

THE NAVIGATOR

DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



¹ Contend, LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.² Take up shield and armor: arise and come to my aid.³ Brandish

spear and javelin^[a] against those who pursue me . Say to me, "I am your salvation."⁴ May those who seek my life disgraced and put shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay.⁵ May they be like chaff before wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away; (Psalms 35:1-5 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

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 May 12th, 26th

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

10:00 a.m. – Women’s bible study – May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

7:00 p.m.- AA –Room 1, FLC -- May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

6:30PM – Bible Study, Library

FRIDAYS

OFFICE CLOSED

Treasurer’s Report – March

INCOME	\$23,206.58
EXPENSES	\$22,544.86
MONTHLY Net income	\$ 661.72

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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

May 2 Journey Service Work day, 8AM
May 10 Planning Team Meeting, 11:45AM
May 11 Finance Team Meeting, 10AM
Buildings & Grounds/Security Team Meeting 11AM
Care/Missions Team Meeting, 12PM
May 10 Mother's Day
May 12 Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
May 20 Session Meeting, 4PM
May 25 Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 26 Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
May 31 New Member Class, 11:45AM

May 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

BREATHING AGAIN: SIMPLE WAYS TO INSPIRE

Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado, ChFC

What does it mean to “inspire” someone? At its root, *inspire* means “to breathe into,” while *enthusiasm* comes from an old phrase meaning “filled with God” or “God within.” Even though words change over time, both point to something life-giving—something

that **lifts the spirit** and brings a sense of renewed energy. That means inspiration is not something reserved for motivational speakers or public figures. It is something all of us can receive and share. One of the most important aspects of inspiration is **imagination**. Many people feel stuck in patterns. Inspiration gently disrupts that sense of inevitability. It whispers: *What if things could be different?* Most people are not looking for big speeches or dramatic moments. Often, they simply need help **catching their breath**, mentally and spiritually.

Many people today feel tired. Life brings pressures—health concerns, finances, grief, uncertainty, and the steady noise of the world around us. Even in faith communities, people can feel depleted. In that kind of environment, inspiration is not about excitement. It is about renewal. It is the quiet experience of **something opening within us**: a renewed sense of hope, a clearer sense of purpose, and the strength to take one more step.

Inspiration is not about hype or emotional intensity. It is about helping yourself and others regain emotional “**oxygen**.” If inspiration is *breathing*, then it can be practiced. In everyday life, this kind of inspiration begins with a calm presence. When someone feels stressed or overwhelmed, slowing things down can make a real difference. Speaking gently, pausing before responding, and not rushing the moment can help others feel more at ease. In the same way, truly listening—without interrupting or trying to fix everything—can lighten a person’s burden. When people feel heard, something inside them begins to settle.

Besides being **contagious**, inspiration helps to keep things simple. When life feels heavy, large solutions can feel out of reach. Focusing on one small step—something manageable for today—can restore a sense of direction. Along the way, it is important to remind people that what they do matters. A kind word, a simple thank you, or noticing someone’s effort

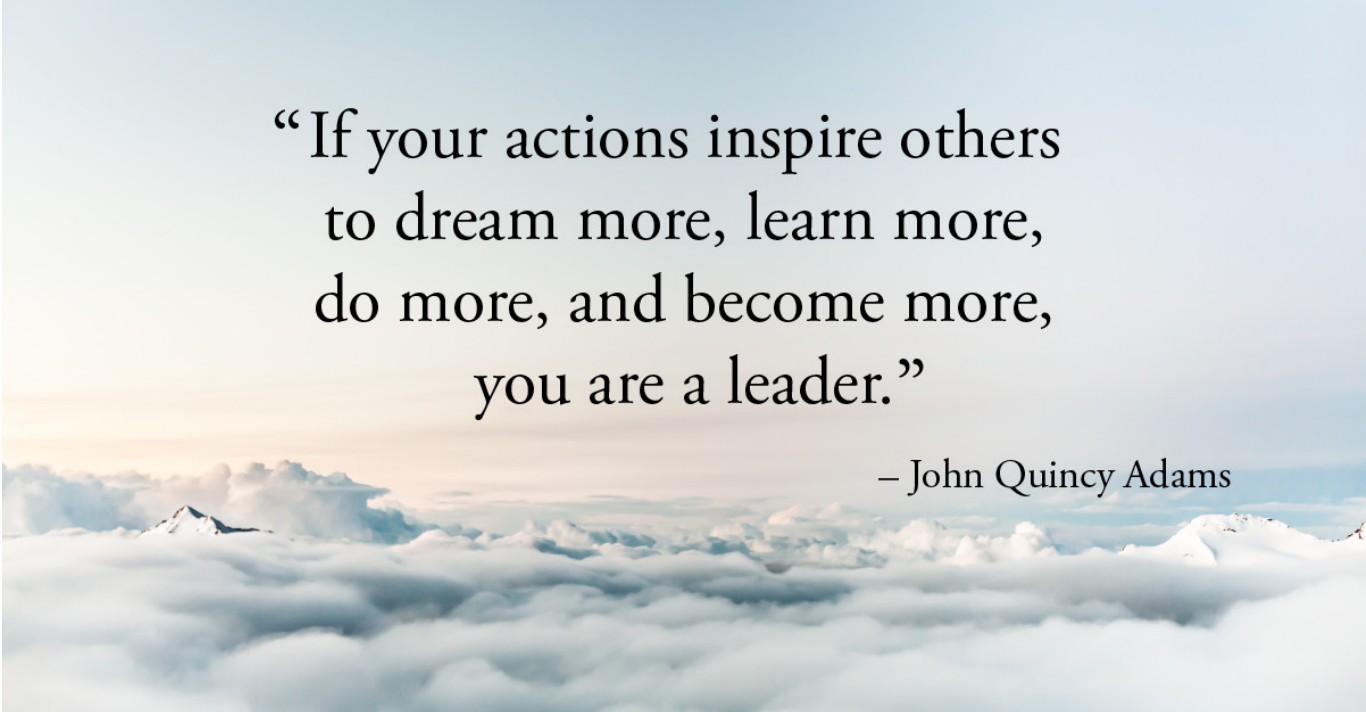
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can go farther than expected. Many people carry quiet doubts about their value, and a few sincere words can lift that weight.

