

**THE NAVIGATOR**

**DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

(Colossians 3:1-4 NIV)

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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**

9:00 a.m. - - Choir practice  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**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 April 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**WEDNESDAYS**

3:00p.m. – Choir Practice

**THURSDAYS**

10:00 a.m. – Women’s bible study – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.  
7:00 p.m.- AA –Room 1, FLC -- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.  
6:30PM – Bible Study, Library

**FRIDAYS**

OFFICE CLOSED

***Treasurer’s Report – February***

INCOME	\$21,122.12
EXPENSES	\$29,231.15
MONTHLY Net income	<b>\$-8,109.03</b>

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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 2 Maundy Thursday Service, 5PM  
April 6 ROMEOS, Dennys, 9AM  
April 12 Planning Team Meeting, 11:45AM  
April 13 Finance Team Meeting, 10AM  
Buildings & Grounds/Security Team Meeting, 11AM  
Care/Missions Team Meeting, 12N  
April 14 Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM  
April 20 Session Meeting, 4PM  
April 28 Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM

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## April Mission

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## Pastor's corner

*All*

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

*Scripture is*

# GROWING TOGETHER: 5 KEYS TO STRONG & HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado, ChFC®

In any healthy community, whether a congregation, independent living campus, neighborhood, office, or circle of friends—the strength of relationships shapes everything. John C. Maxwell in *Real Leadership: The 101 Collection* (2006) reminds us that “just about everything you do depends on teamwork.” That is not limited to formal leadership; it is lived out in everyday interactions. The question is not whether we will relate to others, but whether those relationships will be nourishing and enduring. According to Maxwell, five characteristics help make that concrete and practical.

1. **RESPECT** is the foundation. Without it, no relationship can truly begin. It is not something to be withheld until earned; rather, it is something to be extended because of the inherent dignity of every person. It means choosing to value people *before* they have proven anything. As Les Giblin wrote, “*You cannot make the other fellow feel important in your presence if you secretly feel that he is a nobody.*” In practice, respect looks like listening without interrupting, learning people’s names, honoring differences, and speaking with kindness even in disagreement. It is often most visible when tensions arise.

2. **SHARED EXPERIENCES** deepen connection. Relationships do not grow from good intentions alone but from time spent together. This can be simple: sharing meals, serving in a team, attending events, celebrating milestones, or walking alongside someone in a difficult season. Small, dependable steps matter more than occasional big moves. Over time, these moments create trust, memory, and belonging. Without such shared experiences, connection remains shallow; with them, it becomes rooted.

3. **TRUST** is the invisible thread that holds relationships together. George MacDonald said, “*To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.*” In a community, trust grows when people follow through, keep confidences, and show up when it matters. Small, consistent actions—returning a call, keeping a promise, being present—build a strong community. Trust allows people to be vulnerable, to speak honestly, and to depend on one another without fear. Without trust, relationships become fragile and transactional.

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4. **RECIPROCITY** keeps relationships balanced and mutual. They cannot be one-sided. Each person needs to both give and receive. This does not mean that everyone gives

equally at all times, but that there is a shared spirit of care and investment. Practically, this means asking others about their lives, offering help when needed, and being willing to accept support as well. Regular attention and small acts of generosity nurture lasting bonds.

5. **MUTUAL ENJOYMENT** is the fruitful outcome. When the other four are present, people genuinely enjoy being together. Presence itself becomes a gift. Conversation flows more easily, burdens feel lighter, and even boring tasks become meaningful when done together. Shared laughter, ease, and a sense of belonging emerge naturally. This enjoyment is not superficial; it is the deep satisfaction of being known and accepted within a community.

Taken together, these five characteristics are not abstract ideals; they form a vision of relational life. They invite reflection: Are we cultivating *respect*? Are we making time for *shared experiences*? Are we *trustworthy*? Are we *giving* as well as *receiving*? Are we fostering *joy* in our relationships? A community that attends to these questions will not only function well, it will flourish!



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**Thank you letter**

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

**Subject:** Thank You from Stewardship - Rev. Mike Foley

**Easter 2026**

Dear Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado,

We are writing to you to thank your Congregation for their financial support for the ministry and mission of Central Florida Presbytery. We are also asking that you share this letter with your Session and your congregation by reading it aloud on a Sunday morning or publishing it in your church newsletter. We want the members of your congregation to know that their mission contributions and their faith are cherished by the members of the Council and our Presbytery.

We know that this is not an easy time for many of our congregations and yet you and many others are stepping up and showing your trust in the goodness and provision of God and offering your financial gifts with glad and generous hearts. Every financial gift to Central Florida Presbytery is a testimony of faith that you believe that God has a good plan for us and you are willing to show your support for that plan. Now more than ever - every gift from every congregation that is part of the family of churches that make up Central Florida Presbytery is needed.

As we celebrate the joyful season of Easter we are grateful to God for your faith and your generous support of the ministry of Central Florida Presbytery. We wish your congregation God’s blessing this Easter.

