

THE NAVIGATOR

DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. John 20:1-8 NIV

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Setting The Course

April 2024

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



April
2024

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. – Morning bible study

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. – 11:00 a.m. – Food Pantry – Fellowship Hall – Tuesday April 9th & 23rd

THURSDAYS

2:30 p.m. – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Women’s bible study April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

7:00 p.m.- AA –Room 1, FLC, 7PM, FLC, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

FRIDAYS

Treasurer's Report February

INCOME	\$15,917.87
EXPENSES	\$18,361.14
MONTHLY PROFIT	\$ -2,443.27

Your tithes and offerings are greatly appreciated and needed!

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Don't Miss Up Coming Events

- Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Boy Scout Meetings, FLC
- Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri Girl Scout Meetings, FLC
- April 1 Building & Grounds Team Meeting, 11AM
- April 2 Care Team Meeting, 1PM, Library
- Care & Share, 6:30PM
- April 3 Care & Share, 10AM, Perkins, Orange City
- April 9 Food Pantry, 9AM – 11AM
- April 14 Planning Team Meeting
- April 15 Finance Team Meeting, 10AM, library
- April 16 Session Meeting, 4:30PM
- April 20 Game Night & Dinner, 5PM-7PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 23 Food Pantry, 9AM – 11AM
- April 27 Free Concert by Youth Explosion for Christ, 7PM, FLC

April Mission

Guardian Ad Litem

Diapers, Wipes & Powdered Formula

Calling All Singers

Our new music Director, Alex Sanchez, is looking to expand the choir! Practice is Monday nights at 5PM. Please consider joining this important ministry of the Church. Your voice matters to God!



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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)

Many Christians around the world who follow the church calendar observe the forty days of Lent. It is a time of reflection and introspection that leads to Easter. As a church we engaged in the 40 Days of Love series. Many of us joined small groups, read the book, watched the videos, and used our workbooks. The weekly themes and teaching were highlighted in the Sunday sermons. If we are going to grow as Christians, we have to continue to engage our hearts and minds in the Biblical teachings of Christ and church wide studies are a great way to do this!

On March 31st we celebrated Easter, but did you know that there are six Sundays of Easter? On these Sundays we study and explore what Jesus did after he rose from the grave. The seventh Sunday following Easter marks the Ascension of Jesus, as he leaves earth and returns to heaven. The eighth Sunday following Easter is Pentecost Sunday; the day commemorating the New Testament's account of the Holy Spirit's anointing upon the Apostles of Jesus. There are 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Our April and May additions of the Navigator I will include readings and questions that will place us on the journey Jesus took from his earthly cross to his heavenly throne. They will also include reading surrounding the powerful gift of the Holy Spirit and how that gift remains with us today.

The love of Christ is something we strive to share with everyone...

the Holy Spirit is the power that makes it possible!

First Reading: John 20:1-18

1. Put yourself in the shoes of Mary Magdalene, how would you be feeling two days after the crucifixion?
2. What has been the hardest “good-bye” in your life?
3. When a loved one dies, does the resurrection of Jesus bring you comfort?
4. At the sight of the empty tomb, do you think you have responded more like Mary or the disciples?
5. How has Jesus spoken to you in your grief? How does your faith give you strength?

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Second Reading: John 20: 19-30

1. What are some reasons for locking doors?
2. Why might the disciples be afraid at this point in time?
3. How does Jesus approach the doubt of Thomas?
4. How does Thomas’ reaction differ from Mary’s?
5. What doubts or questions do you struggle with?

Third Reading John 20:1-25

1. What has happened in your life that could be described as a miracle?
2. What is the sweetest reunion you’ve ever experienced with family or friends?
3. Where do you go to think or pray? Does Jesus meet you there?
4. Why do you think Jesus asks Peter the same question multiple times?
5. What might Jesus be asking of you? Are you willing to do what he asks?