Inspiration also requires **honesty**. It does not ignore difficulty or pretend that everything is fine. Instead, it speaks truth with hope: *this is hard, and yet you are not alone; there are still ways forward*. That kind of steady, realistic hope is far more helpful than empty positivity.

At the same time, inspiration is about **caring for your own spirit**. Taking even a few moments each day to be still, to breathe, to pray, or to step outside can restore a sense of balance. When you are more grounded, others will notice. Your presence itself becomes a quiet source of strength.

In the end, inspiration is not about position or title. It happens in ordinary moments—at home, in church, in conversations, or in small acts of kindness. To inspire someone is simply helping them **breathe a little easier**. And in a world where many feel stretched thin, that may be one of the most meaningful gifts you can offer. The question is this: Where might you offer breath today?



“If your actions inspire others
to dream more, learn more,
do more, and become more,
you are a leader.”

– John Quincy Adams

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Letter of thanks

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

2026

100 Witherspoon St. | Louisville, KY 40202 April 20,

Deltona Presbyterian Church Attn: Clerk of Session

Dear Partners in God's Ministry,

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church (USA) thank you for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through Presbyterian mission and ministry. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people here in the United States and abroad. We are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is encountering new possibilities through the good news of resurrection.

Thank you for your generous gifts that we received during the month of March which are listed on the attached sheet.

Thank you for your commitment and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. Please let me know how I can support your efforts. Easter blessings to you and your congregation.

Yours in Christ,

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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)

APRIL 2026

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

Another wonderful day with ROOT Motorcycle prison ministry. We spent the day with the ladies April 11, 18 and 24 and 25 in Lowell Correction Institution and Work Camp. The lord showed out in a mighty way. There were so many divine appointments and tears shed. It was very hot, but that did not stop these soldiers for Christ, Sylester, one of our volunteers, celebrated his birthday April 18 with the ladies and they all sang to him. There were 350 to 1300 women in various sections.

Some were training dogs for disabled peoples, and another section had 50 horses for the girls to train, God is good,

The Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center has 12 boys and 4 girls on Thursday night 7pm-8pm, We volunteers share the Gospel and we all pray the teens will make better decisions and talk to God. The number varies each week.

Thanks for all your prayers and gifts.



Judi Nordaas, 212 Brazil Ct, Sanford, FL 32771, judi_nordaas@ntm.org

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**.

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)

May Mission – Monetary Collection For construction of a dormitory for Orphans in Guatemala



Food Pantry Statistics March

Families Signed In: 357

Total Household Members: 1453

Total Number of Bags Distributed: 1496

New Families Registered: 29

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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)



May Mini Crossword








ACROSS

1. Sound of birds singing
3. Kentucky horse race
5. Dedication to memory of a person
7. Fresh and mild climate
9. Planting vegetables

DOWN

2. Commencement ceremony
4. Pollen collecting insects
5. Maternal parent
6. April showers bring May -----
8. Bright and clear day

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MEMBER CONCERNS:

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

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**

May Birthdays

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

Kathy Hall	May 8
Judith Ramsland	May 8
Jill Hoffer	May 25
Bernie Pitt	May 29