

THE NAVIGATOR

DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

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Setting The Course

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*



SUNDAYS

9:15 a.m. - Bible Study in the Library

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

MONDAYS

9:00 a.m. – Bag Ladies & Men – Prep for Food Pantry – Meets in the Library

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry – Fellowship Hall – Tuesday the 6th & 20th

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Men's Group - Fellowship Hall – Wednesday the 7th & 21st

THURSDAYS

10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study – Library

6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

12:30 p.m. – Lunch Bunch – TBD – Dec 8th

FRIDAYS

OFFICE CLOSED

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Don't Miss Up Coming Events

December 4th and 11th, is the New Members Class at 11:45 in the Library

December 18th, Fellowship Luncheon following Sunday Service

December 18th is the Deadline for ordering your Poinsettia's. Envelopes available in the Narthex.



December 24th at 4:00PM, Christmas Eve Service

December 25th at 10:30AM, Christmas Day Sunday Service



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Bible Exploration

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

The “10 Commandments” to Studying Your Bible

1

Begin your study with prayer

No matter when or where you study, it is always a good idea to begin your study with sincere prayer. Start by addressing God. Then ask Him for wisdom and understanding as you read. Ask for specific guidance to your life. When you're done, end your prayer "in the name of Jesus Christ, amen." Praying before we study shows God that we are humble and want His help and direction.

2

You don't have to start at the beginning

The Bible is a very long book, but you can start nearly anywhere. For example, if you want to learn about Jesus, you can start with the gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—found in the New Testament. Or choose another person or a specific topic to study.

3

Choose a topic relevant to you

Is there a topic you're curious about? Grace, repentance, forgiveness, or strength during trials? Look up specific verses on any topic you choose and study each of them. Use the index in the back of your Bible as a launching pad.

4

Get to know a character

Choose a character or group of people in the Bible and read every verse you can find about them. Try to understand the context of each verse. Ask yourself questions to help you get to know them better, such as: How does this person know Jesus? What is their relationship? What do I have in common with this person? What can I learn from their life?

5

Write down what you learn

Don't forget the things you've learned from the Bible or the things that the Holy Spirit teaches you through your study. Use a journal or notebook to keep track of the insights you pick up as you read. The more respect we show for the things we learn, the more God will want to share with us.

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Listen to the Bible

Sometimes we all need a change of pace to help us see (or hear) from a different perspective. Consider listening to the Bible as you drive, exercise, or do chores around your home. You can read or listen online and access helpful study guides. You can also download a Bible mobile app that includes the Bible, plus a lot more. If you don't have a computer or a phone with internet access ask a family member to look into the *Wonder Bible*. It is a talking Audio Bible player which can be purchased on Amazon for \$30.

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Read or share with someone else

Family members and friends can enhance your study. We identify different meanings as we read the Bible from our unique point of view. When you have questions, you can discuss together.

You can share verses with each other that are especially meaningful. You might even post what you're learning on social media, and ask other's ideas. You can also join one of the Bible studies held at the church each week.

8

Look up what you don't understand

Chances are that as you study the Bible, you'll come across terms that are confusing or that you simply don't understand. Don't hesitate to search the meaning of a particular word or phrase, or even a whole parable. The internet is home to millions of other people studying the Bible and many experts who can help your study. You can also call me (Pastor Stacy) with any questions that may arise during your studies.

9

Pause and listen

It is important to search and study the word of God, but it is equally important to slow down, quiet your mind, and listen. When we give ourselves time to meditate after studying the Bible, God can enlighten our minds through His Holy Spirit.

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Don't get discouraged

Learning from the Bible is a lifelong pursuit. God is pleased with any effort we put forth to learn from His words, no matter how much we understand (or don't understand) as we read. Greater understanding will come with time and consistent study.

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Pathways To Prayer

"Pray

continually, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5)

7 Scriptures to Pray through during this Advent Season using Lectio Divian

Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and was established as a monastic practice by Benedict in the 6th century. It is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word. We slow down. We read a short passage more than once. We chew it over slowly and carefully. We savor it.

Scripture begins to speak to us in a new way. It speaks to us personally, and aids that union we have with God through Christ who is himself the Living Word.

How Do I Begin?

1. Choose one passage to read: Listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. Allow it to arise from the passage as if it is God's word for you today. Sit in silence repeating the word or phrase in your head. Then say the word or phrase aloud.
2. Read the passage a second time: Ask God how this word or phrase speaks to your life and why it's standing out to you. Ponder it carefully. Don't worry if you get distracted. Say aloud or write down what this word or phrase says to you.
3. Read the passage a third time: Ask Christ what he is calling you to do or consider; to surrender or take on. Continue to pray in silence and let the grace of the Spirit plant these words of scripture in your heart.

Micah 5:2-5

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 2:1-7

Matthew 2:1-12

Philippians 2:1-11

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The Mission Field

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37)

Greetings Partners in Christ,

Thanks for praying for me and the prison ministry.

Below are the photos of the two Prisons that 74 of us volunteers went to in Raiford ,FL.

There were 458 inmates that came out in the yard and there were 11 first time that put their trust in Christ and 119 of the men were recommitted to Christ. There was Union Correction Institution and also Florida State Prison. Behind The Walls, used to be the Bill Glass Prison Ministry and they divided us into two prisons. There were a number of platform speakers sharing the Gospel and us volunteers

prayed with them and their families. The inmates were all over 50 years old and most were lifers or on death row.

This event was Nov. 5th Saturday. The Chaplain of the prisons will do a follow-up of the inmates.

Sanford, FL had a great airshow Oct. 29th and 30th. There were many of us that took our lawn chairs to the soccer field to watch the airplanes fly in the sky above us with different formations.

