

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
September 1, 2013
Fifteenth 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

A Psalm of Thanksgiving - Franklin Ritter
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us?

People: **We will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of The Lord.**

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

ALL: **O taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who trusts in Him!**

**** Glorifying God in Song**

God of Our Fathers

Hymn #710

**** 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 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. 2 The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. 3 Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. 4 "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. 5 And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. 6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man. 7 As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it." 8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you-- the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you-- every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

Genesis 9:1-11

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

The Confession of Our Sins

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

4:11 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

3:6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right. 14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. 15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 & 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

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

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace –
Sebastian Temple; Arr. by Tom Fettke

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love,
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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The Third Scripture Lesson

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." 28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

John 6:25-29

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

**** Offertory Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymn #235

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

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. 3 For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Psalm 95:1-3

The Offertory

Beneath the Cross of Jesus - arr. Don Philips

*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. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn #247
(vs. 1-2, only)

The Words of Institution
&
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*Wine is served in the outer ring;
Grape juice in the inner rings.*

**** Glorifying God in Song**
O Sacred Head Now Wounded
Hymn #247
(v. 3, only)

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Sortie on "National Anthem" - Lani Smith

Welcome to Our Visitors

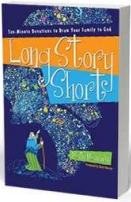
We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

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).



**Student
Ministry**



**Middle School / High School
Small Group Meeting
Kickoff**

*Calling all Middle School
and High School students!*

Come join us Sunday nights in Luther Tower! Beginning **NEXT Sunday, September 8**, we will gather for a time of worship, fellowship, and fun!
Sunday's 5:30 - 7:30 PM
See you there!



Sunday School Options for Middle School & High School Students

It's a new quarter! And here are the classes being offered for Middle School and High School students beginning today, September 1:

Middle School - The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

Teacher: Richard Zak

This class is the second installment of our journey through the Westminster Shorter Catechism. We will be studying questions 21-35 and 37. Students will be challenged to memorize thirteen of these questions (21-28, 30-33, 35, and 37). However, the goal of this course is not just to study and know theology, but that it will affect the way we live! James 1:22 states that we are not only to be hearers of the Word (i.e., danger of hypocritical intellectualism), but we are to do what it says (i.e., be authentically transformed in all of life). Therefore, let's fall in love with Jesus as we study how he accomplished our salvation.

High School - Discovering God's Kingdom Purpose (Intro. to missions)

Teacher: Danny Dalton

I warn you, do not take this course if you wish to remain a comfortable Christian! This is a course on world missions. That means it is about God and what God is doing. Our goal is to discover that missions is not only for missionaries, but the whole church. Therefore, our desire is not to transform you into a missionary per se, (though we are certainly open to that) but to inspire you and motivate you to action on behalf of your part in world missions. Don't miss out on the adventure! We will be looking at missions from a theological, historical, strategic, and cultural perspective.

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.

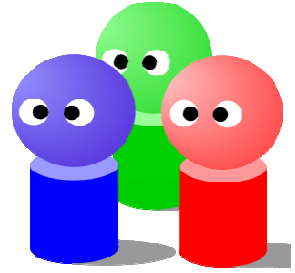
Barbara Aills received her B.A. from the University of Texas (Austin) and holds the Certificate of Christian Studies, emphasis in biblical counseling, from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia). She serves on the Board of Trustees of the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (Philadelphia) 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 Today, September 1

Walden Class – Room 108

Teacher: Matthew McKenzie

The Walden Class, which will be starting a study of Galatians, offers a combination of bible study and social interaction, as participants share their lives with one another through prayer requests, praise reports, brief devotionals, and a thirty-minute bible lesson each Sunday. The class offers a greater degree of flexibility for those desiring to engage in a study of a particular book of the bible, which may exceed the quarterly limitations of other classes, *e.g. a four or five month study through The Gospel of Matthew or the book of Revelation, etc.* This relaxing pace of the Walden Class allows for a comprehensive study of Sacred Scripture in the context of thoughtful dialog, question and answer, and practical application of God's Word in connection to personal and cultural situation and circumstances.

Study of James – Church Office

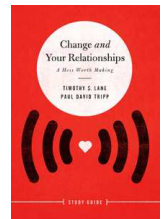
Teacher: Elder Joe DeNitto

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	Cathy Gartman & Tami Lang	#109
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Rainey Hoopes & Lucas Lambers	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Diane Keen & Sara Royer	#107
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Richard Zak	#101
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Danny Dalton	The Tower
Adult – Walden Class	Matthew McKenzie	#108
Adult – Change and Your Relationships	Ben Lambers	#102
Adult – Study of James	Joe DeNitto	Church Office

This Week at SPC ~ Sept. 1 - 7

- SUNDAY:** Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
- MONDAY:** Labor Day/*Church Office Closed*
- TUESDAY:** Session Meeting, 7 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY:** Seniors Covenant Group, 10 am



- September 8:** MS/HS Youth Group Kickoff
- September 14:** Southwest Florida Presbytery Meeting, 8 am
- October 27:** Fall Fellowship, 5 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 147

Last Sunday's Offering: \$7,098.61

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>September</u>	<u>October</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	<i>Darby White Brian Armstrong Rob Edwards</i>	<i>Dave Bardin Andy Thomson Tom Cawley</i>
<u>Ordained Officer:</u>	<i>Brian Waugh</i>	<i>Steve White</i>

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Laura Strickland</i>	<i>Rachel Strickland</i>	<i>Nikolas Royer</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Marcy Edwards</i>	<i>Nora Fernandez</i>
<i>Sept. 15:</i>	<i>Donna Waugh</i>	<i>Chloe Cawley</i>	<i>Dominick Zak</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>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Sept. 15:</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Diane Keen</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Randa Gravanti</i>
<i>Sept. 15:</i>	<i>Debbie Hoopes</i>

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Rachel Strickland 9/1

Jamie Dalton 9/5

Andrew Johnson 9/6

Medora Hoopes 9/6

John Fontanini 9/7

Meredith Gartman 9/8

Liz Hickerson 9/9

Frank Frail 9/10

Cameron Pothoven 9/11

Jonathan Keen 9/14

Chloe Cawley 9/15

Marty Zak 9/21

Sally Quick 9/22

Kate Melendi 9/23

Glee Hamilton 9/24

Scott Hickerson 9/24

Ross Edwards 9/26

Cathy Armstrong 9/27

John McKenzie 9/30

Paul McKenzie 9/30

Anniversaries

Servy & Raquel Fernandez 9/13

Ronald & Marilyn Quick 9/15



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