Fourth Reading Acts 1:1-11

1. Have you ever received a long-awaited answer to prayer? Was it worth the wait?
2. How would you categorize Jesus’ ascension into heaven; sad, hopeful, or amazing?
3. Seeing Jesus ascend into heaven would you have felt worried, confused, excited, or abandoned?
4. Who is the gospel intended to reach? (v.8) What provisions has Jesus made? (v.8)

5. Where is God calling you to spread the Good News of Jesus?

Fifth Reading Acts 2:1-13

1. Have you ever been surrounded by people who speak a different language than you?
2. Was there someone there who was able to translate for you?
3. There is a huge feast going on in Jerusalem, Jewish pilgrims have traveled from far and wide to be there. Why is this an important part of the story?
4. Why do you think some people can hear their own language being spoken, and others hear nothing but strange noise?
5. Do you think you would be among those who were amazed and left in awe, or would you have stepped back in suspicion? (v.12-13)
6. Have you ever felt empowered by God to share your faith?

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PATHWAYS TO PRAYER

“Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5)

An Easter Prayer to be a Faithful Witness for Christ

Dear Lord,

We praise you and thank you each and every day for sending us the greatest gift of all; your son Jesus! He is our savior and friend who took our place on the cross, and paid the price for our sins so that we could be free from death and experience eternal life.

We know that when two or three are gathered together in your name, you are there also. Lord, we thank you for the many blessings that you graciously shower over us, both seen and unseen. Give us the wisdom and the will to share your generous grace and mercy with all who cross our paths, both friends and strangers. May there be no limit to our generosity.

Heavenly Father, make us faithful witnesses to the Gospel. Prompt us to stand up for what we believe in and be ready to offer our testimonies. Help us to speak of your healing and life changing faithfulness. We are to be the light in this world, not a light reserved just for our own use. May others come to know you through the light of your glory that shines through us!

As Christians help us build one another up so we can strengthen the body of Christ and in all things strive to be your eyes, ears, hands and feet. Pour the strength of the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that all we say points to you. You are our Rock, our Refuge, our Redeemer, and our Deliverer!

Only in you, is true love found.

Amen.

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“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,

The Mission Field

to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:37)

MARCH 2024

Greetings Partners in Christ!

Thank you for praying for the team of 39 that came into the prison in Putnam Correctional Institution in East Palaka, FL. There were 450 men in the prison and 60 came to know Jesus.

Pray for the Chaplain as he does the follow-up on the new believers.

Continue to pray for the volunteer snowbirds of over 100 that came to help 1-5 months with welding, carpentry, grounds up-keep and several of the men helped to make a new drainage section between Bolivia court and Brazil Court. Others worked in House Keeping and Kitchen helper and we are all glad for the extra help in all the areas. This week March 20th for 10 days several came from Ohio and Indiana to help repair cars of the missionaries and they give free labor, and the missionaries pay for the parts, and it saves them a lot of money. We are so glad they come each year to help with the car repairs.

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Update from Joyce & Jerry McDaniels, Ethos 360



Mission Conferences

We are so looking forward to some travels coming up in April! We will be visiting three supporting churches to share updates and talk about how God could use people's abilities and interests to reach the world. Besides church planters and consultants, the literacy ministry is looking for people who can partner with computer programming, linguistics, graphic design, creative story writing, app design, creating fonts, and more. There's plenty of room for everyone!

Please pray for:

- Clarity as we prepare to share through PowerPoint presentations, messages from the Word, some dramas at the churches, and update our mission table display. We will be sharing with all ages, from preschoolers to “senior saints.”
- Let’s ask the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers into this world – especially some younger ones!
- Safety and that our car will run well. We’ll be driving about 2600 miles on this trip.

Rejoicing in the joy of our Lord,
Jerry & Joyce McDaniels

Food Pantry Statistics - February

Total Number of Families Served: 196
Total Number of household members: 726
Number of bags distributed: 886
New Families registered: 18

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Rummage Sale

Our annual rummage sale was a **HUGE** success.

A Heartfelt thanks to all who worked tirelessly many weeks before preparing ...
heartfelt thanks to all who worked tirelessly setting up and working the sale ... and
also many, many thanks to all who donated their treasures.

