

THE NAVIGATOR

DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD
keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
⁵ who lends money to the poor without
interest;
 who does not accept a bribe against
 the innocent.
Whoever does these things
Will never be shaken. **Psalm 15: 2-5 NIV**

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



SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. -- Choir practice

10:30 a.m. -- Worship Service

2:00p.m. -- Spanish Bible Study, Library

MONDAYS

9:00 a.m. -- Baggers -- Prep for Food Pantry -- Meets in the Library, 9AM

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. -- 11:00 a.m. -- Food Pantry -- Fellowship Hall --Tuesday February 3rd & 17th

WEDNESDAYS

3:00p.m. -- Choir Practice

THURSDAYS

10:00 a.m. -- Women's bible study -- February 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

7:00 p.m.- AA --Room 1, FLC -- February 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

6:30PM -- Bible Study, Library

FRIDAYS

OFFICE CLOSED

Treasurer's Report -- December

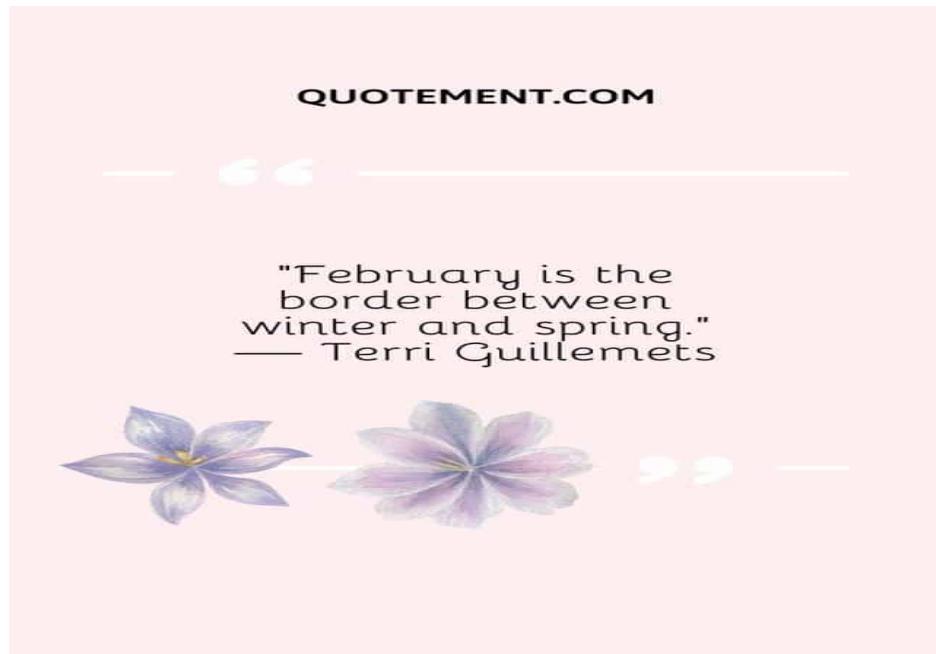
INCOME	\$20,697.07
EXPENSES	\$12,380.53
MONTHLY Net income	\$ 8,316.54
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Don't Miss Up Coming Events

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	Boy Scout Meetings, FLC
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri	Girl Scout Meetings, FLC
February 2	ROMEOS, Dennys, 9AM
February 3	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
February 8	Planning Team Meeting, 11:45AM
	Devotionals Due
February 9	Finance Team Meeting, 10AM
	Buildings & Grounds/Security Team Meeting, 11AM
	Care/Missions Team Meeting, 12N
February 15	Scout Sunday
February 17	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
February 18	Ash Wednesday Service, 4PM
February 21	Cancer Walk, Gemini Springs, 9AM
February 22	Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:30AM
February 25	Session Meeting, 4PM

