickland	#102
Adult – Topics in Reformed Theology	Joe DeNitto	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ August 25 - 31

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

THURSDAY: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

FRIDAY: Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



September 2: Labor Day/*Church Office Closed*

September 3: Session Meeting, 7 pm

September 8: MS/HS Youth Group Kickoff

September 14: Southwest Florida Presbytery Meeting, 8 am



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 119

Last Sunday's Offering: \$12,355.76

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12

Volunteers

Greeters / Ordained Officer

	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Strickland Family	Darby White Brian Armstrong Rob Edwards
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	Steve Strickland	Brian Waugh

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Tami Pothoven	Cameron Pothoven	Kathryn White
Next Week:	Laura Strickland	Rachel Strickland	Nikolas Royer
Sept. 8:	Kelly Fernandez	Marcy Edwards	Nora Fernandez

Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 109.

Coffee Volunteers

Today:	Randa Gravanti
Next Week:	Ron & Marilyn Quick
Sept. 8:	Larry Dickey

Nursery Volunteers

Today:	Sara Royer
Next Week:	Diane Keen
Sept. 8:	Randa Gravanti

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Tami Pothoven 8/4

Ken Smith, Jr. 8/6

Adriana Fontanini 8/7

Bill Bergen 8/8

Josie Hoopes 8/10

Tori Hoopes 8/10

Carolyn Keen 8/12

Steve Pothoven 8/17

Servy Fernandez 8/19

Brittany Connolly 8/19

Judy Vander Ploeg 8/22

Don Vander Ploeg 8/26

Larry Dickey 8/29

Anniversaries

Duncan & Debbie Hoopes 8/3

Richard & Sarah Zak 8/7

Matthew & Therese McKenzie 8/7

Scott & Liz Hickerson 8/12

Frank & Connie Frail 8/16

Al & Debbie Vincent 8/26



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