In Christ,

Reverend Paul Ogne

Moderator - Central Florida Presbytery  
Presbytery

Nicole Gower

Chair of Council – Central Florida

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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)***

MARCH 2026

Dear Partners in Christ,

Thanks for your prayers and gifts, May God bless each of you, This passed month of February 27th 25 of us volunteers prayed with many of the 1200 men inmates in Orlando, This place has many that come from all over Florida that comes from many of the county jails and to this processing center and then the judge decides which of the 130 State Correctional facilities they will spend their time for breaking the law, That afternoon the Gospel was presented and 100 came into a circle and prayed to receive Christ or renew their faith, Pray for them.

There will be 25 of us going toward Tallahassee that is 5 hours NW of Sanford to share with men in Calhoun Prison, This will be March 14th April 11 and April 18 to Ocala Prison for the women's prison to share Christ, March 5th there were 6 of us volunteers to share the Gospel at the Sanford Detention Center with boys and girls age 13-18, I talked to Tyruss who was 15 and asked Jesus into his heart, Thanks for praying for the teenagers.

An awesome crusade weekend at CFRC was had by all. The spiritual energy and unity among the residents was powerful. The Holy Spirit was clearly moving - you could see and feel the shift in so many of the men. It was a weekend of softened hearts, renewed hope, and meaningful encounters.



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## Update from Joyce & Jerry McDaniels, Ethos 360



We're back from Mexico with hearts full and memories we'll treasure for a long time. One of the sweetest moments came when the Tarahumara people gathered to look at their very first printed reading book. As they flipped through the pages—laughing at the stories they wrote and pointing out illustrations—you could feel the joy rise in the room. After years of dreaming and discussing, they were finally holding **their own words** in print. That moment is always our favorite at a workshop! But God did so much more.

During the preparations for the workshop, it was discovered that their natural accent patterns are different from Spanish. In Spanish, the second-to-last syllable is usually accented, so accents must be marked whenever a word breaks that rule. But in Tarahumara, the patterns follow their own rhythm. That means hundreds of words no longer need accent marks at all, making writing simpler, cleaner, and far more intuitive.

Throughout the workshop, Tarahumara speakers from several dialects came together to tackle one of the biggest challenges in literacy work: **how to spell words in a way everyone can read**. Just like English speakers all read the same spelling—whether you say *coffee* or “*kwafee*.” Watching them honor each dialect while building unity was so special. All this lays a stronger foundation for reading, writing, and eventually a **Bible translation in their own language**.

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Jerry & Joyce McDaniels



# 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)***

## **April Mission – Collection of Diapers & Wipes for GAL**



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***No stats this month as we have one more pantry on March 31.***

***Food Pantry Statistics March***

Families Signed In:

Total Household Members:

Total Number of Bags Distributed:

New Families Registered:

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## **March Mission – Rummage Sale**

Another rummage sale has been successful. Many, many thanks to those who came out Monday – Thursday to unload donations and sort them as needed. Also to those who showed up on Friday and Saturday during the sale times. A total of \$2763 was collected!!!!



Lots of good stuff . . . thanks to all who donated



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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

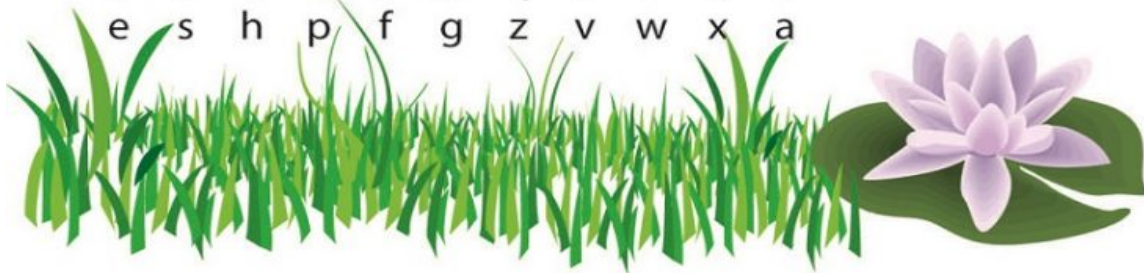


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**FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LIST**

**MEMBER CONCERNS:**

<i>Joan David</i>	<i>Bernie Pitt</i>
<i>Teresa Narsh</i>	<i>Paddy Martin</i>
<i>Elaine Brown</i>	<i>Will Euverard</i>
<i>Virginia Topping</i>	<i>Kathy Hall</i>
<i>Bud Schwarz</i>	<i>Audry Ostwald</i>
<i>Sarajini Persaud</i>	<i>Don Loveless</i>
<i>Dottie Grenier</i>	<i>Fran David</i>
<i>Pat Chartrand</i>	<i>David Lathrop</i>
<i>JR Scafidi</i>	<i>Cynthia Clark</i>
<i>Bill Morgan</i>	<i>Virginia Poczik</i>

**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**

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

**April Birthdays**

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

<b>Cheryl Bladt</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<b>Dave Cooper</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>Pat Price</b>	<b>April 9</b>
<b>Carol Desrosiers</b>	<b>April 25</b>