February Mission

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Pastor's corner

All

Scripture is

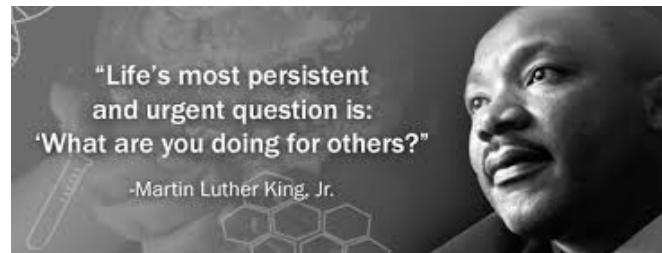
God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: DR. KING'S UNSETTLING WITNESS

Rev. Carmelo Mercado, DMin, ChFC

February calls us to honor Black history—not as a symbolic gesture, but as a moral summons. At the center of this observance stands the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (my favorite preacher), whose legacy is often softened into comforting soundbites while his prophetic challenge to a violent and racist nation is conveniently ignored. **Dr. King did not merely comfort the afflicted; he unsettled the comfortable.** He did not simply dream; he demanded repentance, justice, and courageous change. Racism remains America's original sin and one of its deepest moral failures. Though slavery has been outlawed, racism is still alive in hearts, habits, and in the very way our society is organized. Racism is immoral and evil because it assumes that one group is superior to another, primarily on the basis of skin color. While all people face hardships, for many Americans their skin color has never been the

reason for exclusion from opportunity. But for over 400 years, people of color had been deprived, punished, or barred from equal access to education, healthcare, housing, employment, voting, and other basic human rights. Dr. King named this reality plainly, reminding us that “bootless people cannot lift themselves by their bootstraps.” Injustice built into laws, policies, and longstanding practices cannot be cured by moral clichés, pious slogan, hollow words, shallow spirituality, or “sanitized” history.



Dr. King reminded the nation that “there can be no justice without peace, and there can be no peace without justice.” **One of the gravest threats to a just society, he warned, is silence** in the face of inequity, unfairness, intolerance, and discrimination. Nowhere is this clearer than in his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. Smuggled out on napkins, toilet paper, newspapers, and greasy paper bags, the letter was his response to well-meaning clergymen who deemed his nonviolent protests “unwise” and “untimely.” With piercing clarity, Dr. King lamented that the “great stumbling block” to racial equality was not the Ku Klux Klan, but the silent moderate—“who is more devoted to ‘order’ than to justice, who prefers a negative peace (the absence of tension) to a positive peace (the presence of justice).

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” His words remain as unsettling today as they were in 1963. For people of faith, this witness is inseparable from Scripture, where it repeatedly commands care for the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Justice is not an optional add-on to the gospel; it is central to it. To honor Dr. King faithfully, we must do more than quote him—we must follow him. **What, then, might faithfulness look like in our time?** We can begin by: (a) listening empathetically to the hurts and perspectives of others without blaming, deflecting, or changing the subject; (b) admitting that racism is not just personal prejudice, but it is also baked into the system or woven into the customs of major institutions; (c) confessing our own stereotypes and ingrained prejudices; (d) avoiding emotionally charged or dismissive language; and (e) becoming actively anti-racist, with zero tolerance for bigot attitudes or actions in the beloved community. Since **racism is a learned behavior**—no infant is born a racist—it can also be unlearned through intentional discipleship and moral courage.



Black History Month is not about nostalgia; it is about truth-telling, repentance, and recommitment. To honor Dr. King is to embrace not only his comforting vision of an inclusive society, but also his prophetic insistence that America confront its violence, its injustice, and its addiction to prejudice. Despite our differences, there is only one human race. Every person yearns for dignity and deserves respect. May this February (as we prepare for Lent) **move us beyond** sentimentality into solidarity, beyond words into witness, and beyond silence into justice.



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PATHWAYS TO PRAYER

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

Psalm of David – Psalm 15:1-5

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

Questions to Ponder:

1. Where would your dream house be?
2. What features would need to be present?
3. Who gets to live on God's "holy hill"?
4. Why isn't God's dwelling available on an "equal housing opportunity? Basis?
5. Why "despise" the vile?
6. In applying for God's dwelling, would your references say you have the required good character? Words? Works? Dealings? Why or why not?

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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)

Dear Partners in Christ,
Thanks for the past year of gifts and prayers.