Photo of the Thunderbirds - Air Force airplanes.



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Dear Friends of Deltona Presbyterian Church,

The last weeks have been heavy ones for us with Dad's homegoing and Jerry's cancer diagnosis. Yet we find our hearts so safe and secure in our Lord. The old hymn, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, has been running through our minds. Based on Deuteronomy 33:27 and written in 1887, its message speaks perfectly today...

"What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms? (The answer is NOTHING)
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms..."

We also want to update you more on the Panama trip. We had precious times visiting with our dear friend, Edelfonso from Morti. He came out from the village for the literacy workshop. You may remember his first wife died years ago. Eventually, he was remarried to a lady named Valentina and continues as the pastor of the Morti church. You can pray that Valentina will learn to read as she attends the literacy classes that Libby is teaching in Morti.

Edelfonso's children are grown and many of them are living in Panama City. Here are 5 of his children and their families. All of them know the Lord and are living for Him. Simeon, the young man on the far left told us, "All of my life I grew up hearing about you. Now I can thank you for coming with the Word of God and changing my family and people forever."

And Yudira, the young lady standing nearest Joyce is with her husband Pedro (in front of Jerry) and their 4 children. Pedro is from the village of Nurra, one of villages upriver from Morti. If you would like to read more about how the Gospel came to this village, go to: [a tale of three cities | Jerry & Joyce McDaniels \(ethnos360.org\)](https://ethnos360.org) and read some of the articles we've pulled together there. Pedro was one of the first believers in this village. He and Yudira are preparing to be sent by the Kuna churches to another village with the Gospel! Pedro has asked Jerry to encourage and disciple him through WhatsApp.



We could go on and on for hours with updates and stories, but just one more! Joyce had the joy of sharing at a Kuna ladies Bible study. About half of the ladies were those that we had known from our time in Panama. The others have come to know Christ through them! One lady summed up their stories, "You know Delis (or Lucinda, or Norma...)? She taught me the Bible and how to read it, just like you taught her. I have trusted in Jesus as my Savior and now I'm teaching others." The body of Christ is something so alive and special!



Appreciate your prayers as we prepare to go to Canada to teach the literacy course there at the missionary training center (November 25-Dec 10th). We thank God for your faithful prayers and financial gifts all these years! May you know God's richest blessings.

Jerry & Joyce McDaniels
International Literacy Coordinators

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IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY 2022



George Chartrand & John Scafidi



THE FUN ZONE

"God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." (Genesis 21:6)

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

Answer: It's Christmas, Eve!

Which area of the Promised Land was especially wealthy?

Answer: The area around the Jordan where the banks kept overflowing.

What do donkeys send out around Christmas time?

Answer: Mule-tide greetings.

Christmas Word Search

G Q C E L V E S Z L I G H T S
D C Z L F J S R V N U L B Z B
C E L E B R A T E W M J E Y F
Q F D C W G N R E I N D E E R
P F Z E H J T G C O O K I E S
G R A N C R A I R I W B I H C
O M E M N O I U K S F V A Z A
R I I S I N R S N D O H J D N
N M M S E L E A T E C Q B W D
A G Z D T N Y C T M J C P R Y
M I I I U L T T W I A B T E C
E V H N Z W E S S Q O S B A A
N I E N A Q Q T F T P N J T N
T N G E P Q I C O P Y Z S H E
D G A R J W D E Q E Y P E B S

Decorations
Celebrate
Lights
Giving

Candy Canes
Ornament
Presents
Dinner

Christmas
Reindeer
Family
Wreath

Mistletoe
Cookies
Elves
Santa



SWEET STREET

*I will be fully
with the
foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. (Psalm 63:5)*

*satisfied as
richest of*



Classic Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Additional granulated sugar
- About 36 Hershey's Kisses Brand milk chocolates, unwrapped

Steps

- 1
Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, beat 1/2 cup granulated sugar, the brown sugar, peanut butter, butter, and egg with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with spoon, until well blended. Stir in flour, baking soda and baking powder until dough forms.
- 2
Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in additional granulated sugar. On ungreased cookie sheets, place about 2 inches apart.
- 3
Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately press 1 milk chocolate candy in center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack.

FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LIST

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Elsie Candito Joan David
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Ruth Frye Bernice Harris
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Virginia Topping Beverly Forney
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MEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kim Smythe (Niece of Pastor John and Mary)
Jean Fighera (Mother of Tracilyn Panak)
Shannon Gill (Daughter of Linda Hopkinson)
Tegge Family
Ilene Elliott
Karen Golub (Niece of Judi Ramsland)
Corey Knapp (Son of Kristen Tovar)
Kathy Jensen
Danene Forvour (Daughter of Joanne Burns)
Hunter and Nicholas (Children of Karen Miller)
Dorothy Johnson (Mother of Sharon Wooten)
Calvin Char (Brother-in-law of Sharon Wooten)
Family of Barbara Swanson
Family of Lorna Sande

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Marines:

Jeffery Desrosier (Grandson of Carol Desrosier)

Army:

Ryan Craig (Grandson of Bill and Sandi Barnard)

Air Force:

Joshua Brown (Grandson of Carol Desrosier)

**PERMISSION IS REQUIRED TO PUBLISH A NAME
ON THE PRAYER LIST. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
OR PASTOR WITH PRAYER REQUEST**

December Birthdays

*If your birthday is not listed here,
please contact the church office to
provide the date!*

Angel Van De Maat	Dec. 02
Marylen Temple	Dec. 11
Elsada Lewis	Dec. 12
Wanda Lingenfield	Dec. 13
Karen Tegge	Dec. 15
Audrey Ostwald	Dec. 16
Ruth Gronosky	Dec. 19