We raised **\$2786.64**



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THE FUN ZONE

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



APRIL

WORD SEARCH

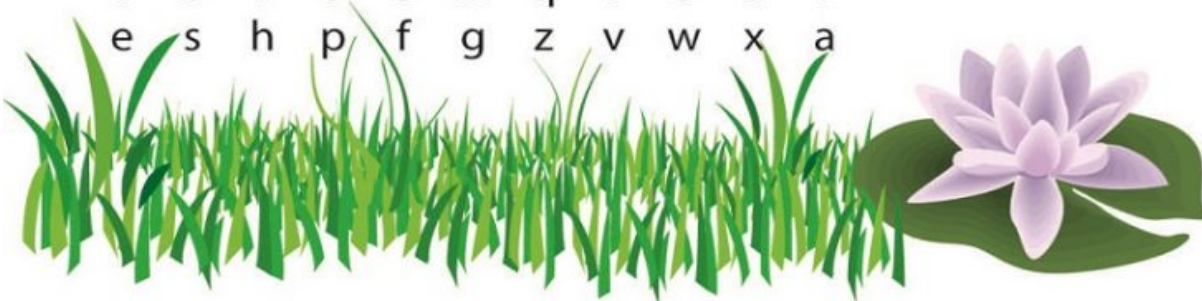


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WORDS

- showers
- underground
- daffodil
- tulip
- bloom
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- diamond
- earth
- easter
- passover
- fool



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Savory STREET

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

Pasta Salad with Fresh Veggies



Ingredients

1 12oz box tri colored Rotini Pasta
1 pint Grape tomatoes (halved)
1 ½ cups Cucumber (diced)
1 ½ cups Broccoli florets (tiny chopped)
1 cup yellow bell pepper (chopped)

1 cup black olives (halved)
¾ cup baby carrots (sliced thin)
1/3 cup red onion (chopped)
½ cup Parmesan Cheese
1 1/3 cups Italian Salad Dressing

Instructions

1. Cook Rotini as directed on box, cool down
2. Mix all ingredients in large bowl
3. Toss with Italian dressing
4. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top

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FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LIST

MEMBER CONCERNS:

<i>Elsie Candito</i>	<i>Joan David</i>
<i>Bernie Pitt</i>	<i>Crissy Argabrite</i>
<i>Ruth Frye</i>	<i>Gertrude Clark</i>
<i>Elaine Brown</i>	<i>Inge Amery</i>
<i>Don Resner</i>	<i>Will Euverard</i>
<i>Virginia Topping</i>	<i>Amy Saunders</i>
<i>Bud Schwarz</i>	<i>Audrey Ostwald</i>
<i>Martha Taylor</i>	<i>Beverly Roice</i>
<i>Sarojini Persaud</i>	<i>Ernie Tegge</i>
<i>Nick Pizza</i>	<i>Paddy Martin</i>
<i>Dorothy Thielman</i>	<i>Ernie Tegge</i>
<i>Tracilyn Panek</i>	

MEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Karen Golub (Niece of Judi Ramsland)
Peter Iatizzi (Judy Ramsland nephew)
Corey Knapp (Son of Kristen Tovar)
Cindy & Vickie (Sisters of Kristen Tovar)
Meg & Caitlyn McCormick (Family of Cheryl Bladt)
Gene Perry (Larry Perry's son)
Nicole Bothwell (Gail Sorce's Neice)
Marleigh Sorce (Gail Sorce's Granddaughter)
Jonathan Narsh (Teresa Narsh's husband)
Nolan Chio (Gertrude Clark's grandson)
Gary Clark (regular attendee)

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Army:

Cory McClure (son of Connie McClure)

Clayton Herriford - Grandson of Emil R. Newby

Air Force:

Tyler Conner (nephew of Connie McClure)

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Gordon Family

Harris Family

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

April Birthdays

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

Cheryl Bladt	April 6
John Anderson	April 9
Pat Price	April 9
Susan Hallahan	April 25