Pray for ROOT (Running Out Of Time) Prison Ministry 2026:

Hernando Jan, 17th

Tomoka July 11th

Hardee Feb, 14th

Jefferson, Sept 12th

Calhoun March, 14th

Cross City Oct 10th

Lowell April 18th

FWRC – Ocala Nov 14th & 15th

Okaloosa May 8th

Okeechobee Dec 12th

DeSoto June 13th

Mellonville Nursing Home

Every Tuesday 3PM-3:30-m

Elderly residents

Inmate Encounter

Prison Ministry in Florida

One Saturday per month w/ adults

Seminole County Detention

Center with 13-18 yr olds

Every Thursday 7PM – 8PM

John E Polk County Jail

Once a month 3PM-4:30PM

With church DVD

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Update from Joyce & Jerry McDaniels, Ethos 360



We hope this gives you a clearer picture of what our ‘in-between’ months look like—and how vital your prayers are to this ministry.

Prayer Summary

Mexico workshop preparation: most of our work with the team is complete and ready, what is left is travel and logistics plans.

Missionary Team: answering some final questions on their language data, defining terminology to be used in literacy classes.

Consultant Training: wisdom as we mentor new consultants and guide them toward leading future workshops.

Spiritual Impact: open hearts in the community and lasting fruit as people gain access to God’s Word.

Thank you for standing with us—your partnership makes this work possible, and we can’t wait to share what God does next.

Jerry & Joyce McDaniels



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DPC Monthly Mission

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

**Feburary Mission – Walk for Cancer
Gemini Springs Park, February 21, 9AM**





Food Pantry Statistics January

Families Signed In: 210

Total Household Members: 807

Total Number of Bags Distributed: 915

New Families Registered: 21

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Lenten Devotional

Another year has gone by and it is time to submit your devotionals for our 8th annual Lenten Devotional.

Submission due date is February 8, 2026

We are asking everyone to submit a devotion. We are all precious in Jesus' sight, and we are each wonderfully made. God gives us all insights and perspectives to carry us through our faith journey. Please consider sharing yours. Please send them to Pat Price at deltonapc@gmail.com. For more information, please call 765-720-2594.

- 1. Choose 1-2 verses of scripture**
- 2. Give a title to your devotion**
- 3. Share a story – fictional, personal, or historical**
- 4. Close with a short prayer.**



Lenten Devotionals

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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)

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FEBRUARY

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH
ROSA PARKS DAY
SUSAN B ANTHONY DAY
GROUNDHOG DAY
VALENTINES DAY
SAFER INTERNET DAY
ORGAN DONOR DAY
DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
NAACP DAY
GALENTINES DAY

KISS DAY
CHOCOLATE MINT DAY
OPERA DAY
RARE DISEASE DAY
HOMEMADE SOUP DAY
SCIENCE DAY
PISTACHIO DAY
TILE DAY
MISSING PERSONS DAY
ROSE DAY
FROZEN YOGURT DAY

FOOTBALL HANGOVER DAY
Y PIZZA DAY
MAKE A FRIEND DAY
Y MAN DAY
Y TUG OF WAR DAY
RADIO DAY
GET OUT YOUR GUITAR DAY
Y DRINK WINE DAY
Y SPAY DAY
Y CHERRY PIE DAY
Y LASH DAY

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FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LIST

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Joan David Bernie Pitt
Teresa Narsh Paddy Martin
Elaine Brown Will Euverard
Virginia Topping Kathy Hall
Bud Schwarz Audry Ostwald
Sarojini Persaud Ray & Tracilyn Panek
Dottie Grenier Fran David
Jeannie Logan Pat Chartrand
David Lathrop JR Scafidi

MEMBER FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Meg & Caitlyn McCormick (Family of Cheryl Bladt)
Barbara Miller (Karen Tegge's mother)
June & Gene Perry (Larry Perry's wife and son)
Rick's brother (friend of Angel)
Robbie Ross

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

Hall family – loss of sister
Stevenson Family

February Birthdays

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

Cindy Brace Feb. 8

Judi Nordass Feb 8

Joan David Feb 11

Anthony Lopenski Feb 14