

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
August 18, 2013
Thirteenth 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

Chorale - Bob Moore

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

- Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- People:** **Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**
- Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- People:** **For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.**
- ALL:** **The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

For All the Saints

Hymn #358

**** 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

8 Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." 9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." 10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. 11 This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" 12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom." 13 "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." 14 Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. 15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. 16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

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17 And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. 19 Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria. 20 After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. 21 When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?" 22 "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

2 Kings 6:8-23

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

The Confession of Our Sins

O God our heavenly Father, who in fire and lightning gave the ancient Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, and who made the presence of our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, manifestly known by the pouring out of your Holy Spirit; grant that we, your people, may repent of our sins, and be filled afresh and anew with Your good and gracious Spirit, so that we may live out the glorious gospel of grace with all the power you alone can provide. We humbly offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

Breathe on Me Breath of God - arr. Ham

The Second Scripture Lesson

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Revelation 21:1-7

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 Third Scripture Lesson

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. 2 O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. 3 O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. 4 Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name. 5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. 6 When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." 7 O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. 8 To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: 9 "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help." 11 You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, 12 that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Psalm 30

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**** Offertory Hymn**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Hymn #646

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

16 O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. 17 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. 18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD-- in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 116.16-19

The Offertory

Morning Has Broken - arr. Larry Shackley

*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. Bob Burridge

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Blest the Man That Fears Jehovah

Hymn #717

**** Benediction**

Postlude

Voluntary IV - Dr. Green

*** 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

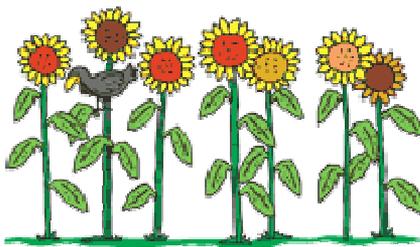
Children's Sunday School Teacher Round Table Discussion – This Saturday!



Volunteer teachers, and anyone else who has an interest, please make plans to attend a very important **Round Table Discussion** to be held **THIS Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (breakfast & coffee provided) at the church office.**

We are **switching curriculums** to the *Gospel Story* by New Growth Press. *Gospel Story* focuses on Christ and his gospel as it teaches children key stories from Genesis to Revelation that highlight God's plan of redemption. This unique multi-year curriculum grows with children by exploring the same Bible stories at different learning levels, presenting the material in a fresh way each time to help children grow in their understanding of the Bible. (*Samples of the new curriculum will be made available upon request.*)

Contact Jamie Dalton at realdaltongang@gmail.com / (863) 221-7888 with any questions.



Welcome to our Guest Preacher:
Rev. Bob Burrige



**Guest
Preacher**

Bob Burrige is a graduate of Clearwater Christian College and Biblical Theological Seminary. His focus was in the Biblical languages of Hebrew and Greek. Upon graduation in 1973 he taught full time for nine years at Skycrest Christian School in Clearwater, then for three years at Keswick Christian School. He also served as an adjunct for nine years at the University of South Florida with their Center for Mathematical Services. He taught in the fields of Science, Bible, and Computer Programming.

Bob served for 25 years as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), Pinellas Park, Florida after his ordination in 1987. He has served two presbyteries as moderator and theological examiner. He appeared as the featured guest of Dr. James Kennedy on his radio program, and of Rabbi Jan Breski on his television program. His writings include commentaries on the Westminster Confession, the Shorter Catechism, the Books of Romans, Jude, Haggai, and Habakkuk.

He is now working full time as Executive Director of the Genevan Institute for Reformed Studies which was established to examine, teach, and promote the historic Reformed faith. The ministries of the Institute are available through their web page at www.GenevanInstitute.org.

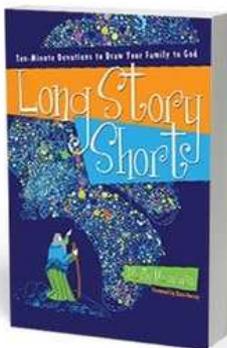
The Genevan Institute for Reformed Studies

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The website www.GenevanInstitute.org offers free lessons and commentaries for use by missionaries, schools, seminaries, Pastors, teachers, individuals, study groups, and various specialized ministries. Thursday nights from 9 to 10 there is a live interactive webcast where visitors can watch, or enter into the conversation asking questions or making comments.

Parents! Please Read!

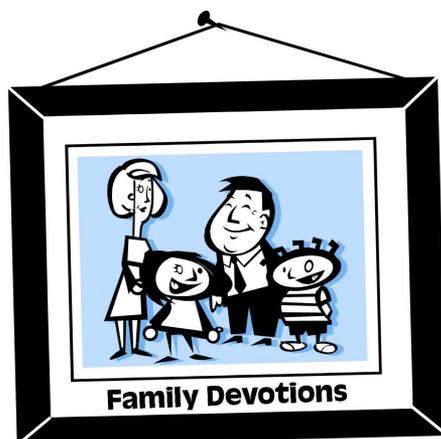
As we get ready to debut our new Children's Sunday School curriculum (*Gospel Story* by New Growth Press) this fall, we want to let all parents know about an indispensable tool that coordinates with *Gospel Story* in order to not only help solidify what each child will be learning in Sunday School, but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



While Christian parents know the importance of passing the gospel story on to their children, we live in a busy world filled with distractions. Schedules collide, there is homework and yard work and dishes and laundry, there are phone calls to make and before you know it, everyone is getting to bed late again.

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).



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.

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 18 - 24

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

FRIDAY: Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am

SATURDAY: Children's Sunday School Teacher
Round Table Discussion, 9 am



August 29: Deacons' Meeting, 7 pm

September 2: Labor Day/*Church Office Closed*

September 3: Session Meeting, 7 pm

September 4: Southwest Florida Presbytery Meeting, 8 am



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 138

Last Sunday's Offering: \$8,591.21

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

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Sarah Zak</i>	<i>Ross Edwards</i>	<i>Dominick Zak</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Tami Pothoven</i>	<i>Cameron Pothoven</i>	<i>Kathryn White</i>
<i>Sept. 1:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Rachel Strickland</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>

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

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Ron & Marilyn Quick</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Sept. 1:</i>	<i>Ron & Marilyn Quick</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Deana Johnson</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Sara Royer</i>
<i>Sept. 1:</i>	<i>Diane Keen</i>

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

SERMON NOTES